

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2017-2018
5th Grade

- 4:00pm 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***)
- 4:05pm We Gather - in Prayer at the prayer table
(*use colored table covering for appropriate liturgical season*)
Use the Gospel Reading “Hearing the Word” from the previous Sunday in Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families book in the prayer box.
- 4:10pm Review previous lesson using Sharing Faith (*chapter test in student book*)

4:15pm **Chapter #25 “Holy Orders: A Promise of Service for the People of God”**
Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, leaders are ordained to the ministry of priesthood. These men serve the Church in a special way. Their role goes back to the time of Christ and his Apostles. The 12 Apostles were confirmed in the mission to continue Jesus’ ministry on Pentecost, when they received the Gift of the Holy Spirit. They were given the courage to go forth and spread the Good News. **Through preaching, teaching and baptizing in God’s name, the Apostles helped to build the Church. The Apostles appointed others to succeed them and their authority through the Sacrament of Holy Orders.**

Bishops receive the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. They are ordained to continue the apostolic leadership as chief teachers and shepherds of the faithful in their dioceses. **Priests** are ordained by bishops to celebrate the Eucharist and other sacraments for the faithful and preach the Good News of salvation. **Deacons** are ordained by their bishops to serve parishes and other areas of service within the diocese.

- *We Believe –*
Holy Orders – the sacrament in which baptized men are ordained to serve the Church as deacons, priests and bishops.
Bishops – the successors of the Apostles who are ordained to continue the Apostles’ mission of leadership and service in the Church.
Priests – ordained ministers who serve the Christian faithful by leading, teaching and most especially celebrating the Eucharist and the other sacraments.
Deacons – baptized men that help us care for the physical and material needs of others.

- ***We Respond – A member of the clergy will spend about 15 minutes with the 5th grade classes in a Classroom;*** to discuss the Sacrament of Holy Orders and history of the priesthood itself (*the four dimensions of priestly formation: human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral*).

- *We Respond* – A short video from Busted Halo that explains what Holy Orders are, what happens at an Ordination, and what it means to say yes to God.
<https://youtu.be/q904xIwxnSc>
- *We Respond* – here is a link to a 11 minute video “I Will Follow” on the priestly vocation (*I will also bring a dvd of the video*) <http://willyoufollow.com>

Here is another link to one of the priests in the video:
<http://theadvocate.com/features/11353736-123/faith-matters-young-priest-connects>

4:55pm

Closing Prayer –

Prayer for Priests

by St. Therese of Lisieux

“O Jesus, eternal Priest,
keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart,
where none may touch them.

Keep unstained their anointed hands,
which daily touch Your Sacred Body.

Keep unsullied their lips,
daily purpled with your Precious Blood.

Keep pure and unearthly their hearts,
sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.

Let Your holy love surround them and
shield them from the world's contagion.

Bless their labors with abundant fruit and
may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in heaven their beautiful and
everlasting crown. Amen.”

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

“Pray for bishops (including the Pope), priests, deacons and seminarians this week!”

Catechist Background:

http://www.heartheall.org/sjfs_fisherresidence.html

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac0801.asp>

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac0797.asp>

<http://www.beginningcatholic.com/holy-orders.html>