

**PRAYERS, BELIEFS AND PRACTICES**  
**Appropriate to each grade level**

The prayers and beliefs listed for each grade will be learned throughout that year. Parents/Guardians should review these prayers with your children as the year moves forward. Those listed in previous years should already be known but practiced as well. Each grade builds on the previous grade.

**Kindergarten**

1. Sign of the Cross
2. Grace Before Meals
3. Our Father/The Lord's Prayer
4. Hail Mary

**Grade 1**

5. Grace After Meal
6. Angel of God
7. Glory Be
8. Morning Prayer

**Grade 2**

9. Act of Contrition
- A. Communion Fast
- B. Communion Regulations
- C. The Ten Commandments

**Grade 3**

10. Apostles Creed
11. The Rosary
- D. Liturgical Year
- E. Seven Sacraments

**Grade 4**

12. Jesus Prayer
13. Act of Faith
14. Act of Hope
15. Act of Love
16. Mysteries of the Rosary
- F. Beatitudes

**Grade 5**

17. Morning Offering
18. Memorare
19. Hail Holy Queen
- G. The Stations of the Cross
- H. The Five Precepts of the Church
- I. Parts of the Mass

**Grade 6**

- J. The Seven Corporal Works of Mercy
- K. The Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy
- L. The Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- M. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- N. Four Gospels
- O. The Golden Rule

**Grade 7**

20. Nicene Creed
21. Come Holy Spirit (Prayer to the Holy Spirit)
22. Angelus
- P. Holy Days of Obligation
- Q. Regulations for Fast and Abstinence
- R. The Four Cardinal Virtues
- S. The Three Theological Virtues

**Grade 8**

23. Prayer of St. Francis
24. Mary's Prayer (Magnificat)
25. Psalm 23
26. Confiteor
- T. The Seven Capital Sins
- U. The Four Last Things

## PRAYERS

### 1. SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

### 2. GRACE BEFORE MEALS

Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive from thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### 3. OUR FATHER

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### 4. HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### 5. GRACE AFTER MEALS

We give thanks, for all thy benefits, Almighty God, who live and reign forever. Amen.

### 6. ANGEL OF GOD

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to who God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

### 7. GLORY BE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### 8. MORNING PRAYER

God, my Father, I give you today all that I think and do and say. I'll work and study, have fun and pray. Jesus be with me all through the day. Amen.

### 9. ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for all my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend with your help to do penance to sin no more and avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

### 10. APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

**11. THE ROSARY**

How to Pray the Rosary:

Make the Sign of the Cross.

Holding the Crucifix, say the Apostles' Creed.

On the first bead, say an Our Father.

Say three Hail Mary's on each of the next three beads. Say the Glory Be.

Go to the main part of the rosary. For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery, then say the Our Father. While fingering each of the ten beads of the decade, say ten Hail Mary's while meditating on the Mystery. Then say a Glory Be.

Announce the second Mystery and continue in the same way until each of the five Mysteries of the selected group or decades is said.

After saying the five decades, say the Hail, Holy Queen.

**12. JESUS PRAYER**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**13. ACT OF FAITH**

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because you have revealed them who are eternal truth and wisdom, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. In this faith I intend to live and die. Amen.

**14. ACT OF HOPE**

O Lord God, I hope by your grace for the pardon of all my sins and after life here to gain eternal happiness because you have promised it who are infinitely powerful, faithful, kind, and merciful. In this hope I intend to live and die. Amen.

**15. ACT OF LOVE**

O Lord God, I love you above all things and I love my neighbor for your sake because you are the highest, infinite and perfect good, worthy of all my love. In this love I intend to live and die. Amen.

**16. MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY**

Joyful Mysteries (recited Monday and Saturday)

The Annunciation

The Visitation

The Nativity (birth of Jesus)

The Presentation

The Finding in the Temple

Mysteries of Light or Luminous (recited Thursday)

The Baptism of Jesus

The Wedding Feast of Cana

The Proclamation of the Kingdom, with the call to Conversion

The Transfiguration

The Institution of the Eucharist

Sorrowful Mysteries (recited Tuesday and Friday)

The Agony in the Garden

The Scourging at the Pillar

The Crowning with Thorns

The Carrying of the Cross

The Crucifixion

Glorious Mysteries (recited Wednesday and Sunday)

The Resurrection

The Ascension

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

The Assumption

The Crowning of Mary Queen of Heaven  
and Earth

### **17. MORNING OFFERING**

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation for sins, the reunion of all Christians, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month. Amen.

### **18. MEMORARE**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

### **19. HAIL HOLY QUEEN**

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us O holy Mother of God. R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ our Lord.

### **20. NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **21. COME HOLY SPIRIT (PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT)**

V. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

R. And kindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. R. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray: O God, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit, help us to know what is truly right and always to rejoice in your consolation. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

**22. ANGELUS**

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done to me according to thy word. Hail, Mary

V. And the Word was made flesh,

R. And dwelt among us. Hail, Mary V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**23. PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

**24. MARY'S PRAYER (MAGNIFICAT)**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**25. PSALM 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side. With your rod and staff that give me courage. You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.

**26. CONFITEOR**

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

## **BELIEFS AND PRACTICES**

### **A. COMMUNION FAST**

We are expected to fast from food or drink for at least one hour prior to the reception of Holy Communion.

### **B. COMMUNION REGULATIONS**

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently.

In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should be conscious of no grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour.

A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (CIC, can. 916).

A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

### **C. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

1. I, The Lord, am your God. You shall not have other gods besides me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet neighbor's goods.

### **D. LITURGICAL YEAR**

- Advent-Christmas Season (Christmas day until Sunday after Epiphany) ' Ordinary Time
- Lent (Ash Wednesday until Holy Saturday)
- Easter Season (Easter Sunday until Pentecost, 50 days after Easter)
- Ordinary Time

### **E. SEVEN SACRAMENTS**

Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist

Sacraments of Healing: Penance and Reconciliation; Anointing of the Sick

Sacraments at the Service of Communion: Holy Orders and Matrimony (Marriage)

### **F. BEATITUDES (MATTHEW 5:3-12)**

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart (or pure of heart), for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness (or righteousness' sake), for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

## G. THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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| 1. Jesus is condemned to death.       | 8. Jesus meets the women.               |
| 2. Jesus accepts his cross.           | 9. Jesus falls the third time.          |
| 3. Jesus falls the first time.        | 10. Jesus is stripped of his clothes.   |
| 4. Jesus meets his mother.            | 11. Jesus is nailed to the cross.       |
| 5. Simon helps Jesus carry the cross. | 12. Jesus dies on the cross.            |
| 6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.  | 13. Jesus is taken down from the cross. |
| 7. Jesus falls the second time.       | 14. Jesus is placed in the tomb.        |

## H. THE FIVE PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

- You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and remain free from work or activity that could impede the sanctification of such days.
- You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
- You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.
- You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
- You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.

## I. PARTS OF THE MASS

### Introductory Rites

- Gathering Song
- Greeting
- Penitential Rite (or blessing and sprinkling with holy water)
- Glory to God
- Opening Prayer

### Liturgy of the Word

- First Reading (usually from the Old Testament)
- Responsorial Psalm
- Second Reading (usually from one of the letters of the New Testament)
- Gospel Acclamation
- Gospel
- Homily (an explanation of the readings)
- Profession of Faith (Creed)
- General Intercessions (Prayers of the Faithful)

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

- Preparation and presentation of the gifts
- Prayer over gifts
- Preface
- Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
- Eucharistic Prayer (during this prayer the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus)
- The Great Amen

### Communion Rite

- The Lord's Prayer
- Sign of Peace
- Breaking of the Bread
- Lamb of God
- Reception of Communion
- Prayer after Communion

### Concluding Rite

- Blessing

- Dismissal

**J. THE SEVEN CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY**

- Feed the hungry.
- Give drink to the thirsty.
- Clothe the naked.
- Shelter the homeless.
- Visit the sick.
- Visit the imprisoned.
- Bury the dead

**K. THE SEVEN SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY**

- Counsel the doubtful.
- Instruct the ignorant.
- Admonish sinners.
- Comfort the afflicted.
- Forgive offenses.
- Bear wrongs patiently.
- Pray for the living and the dead.

**L. THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

- Charity
- Joy
- Peace
- Patience
- Kindness
- Goodness
- Generosity
- Gentleness
- Faithfulness
- Modesty
- Self-control
- Chastity

**M. THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

- Wisdom
- Understanding
- Counsel (Right Judgment)
- Fortitude (Courage)
- Knowledge
- Piety (Reverence)
- Fear of the Lord (Wonder and Awe in God's Presence)

**N. FOUR GOSPELS**

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

**O. THE GOLDEN RULE (CF. MT 7:12)**

Do unto others as you would have them do to you.

**P. HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

On these days, there is an obligation to attend Mass and to refrain from servile work as much as possible.

- Mary Mother of God - January 1
- Ascension of the Lord - 40 days after Easter or the following Sunday (celebrated on the 7th Sunday of Easter in the Archdiocese of Dubuque)
- The Assumption of Mary - August 15
- All Saints Day - November 1
- The Immaculate Conception of Mary - December 8
- Nativity of our Lord or Christmas - December 25

**Q. REGULATIONS FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

Fasting is refraining from food or drink to some degree. Abstinence is refraining from eating meat. In the United States, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence, and all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

The obligation to abstain from meat binds all Catholics 14 years of age and older. The obligation to fast, limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of a day, binds Catholics from the ages of 21 to 59.

**R. THE FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES**

- Prudence
- Justice
- Fortitude
- Temperance

**S. THE THREE THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES**

- Faith
- Hope
- Charity

**T. THE SEVEN CAPITAL SINS**

- Pride
- Covetousness
- Lust
- Anger
- Gluttony
- Envy
- Sloth

**U. THE FOUR LAST THINGS**

- Death
- Judgment
- Hell
- Heaven

