

WHAT IS MY CHILD LEARNING IN MARELLO & THE K5S?

ST. JOSEPH MARELLO CATHOLIC CHURCH – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GRADE LEVEL FOCUS

Each grade level has a specific focus:

Kindergarten: Each lesson is based on the *Sunday Gospel*. *Prayers learned: Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary*

Grade 1: Our Heavenly Father: The students are introduced to the Holy Trinity through studying the development of salvation history and presentations on God the Father, the life of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Students are also introduced to God's plan and their participation in God's family, which includes Mary, the angels, and the saints. The emphasis of the first grade curriculum is for students to grow to know, love, and trust God. **First grade is part one of Sacramental Preparation.** *Prayers learned: PLUS+ Glory Be, Prayer to My Guardian Angel*

Grade 2: Jesus Our Life: The students are prepared for the sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion through studying the development of salvation history. As students learn about God's plan of love and mercy, they begin to understand that these sacraments are God's gift to us and that they too are part of God's loving plan. Special emphasis is given to preparation for and reception of these sacraments, as well as learning about the Mass. *Prayers learned: PLUS+ Prayer Before Meals, Act of Contrition*

Grade 3: Our Life With Jesus: Through studying the development of salvation history, students become immersed in the life of Jesus and develop a deeper understanding of God's loving plan and of how they are a part of his plan. Special emphasis is on the Ten Commandments. *Prayers learned: PLUS+ 7 Sacraments, Ten Commandments*

Grade 4: Jesus Our Guide: Through studying the development of salvation history, students come to a better understanding of God, his plan for man, and our relationship with God. Students develop a better understanding of their purpose and goal in life and a deeper appreciation for the Church as the very means that God has given us on our pilgrimage to heaven. *Prayers learned: PLUS+ Apostles Creed, Prayer to St. Michael*

Grade 5: Credo: I Believe: Through studying the Creed and the development of salvation history, students are immersed in the Profession of Faith. They develop a deeper understanding of each component of the Creed as it is part of salvation history. This prepares them for the Sacrament of Confirmation. *Prayers learned: PLUS+ Mysteries of the Rosary, How to Pray the Rosary*

Special Topics

The Circle of Grace – Our Commitment to Protecting Children

This program is delivered to all age groups and serves the dual purpose of educating and informing youth about the value of positive relationships with God and others. Through the *Circle of Grace* program, children **are taught to identify and maintain appropriate physical, emotional and spiritual boundaries**; recognize when violations are about to occur; and

demonstrate how to take action when boundaries are threatened or violated. The program is taught with lessons unique to each grade level. The program places value on creating respectful, nurturing and loving relationships. [The curriculum provides youth and adults a framework and language to address safety concerns.](#)

Vocations – To Make God Known, Loved and Served

In addition to the regular weekly online lessons from Faith & Life, all catechists will be teaching supplemental lessons on vocations. This curriculum is used in all grade levels (K-5) to kick-off [National Vocations Awareness Week, November 5-11, 2017](#). The intent is to assist catechists in their efforts to help students come to a deeper appreciation of the Church's vision of vocation. It is the hope that through engaging this curriculum the students themselves will begin to consider God's call in their own life.

Additional Supplemental Lessons and Acts of Mercy

There are supplemental lessons about the Saints, the Liturgical Year, and Christmas and Lenten projects that benefit St. Vincent DePaul in Roseville.