

# **St. John the Baptist – Office of Religious Education**

## **Anchor Skills PK – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

### Preschool

- State that God is the creator of the world.
- State that Jesus helps us to know God's love.
- Identify the Bible as a special book that we treat respectfully.
- Name the members of the Holy Family.
- Demonstrate honesty, sharing, and respect for others.
- Demonstrate the following liturgical gestures: the sign of the cross, kneeling, bowing and the sign of peace.

### Kindergarten

- Make the sign of the cross.
- Identify the Bible as a special book that we treat respectfully.
- Retell the story of Jesus' birth.
- Name the members of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

- State that God is the creator of the world.
- Give the meaning of and properly use these liturgical words: amen & alleluia.
- State the two great commandments that Jesus taught: love of God and love of others.
- Define prayer as talking and listening to God.
- State that we are created to love, by love and for love.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

- Describe Jesus as sent by God so that we may know God's love for us.
- Identify Mary as the Mother of Jesus.
- Recite the Our Father Hail Mary, and the Glory Be.
- Identify the Church as God's family.
- Identify Baptism as the sacrament through which we become children of God and members of the Church.
- Recite an Act of Contrition.
- Define the Eucharist as a sacred meal.
- Define the Eucharist as a celebration.
- Define liturgy as the official prayer of the community.
- Identify Jesus Christ as the model of what it means to be a human person as a gift.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

- Describe creation as all that God has made, both visible and invisible.
- Identify God's love for creation as a major theme in the Old Testament.

- Acknowledge God's creation as an expression of divine love reflecting God's wisdom and goodness.
- Display reverence for the Bible and explain why Christians revere the Bible.
- Identify praise, thanksgiving, petition and contrition as forms of prayer.
- State that life is a gift and each person is created as gift.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Describe creation as having intrinsic goodness and perfection.
- Recite the Apostles Creed.
- Define Sacrament as a visible sign of God's grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church.
- Define the liturgical year.
- Identify the basic elements of the liturgical year: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter Triduum, Easter, Pentecost, and Ordinary Time.
- Memorize and recite the Ten Commandments.
- Define sin as refusal to love God, self and others.
- Define conscience.
- Explain why human beings are persons to be loved, and not to be treated as objects.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Recite the Nicene Creed
- Give Biblical examples of how Jesus is truly divine and truly human
- Define the seven sacraments
- Define the Cardinal virtues
- Explain the five forms of prayer
- Explain the role of Church leaders and their authority
- Explain a variety of vocations as saying yes to God's call.
- Answer the question 'Who Am I?' in relation to teachings in Theology of the Body

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Describe Mary as the 'Mother of God'
- Identify those who made covenants with God in the Old Testament
- Define the importance of the Eucharistic Liturgy
- Define the Theological Virtues
- Create a personal prayer including praise, petition, thanksgiving and adoration
- Identify how the Holy Spirit works in the lives of God's people
- Explain the 7 Catholic Social Teachings
- Explain what it means to be 'Made in the Image and Likeness of God'

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### Anchor Skills 7<sup>th</sup> Grade +

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Describe the Holy Trinity as the central mystery of the Christian faith
- Explain, using Biblical context, how Jesus is a priest, prophet and king
- Give examples of how each of the 7 sacraments is a visible sign of God's grace
- Identify the five precepts of the Church
- List the seven petitions of the Our Father
- Identify the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Explain the role of Scripture and Tradition
- Explain the result of original sin

#### 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Connect the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation
- Explain the difference between mortal and venial sins
- Lead various types of vocal prayer, including Lectio Divina
- Explain how the church is 'universal'
- Describe the importance of spousal love
- Know the Revelation of Jesus Christ in Scripture (Old Testament/Hebrew Scriptures)
- Know who is Jesus Christ? The Mission of Jesus Christ (Christology/New Testament)
- Know & understand Jesus Christ's Mission Continues in the Church (Ecclesiology) & History of the Catholic Church
- Know the Sacraments as Privileged Encounters with Jesus Christ (Sacraments and Liturgy)
- Know the Life in Jesus Christ (Catholic Morality)
- Know that Living as a Disciple of Jesus Christ in Society (Catholic Social Teaching)
- Know how to the Call of Jesus Christ (Catholic Lifestyles / Vocations)
- Know Interreligious and Ecumenical Issues (Religions of the World)