

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2018-2019

2nd 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.*

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*)

Introduction

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

Learn about the ways Jesus shares his life with us,

Pray as Jesus did,

Celebrate God's love, especially in the Sacrament of Eucharist,

Choose to follow God's law by loving God and others,

Share God's gifts with family and others,

Live out the gift of faith by serving the needs of others!

- *We Respond – If you have time*, Read from “*Bible for Today's Family*” Page 130 “Jesus Chooses Levi” (Luke 5:27-29)

As followers of Jesus we are open to everyone. We are the People of God. We celebrate a special meal at mass. It shows God's love for us. Our parish is a community that worships, works and plays together. As part of the Catholic Church, our parish welcomes all people. **There is one way all the People of God are alike. We are followers of Jesus Christ! We welcome all who believe in Jesus. The story of Levi shows how Jesus demonstrates that everyone is called to God's Kingdom. Jesus came to call sinners, to save the least among us.**

- *We Believe* – ask the following questions after reading the bible story:
 1. Why did Jesus and Levi's friends feel so welcome at Levi's House?
(*Jesus was the guest of honor. Because Levi was kind and welcoming. Etc...*)
 2. How can we welcome others at Mass?
 3. What things can we do together as People of God?
(*pray, work, share, play with one another, welcome others etc....*)

Chapter # 1 Our Heavenly Father

God loves each of us more than anyone else possibly could. In many ways we are the same but God has made each of us different from everyone else, and He loves each of us. God is with us everywhere. ***Our God given souls are what give us life and that the soul lives forever.*** Our souls give us the ability to think, love and chose to do good God things that please God. ***God wants us to do good always so that we can go to Heaven to be happy with Him forever.*** When we read The Bible we are reading God's Word. We read the Bible at Mass or at home we find out about our ancestors in faith and about the ways that we can live out our faith. ***We learn that we are a chosen people, cherished by a loving and forgiving God who wants to be with us forever!***

- *We Believe* -
Heaven = the place of reward for those who were good and asked God to forgive their sins. In Heaven we see God and are happy with Him forever.

Soul = the part of us that thinks, loves and choose to do good or evil. The soul lives forever.
Bible = the Holy Book that God gave us. It tells us about God, His Chosen People, the Savior He sent, and the early days of The Church.

- *Our Father Puzzle*

So what is grace, and how do we get more of it? In the Catholic Church our priests dispense grace each and every day to the faithful in the sacraments, especially Holy Communion and Reconciliation. In this very busy world that we live in today, there is a need for more and more grace in our lives if we want to overcome the evil one and get to heaven. Grace is an absolute necessity in our day-to-day activities. ***Grace is a free gift from God to us.*** There is nothing we can do to earn grace, because it is a gift, after all. ***Faith is also a free gift and a response to grace.***

4:55pm Closing Prayer – “Our Father”

“Our Father, who art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth
as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who
trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.”

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

***“When you go to bed at night and are alone with God –
what can you say to Him in the quiet?”***