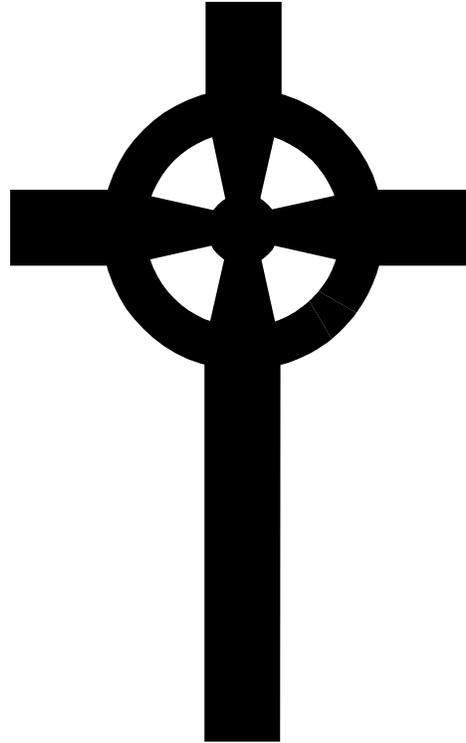


St. Lawrence Catholic Church and School



Discipleship Award Program 2018—2019

**Level: Eighth Grade
Part: B**

Due: Monday, Feb. 18, 2019

Dear Parents,

The purpose of the Discipleship Award Program is to help the young people of St. Lawrence learn, explore, and experience our Catholic faith in a way that leads them to a greater understanding of and a deep, lifelong commitment to our faith. It is important for our children to learn that we are not passive spectators in our relationship with God. Each and every day, we must engage ourselves in activities that draw us closer to God and to our final goal of eternity with him in Heaven. It is the goal of this program to give our children opportunities to do just this, engage in activities that draw them closer to God, and to recognize them for their efforts. The Discipleship Award Program is an optional program for those students and families who wish to use it.

There is an award booklet for each grade level, Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Each grade level booklet will contain age appropriate activities. It will be important however, especially with younger children, for parents to be actively involved in assisting children with completing the program requirements. In fact, some of the activities included are family activities. The Church teaches that “Parents are the principal and first educators of their children” (CCC 1653), and children will receive the most benefit from this program if families are actively involved in the learning process.

How the program works:

- Each year, students will have the opportunity to achieve the discipleship award three times (see due dates to turn in paperwork on the following pages). If a student earns all three awards in a given year, he/she will receive special recognition in the form of an additional award, called the Trinity Award. Students who achieve the Trinity Award for 3 or more consecutive years are invited to an annual dinner in their honor.
- The activities within the program are separated into four categories based on the Four Pillars of the Catholic Church: 1) What We Believe; 2) How We Worship; 3) How We Live; and 4) How We Pray. Some activities within each category will be required, and some of the activities will be listed as options within each category.
- The due dates and directions for each of the award periods are given on the following pages.
- Homeschoolers: When instructions are given to share something with a class, the student can share the project at a homeschooling or similar type gathering.

We look forward to partnering with you in encouraging our students to grow in knowledge and faith. Please feel free to contact the Campus Ministry office if you have any questions (879-5090, or mroman@stlawrence.org).

In Christ,

Fr. Dan Kayajan
Pastor

Mrs. Maria Roman
Campus Minister

Mrs. Patricia Freund
Principal

Mrs. Sarah Williford
Dir. Of Faith Formation

2018-2019 Eighth Discipleship Award Part B—Due Monday, February 18th

The requirements for this award are listed below. This form and any required attachments must be turned in to the Campus Ministry office by **Monday, February 18th**. (Form can be turned in to the school or Faith Formation office, or mailed to the Campus Ministry Office 5223 N. Himes Ave. Tampa, FL 33614.)

Section One: What We Believe

REQUIRED ACTIVITY

We believe that the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Blessed Trinity, continuously guides the Church. The gifts of the Holy Spirit help us to live as faithful followers of Jesus. Research the gifts of the Holy Spirit. You can use your religion book, the Catechism of the Catholic Church (Par. 1831), and this site: <http://www.loyolapress.com/gifts-of-the-holy-spirit.htm>. Create a book for a younger child that explains both the Holy Spirit's role in our lives and each of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Attach the book to this form.

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES

_____ Option #1: The Fruits of the Holy Spirit are present in us, and can be seen by others, when we respond to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and allow these gifts to guide our lives. Make a creative felt banner that displays the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Your banner should be approximately 18 inches wide and at least 24 inches long. Your banner should have "The Fruits of the Holy Spirit" written at the top. You should use the list of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1832 or at this site: <http://www.loyolapress.com/fruits-of-the-holy-spirit.htm>. Turn in your banner when you turn in this form.

_____ Option #2: We believe that the saints are examples of holiness for us. Research one of the following saints: St. Ambrose, St. Columba, or St. Alfonso Maria Fusco. You may use your religion book, saint books, and the internet to help you with your research. (Two useful saint websites are: <http://saints.sqpn.com/alphabetical-list/> and <http://www.catholic.org/saints/>) Create a PowerPoint presentation or video that teaches about the saint you researched. Make sure to include a picture of the saint, a short biography, interesting facts, feast day, patronage, and any other interesting information you learn. You may also include music. You should also include a slide with your name listed as the presentation creator and a slide citing any sources you used including the music. You can turn in your presentation by either burning it onto a CD or emailing it to Mrs. Roman: mroman@stlawrence.org.

Section Two: How We Worship

REQUIRED ACTIVITY

As Catholics, we believe that "the Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life" (CCC 2177). It is important that we gather as a Church family each Sunday and on Holy Days to worship. When you attend Mass on Sunday or a Holy Day, USE THE "I attended Mass today" STAMP AT ONE OF THE CHURCH EXITS TO STAMP THE APPROPRIATE DATE on at least 14 of the following weekends/Holy Days. Don't forget to say hello to the priest or deacon after Mass. (If you attend Mass at another church you can have the priest or deacon sign or attach a copy of the church's bulletin.)

Nov. 10/11 _____ Nov. 17/18 _____ Nov. 24/25 _____

Dec. 1/2 _____ Dec. 8 _____ Dec. 8/9 _____
(Immaculate Conception)

Dec. 15/16 _____ Dec 22/23 _____ Dec. 25 _____
(Christmas)

Dec. 29/30 _____ Jan. 1 _____ Jan. 5/6 _____
(Solemnity of Mary)

Jan. 12/13 _____ Jan 19/20 _____ Jan. 26/27 _____

Feb. 2/3 _____ Feb 9/10 _____ Feb 16/17 _____

Section Two Continued

CHOOSE TWO OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

_____ Option #1: Serve as a greeter at a Sunday Mass. You should arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass to greet people and open the church doors for them as they arrive for Mass. Write the date you served _____ and use the “*I completed this activity*” stamp at the back of the church to stamp here:

_____ Option #2: With your family, attend one of the Thanksgiving Day Masses: Wednesday, Nov. 21 at 7:00 PM; Thursday, Nov. 22 at 6:30 AM or 8:30 AM. Use the “*I attended Mass today*” stamp to stamp here:

_____ Option #3: If you are a trained altar server, cantor, musician, or reader, serve for at least two Sunday Masses. If you are not already scheduled, contact the person who schedules your ministry. Write the dates you served here. _____

_____ Option #4: With your family, attend the Christmas Wafer (Oplatek) Service on Sunday, Dec. 16 after the 12:30 Mass. Have the priest or deacon sign here. _____

_____ Option #5: Participate in the Nativity Play at the 4:00 Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve. Detailed information will be sent out the first week of December. Have Mrs. Williford sign here. _____

Section Three: How We Live

We believe that following God’s laws leads us to peace, love, and joy. God’s laws help us to show our love for God, others, and ourselves.

CHOOSE TWO OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES

_____ Option #1: The First Commandment, “I am the Lord, your God: you shall not have strange gods before me”, calls for us to believe in God and to put him first in our lives. Our society often sends the message that there are many things more important than God. Think about some of the things that are “idols” in the world today. These are things people treat as more important than God. Find images of these things and make a collage of these images on a sheet of construction paper. On the back of the collage, write a short prayer asking God to help us to always put him first. Turn in your collage/prayer when you turn in this form.

_____ Option #2: The Second Commandment, “You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain”, calls for us to always show deep respect and reverence for God’s name. We should never use the name of God in disrespectful or unnecessary ways, such as “OMG”. Make a creative “campaign” poster that calls on teens to always show respect for God’s holy name and to not use it unnecessarily. Use words, symbols and pictures that will capture the attention of people your age. Turn in your poster when you turn in this form.

_____ Option #3: Serve as a mentor for a younger student. Choose a student who is in kindergarten through 4th grade (can be a sibling) and teach the student that we are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ using the “Mentor Moment” instructions and handout found at this site: <https://religion.sadlierconnect.com/wlof>. Click on the icon for “We Live Our Faith Grade 8”. Choose “Unit 3” from the menu on the left side of the page. Page down and use the Chapter 13 “Mentor Moments” directions and handout. Attach the handout your student completed to this form. Also, on a separate sheet of paper, write a paragraph or two describing your “Mentor Moment” and attach the description to this form.

_____ Option #4: With your family, volunteer at the Thanksgiving Dinner for the needy on Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd in Higgins Hall. Hours for volunteers are 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM. There is a limited number of spaces for volunteers, so you must sign up early if you are interested. Contact Deacon Cris at deaconcris@stlawrence.org to volunteer. Have Deacon Cris sign here:

Section Four: How We Pray

_____ CHOOSE THREE OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

_____ Option #1: Lead your family in praying the Home Blessing of the Christmas Tree (The blessing can be found on the USCCB website: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/sacramentals-blessings/objects/blessing-of-a-christmas-tree.cfm>). After you have prayed the blessing, have your parent sign here. _____

_____ Option #2: Lead your family in praying the Home Blessing of the Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene. (The blessing can be found on the USCCB website: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/sacramentals-blessings/objects/blessing-of-a-christmas-manger-or-nativity-scene.cfm>.) After you have prayed the blessing, have your parent sign here. _____

_____ Option #3: On January 6th, lead your family in praying the Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany. (The blessing can be found on the USCCB website: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/sacramentals-blessings/objects/blessing-of-the-home-and-household-on-epiphany.cfm>). After you have prayed the blessing, have your parent sign here. _____

_____ Option #4: Invite one of the priests or deacons to your house to pray one of the above blessings with your family. Have the priest or deacon sign here. _____

_____ Option #5: On February 2, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. On January 24, read Luke 2:22-40 with your family and begin the Novena for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Print the Novena prayer from the parish website; there will be a link on the homepage. Pray the prayer together for nine days. Choose a different family member to lead the prayer each day. On the back of the Novena prayer sheet, make a list of which family member led the prayer each day. Attach the list to this form.

_____ Option #6: With your family, attend Mass on Sunday, February 3 and have your throat blessed after Mass in honor of the Feast of St. Blaise. Use the "*I completed this activity*" stamp at the back of the church to stamp here:

_____ Option #7: Make a special visit to the Christ Child Chapel for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. For hours and information, see the parish website : <http://stlawrence.org>. Write the date you went for Adoration here. _____

_____ Option #8: Attend two Edge Nights/Edge Events between November 6 and February 12. Write the dates you attended _____ and have Sarah sign here: _____. (For a schedule of Edge Nights and Edge Events, see the bulletin or visit the Youth Ministry webpage: <http://ym.stlawrence.org>)

Award Completion and Submission Form

When you have completed all the requirements for Part B of the Discipleship Award, complete this form and submit it with the Award form and any other required attachments. **All forms and attachments are due by Monday, February 18th.**

Name _____

Grade _____

Check One: _____ St. Lawrence School
 _____ St. Lawrence Sunday Faith Formation Classes (YFF)
 _____ Homeschooled
 _____ Other _____

In case we have any questions, please complete the following:

Parent's Name _____

Parent's Email _____

Phone Number _____