

SYLLABUS: FORMED - GRADE 8

Blessed Sacrament - St Edward - St Joseph

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course shares the Christian story for your child's spiritual education, using reflection on Scripture and doctrine, plus prayer celebration in every class and during all the major seasons of the Church year. It initiates children into the community of faith and challenges them to discipleship. We listen to short lessons from a Catholic speaker through the internet.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The overall goals and objectives of this course are to help the students 1) to know, understand, and integrate Catholic beliefs, 2) to know how the church worships through full, active, and conscious participation in liturgy, 3) to recognize, understand, and express that each person is called as a disciple of Jesus to love, forgive, and serve others, 4) to learn to pray the way Jesus did: adoration, praise, thanksgiving, filial confidence, supplication, and awe, 5) to experience community life as an apprenticeship of faith which cultivates values, relationships, and ecumenical dialogue, and 6) to become disciples of Christ, present in society, and be able to witness their faith.

TEXTS

1. Worksheets for Students, Parents and Teachers from Formed.org by Augustine Institute-Our parish is enrolled so we ALL have free access to it
 - a. Set up an account at Formed.org and use parish code R7WRDC
 - b. Follow path: Programs – Youth Programs – YDisciple – then choose season/series (The Invitation; The Church; or The Creed: Symbolon for YDicipole --- **NOTE: NOT Living the Creed: Symbolon for YDicipole**)
2. Saint Mary's Press. Break Through Bible. 2006. (Abbreviated BTB)

PARENT'S ROLE

Since faith is caught, not taught, the role of parents in the faith formation of their children is crucial. We, the faith community can teach them about their faith but you, the parents, are the primary teachers. Your interest in their RE classes and you working with them on their reading assignments is irreplaceable.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE

WK	TOPIC	READING	DESIRED LEARNING OUTCOME
1	The Invitation: Part 1 "The Kind of People He Invites"	Mathew 4:18-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be able to recognize, understand, and express that each person is called as a disciple of Jesus to love, forgive, and serve others.• Be able to discuss some of the implications of this personal relationship for our way of life.
2	The Invitation: Part 2 "The Invitation"	1 John 4:1-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand the meaning and nature of sin and the power of God's grace to overcome it.• Know that salvation is a gift from God that requires our response of both faith and good works.

3	The Invitation: Part 3 “The Cost”	Matthew 16:24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be able to give examples of how we witness to Jesus’ life, death and resurrection
4	The Invitation: Part 4 “You Are Not Alone”	Proverbs 27:17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand that we are to experience community life as an apprenticeship of faith which cultivates values, relationships, and dialogue. • Be able to explain how the sacraments strengthen us to witness to Jesus’ life
5	The Church Session 1 “Out of Focus”	1 Peter 3:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate a basic understanding of the Church’s teaching on the nature and mission of the Church.
6	The Church Session 2 “Keys to the Kingdom”	Matthew 16:15-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be able to identify that the unique origin of the Roman Catholic Church is rooted in Jesus’ commissioning of Peter to be the head of the apostles and unifier of the Church. • Be able to describe the role of the magisterium of the Church (teaching authority)
7	The Church Session 3 “Community Part 1”	John 15:4-5,8-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be able to name and summarize the four marks of the Church. • Be able to actively join in the praying of the Rosary.
8	The Church Session 4 “Community Part 2”	Acts 2:41-47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn the richness of the Church’s tradition and understand basic Church history. • Understand the centrality of Eucharist in the Christian life.
	Penance Service	Examination of Conscience (Handout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make an examination of conscience. • Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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9	The Church Session 5 “Be Church”	1 Cor 12:12-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the mission of the laity in the world. • Discuss ways the vocations of single life, married, vowed religious and ordained give service to others.
10	The Creed Session 1: The Journey; Who is Love	Psalm 139:1-4, 13-14 Hebrews 11:1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know that the Trinity is the central mystery of our Christian faith and life. • Explain that faith is our lifetime response to God who reveals himself to us. • Understand that living a moral life is a lifelong process of conversion.

11	The Creed Session 2: Divine Revelation	John 3:16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize that the Scripture (Bible) is the primary way God reveals Himself. Describe the role of the magisterium of the Church (teaching authority). Be able to explain oral (sacred) tradition.
12	The Creed Session 3: The Bible: God's Love Letter to Humanity	Psalms 119:105	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize the list of Old and New Testament books found in the index of a Catholic Bible. Know that Sacred Scripture (Bible) is the inspired Word of God and not a book of historical or scientific facts. Develop a regular pattern of personal prayer using sacred scripture.
13	The Creed Session 4: The Story of Salvation	Eph 1:3-10 Gen 3:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand that the main teachings of the faith are contained in the Creed. Be able to retell selected major events, themes and people from salvation history, e.g. Creation, Adam and Eve, and the Paschal Mystery (redemption).
14	The Creed Session 5: Who is Jesus? Just a Man or Lord of our Lives?	John 6:68-69	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be able to discuss the implications for how belief in Jesus as Lord of our life (and not just a good man) affects how we live.
15	The Creed Session 6: The Paschal Mystery	Phil 2:5-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand, live, and bear witness to the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus, celebrated and communicated through the sacramental life of the Church. Be able to give examples of how we witness to Jesus' life, death and resurrection.
16	The Creed Session 7: The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace	Eph 1:13-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name the gifts of the Holy Spirit and give examples of how they help form us in community (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord). Understand that with the grace of God, one overcomes sin.
	Penance Service	Examination of Conscience (Handout)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make an examination of conscience. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation Understand the Ten Commandments and apply them to daily life.
17	The Creed Session 8: Why Do I Need the Church?	Eph 2:19-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the hierarchical structure of the Catholic Church. Be able to name and summarize the four marks of the Church. Understand the role of the assembled community in our liturgical celebrations
18	The Creed Session 9: Mary and the Saints	Luke 1:39-45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give examples of saints, heroes and holy people, especially Mary's special role.

19	The Creed Session 10: The Last Things	John 10:8-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand the Christian meaning of death and afterlife and explain the funeral rituals.• Understand and explain that each person is called as a disciple of Jesus to love, forgive, and serve others.
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