

Grade 8 - Lesson 3

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Proclamation:

The Sacraments of Initiation make us full members of the Church.



Catechetical Points

- The parable of the Good Samaritan is also a symbol of Christ's healing through the Sacraments.
- The Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, the Eucharist, and Confirmation) make us members of the Church.
- The graces of Confirmation help us face the challenges of bearing witness to the faith as adult members of the Church.

Materials

- YouTube (Please bring your own laptop or tablet)
 - Wi-Fi: StMichaelGuest
 - Password: 6084375348
 - Parable of the Good Samaritan by Quodvultdeus
<https://youtu.be/fO4qSAh1sl>
 - Baptism by Sophia SketchPad
<https://youtu.be/wv5GyWJaQ-Q>
 - The Eucharist by Sophia SketchPad
<https://youtu.be/QcB7Uem00n4>
 - Confirmation by Sophia SketchPad
https://youtu.be/Lu3MoT_egFI

Before class starts:

- Students who arrive early can play Train Wreck with students from the other grades.

[15 min] **Opening Prayer**

- Bring the group into church for prayer. You can either pray as a group (such as the Divine Mercy Chaplet, or a few decades of the Rosary), or have the students pray alone in silent prayer.

[5 min] **Icebreaker Question**

- **If you could eliminate one thing from your weekly schedule, what would it be?**

[10 min] **The Good Samaritan** (p. 44)

- Watch **The Parable of the Good Samaritan** by Quodvultdeus (Alternatively, read the Scripture passage in the Youth Bibles: Luke 10:30-35)
<https://youtu.be/fO4qSAh1sI>
- **What does the story of the Good Samaritan teach us?**
- There is a deeper meaning of the story, explained by St. Augustine. Read the first column on page 44 in the Student Text.
- **Who does the robber represent?** (Satan)
- **Who do the priest and the Levite represent?** (Priests and prophets of the Old Covenant)
- **Who does the Good Samaritan represent?** (Christ)
- **What does the inn represent?** (the Church)

[15 min] **Baptism** (p. 44)

- The main purpose of the Sacraments is to give us grace and bring us to salvation. But three of the Sacraments are also important for us to become members of the Church. These are called the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, The Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- Watch **Baptism** by Sophia SketchPad <https://youtu.be/wv5GyWJaQ-Q>
- Read the section on Baptism on page 44 in the Student Text.
- When we become Catholic, we are entering into a covenant with God. **Who makes this covenant promise for us?** *Our parents and godparents.*
- **What do we need in order to keep our covenant promise so that we can enter into heaven?** *Grace, God's life in us; we need the Church, who dispenses God's grace.*
- **What are the effects of Baptism?**
 - We receive an indelible mark on our souls.

- We become children of God and members of the Body of Christ (the Church)
- Original Sin is taken away.
- Our souls are filled with grace.

[15 min] **The Eucharist** (p. 44-45)

- Watch **The Eucharist** by Sophia SketchPad
<https://youtu.be/QcB7Uem00n4>
- **Why do you think that the Eucharist is one of the Sacraments of Initiation?**
- Read the section on the Eucharist on pages 44-45 in Student Text.
- **How has Jesus nourished your soul?**
- **How do we worthily receive the Eucharist?**
 - Be in the state of grace (free from mortal sin)
 - Fast an hour before Communion.
 - Know whom you receive in the Eucharist and receive reverently.
- **What are the effects of receiving the Eucharist?**
 - Union of Christ, increase in the life of grace.
 - Cleansing of venial sins and preservation from future sins.
 - Union among other members of the Church.
 - A strengthening of our commitment to the poor.

[15 min] **Confirmation** (p. 45-46)

- Watch **Confirmation** by Sophia SketchPad
https://youtu.be/Lu3MoT_egFI
- **What are the effects of receiving Confirmation?**
 - United us more closely with Christ.
 - Increases in us the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
 - Perfects our bond with the Church.
 - Gives us strength to spread and defend the faith.
 - Imprints an indelible mark on the soul.
- Read the section on Confirmation on pages 45-46 in the Student Text.
- Note: The Diocese of Madison has established a new standard that Confirmation prep is a 2-year process, starting in 8th grade RE. Students will receive Confirmation in the spring of 9th grade.
- **What will be some of our responsibilities after Confirmation?**

- We are asked to bear witness to Christ and stand up for our Faith. **How will you do this?**
- **Have you ever thought about standing up for Jesus Christ as a martyr?**
- In defending our Faith, we become soldiers of Christ. Modern culture often promotes values that go against Christianity, and we are called to defend the Church's teachings. **Have you ever heard of "spiritual warfare"? What do you think this means?**
- Read **Ephesians 6:11-17**.
- **What evil do we face in our world today?** (See page 66 in the Teacher's Manual for suggestions.)

[1 min] **Closing Prayer**

- Pray the **Memorare** (Student Text p. 185 / Teacher's Manual p. 351)