

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church
09-10 Faith Formation Schedule
Grade One

4/8/10 8:23 PM

Date	Session Information
2009 September/October Sept. 28-30 Welcome! Oct. 5-7 12-14 19-21 26-28	First Session/ Parent Meeting* ; Ch. 1 "God Made You"; Large Group All Regular Session; Ch. 2/3 "Caring for God's Gifts"; NO Large Group No Sessions - MEA Week Regular Session; Ch. 4 "The Trinity"; Large Group 1-3 Regular Session; Safety Program; Large Group All
November <i>1 Holy Day of Obligation</i> 2-4 9-11 16-18 23-25	<i>All Saints Day</i> Regular Session; Ch. 12 "Holy People"; NO Large Group Regular Session; Ch. 5 "The Holy Family" and pp. 8&9, Large Group 1-3 Regular Session; Ch. 6 "Jesus the Storyteller", NO Large Group No Sessions - Happy Thanksgiving!
December Nov 30 -Dec 2 - 1 st Week Advent <i>8 - Holy Day of Obligation</i> 7-9 - 2 nd Week Advent 14-16 - 3 rd Week Advent 21-23 - 4th Week Advent 28-30	Regular Session; Pp.10-11 "Advent", Large Group 1-3 <i>Feast of The Immaculate Conception of Mary; Mass at 7:00 pm</i> Regular Session; Ch. 7 "Jesus Heals", NO Large Group Regular Session; Pp. 12-13 "The Light of Christ"; Christmas Party No Sessions - Merry Christmas! No Sessions - Happy New Year!
2010 January <i>1 - Holy Day of Obligation</i> 4-6 11-13 17, 24, 31 Parish Mission 18-20 25-27	<i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i> Regular Session; Ch. 8 "Jesus Teaches Love"; Large Group 1-3 Regular Session; Ch. 9 "Pray to God"; NO Large Group "Tell the Story" Parish Mission; Sunday evenings after 5:30 pm Mass No Sessions - MLK Holiday Regular Session; Ch. 10 "Say Yes to God", Large Group 1-3
February 1-3 8-10 15-17 17 Ash Wednesday 22-24 - 1 st Week Lent	Regular Session; Ch. 11 "The Holy Spirit", St. Blase Throat Blessing All Regular Session; Ch. 13 "Love and Serve", Large Group 1-3 No Sessions - President's Day Holiday Lent Begins - Ash Wednesday Mass 7:00 pm Regular Session; Pp. 16-17 "Lent", NO Large Group
March 1-3 - 2 nd Week Lent 8-10 - 3 rd Week Lent 15-17 - 4 th Week Lent 22-24 - 5 th Week Lent 29-31 - Holy Week	Regular Session; Ch. 14 "Making Choices", Large Group 1-3 Regular Session; Ch. 15 "Saying I'm Sorry" and Safety, NO Large Group Regular Session; Ch. 17 "Sacraments", Large Group All Regular Session; Pp. 18-19, "Holy Week", Stations of the Cross 1-3 No Sessions - District 279 Spring Break
April 4 - Holy Day of Obligation 5-7 12-14 19-21 27	Easter Sunday Alleluia! Regular Session; Ch. 19 "The Mass"; Large Group 1-3 Regular Session; Ch. 20 "Life With God"; NO Large Group Final Session; Pp. 22-23 "Pentecost and Spirit"; Pentecost Party Closing Mass "Go Out And Tell the Story"; Social time after Mass
	*Parent Meeting after Large Group for 30 minutes on first night.

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Grade One Learning Objectives

As children grow and mature, so does their faith. Knowledge and practice of their faith can be taught in the home and in Faith Formation sessions; desire for and acceptance of faith in their lives is an individual growth process that can take a lifetime. At every grade level, the four pillars of Catholic doctrine (Belief, Worship, Prayer, Christian Living) will be taught. Children will learn about the basic tenets of our Catholic Christian faith every year at the appropriate level of understanding for their age. Specifically, children will learn about Scripture, the Holy Trinity, Jesus Christ, the Church, morality, sacraments, liturgy and prayer, and the kingdom of God. The following Learning Objectives summarize what is learned and practiced at each grade level. Prayers to be memorized by heart are in **bold**.

By the end of **Grade One**, the child should have a knowledge and understanding of the following key concepts:

- The Holy Trinity is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. God loves us so much he sent his Son, Jesus, to save us by dying and rising again. God sends the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with love and guide the Church.
- The Bible is God's word written by human hands and includes stories about holy people and Jesus. Jesus' words and actions teach us how to love and serve God.
- God forgives those who are truly sorry and want to do better; God asks us to forgive others and ourselves.
- Baptism is one of seven sacraments, signs of God's love, and welcomes people into the church family.
- Prayer is listening and talking with God. Making the **Sign of the Cross** when we pray and praying the "**Lord's Prayer**" and the "**Hail Mary**" are ways we love and honor God and Mary.

Other Important Information: First Eucharist Preparation

Preparation for receiving First Eucharist typically begins in second grade and ends when the student receives First Eucharist after Easter in their second grade year, though students may begin preparation later than second grade. Students must be enrolled in a Faith Formation program one year prior to the year of preparation and attendance in Faith Formation classes is mandatory during the year of preparation. Preparation for First Eucharist is initiated when parents register their children for sacramental preparation in second grade or later. Preparation includes Faith Formation classes, home preparation, a parent meeting and a parent/child mini-retreat. Parents have the option of registering their children to prepare for First Reconciliation prior to First Eucharist.