

## St. Aloysius Religious Education 2018-2019

### 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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

**We are on a journey this year to become a disciple of Jesus Christ.** This year we will;

- Learn how God's law leads us to happiness,
- Pray with heart and mind open to what Jesus asks,
- Celebrate the liturgical year in Sunday Mass and the Sacraments,
- Choose to follow a well-formed conscience,
- Share love for God and others by living the commandments,
- Live out the virtues of faith, hope and charity each day.

Discuss the Saint project with them. Details on found on the Saint Witness Catechist information sheet.

The **Feast of All Saints** is a holy day of the Church honoring all saints, known and unknown. The word "saint" literally means "holy". Saints are those who closely followed Jesus Christ during their lives on earth and lived their lives according to his teaching. While other Christians struggled to live out the Gospel of Christ, these people were eminent examples of the moral virtues, and they easily practiced the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity.

*We invite the entire 4<sup>th</sup> grade and their families to the All Saints Liturgy on Thursday, November 1, 2018 at the 5:30pm daily Mass, where we celebrate the saints of the Lord, and ask for their prayers and intercessions.*

The Communion of Saints is the belief that all of God's people, on heaven, earth, and in the state of purification (called *Purgatory*), are connected in a communion. In other words, Catholics believe that the saints of God are just as alive as you and I, and are constantly interceding on our behalf. The Catholic Church created a process, called "canonization," through which venerable people could be recognized as saints by all Christians everywhere. Most of the saints whom we refer to by that title have gone through this process of canonization, others, received the title through acclamation, or the universal recognition of their holiness and good deeds. Catholics believe that both types of saints (canonized and acclaimed) are already in Heaven, which is why one of the requirements for the canonization process is

proof of miracles performed by the possible saint *after* his/her death. Canonized saints can be venerated and prayed to, and their lives are held up to Christians still struggling here on earth as examples to be imitated.

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education curriculum focuses on our call to live as disciples of Jesus; by our witness to speak and act upon what we know and believe about Jesus ... just like the Saints!

**Please distribute the Saint Witness project to all the students!**

4:55pm Closing Prayer – use the Saint they had in the game

*“Dear Saint \_\_\_\_\_,  
Please pray for me as I live my life each day,  
And help me to honor you by following  
Your example of faithfulness to Jesus.  
Amen”*

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