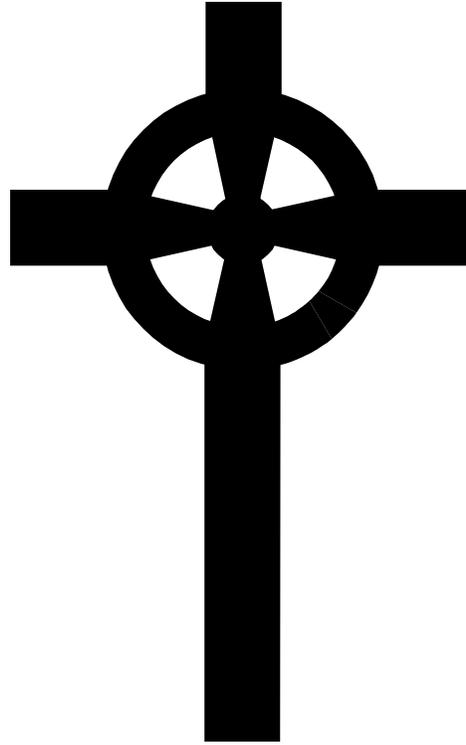


# **St. Lawrence Catholic Church and School**



## **Discipleship Award Program 2018—2019**

**Level: Fourth 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](mailto: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 Fourth 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 Church is the community of people who are baptized and follow Jesus Christ. We share our faith with people all over the world. On a separate sheet of paper, make a collage of images from magazines, newspapers, and websites that represent the universal Church. Attach your collage to this form.

**CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES**

Option #1: Do some research to learn more about our parish, pastor, bishop, diocese, and pope. Through interviews or by researching online, find at least 3 things about each of these that you did not know. On a separate sheet of paper, list the names of our parish, pastor, bishop, diocese, and pope. Next to the name of each, list the three new things you learned. Attach your list to this form. You can use the following websites if you choose to research online: <http://www.stlawrence.org>; <http://dosp.org/>; <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en.html>.

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: St. Josephine Bakhita (February) or St. Vincent de Paul (September). 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 _____ (Immaculate Conception)	Dec. 8/9 _____
Dec. 15/16 _____	Dec 22/23 _____	Dec. 25 _____ (Christmas)
Dec. 29/30 _____	Jan. 1 _____ (Solemnity of Mary)	Jan. 5/6 _____
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:  
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\_\_\_\_\_ 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:  
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\_\_\_\_\_ 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:  
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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 we have responsibilities as members of the Church. The pope and bishops have established the Precepts of the Church to help us know and fulfill our responsibilities as members of the Church.

### CHOOSE TWO OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES

\_\_\_\_\_ Option #1: Learn the Precepts of the Church and recite them for your teacher, Mrs. Roman, or Mrs. Williford. Have your teacher, Mrs. Roman, or Mrs. Williford sign here. \_\_\_\_\_  
For a list of the Precepts of the Church, use your religion book; the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Par. 2042; or this website: <http://www.loyolapress.com/precepts-of-the-church.htm>.

\_\_\_\_\_ Option #2: The fifth precept of the Church is: You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church. On a separate sheet of paper, write a paragraph describing how you, as a fourth grader, can help provide for the needs of the Church. Attach your paragraph to this form.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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).]  
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## 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-nativity-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.  
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\_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_