

1ST-10TH GRADE CURRICULUM THEMES 2017-18

St. Vincent de Paul's Faith Formation is a combination of Family Faith events (described separately) and classroom sessions. There are a total of thirteen age-level classroom sessions that take place immediately after each Mass on Sunday beginning in October. Below is a detailed description of the curriculum. While children are in class, parents are welcome to attend an adult faith class or enjoy coffee and fellowship with other parents.

| GRADE | CURRICULUM THEME | ADDITIONAL INFO |
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| 1 ST | GOD AS FATHER, SON & HOLY SPIRIT. SACRAMENTS.  | Sacramental preparation is a two year program beginning in 1st grade and concluding in 2nd grade with First Penance and First Eucharist. <i>Book: Finding God - Loyola Press</i> |
| 2 ND | FIRST PENANCE & FIRST EUCHARIST  | First Holy Communion is in May. <i>Book: God's Gift Eucharist – Loyola Press</i> |
| 3 RD | BIBLE  | An introduction to the Bible and major people and exciting events of the Old Testament leading up to Jesus. <i>Book: Catholic Children's Bible – St. Mary's Press</i> |
| 4 TH | CATHOLICISM *  | *4 Themes of Catechism: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) 2. Sacraments & Liturgy 3. Ten Commandments/Morality 4. Prayer <i>Book: Finding God - Loyola Press</i> |
| 5 TH | CONSECRATION TO MARY  | Mary, as the Mother of God, is the Queen of Heaven and earth and our greatest intercessor. Consecration means to give our hearts and concerns to Mary who will lead each of us to a deeper union with her son, Jesus. <i>Book: A Children's Consecration to Mary – Under Mary's Mantle</i> |
| 6 TH | BIBLE  | An overview of the Bible as God's plan to save us from sin and death and bring us to eternal life. The Old Testament is the history of God's Covenant with the Chosen people. <i>Book: Great People of the Bible – St. Mary's Press</i> |
| 7 TH | CATHOLICISM* | Bishop Barron's "Catholicism Series" for Middle School |
| 8 TH | THEOLOGY OF THE BODY  <i>Book: Theology of the Body for Teens – Ascension Press</i> | This curriculum is based on Saint Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body and sheds a beautiful light on the dignity of each person as being made in the image and likeness of God. Family Faith for 6th/7th Graders & Parents: This session seeks to lay a very important foundation for sixth & seventh grader of Catholic values that recognize the sacred dignity of themselves and others. The following ideas will be addressed ... <i>"Who am I (my gifts, both spiritual and physical) ... God has a plan for me... Intellect and Free will... My body expresses my soul... How do I use my body (my gifts) to glorify God and to love and respect others...."</i> Modesty in dress will also be touched upon as well as the importance of avoiding tv shows and music that are degrading to the human person. This session will also open up an important dialogue on Catholic morality between a parent and their 6 th /7 th grade child. Parents will have a wonderful opportunity to affirm their child in the positive values and God given gifts he/she is developing. |
| 9 th /10 th | | Father Richard will teach Confirmation Classes. |