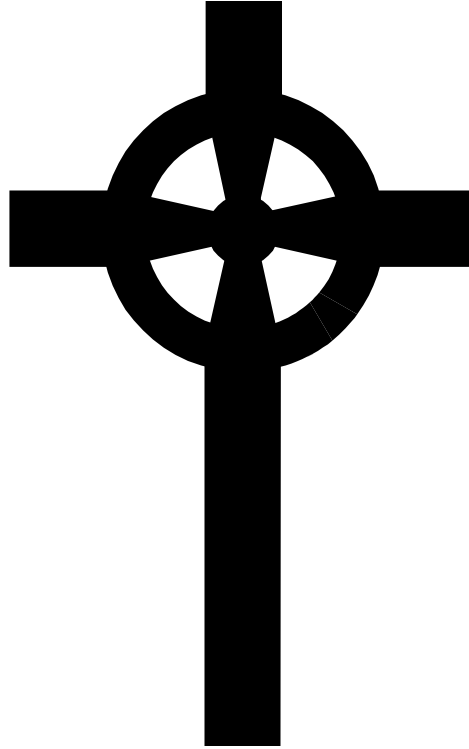


St. Lawrence Catholic Church and School



Discipleship Award Program 2018—2019

**Level: Fourth Grade
Part: C**

Due: Monday, April 29, 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. As the discipleship program continues to grow and develop, other recognition will be given when students earn the Trinity Award multiple times.
- 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 (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 C—Due Monday, April 29, 2019

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, April 29th**. (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 in one true God, the Father Almighty, creator of Heaven and Earth. Read the following from the Bible: Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Exodus 20:2-3; Mark 12:28-30. On a separate sheet of paper, write a paragraph, poem, song, or draw a picture describing/illustrating how we can show that God is first in our lives. Attach it to this form.

_____ **CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES**

_____ Option #1: In our world today, people sometimes treat other things, or even other people, as if they are more important than God. On a separate sheet of paper, list at least 5 things that you believe people sometimes treat as more important than God. Then write a sentence or two describing what you might say to these people to help them understand that nothing should come before God in our lives.

_____ Option #2: We believe that the saints are examples of holiness for us. With your parent's permission, go online to the following site: <https://religion.sadlierconnect.com/wbcid>. Click on the icon for "Lives of the Saints". Read about one of the following saints: Saints Isidore and Maria (May) or St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (November). 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 Saturday/Sunday, USE THE "I attended Mass today" STAMP AT ONE OF THE CHURCH EXITS TO STAMP THE APPROPRIATE DATE on at least 8 of the following weekends. **Don't forget to say hello to the priest or deacon after Mass.**

Feb. 16/17 _____ Feb. 23/ 24 _____ Mar. 2/3 _____

Mar. 9/10 _____ Mar. 16/17 _____ Mar. 23/24 _____

Mar. 30/31 _____ Apr. 6/7 _____ Apr. 13/14 _____

Apr. 20/21 _____ Apr. 27/28 _____

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, participate in either the Solemn Entrance (4:00 PM Saturday; or 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 12:30PM, 5:00 PM, or 7:00 PM Masses) or the Solemn Procession (11:00 Mass) on Palm Sunday, April 13/14. See the bulletin or parish website for more details. Use the “*I completed this activity*” stamp at the back of the church to stamp here:

_____ Option #3: With your family, attend the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday (April 18; 7:00 PM). Use the “*I attended Mass today*” stamp at the back of the church to stamp here:

_____ Option #4: With your family, attend the Sunrise Mass on Easter morning (April 21; 6:00 AM). Use the “*I attended Mass today*” stamp at the back of the church to stamp here:

_____ Option #5: With your family, attend the Divine Mercy Mass and Holy Hour on April 28th (12:30 Mass; Holy Hour to follow). Use the “*I completed this activity*” stamp at the back of the church to stamp here:

Section Three: How We Live

Jesus told us that we are the “light of the world” and that we must our light shine for others so they can see the good we do and give glory to God (Matthew 5:14-16).

CHOOSE TWO OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES

_____ Option #1: Make an Easter Card for one of our homebound parishioners. This activity should be completed by Friday, April 12. Turn in the card to the Campus Ministry or Faith Formation office.

_____ Option #2: 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 Outreach Ministry food drive bins in the church.

_____ Option #3: To appreciate God calls each of us to a vocation, say the prayer to know one’s vocation (<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayer-to-know-ones-vocation.cfm>). Make a card for at least one of our priests or deacons here at St. Lawrence that includes a prayer thanking God for this person’s vocation. Attach it to this packet.

_____ Option #4: During the season of Lent, we focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to help us grow closer to Jesus. With your family, create a Family Lenten Plan. On a separate sheet of paper, create a chart with 3 columns. Label the columns: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. In each of the columns list the ways your family will focus on each of these during Lent. Attach a copy of your Family Lenten Plan to this sheet.

Section Four: How We Pray

We pray in many special ways, especially during Lent.

CHOOSE THREE OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

_____ Option #1: With your family, attend the Stations of the Cross **at least one Friday EVENING** during Lent. See the bulletin or website for information. Write the date you attended and have the priest or deacon sign here. _____

_____ Option #2: With your family, attend the Live Stations of the Cross (April 12; 7:30 PM). See the bulletin or website for more details. Use the “*I completed this activity*” stamp at the back of the church to stamp here:

_____ Option #3: With your family, attend the Tenebrae Service during Holy Week (April 17th; 8:30 PM). See the bulletin or website for more details. Use the “*I completed this activity*” stamp at the back of the church to stamp here:

_____ Option #4: With your family, attend the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday (April 19th; 11:30). See the bulletin or website for more details. Use the “*I completed this activity*” stamp at the back of the church to stamp here:

_____ Option #5: With your family, attend the Veneration of the Cross service on Good Friday (April 19th; 3:00 or 7:00 PM in English; 5:30 PM in Spanish). See the bulletin or website for more details. Use the “*I completed this activity*” stamp at the back of the church to stamp here:

_____ Option #6: With your family, attend the Blessing of the Easter Food and Baskets on Holy Saturday. (April 20th; 11:30 AM.) See the bulletin or website for more details. Use the “*I completed this activity*” stamp at the back of the church to stamp here:

_____ Option #7: With your parent’s help, watch the following online video: *The Suitcase*. (<https://formed.org/watch/5a60fc9d1741c7100086b47a>). Your parents will need to set up a free subscription to FORMED.org available through St. Lawrence at: <http://www.stlawrence.org/formed.html>. Write the date you watched the video here: _____.

_____ Option #8: With your parent’s help, watch one of the videos in the *Extraordinary Stories about Solanus Casey for Children* series found at this link: (<https://formed.org/study/5a7235c3433d50100031e7b2>). Your parents will need to set up a free subscription to FORMED.org available through St. Lawrence at: <http://www.stlawrence.org/formed.html>. Write the name of the video you watched here:
_____.

_____ Option #9: With your family, pray the Stations of the Cross using this link: <https://media.loyolapress.com/assets/lent/stations-eng/stations-eng.html>. Read each Station slowly and out loud. Take some time to think about each Station before moving on to the next one. Write the date you completed this activity here: _____

_____ Option #10: 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. _____

Award Completion and Submission Form

When you have completed all the requirements for Part C 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, April 29th.**

Name _____

Grade _____

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

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

Parent's Name _____

Parent's Email _____

Phone Number _____