

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2017-2018

5th Grade

Introduction and Welcome

4:00pm *ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL MEET IN THE CHURCH/ GYMNASIUM FOR A PRAYER SERVICE PRIOR TO THE FIRST CLASS.*

4:35pm Welcome (*To ensure accuracy, **class attendance must be accurately recorded by a catechist and not another student - class attendance is an official document retained by the parish and the diocese***)

4:40pm **Introduction**

Introduce yourself to the class and explain what we will learn this year in Religious Education.

You are on a journey this year to become a disciple of Jesus Christ. This year we will:

Learn that we meet Jesus in the Sacraments,

Pray as Jesus taught us to pray,

Celebrate that Jesus is present in the Sacraments,

Choose to love and serve as Jesus did,

Share in the Church's mission by giving witness,

Live out the Sacraments by being faithful and inviting others to follow Jesus!

• *We Respond* – **Sacraments BINGO**

Catholic Sacraments and Symbols Bingo will challenge student's knowledge about the seven Catholic Sacraments and many symbols using the call-out cards that contain the most recent definition and facts about each Catholic Sacrament and Symbol.

4:55pm Closing Prayer –

Psalm 23 is appropriate to meditate on Christ's presence in the Sacraments...use all or part.

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside still waters;

He restores my soul.

He leads me in the right paths

For His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

For you are with me;

Your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

In the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil;

My cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

All the days of my life,

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

My whole life long."

Ask the children to say a petition aloud for someone or something they would like to pray for.

How can I be a disciple of Jesus this week?

The Seven Catholic Sacraments



The Latin word *sacramentum* means "a sign of the sacred." The seven sacraments are ceremonies that point to what is sacred, significant and important for Catholic Christians. They are physical actions (*effective signs*) given to us by Jesus through which we share in God's life and make us holy through God's grace.

The traditional definition of a sacrament is this: "A sacrament is a visible sign, instituted by Christ, to give grace." Within this definition there are three important statements:

- **A visible sign**

An action is performed by a minister (usually a priest). For example, when a baby is baptized in the church the priest pours water over its head and at the same time says the words "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." That is a visible sign.

- **Instituted by Christ**

The Lord Jesus Christ instructed His church to offer the seven sacraments to His followers. For example, His directive to His disciples in Matthew's Gospel (28/19), "Go then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples; baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you."

- **To give grace**

Grace is God's free gift of Himself as the controlling influence in our life and the decisions we make once we have committed ourselves to Him in faith.

Baptism

For Catholics, the Sacrament of Baptism is the first step in a lifelong journey of commitment and discipleship. Whether we are baptized as infants or adults, Baptism is the Church's way of celebrating and enacting the embrace of God.

Eucharist

Catholics believe the Eucharist, or Communion, is both a sacrifice and a meal. We believe in the real presence of Jesus, who died for our sins. As we receive Christ's Body and Blood, we also are nourished spiritually and brought closer to God.

Reconciliation

The Catholic Sacrament of Reconciliation (also known as Penance, or Penance and Reconciliation) has three elements: conversion, confession and celebration. In it we find God's unconditional forgiveness; as a result we are called to forgive others.

Confirmation

Confirmation is a Catholic Sacrament of mature Christian commitment and a deepening of baptismal gifts. It is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation for Catholics. It is most often associated with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Marriage

For Catholics, the Sacrament of Marriage, or Holy Matrimony, is a public sign that one gives oneself totally to this other person. It is also a public statement about God: the loving union of husband and wife speaks of family values and also God's values.

Holy Orders

In the Sacrament of Holy Orders, or Ordination, the priest being ordained vows to lead other Catholics by bringing them the sacraments (especially the Eucharist), by proclaiming the Gospel, and by providing other means to holiness.

Anointing of the Sick

The Catholic Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, formerly known as Last Rites or Extreme Unction, is a ritual of healing appropriate not only for physical but also for mental and spiritual sickness.