

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

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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's Creation"; Large Group All Regular Session; Ch. 2 "God's Promise"; NO Large Group No Sessions - MEA Week Regular Session; Ch. 3 "God's Word"; 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. 15 & pp. 8-11 "Pray as Jesus Did"; NO Large Group Regular Session; Ch. 4 "God the Father"; Large Group 1-3 Regular Session; Ch. 5 "God's Son, Jesus"; 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.12-16 "Advent", Large Group 1-3 <i>Feast of The Immaculate Conception of Mary; Mass at 7:00 pm</i> Regular Session; Ch. 12 "The Church Year", NO Large Group Regular Session; Pp. 16-19 "Glory to God"; 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. 7 "Love God and Others"; Large Group 1-3 Regular Session; Ch. 8 "Making Good Choices"; NO Large Group "Tell the Story" Parish Mission; Sunday evenings after 5:30 pm Mass No Sessions - MLK Holiday Regular Session; Ch. 10 "Signs of Love", 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 Church and Forgiveness", St. Blase Throat Blessing All Regular Session; Ch. 16 "Gather to Worship", Large Group 1-3 No Sessions - President's Day Holiday Lent Begins - Ash Wednesday Mass 7:00 pm Regular Session; Pp. 24-27 "40 Days of 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. 17 "Listen to God's Word", Large Group 1-3 Regular Session; Ch. 18 "Remember Jesus' Sacrifice" and Safety, NO Large Group Regular Session; Ch. 19 "Share a Holy Meal", Large Group All Regular Session; Pp. 28-31, "The Holy Cross", 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. 20 "Go Forth!"; Large Group 1-3 Regular Session; Ch. 21 "Forever in Heaven"; NO Large Group Final Session; Pp. 36-39 "The Power of the Holy 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 Two 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 Two**, the child should have a knowledge and understanding of the following key concepts:

- The Trinity is three persons in one God - the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God is the creator of all that is good, and who can be trusted.
- Conscience is God's gift that helps you know right from wrong. Sin is free choice to do what is wrong, but God will always forgive you when you are truly sorry.
- The Mass has two parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Eucharist means thanksgiving, and is a memorial of the sacrifice of Jesus.
- We receive the gift of the Eucharist with reverence because Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine, and His Spirit works within us as members of the Body of Christ.
- Praying the "**Our Father**", the "**Hail Mary**", the "**Gloria**" and the "**Act of Contrition**" is an important part of being Catholic Christians.

Preparation for First Eucharist Information

A letter and form for selection of a date and Mass time for First Eucharist will be sent to **parents of children registered for the sacrament**, on or before December 1, 2009.

Parent Meeting (Mandatory for all parents): January 19 or 21, 2010

At this time, parents will receive packets of materials for home preparation.

Parent/Child Retreat (Mandatory): March 11 or 18, 2010

First Eucharist is celebrated at weekend liturgies the weekends of April 24/25, May 1/2, May 8/9 and May 15/16, 2010. Parents have a choice of dates and Mass times; however, there is a limit of 10 families per Mass time. *Special requests must be approved; please contact Faith Formation if there are special needs or circumstances.*

Parents may choose to prepare their second grade children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This should be indicated on the Sacramental Registration Form. Otherwise, children are prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in fourth grade. Note: Mandatory Parent Meetings for First Reconciliation are October 12 or 22, 2009. The Parent/Child Retreat dates are November 23 or 24, 2009. First Reconciliation will be celebrated January 7 or 9, 2010.