

## **RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

The primary goal of the Religion program is to enable students to grow in the knowledge and love of God. Our Religion program consists of three components: Religion, Family Life, and Circle of Grace.

The **Religion** component calls for lifelong faith formation while fostering Catholic beliefs, traditions and values. As faithful Catholics we face many challenges in the world we live in; therefore at St. Luke's School we focus on the following: Daily prayer, acknowledging our dependence on God, living a moral life of integrity, loving and supporting our Church, respecting the dignity of life at all ages and stages, valuing the Eucharist, and considering a call to religious life, the priesthood and all other church ministries.

The **Family Life** component is a ten week program that is taught in addition to the daily core Religion program. It focuses on the theological concepts and principles of Catholic moral teaching and is based on the eight characteristics of moral catechesis.

**Circle of Grace** is taught in the fall of each school year to students in preschool-grade 8. The goal of Circle of Grace is to educate and empower students to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others.

## **DAILY EXPECTATION**

- 100 minutes per week of instructional time in preschool.
- 150 minutes per week of instructional class time in kindergarten through grade 8.
- Daily morning prayer with the Pledge of Allegiance, grace before and after meals, afternoon prayer before leaving for the day.

## **FAMILY, PARISH & SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP**

The family is the first place where faith is learned, lived, and interpreted. The *National Catechetical Directory* tells us that “parents catechize informally but powerfully by example and instruction” (NCD, #229). The parish and school communities assist parents in their role as catechists through liturgy and daily instruction. Together, we form a partnership and share in the responsibility of forming children in the four pillars of the Catholic faith: creed, sacraments, Christian life, and prayer.

## **RELIGION ACHIEVEMENT STANDARDS**

The Religion Achievement Standards are the same for each grade level. They provide the instructional framework for the content of our faith. They are clear, precise statements of what the learner is to do to demonstrate competency at the end of a learning period around the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, namely, Creed, Sacrament, Christian Living and Prayer.

### **CREED (What We Believe):**

1. Present an understanding of the human need for God based on revelation and faith.
2. Read, understand, interpret, and apply Scripture to life.
3. Illustrate basic understanding of doctrine and dogma in light of the creed.
4. Recognize the Trinity as God.
5. Illustrate a basic understanding of the Church.
6. Demonstrate an appreciation of prayer as the primary way we come to know God and the community as the context for sharing faith within and beyond.
7. Exercise responsible stewardship for the gift of creation.

### **SACRAMENTS (How We Celebrate):**

8. Demonstrate the importance of sacraments, with an emphasis on the centrality of the Eucharist, in the life of Catholics.

### **CHRISTIAN LIVING (How we Live):**

9. Examine a variety of Christian vocations as a response to the baptismal call.
10. Acknowledge and affirm the dignity of the human person and community.
11. Apply Catholic principles to interpersonal relations.
12. Know, critique, and apply social justice principles to personal and societal situations.
13. Engage in service to the community in response to the Gospel call.
14. Develop a moral conscience informed by Church teachings.

### **PRAYER (How We Pray):**

15. Know and participate in the Catholic tradition of prayer.

## **RELIGION ACHIEVEMENT STANDARDS BY GRADE LEVEL**

### **CREED:**

#1: Present an understanding of the human need for God based on revelation and faith.

Preschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We recognize God's love for us through experiences of being loved by others, especially within our families.</li></ul>
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All things are gifts from God.</li></ul>
Grade 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• God loves us and wants us to respond to that love.</li></ul>
Grade 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We believe in the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.</li><li>• God is present in each of us, in community, in Scripture and in the sacraments.</li></ul>
Grade 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• God takes care of us and is always faithful to us.</li></ul>
Grade 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• God gives us grace to help us live good lives.</li><li>• Created in God's image, we have the ability to think, to make choices and to love.</li></ul>
Grade 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The purpose of a Christian's life is to know, love, and serve God.</li></ul>
Grade 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Bible tells us that God and His goodness prevail over sin and evil.</li><li>• God chose to send Jesus to us for our salvation.</li><li>• We are called to be God's chosen ones.</li><li>• Faith is a gift from God.</li></ul>
Grade 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• God knows us and calls us by name.</li><li>• God is revealed to us through Jesus.</li><li>• The Christian faith is a personal response to Jesus and requires a relationship with Jesus.</li></ul>

#2: Read, understand, interpret and apply Scripture to life.

Preschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bible is a special book about God.</li> <li>• Bible stories tell us about creation, our loving God, and the birth of Jesus.</li> </ul>
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bible tells us about creation, the life of Jesus, and that caring for others is living God's love.</li> </ul>
Grade 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God speaks to us through the Bible.</li> </ul>
Grade 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bible is made up of the Old Testament and the New Testament.</li> </ul>
Grade 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bible is organized into books, chapters, and verses.</li> <li>• We meet Jesus in the Word of God.</li> </ul>
Grade 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bible teaches us about God's goodness within ourselves and our world.</li> <li>• The Bible teaches us about choices and how to live a good life.</li> </ul>
Grade 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God is present in the Bible, the inspired Word of God.</li> <li>• The promise of love and partnership God made with Moses and the Hebrew people is a covenant.</li> <li>• The Gospels tells us about the life of Jesus, both divine and human.</li> <li>• The four Gospel writers are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.</li> </ul>
Grade 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are 46 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament.</li> <li>• The experience of God's people is recorded in the Scriptures.</li> <li>• The Old Testament contains the roots of our faith.</li> <li>• The Old Testament is fulfilled in Jesus Christ.</li> </ul>
Grades 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bible is a collection of many books written under God's</li> </ul>

	<p>inspiration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Scriptures teach us about following Jesus and living the Good News.</li> <li>• Key themes of the Good News are found in Scripture.</li> <li>• Jesus teaches about God, prayer, justice and peace, service, and living a moral life.</li> <li>• Reading Scripture can be prayer.</li> </ul>
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#3: Illustrate a basic understanding of doctrine and dogma in light of the creed.

Preschool	
Kindergarten	
Grade 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God the Father is the Creator of all.</li> <li>• Jesus is the Son of God, the second person in the Trinity.</li> <li>• The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, the third person in the Trinity.</li> <li>• The Catholic Church is a family of believers.</li> <li>• Mary is the mother of God.</li> </ul>
Grade 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus died for us on the cross.</li> <li>• Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday to give us new life.</li> <li>• The Holy Spirit was sent by Jesus to be with us always.</li> <li>• The Catholic Church is a community of followers of Jesus.</li> </ul>
Grade 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God loves us like a parent.</li> <li>• Jesus came to bring us God's Word.</li> <li>• The Holy Spirit is with us to help us pray.</li> <li>• The Catholic Church is one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic.</li> </ul>
Grade 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God is merciful and forgiving.</li> <li>• Jesus came to bring God's forgiveness to everyone.</li> <li>• The Holy Spirit guides us to choose good over evil.</li> <li>• All members of the Church are members of the Body of Christ.</li> </ul>

Grade 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God is with us everywhere, especially through other people and the Church.</li> <li>• God came into the world to save us.</li> <li>• Jesus is the visible sign of God's love.</li> <li>• The Holy Spirit gives us courage.</li> <li>• The Church reveals the presence of the risen Christ.</li> </ul>
Grade 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God the Father creates out of love.</li> <li>• Jesus is the Messiah who came to serve and liberate.</li> <li>• The Holy Spirit is the breath of life and the fire of love.</li> </ul>
Grades 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As Catholics, we can recall and explain the Nicene Creed.</li> <li>• Jesus' dying, rising, and sending of the Spirit to live forever with God's people is called the Paschal Mystery.</li> <li>• We celebrate Jesus returning to God the Father on the Feast of the Ascension.</li> <li>• Catholics honor Mary as the mother of God.</li> </ul>

#4: Recognize the Trinity as God.

Preschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We experience God as a loving Father.</li> <li>• Jesus is God's son.</li> </ul>
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God made all things because God loves us.</li> <li>• Mary and Joseph were Jesus' parents on earth.</li> <li>• Jesus is a good friend.</li> </ul>
Grade 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God wants us to be happy by living as he taught us.</li> <li>• God always forgives us.</li> <li>• Jesus, the Son of God, teaches us about God the Father.</li> <li>• The Holy Spirit can help us to live together in peace.</li> </ul>
Grade 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God the Father loves us even when we hurt others.</li> <li>• Jesus brings us God's forgiveness.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Holy Spirit helps us make good choices.</li> </ul>
Grade 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.</li> <li>• Jesus is a person who lived historically and is alive now.</li> <li>• The Holy Spirit is the gift of God and Jesus Christ who enables the life of the Church on earth.</li> </ul>
Grade 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is always with us.</li> <li>• Jesus teaches us how to live.</li> <li>• The Holy Spirit helps us live as Jesus did.</li> </ul>
Grade 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.</li> <li>• The mystery of the Trinity is at the core of our faith.</li> <li>• God created all things. God cares for us as a loving Father.</li> <li>• Jesus Christ is true God and true human.</li> <li>• The Holy Spirit came to the disciples at Pentecost.</li> </ul>
Grade 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God is revealed to us in the Bible.</li> <li>• The mystery of the Holy Trinity was revealed in the person, words, and works of Jesus Christ.</li> <li>• The Holy Spirit inspired the authors of the Bible.</li> <li>• The Holy Spirit is always present and active in the lives of people.</li> </ul>
Grades 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as one God is called the Holy Trinity.</li> <li>• God came into the world to save us.</li> <li>• Jesus is both divine and human.</li> <li>• We celebrate the Holy Spirit's coming to the disciples on Pentecost Sunday.</li> </ul>

#5: Illustrate a basic understanding of Church.

Preschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our Church celebrates Christmas and Easter.</li> <li>• The church building is a sacred place where we must act appropriately.</li> </ul>
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Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our Church celebrates the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.</li> </ul>
Grade 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our Church celebrates the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and ordinary time.</li> </ul>
Grade 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Catholic Church celebrates its faith through the sacraments.</li> <li>• In Baptism we become members of the Church.</li> </ul>
Grade 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus began his new Church on earth.</li> <li>• The apostles were 12 followers whom Jesus chose to help him begin his Church.</li> <li>• The season of Advent prepares us for Christmas and for the second coming of Christ.</li> <li>• Lent is a special time for praying, sacrificing, and sharing because of Jesus' suffering.</li> <li>• Christians celebrate Jesus' rising from the dead on Easter Sunday.</li> </ul>
Grade 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Church is a light to the world.</li> <li>• As members of the Church, we learn from others and teach others the way to the reign of God.</li> <li>• The Church is a community.</li> <li>• The Eucharistic celebration (Mass) on Holy Thursday reminds us of the Last Supper.</li> </ul>
Grade 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Church is the People of God, called together by the Holy Spirit.</li> <li>• The Church is the sacrament of Christ in the world.</li> <li>• The Church celebrates its birthday on Pentecost.</li> </ul>
Grade 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Church was born on the day of Pentecost.</li> <li>• The Church is rooted in many signs and symbols of the Old Testament.</li> <li>• God dwells within the Church, the Body of Christ.</li> <li>• The Pope is the leader of the Roman Catholic Church.</li> </ul>

Grades 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church is the People of God and the Body of Christ.</li> <li>• Jesus' mission and ministry are continued today through the ministries of word, worship, community-building, and service.</li> <li>• Our beliefs are sound and are rooted in Scripture and tradition.</li> </ul>
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#6: Demonstrate an appreciation of prayer as the primary way we come to know God and the community as the context for sharing faith within and beyond.

Preschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our parish community is like a family.</li> </ul>
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We respect others at liturgy.</li> <li>• The church building is a sacred place where the people of God gather.</li> </ul>
Grade 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are Catholic Christians.</li> <li>• Our church building is a special and sacred place.</li> <li>• Our parish is a community.</li> </ul>
Grade 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We belong to a parish family.</li> <li>• The Church gathers at Mass to celebrate the life of Jesus.</li> <li>• The tabernacle in a Catholic Church is where the Eucharist is kept after the celebration of Mass.</li> </ul>
Grade 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our church community includes the pope, clergy, religious and lay people.</li> <li>• The Church continues Jesus' ministries of community, word, worship, and service.</li> <li>• The Church is the communion of saints.</li> </ul>
Grade 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Church is made up of people who follow Jesus.</li> <li>• As the Church, the Body of Christ, we celebrate the Eucharist.</li> <li>• The Church cares for those in need and works to build a better world.</li> </ul>
Grade 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Church is a celebrating community.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Church celebrates the presence and actions of Christ in our lives through the 7 sacraments.</li> <li>• The Church celebrates liturgical feasts and seasons.</li> <li>• At Mass we gather as a community to be reconciled, to give thanks, and to celebrate.</li> <li>• The pope is the leader of the Catholic Church throughout the world.</li> </ul>
Grade 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Church is the Body of Christ, Jesus Christ, and its members.</li> <li>• God's people are called to continual reform and renewal.</li> </ul>
Grades 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catholics are involved in the life, mission, and work of the parish.</li> <li>• Some Catholics are called to liturgical ministries.</li> <li>• Catholics support the Church financially.</li> <li>• We come to know God through the faith community.</li> <li>• New adult members are welcomed into the Church through a faith-formation process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).</li> </ul>

#7: Exercise responsible stewardship for the gift of creation.

Preschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We recognize the beauty of God's creation.</li> </ul>
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We recognize that all of God's creation needs care.</li> </ul>
Grade 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creation is a gift of God.</li> <li>• We care about our world and other people.</li> </ul>
Grade 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As Christians we promise to care about all of God's creation.</li> </ul>

Grade 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life is precious in people, plants, and animals.</li> <li>• As Christians we accept responsibility for caring for God's creation.</li> </ul>
Grade 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God is the giver of all life.</li> <li>• All that God creates is good.</li> <li>• As Christians we are thankful for the gifts we have been given and share generously with others.</li> <li>• All of God's creation is to be respected.</li> </ul>
Grade 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God continues to create all things for us to enjoy, use, care for, and respect.</li> </ul>
Grade 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sin can destroy God's good creation.</li> <li>• We are called to overcome evil and to be responsible stewards.</li> </ul>
Grades 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We care for the world and all that is in it by respecting and protecting it.</li> <li>• As Christians we examine the distribution and use of resources in light of the theology of stewardship.</li> <li>• We promote stewardship.</li> </ul>

**SACRAMENTS:**

#8: Demonstrate the importance of sacraments, with an emphasis on the centrality of the Eucharist, in the life of Catholics.

Preschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are welcomed into God's family at baptism.</li> </ul>
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We participate in the liturgy.</li> </ul>
Grade 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In baptism we become members of God's family.</li> <li>• Jesus shares himself with us in a special meal.</li> <li>• At Mass we come together to celebrate.</li> </ul>
Grade 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sacraments are celebrations and signs of Jesus' love.</li> <li>• Baptism gives us new life.</li> <li>• In the sacrament of penance/reconciliation we are sorry</li> </ul>

	<p>for our sins and receive God's forgiveness.</p>
Grade 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baptism, confirmation and Eucharist are sacraments of initiation.</li> <li>• Penance/Reconciliation and anointing of the sick are sacraments of healing.</li> <li>• Matrimony and holy orders are sacraments of service.</li> </ul>
Grade 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the sacrament of penance/reconciliation, the Church celebrates that we receive God's grace and forgiveness and that Christian life is a journey of conversion.</li> <li>• The Eucharist is the source and strength of the Catholic community and is essential to the life and mission of the Catholic Church.</li> </ul>
Grade 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 7 sacraments are special gifts by which we share in God's presence.</li> <li>• Baptism gives new life, cleanses sin, and joins us to the Christian community.</li> <li>• Confirmation strengthens us in the Holy Spirit.</li> <li>• The Eucharist is a sacrificial banquet in which Christ is really present to us.</li> <li>• The Eucharist re-enacts the sacrifice of Christ.</li> <li>• Penance/reconciliation is the bestowal of God's forgiveness through the ministry of the Church.</li> <li>• The sacrament of the anointing of the sick bestows grace upon a Christian experiencing serious illness or infirmity.</li> <li>• Matrimony joins together man and woman in an unbreakable covenant signifying the union of Christ and His Church.</li> <li>• The sacrament of holy orders confers the ordained with the grace of the Holy Spirit required for sacramental ministry.</li> </ul>

Grade 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sacraments are symbols and realities instituted by Jesus Christ that make God's grace present to us.</li> <li>• Sacramental actions of the Church originated in Jewish rituals.</li> <li>• Eucharist is central to Catholic life.</li> <li>• The sacred is experienced in the liturgical year, sacramentals, symbols, and rituals.</li> <li>• Through our baptism we are called to follow Jesus.</li> </ul>
Grades 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sacraments signify and make present God's grace.</li> <li>• Catholics gather in the Eucharist to hear God's Word and celebrate God's presence with us.</li> <li>• Catholics confess their sins and celebrate God's forgiveness in the sacrament of penance/reconciliation.</li> <li>• The Mass reminds us of the Last Supper.</li> <li>• The Eucharist is the sacrifice of the body and blood of the Lord.</li> </ul>

**CHRISTIAN LIVING:**

#9: Examine a variety of Christian vocations as a response to the baptismal call.

Preschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priests serve God in a special way.</li> </ul>
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People in our church community serve God in many ways.</li> </ul>
Grade 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus shows us how to live.</li> </ul>
Grade 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We live lovingly in our family.</li> <li>• We respect our parents.</li> </ul>
Grade 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy orders is a sacrament of special service and commitment to the Church.</li> </ul>
Grade 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through baptism Jesus calls us to live a life of service.</li> <li>• Jesus is the example of Christian life and love.</li> <li>• Participation in our family and parish</li> </ul>

	<p>gives us support for living the Christian way of life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary and the saints offer us examples of good Christian living.</li> </ul>
Grade 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through baptism all followers of Jesus are called to the ministry of service.</li> <li>• Some people are called to the priesthood or religious life, others to married or single life.</li> <li>• Members of our parish community, especially our family, can help support us in living a Catholic Christian life.</li> </ul>
Grade 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christians are to be missionaries, bringing the Good News to all.</li> </ul>
Grades 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are a variety of Christian vocations that reflect our baptismal call to discipleship.</li> <li>• Priesthood is a unique role in the Church.</li> <li>• Religious life is a special type of discipleship.</li> </ul>

#10: Acknowledge and affirm the dignity of the human person and community.

Preschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We recognize life as sacred because it is God-given.</li> </ul>
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We accept and appreciate ourselves as unique creations and special children of God.</li> <li>• We are lovable.</li> </ul>
Grade 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We care for all people of different cultures and races at every stage of life.</li> </ul>
Grade 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We love ourselves as gifts from God.</li> <li>• We respect our parents.</li> </ul>
Grade 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When we care about people, especially those unable to help themselves, we are recognizing their human dignity.</li> </ul>

Grade 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Differences in personalities, races, and nationalities are good for the whole of the human race.</li> </ul>
Grade 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>God created persons of different races and cultures, but all are one in God.</li> <li>We must have an appreciation for racial, ethnic, and age differences.</li> </ul>
Grade 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are all children of the covenant God made with Abraham.</li> <li>The varied ethnic cultures make significant contributions to the Church.</li> </ul>
Grades 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Life is sacred from conception to natural death.</li> <li>Injustices are caused by discrimination and prejudice.</li> <li>Our Church is enriched through diverse cultural expressions.</li> <li>Pro-life activities are encouraged and fostered in the Church.</li> </ul>

#11: Apply Catholic principles to interpersonal relations.

Preschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jesus wants us to share with others.</li> </ul>
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We love our families &amp; neighbors.</li> <li>We share with others.</li> <li>We care for other people.</li> </ul>
Grade 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We love our family.</li> </ul>
Grade 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We treat others the way Jesus treated others.</li> </ul>
Grade 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All life is a gift of God which must be respected.</li> <li>Through the parables Jesus tells us to love ourselves and one another.</li> </ul>
Grade 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jesus teaches us about the greatest commandments of all: to love God and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We recognize that authority is necessary for human community.</li> <li>• God cares deeply how we treat others.</li> </ul>
Grade 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need to examine our choices in light of the Christian message.</li> <li>• Christians give love, respect, and appreciation to others.</li> <li>• We are to live as faithful followers of Jesus.</li> <li>• We are capable of intimacy and trust of others.</li> <li>• Life is precious, especially as it is found in one's own body and that of others.</li> </ul>
Grade 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We show that we are God's people by living the commandments, the sign of the covenant.</li> <li>• The Holy Spirit calls all people to conversion and faithfulness.</li> <li>• The Scriptures help guide us in the moral pathways of the reign of God.</li> <li>• Human sexuality is a precious gift from God.</li> <li>• Jesus Christ calls every baptized person to lead a chaste life.</li> </ul>
Grades 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus told us that the greatest commandments of all are to love God and our neighbors as ourselves.</li> <li>• Relationships should be based on a life of service to others.</li> <li>• We develop skills for being a friend and for handling peer pressure and specific problems.</li> <li>• We learn to develop responsible relationships with an emphasis on honesty, love, and respect.</li> <li>• Listening, self-disclosure, and compromise are necessary for communication with adults and peers.</li> <li>• Sexuality is integral to one's personal identity.</li> <li>• Catholic Christians have specific</li> </ul>

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#12: Know, critique, and apply social justice principles to personal and societal situations.

Preschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our parish family works together to help others.</li> </ul>
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We show concern for all people, especially those in need.</li> </ul>
Grade 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We care for the poor and the suffering.</li> </ul>
Grade 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We share what we have with others.</li> </ul>
Grade 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whatever we do for people in need, we do for Jesus.</li> <li>• We share in Jesus' mission to bring a message of love, justice and hope to the poor and victims of injustice.</li> </ul>
Grade 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God wants us to resist envy and greed.</li> <li>• The Beatitudes show us how to trust God, forgive, and have mercy for others.</li> </ul>
Grade 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus reached out to the poor, the lonely, and the suffering.</li> <li>• Jesus heals others through us.</li> <li>• The Church teaches that we must work for a more just and fair world.</li> <li>• The sacraments provide us with God's healing and nourishment.</li> </ul>
Grade 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our God is a God of freedom.</li> <li>• The Bible explores the mysteries of life: Suffering, injustice, and death.</li> </ul>
Grades 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Scriptures teach us the importance for justice, peace, equality, and stewardship.</li> <li>• The Beatitudes challenge us to continual conversion in our personal and social lives.</li> </ul>

#13: Engage in service to the community in response to the Gospel call.

Preschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We show our love of our family by helping at home.</li> </ul>
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We help our family and friends.</li> </ul>
Grade 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are helpful and loving to our parents, teachers, and friends.</li> </ul>
Grade 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Eucharist is a sacrament of love and service.</li> <li>• We follow Jesus by loving and serving others.</li> <li>• We cooperate in school, church, and community projects.</li> </ul>
Grade 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are called to share in Jesus' ministry of love and service.</li> </ul>
Grade 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We show our love for god when we help those in need.</li> <li>• The corporal and spiritual works of mercy are ways of showing our love for Jesus who cares for the poor.</li> </ul>
Grade 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We reach out to those who suffer.</li> <li>• The Church teaches that we must help the poor and needy.</li> <li>• We should work to protect life and promote love of neighbor.</li> </ul>
Grade 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus is the center of God's plan for the world.</li> </ul>
Grades 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus lived and taught us about carrying a cross and living a life of loving service.</li> <li>• Service is an essential part of discipleship.</li> <li>• Service is action rooted in and flowing from prayer.</li> </ul>

#14: Develop a moral conscience informed by Church teachings.

Preschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus tells us to love and respect ourselves and others.</li> </ul>
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We show love by how we act.</li> <li>• We know the difference between right and wrong actions.</li> </ul>
Grade 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We live good lives with the help of the Holy Spirit.</li> </ul>
Grade 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We can choose to do good.</li> <li>• We sin when we choose to do wrong or not to do good.</li> </ul>
Grade 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ten Commandments help us live good lives.</li> <li>• Jesus sums up the commandments for us in His Law of Love.</li> </ul>
Grade 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The virtues of faith, hope, and love help us live good lives.</li> <li>• God gives us gifts of freedom and conscience.</li> <li>• The Holy Spirit and the Church help us choose what is right.</li> <li>• The Ten Commandments teach us to love God and others.</li> <li>• Sin is choosing to turn away from God, harming our relationship with God, ourselves, and others.</li> </ul>
Grade 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Holy Spirit enables us to grow and act in a Christian manner.</li> <li>• We are responsible for our own actions.</li> <li>• Our conscience helps us know what is right and do what we believe is right.</li> </ul>
Grade 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We receive a heritage of faith from those who have gone before us.</li> <li>• We receive wisdom and understanding from God's Spirit in the Church to know how to act.</li> <li>• We learn how to live a good life through the teachings of Scripture.</li> <li>• God sends prophets into our midst to</li> </ul>

	<p>call us to the justice and mercy of God's reign.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All people are called to be faithful to God's love.</li> </ul>
Grades 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The dignity of the human person is the foundation of Catholic Christian morality.</li> <li>• We identify moral values in the teachings of Jesus.</li> <li>• As we grow in faith we build a strong and realistic concept of self with an emphasis on growing autonomy and self-determination.</li> <li>• The context of moral decision-making within the Catholic Christian tradition is human dignity, God's grace, the virtues and the Holy Spirit.</li> <li>• We can habitually know and do what is good with the help of the theological and cardinal virtues.</li> <li>• Christ invites us to deny self and take up the cross.</li> </ul>

#15: Know and participate in the Catholic tradition of prayer.

Preschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prayer is talking to God.</li> <li>• Songs can be prayer.</li> <li>• We pray before meals and give thanks to God.</li> <li>• Sign of the Cross.</li> </ul>
Kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We say simple prayers in the morning, evening, and at mealtime.</li> <li>• We sometimes pray spontaneous prayers.</li> <li>• We pray together as a class, school community, family, and Church.</li> <li>• Sign of the Cross</li> <li>• The Lord's Prayer</li> <li>• Hail Mary</li> <li>• Mealtime Prayers</li> </ul>
Grade 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prayer is listening to and talking with</li> </ul>

	<p>God.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus teaches us how to pray.</li> <li>• Sign of the Cross</li> <li>• The Lord's Prayer</li> <li>• Hail Mary</li> <li>• Mealtime Prayers</li> </ul>
Grade 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At Mass, we gather together as God's family.</li> <li>• Liturgy of the Word</li> <li>• Liturgy of the Eucharist</li> <li>• Prayer of Sorrow</li> <li>• Mass responses</li> </ul>
Grade 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God hears our prayers</li> <li>• When we listen to God's Word in Scripture, we hear God speaking to us today.</li> <li>• Spontaneous prayer</li> <li>• Liturgical prayer</li> <li>• Apostles' Creed</li> </ul>
Grade 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christians forgive those who hurt them, bear wrongs patiently, and pray for everyone, the living and the dead.</li> </ul>
Grade 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Psalms are prayers found in the Old Testament that Jesus liked to pray.</li> <li>• Christians pray daily to talk to God and to listen to God's will.</li> <li>• Sacramental ritual prayers.</li> <li>• Spontaneous and meditation prayers</li> <li>• Liturgical responses</li> <li>• Rosary</li> </ul>
Grade 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship belongs to God alone.</li> <li>• The Eucharistic liturgy is the community's central act of worship.</li> <li>• Prayer provides a deepening awareness of our covenant relationship with God.</li> <li>• The Psalms are an example of prayers in the Old Testament.</li> </ul>
Grades 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We develop our relationship with God through personal prayer.</li> <li>• We pray for openness and generous response to God's call in our lives.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We reflect on how the Gospel affirms and challenges our thoughts and actions.</li><li>• We know and participate in the Rite of Reconciliation.</li><li>• Prayer, especially in the context of mediation, is part of our prayer life.</li><li>• We pray for vocations.</li><li>• We know and participate in Catholic devotions such as Eucharistic adoration.</li></ul>
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