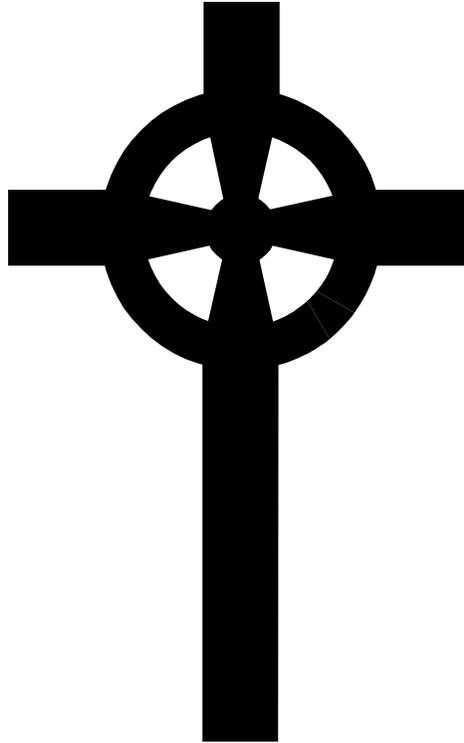


St. Lawrence Catholic Church and School



Discipleship Award Program 2018—2019

**Level: Second 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 Second 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 Bible is God’s Word. The Bible is also called Sacred Scripture. St. Jerome, one of the great Fathers of the Church, wrote that “Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.” This means we must read the Bible to get to know Jesus better. With your family, choose one of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John) and read a verse or two together at least two times per week. Discuss what you read. On a separate sheet of paper, make a list of the days you read together and the verses you chose. Attach this sheet to this form.

_____ **CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES**

_____ Option #1: With your parents, go online to the following site: <http://www.ewtn.com/ewtnkids/home.asp>. Click on the school, then click on “Room 103”. Inside the classroom, click on the Bible as many times as you want to. Choose one of the quotes from Scripture and write it on a separate sheet of paper. Decorate the page with a border or anything else you like. Attach this sheet to this form.

_____ Option #2: We believe that the saints are examples of holiness for us. With your parent’s help, go to the following site: <https://religion.sadlierconnect.com/wbcid>. Click on the “Lives of the Saints” icon. Choose one of the following saints: St. Brigid (February) or St. Pius X (August). Click on and print out the “Primary 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: Take up the gifts at a Sunday Mass with your family. Parents should call Mrs. Boston (875-4040) to schedule this. Write the date you took up the gifts 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 we are called by God to love and serve him. One of the ways we serve God is to share his love with others.

CHOOSE TWO OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES

_____ Option #1: Teaching others about God’s love is a great way to share God’s love. Pretend you are a teacher and plan a short lesson for your family to teach them how much God loves them. Ask your parents to help you gather the supplies you need, and to help you schedule a time to teach your lesson. On a separate sheet of paper, explain your lesson and describe how you think your family felt learning from you. Attach the sheet to this form. You may also want to take a picture of your “class” and attach it.

_____ 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 Food Drive on one of the following weekends: Nov. 17/18, Dec. 15/16, or Jan. 12/13.

_____ Option #3: 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).]

_____ Option #4: Make a Thanksgiving or Christmas Card for one of our homebound or needy parishioners. Thanksgiving cards should be turned in by NOVEMBER 12th, and Christmas Cards should be turned in by DECEMBER 10th. Cards can be turned in to the School or Faith Formation office.

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. _____

_____ 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, 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 _____