



# Diocese of Rochester Kindergarten Curriculum Overview

## Prayers

Sign of the Cross

Glory Be

Guardian Angel

Morning Offering



## Suggestions for Home

Spend time reading stories from a children's **bible**.

Talk about **people who love us**.

Talk about **ways we can love and help others**.

Say a **prayer together** before bedtime.

## Some things your child will learn:

God created everyone.

God created our world and wants us to take care of it.

God made us each different and special.

We become special friends of Jesus at baptism.

Stories in a special book called the **Bible** teach us about Jesus.

Jesus wants us to love and help others.





# Diocese of Rochester Grade One Curriculum Overview

## Prayers

Sign of the Cross

Glory Be

Guardian Angel

Morning Offering

Thank You Prayers



## Suggestions for Home

Read stories about Jesus from a children's **bible**.

**Pray together** as a family.

**Create prayers** together

Talk about **ways we can help others**.

Talk about the meaning of the **Church seasons**.

## Some things your child will learn:

Bible stories tell us how Jesus wants us to live.

Our baptism makes us members of the Church.

There are many **ways to pray** - words, song, dance, art, silence.

We have special gifts and talents to share with others.

Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter are **special times in the Church year**.





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## Grade Two Curriculum Overview

### Prayers

Thank you Prayers

Mass Responses

Morning Offering

Meal Prayers

Our Father

Hail Mary

Act of Contrition

### Suggestions for Home

Talk about the **signs and symbols** of Eucharist, Baptism, and Penance.

Read and discuss some of the **parables** of Jesus.

List ways to be good **stewards**.

**Pray together** every day.

### Some things your child will learn:

Jesus taught us through **parables**.

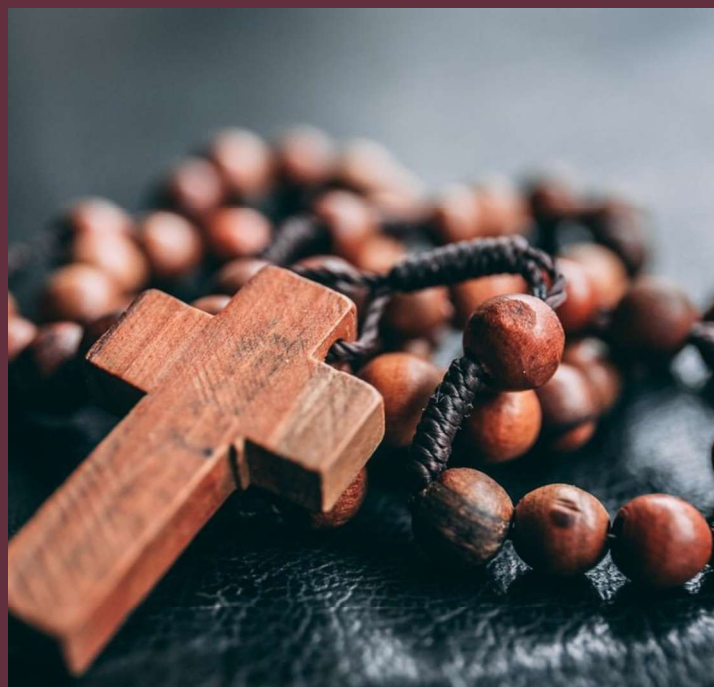
Jesus comes to us in the **Eucharist**.

The **7 sacraments** are signs of God's love.

We tell God we are sorry for our sins in the **sacrament of Penance**

The **rosary** is a special prayer in honor of Mary.

**Christian stewardship** is sharing time, talents, and treasure with those in need.





# Diocese of Rochester Grade Three Curriculum Overview

## Prayers

Hail Mary                      Our Father  
Meal Prayers                  Morning Offering  
Responses at Mass  
Act of Contrition  
Apostles' Creed  
Stations of the Cross  
The Rosary

## Suggestions for Home

Read stories about Jesus from a children's bible.  
**Pray together** as a family.  
**Create prayers** together  
Talk about **ways we can help others**.  
Talk about the meaning of the **Church seasons**.

## Some things your child will learn:

What the **bible** is (God's word to us recorded in human words).

What a **covenant** is (an agreement between God and God's people).

What the **Trinity** is (Three persons in one God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)

The **names of the seven sacraments** of the Church (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony, & Holy Orders)





# Diocese of Rochester Grade Four Curriculum Overview

## Prayers

Act of Contrition

Apostle's Creed

Stations of the Cross

The Rosary

Hail Holy Queen

Mysteries of the Rosary

Prayer of St. Francis

## Suggestions for Home

Read the story of Creation in the **Book of Genesis** & talk about how important it is to care for the gifts of creation.

Talk about the **Ten Commandments**.  
Make a list of them & post in your home.



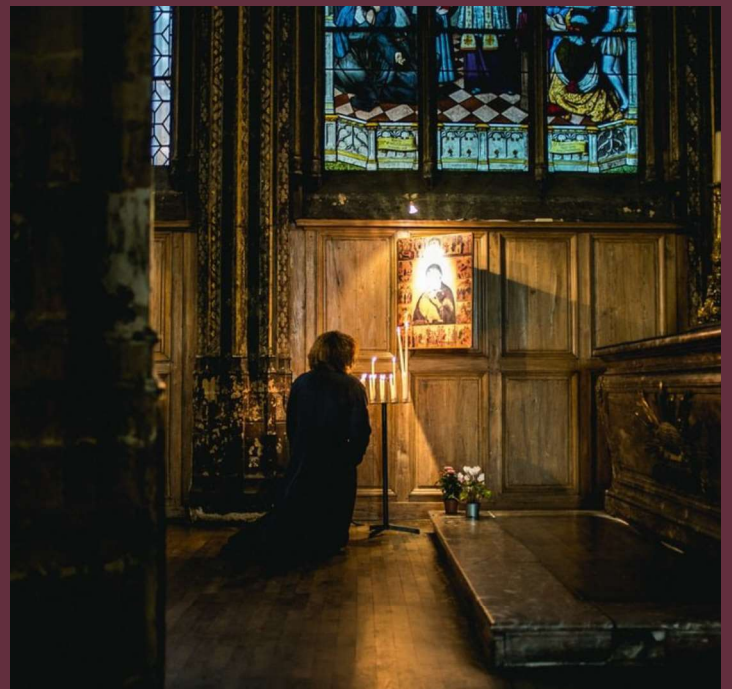
## Some things your child will learn:

The new **major sections of the Bible** (the Old and New Testament; also known as the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures).

What the **Incarnation** is (the mystery of God becoming man in Jesus)

To list the **Ten Commandments**.

What it means to be a **good steward of creation** (we care for the gifts of creation)





# Diocese of Rochester Grade Five Curriculum Overview

## Prayers

Hail Holy Queen

Mysteries of the Rosary

Prayer of St. Francis

Acts of Faith, Hope & Love

Nicene Creed



## Suggestions for Home

Talk about the **signs and symbols** used in each sacrament.

Draw a poster showing the **seven sacraments**.

List ways we can be good **disciples** of Jesus (good works we can do, etc.)

Talk about our beliefs in the Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed.

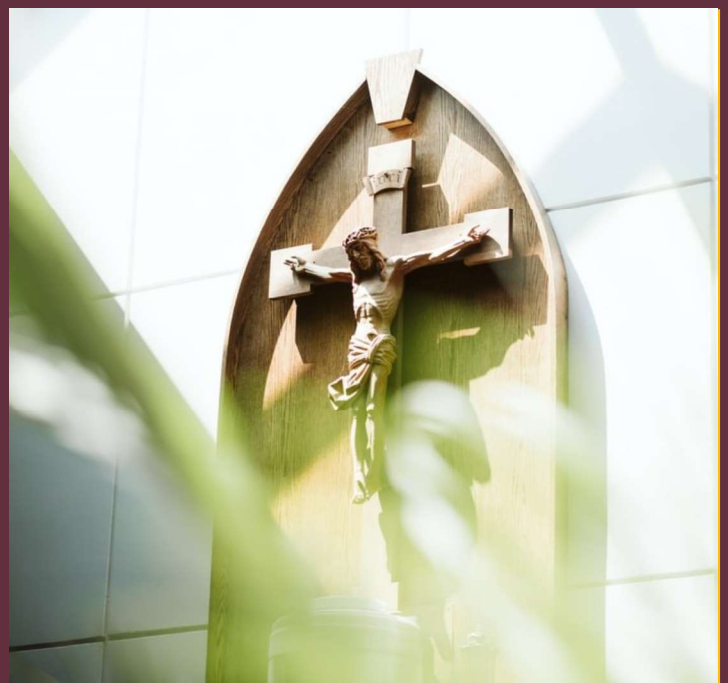
## Some things your child will learn:

What the **Paschal Mystery** is (the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus)

What the **R.C.I.A.** is (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process through which people become members of the Church.

The **signs and symbols** of the seven sacraments.

What a **disciple** is (one who believes in and follows Jesus).





# Diocese of Rochester Middle School Curriculum Overview Over Three Years (grades 6-8)

## Prayers

Memorare

Magnificat

Litany of Saints

Chaplet of Divine Mercy



## Suggestions for Home

Reinforce the practice of **daily prayer**, both individually and as a family.

Encourage questions and how to find the answers to faith questions in the **Catechism** or from parish staff, especially the **Pastor**.

Continue and prioritize the practice of **weekly Mass** as a family.

## Some things your child will learn:

Each year focuses on a **Person of the Trinity**.

How we understand **God the Father**.

Basic **Christology**.

What it means to be a **Disciple of Jesus Christ**.

How the **Holy Spirit** guides and gifts us.

The role of the Holy Spirit in the **Magisterium**.

What it means to be part of the **Catholic Church**, the **Body of Christ**.





# Diocese of Rochester Confirmation Catechetical Curriculum Overview Over Two Years (grades 8-9)

## Prayers

Devotional & Liturgical Prayer

Personal Prayer

Ways of Discernment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



## Suggestions for Home

Discuss with candidates for Confirmation the importance of selecting a **Sponsor**.

Encourage a **life-long approach to faith**, not one that ends with Confirmation.

Connect **baptism** to how and why families do **service** for others.

Stay involved with the **life of the parish** community and events at your church.

## Some things your child will learn:

- ◆ Justice & Solidarity    ◆ Grace    ◆ The Gospels
- ◆ Trinity    ◆ Chastity    ◆ Catholic Social Teaching
- ◆ Incarnation    ◆ Paschal Mystery    ◆ Prayer
- ◆ Moral Decision-Making    ◆ Church History
- ◆ Nicene Creed    ◆ Revelation: Scripture/Tradition
- ◆ Mary: Mother of God    ◆ Baptism    ◆ Social Sin
- ◆ Eucharist – Real Presence    ◆ Confirmation
- ◆ Church's Hierarchy    ◆ Sin & Reconciliation
  - ◆ Structure of Mass/Liturgical Year
  - ◆ Living as Disciples: Trinity & Community
- ◆ Natural Law/Magisterium    ◆ Conscience Formation
  - ◆ The Ten Commandments & Beatitudes

**AND MUCH MORE!**

