

CATHOLIC SCHOOL STANDARDS*
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| STANDARD 1: CREED: What we believe... | | |
| 3.1.1 | OT, CH | Students will explain that God takes care of us and is always faithful to us. <i>Holy Trinity, Covenants, Genesis 17:7-8, Genesis 28:13, Exodus 3:12, Leviticus 26:12, Jeremiah 7:23, CCC 2782</i> |
| 3.1.2 | OT, NT, CH | Students will explain how the Bible is organized by Books, Chapters, and Verses. <i>The Bible, Table of Contents, St. Jerome, Latin, Greek, CCC 120-125</i> |
| 3.1.3 | NT, CH | Students will demonstrate how we meet Jesus in the Word of God. <i>The Bible, Proclaiming God's word in liturgies, New Testament, Infancy Narratives of Luke and Matthew, Prologue of John's Gospel, CCC 125-127</i> |
| 3.1.4 | OT, NT, CH | Students will provide examples of how God loves us as a parent. <i>Holy Trinity, 10 Commandments, Nicene Creed, Genesis 1 and 2, Infancy Narratives of Luke and Matthew, CCC 2782-2785</i> |
| 3.1.5 | NT, CH | Students explain how Jesus came to bring us God's Word <i>Infancy Narratives of Luke and Matthew, Prologue of John, Nicene Creed, Holy Trinity, CCC 101, 2763</i> |
| 3.1.6 | OT, NT, CH | Students will define the Holy Trinity <i>Three Persons in one God, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, Nicene Creed, 10 Commandments, Sign of the Cross, CCC 232, 234</i> |
| 3.1.7 | NT, CH | Students will recognize that Jesus is a Person who lived, died and rose historically; and He is alive and with us now. <i>Infancy Narratives of Luke and Matthew, John's Prologue, Nicene Creed, Pontius Pilate, The Ascension, Mt. 28:16-20, John 21:24-25, CCC 464-469</i> |
| 3.1.8 | NT, CH | Students will describe the Holy Spirit as a gift from God flowing from the love of God the Father and God the Son. <i>Nicene Creed, Holy Trinity, Infancy Narratives of Luke and Matthew, Luke 3:16, John 14:26, Mt. 28:19, Mark 1:8, CCC 684, 685, 687, 689, 703, 732</i> |
| 3.1.9 | NT, CH | Students will explain that the twelve apostles were chosen by Jesus to be His followers, and to help Him begin His Church here on earth. <i>Matthew 10:2, Mark 3:14, Mark 6:30, Luke 6:13, Acts 2:42, Matthew 16:18, CCC 857-860</i> |
| 3.1.10 | NT, CH | Students will explain that through the parables, Jesus teaches us how to love ourselves and one another. <i>Select parables from the Gospels, Good Samaritan, Prodigal Son, CCC 546, 2607, 2613</i> |
| 3.1.11 | OT, NT, CH | Students will describe how the season of Advent prepares us for Christmas and for the second coming of Christ. <i>Liturgical calendar, Color Violet/Purple, Nicene Creed, Infancy Narratives of Luke and Matthew, CCC 524</i> |
| 3.1.12 | OT, NT, CH | Students will explain how Christians celebrate Jesus' rising from the dead on Easter Sunday. <i>The Nicene Creed, Matthew 28:1-10, John 20:1-10, CCC 638-640, 2174-2176</i> |
| 3.1.13 | NT, CH | Students will explain the Marks of the Church. <i>The Church is One, Holy, Catholic Apostolic, Nicene Creed, CCC 811, 866-870</i> |

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| 3.1.14 | NT, CH | Students will explain that the Church community includes the Pope, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Religious, and Laity |
| | | <i>Church Hierarchy, Vocation, Diocese, Vatican, Sacrament of Holy Orders, Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, CCC 771, 827, 836-837, 857</i> |
| 3.1.15 | NT, CH | Students will explain the Communion of Saints. |
| | | <i>Nicene Creed, any person in heaven is a saint, Canonization, popular saints, patron saints of Archdiocese - Francis Xavier, Theodora Guerin, CCC 946-948</i> |
| 3.1.16 | NT, CH | Students will explain how Jesus was sent by the Father to share God's Word and demonstrate how we are sent by Jesus to do the same. |
| | | <i>Nicene Creed, Infancy Narratives of Luke and Matthew, John's Prologue, The Great Commission, Mt. 28:16-20, Acts 10:42, Eph. 3:1-13, Missionaries, being sent after Mass, CCC 849-856, 858</i> |
| 3.1.17 | NT, OT | Students will explain how the Church continues to share Jesus' Ministries of mercy, community, teaching, worship, and service. |
| | | <i>The Great Commission, The Holy Mass, the Sacraments, Parish catechetical programs, Catholic schools, Catholic hospitals, Stewardship, CCC 863-865</i> |

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| STANDARD 2: SACRAMENTS: How we celebrate and worship... | | |
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| 3.2.1 | NT, CH | Students will explain how Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist are the Sacraments of Initiation. <i>7 Sacraments, Age of Reason (7 years old), Liturgy, Bread, Wine, Holy Water, Holy Oils, White Garment, Godparents, Indelible mark on soul, full initiation to the Catholic faith, CCC 1212</i> |
| 3.2.2 | NT, CH | Students will explain how Reconciliation/Penance and Anointing of the Sick are the Sacraments of Healing. <i>7 Sacraments, Confession, Act of Contrition, Absolution, benefits of frequent Confession, Oil of the Sick, Forgiveness of Sins, CCC 1420-1421, 1422-1424, 1499-1505</i> |
| 3.2.3 | NT, CH | Students will describe how Holy Matrimony and Holy Orders are the Sacraments of at the Service of Communion. <i>7 Sacraments, Vocation, Man and Woman, Vows, Deacon, Priest, Bishop, Chrism Oil, Laying on of Hands, CCC 1533-1535, 1536, 1601-1602</i> |
| 3.2.4 | NT, CH | Students will describe how Holy Orders is a sacrament of special service and commitment to the Church <i>Vocation, Deacon, Priest, Bishop, Religious, Diocesan, CCC 1555, 1562, 1569, 1577</i> |
| 3.2.5 | NT, CH | Students will write and recite the seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church. <i>7 Sacraments, Instituted by Jesus, various Biblical references to the sacraments, CCC 1210-1211</i> |
| 3.2.6 | NT, CH | Students will describe the Eucharist as recalling/remembrance of the Last Supper, the sacrifice of the cross, the Lord's passion, death and resurrection. <i>Mass, Eucharistic prayers, Holy Communion, Paschal sacrifice, blood on the doorpost of Israelites, Resurrection, CCC 610-611, 1365-1368</i> |
| 3.2.7 | NT, CH | Students will explain that Jesus makes Himself present in the bread and wine as His body and blood through the power of the Holy Spirit, and the prayers of the bishop or priest. <i>Mass, Liturgy of the Eucharist, gifts of bread and wine, Offertory, Stewardship, Words of Consecration, Priest in persona Christi, Prayers, Holy Communion, CCC 737, 1352-1354, 1378, 1411</i> |
| 3.2.8 | NT, CH | Students will explain how the Eucharist calls each participant to a greater love of God and neighbor. <i>God's gift of grace in Eucharist, The Great Commandment, Stewardship, CCC 1324-1327, 1397</i> |
| 3.2.9 | NT, CH | Students will describe the Sacrament of Reconciliation as the continuing ministry of Jesus for healing and forgiving. <i>Reconcile our lives back to God, healing and forgiving, the effects of sin, God still loves us, CCC 1440-1441</i> |
| 3.2.10 | NT, CH | Students will define the elements of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. <i>Examination of Conscience, Confession, Act of Contrition, Penance, Absolution, CCC 1480, 1491</i> |
| 3.2.11 | NT, CH | Students will explain the frequency of going to Mass and Reconciliation. <i>Venial and Mortal Sins, Sunday obligation, Holy Days, Advent, Lent, benefits of monthly Confession, CCC 1389, 1457, 2042, 2180</i> |
| 3.2.12 | NT, CH | Students will recognize that at Mass we gather together as God's family to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Jesus. <i>Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus, Holy Communion, CCC 610-611, 1210-1211, 1324, 1365-1368</i> |
| 3.2.13 | NT, CH | Students will identify the basic structure of the Mass. <i>Introductory Rites, Liturgy of the Word, Offertory, Stewardship, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Communion Rites, Concluding Rite, CCC 1145-1162</i> |

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| 3.2.14 | NT, CH | Students will describe the function and purpose of the Priest. |
| | | <i>Pastor, "Father", celebrate sacraments, Connection with Jesus Christ - in persona Christi, counselor, teacher, healer, CCC 1142, 1549, Vocation Lessons Grade 3 - Priesthood</i> |
| 3.2.15 | NT, CH | Students will identify ways that our families meet our needs and help one another get to heaven. |
| | | <i>Sacrament of Matrimony, CC 1604, 2201-2203, 2221-2231, 2232, Vocation Lessons Grade 3 - Marriage</i> |
| 3.2.16 | NT, CH | Students will appreciate the way non-ordained consecrated brothers and sisters live. |
| | | <i>Evangelical counsels, poverty, chastity, obedience, CCC 914-916, 944-945, Vocation Lessons Grade 3 - Religious Life</i> |

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| STANDARD 3: MORALITY: How we are to live as disciples of Jesus... | | |
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| 3.3.1 | OT, NT, CH | Students will provide examples that life is precious in plants, animals, and especially human beings. <i>Genesis 1 and 2, Right to Life, Environment, Good and Evil, Cultivating the Earth, CCC 343, 356, 373, 378, TOB 5:4,6</i> |
| 3.3.2 | OT, NT, CH | Students will recognize that when we care about people, we are affirming their human dignity. <i>Genesis 1 and 2, 10 Commandments, The Great Commandment, CCC 1700, 1934-1935</i> |
| 3.3.3 | OT, NT, CH | Students will recognize that every human life is a gift from God which must be respected. <i>Genesis 1 and 2, 10 Commandments, CCC 1700, 1930-1931</i> |
| 3.3.4 | OT, NT, CH | Students will recognize through the Beatitudes Jesus teaches us how to love ourselves and on another. <i>10 Commandments, The Great Commandment, Matthew 5:1-12, Luke 6:20-26, CCC 1716-1717, 1721</i> |
| 3.3.5 | OT, NT, CH | Students will explain that whatever we do for people in need, we do for Jesus. <i>10 Commandments, Beatitudes, Venial and Mortal Sins, The Great Commandment, Matthew 25:31-46, CCC 2243, 2447, 2831</i> |
| 3.3.6 | OT, NT, CH | Students will recognize we share in Jesus' mission to bring the Gospel message of love to the poor and victims of injustice. <i>10 Commandments, The Great Commandment, Matthew 25:31-46, CCC 2443-2449</i> |
| 3.3.7 | OT, NT, CH | Students will explain that the 10 Commandments help us live good lives. <i>10 Commandments, Reconciliation, Venial and Mortal Sins, Free Will, CCC 2052-2055</i> |
| 3.3.8 | OT, NT, CH | Students will recite from memory The Great Commandment. <i>10 Commandments, The Great Commandment, Matthew 22:34-40, Mark 12:28-34, Luke 10:25-28, CCC 2055, 2196</i> |
| 3.3.9 | OT, NT, CH | Students will recite from memory the 10 Commandments. <i>10 Commandments, The Great Commandment, Venial and Mortal Sins, Exodus 20:1-17</i> |
| 3.3.10 | OT, NT, CH | Students will recite from memory the Corporal Works of Mercy. <i>Corporal Works of Mercy, CCC 2447</i> |
| 3.3.11 | NT, CH | Students will recognize that as Catholic Christians we accept the responsibility of caring for God's creation. <i>Genesis 1 and 2, 10 Commandments, Stewardship, Laudato Si, CCC 299, 358, 2415</i> |
| 3.3.12 | OT, NT, CH | Students will identify rights and responsibilities of members of family, neighborhood, parish, school, civil society. <i>10 Commandments, Corporal Works of Mercy, The Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37, Authority figures, CCC 1897-1904, 1905-1917</i> |
| 3.3.13 | NT, CH | Students will recognize prejudice and discrimination. <i>Define prejudice, define discrimination, CCC 357, 1935</i> |
| 3.3.14 | OT, NT, CH | Students will explain that each person is created for a self-giving relationship with God. <i>10 Commandments, Genesis 1 and 2, CCC 340, 344, 357-358, 371-373, 374</i> |

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| 3.3.15 | NT, CH | Students will recognize that man's relationship with God has been redeemed through Jesus, and sustained through the Church and her Sacraments, especially Baptism. |
| | | <i>CCC 374, 1265, 1272-1273</i> |
| 3.3.16 | OT, NT, CH | Students will recognize that in heaven there will be unity and harmony between the soul and the body. |
| | | <i>CCC 996-997, TOB 66:5-6</i> |
| 3.3.17 | NT, CH | Students will contrast how God can enable people to view the world and others as gifts with how some people view the world and others as a threat, eliciting a response of selfishness and manipulation. |
| | | <i>CCC 2514, 2517-2519, 2524, 2531, TOB 15:1, 46:6</i> |
| 3.3.18 | NT, CH | Students will relate how the body reveals the person. |
| | | <i>CCC 364-366, 371, TOB 14:4</i> |
| 3.3.19 | NT, CH | Students will relate being connected to Jesus the True Vine to manifesting the fruits of the Spirit. |
| | | <i>John 15:4-5, Gal. 5:22-23, CCC 736, 1831-1832, 2074, TOB 51</i> |
| 3.3.20 | NT, CH | Students will learn the concept of Circle of Grace. |
| | | <i>Safe environment lesson</i> |

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| STANDARD 4: PRAYER: What prayer is and how we pray... | | |
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| 3.4.1 | OT, NT, CH | Students will recognize that the Holy Spirit guides us in prayer. <i>Holy Trinity, spontaneous prayer, Holy Mass, Scripture reading, CCC 741, 2652</i> |
| 3.4.2 | OT, NT, CH | Students will explain that God always hears our prayers. <i>Talking to God, listening to God, individual prayer, communal prayer, Holy Bible, silence, Mass, Liturgy, personal reflection, CCC 2735-2737, 2738-2741</i> |
| 3.4.3 | OT, NT, CH | Students will recognize when we listen to God's Word proclaimed in Scripture, we hear God speaking to us today. <i>Holy Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, Lectio Divina, individual Scripture reading, CCC 101-104, 109</i> |
| 3.4.4 | OT, NT, CH | Students will participate in spontaneous prayer. <i>Prayers of contrition, praise, thanksgiving, petition, CCC 2625, 2626-2627, 2628, 2629, 2700, 2705, 2709</i> |
| 3.4.5 | OT, NT, CH | Students will participate in liturgical prayer. <i>The Holy Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Our Father, CCC 2655, 2746-2751</i> |
| 3.4.6 | NT, CH | Students will together in a group, recite the Apostles' Creed <i>Apostles' Creed, Rosary, CCC 194, 196, 197</i> |
| 3.4.7 | NT, CH | Students will make and recite the Sign of the Cross. <i>Sign of the Cross, Holy Trinity, start and end every prayer with the Sign of the Cross, CCC 232</i> |
| 3.4.8 | NT, CH | Students will recite from memory the following prayers, see examples below. <i>Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Act of Contrition, grace before and after meals</i> |
| 3.4.9 | NT, CH | Students will explain how the season of Lent is a special time for praying, sacrificing, and sharing because of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection. <i>Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving, Reconciliation, Conversion, Ash Wednesday, the Triduum, Good Friday, Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, CCC 1163</i> |
| 3.4.10 | OT, NT, CH | Students will marvel at God's purpose and love in creating each person for himself. <i>Genesis 1 and 2, CCC 343, 356-358, Vocation Lessons Grade 3 - God Calls</i> |
| * | * | *Standards appearing in bold print constitute the entire grade-level list for parish catechetical programs. This reflects the distinction between annual hours of instruction in parish programs (30-35 hours) and Catholic elementary schools (60-108 hours). |