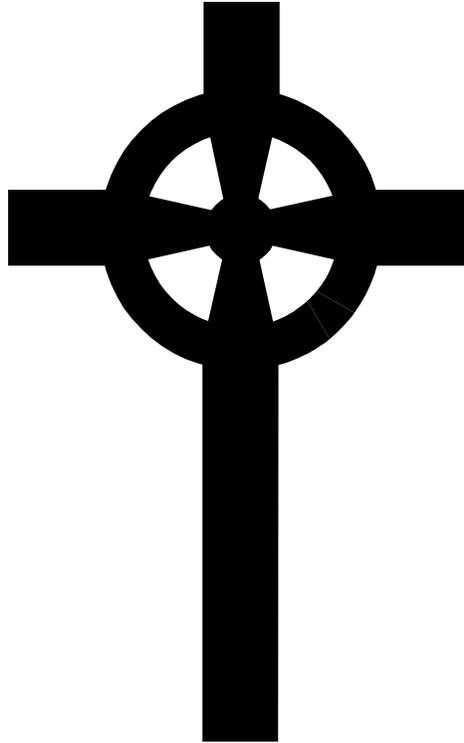


St. Lawrence Catholic Church and School



Discipleship Award Program 2018—2019

**Level: Fifth 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 Fifth Grade 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, strengthens us and guides us on our path towards God. The gifts of the Holy Spirit help us to live as faithful followers of Jesus. Make a poster, using both text and pictures, that can teach others about the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Turn in your poster when you turn in this form. You can use your religion book or this website: <http://www.loyolapress.com/gifts-of-the-holy-spirit.htm> for help.

____ *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. Learn the twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit listed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1832 . Recite the list for your teacher, Mrs. Roman, or Mrs. Williford. Have your teacher, Mrs. Roman, or Mrs. Williford sign here. _____ (see <http://www.loyolapress.com/fruits-of-the-holy-spirit.htm>)

____ Option #2: We believe that the saints are examples of holiness for us. With your parent’s permission, go to the following site: <https://religion.sadlierconnect.com/wbcid>. Click on the “Lives of the Saints” icon. Read about one of the following saints: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha (July) or St. Dominic Savio (March). After reading about the saint, click on and print out the “Intermediate Activity”. Complete the Activity and attach it to this form.

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: With your family, serve as greeters 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: With your family, bring your Advent Wreath to Mass for the Advent Wreath Blessing on the weekend of Dec. 1/2. Use the “*I completed this activity*” stamp at the back of the church to stamp here:

Optional: Take a picture of your family with the priest or deacon and your Advent Wreath and attach it to this form.

_____ 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 when we serve others we give witness to Christ.

_____ ***CHOOSE TWO OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES***

_____ Option #1: Using the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy as your guide, create a service project to complete. Once you have completed this project, describe it on a separate sheet of paper. Be sure to list the Work(s) of Mercy that you performed. Attach the description of your project to this form. Optional: Attach a picture of you completing your service project.

_____ Option #2: With your family, visit a friend or relative who is sick or homebound. Write a prayer for the person and pray it with him/her during your visit. Attach a copy of your prayer to this form, and write the name of the person you visited here. _____

_____ Option #3: Ask your parents or grandparents if you can do some chores to earn money to buy food for our monthly food drive. With your own money, shop for some food for the poor. Donate what you bought to the Matthew 25 Food Drive on one of the following weekends: Nov. 17/18, Dec. 15/16, or Jan. 12/13.

_____ Option #4: As a family, select one or more ornaments from the Giving Tree (in the church in beginning in November) to donate. Write the name of the item(s) and the date you placed it under the Giving Tree. [Parents, please allow your child to participate in the selection of the gift(s).]

Section Four: How We Pray

CHOOSE THREE OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

_____ Option #1: As a family, pray together 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: As a family, pray together 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-native-scene.cfm>.) After you have prayed the blessing, have your parent sign here. _____

_____ Option #3: On January 6th, as a family, pray together 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: With your family, 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: With your family, participate in the parish Traveling Chalice Program to pray for vocations. Contact Mrs. Boston (875-4040) to schedule your family's week with the chalice. Once you have the chalice, follow the instructions provided and pray each day of the week, as a family, for vocations. Take a picture of your family with the chalice and attach the picture to this form.

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 _____