

RELIGIOUS FORMATION 2026-2027

GRADE FOUR: We listen to Jesus

Welcome to the new parish faith formation program for young people.

WELCOME TO GRADE FOUR

Fourth grade is a year for children to discover more about how Jesus calls us to live. Jesus didn't simply ask His disciples to believe in Him. He taught them how to treat others, how to make good choices, how to forgive, how to love, and how to put God at the center of their lives. This year, we'll listen more closely to those teachings and begin asking: **What does Jesus want me to do?**

LISTENING TO JESUS

Throughout the year, we will hear some of Jesus' most important teachings proclaimed at Mass. We'll hear Him challenge us to forgive, love God and our neighbor, and care for people in need. We'll also explore the Ten Commandments—not simply as a list of rules, but as God's guidance for living with love, freedom, and responsibility.

PUTTING HIS WORDS INTO PRACTICE

Listening to Jesus means more than knowing what He said. His teachings are meant to shape the choices we make every day: how we treat our families and friends, how we respond when someone hurts us, what we do when we see someone in need, and how we make room for God in our lives. As children grow older and begin making more choices for themselves, we want them to learn to ask: What would Jesus want me to do?

YOUR ROLE AT HOME

Parents remain the most important teachers of faith in a child's life. Fourth graders are old enough to begin having meaningful conversations about choices, consequences, forgiveness, fairness, and responsibility. When those moments arise, help your child connect the choices they make with the teachings of Jesus. Talk about what you hear together at Mass. Ask questions. And when your child faces a difficult choice, encourage one simple question: **What would Jesus want me to do?**



GRADE FOUR FORMATION GUIDE

August 29/30 & September 5/6

Please be sure to pick up your family's Formation Kit in the church hall after any Mass. The kit includes your XP tokens, *Faith at Home Guide*, and *Faith in Action Guide* for the upcoming formation year. Staff will be available to answer questions and help you get started.

September 13 | 10:30 a.m. Mass

How often must I forgive? Jesus teaches us to forgive without keeping score.

October 18 | 10:30 a.m. Mass

Give to God what belongs to God: Putting God first. **Faith Boost** immediately following Mass in the upstairs loft (10 – 15 minutes)

October 25 | 10:30 a.m. Mass

The Greatest Commandment: Loving God and our neighbor. **Faith Boost** immediately following Mass in the upstairs loft (10 – 15 minutes)

November 22 | Noon Mass

I was hungry and you gave me food: Seeing and serving Jesus in others. **Faith Boost** immediately following Mass in the upstairs loft (10 – 15 minutes)

February 21 | 10:30 a.m. Mass

The Transfiguration: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him."

April 10 | 3:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

He opened their minds to understand Scripture: Learning to listen to God's Word. Students will prepare to serve at the 5:00 p.m. **Ministry Mass**.

