

# J.E.COSGRIFF MEMORIAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## RELIGION CORE STANDARDS FOR PRE SCHOOL THRU EIGHTH GRADE

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The following are the major areas of emphasis or “Big Ideas” to be taught in religion class over the course of the school year. This list was taken from the diocesan core religion standards with strong input by the grade level religion teachers. The purpose for this list is to insure that the required religion content is taught and learned by students, without unnecessary repetition on different grade levels.

1. Pre-School— Pre-School students learn that God loves them, their family, friends and neighbors. We are to respect ourselves, others and animals and the world all around us... Pre- school students learn the Sign of the Cross, and grace before meals.
2. Kindergarten—Kindergarten learns about morality, (right from wrong), bible stories, family, showing respect for all those who live in our community, creation of the world, Baptism and the holy days.
3. First Grade—First grade learns more about the sacrament of Baptism, forgiveness, the rosary, the holy trinity, holy days-and seasons, the creation of the world-old testament, and an introduction to the new testament.
4. Second Grade—The second grade learns the meaning of the ten commandments, more about forgiveness as it relates to the sacrament of Penance, the sacrament of Holy Eucharist, parts of the mass, specifically the consecration , lives of a few saints, the Blessed Mother and the rosary.
5. Third Grade—The third grade continues to learn about parts of the mass, the names and meaning of the seven sacraments, their own special talents, miracles in the new testament. Lives of specific saints and different vocations in the church.

6. Fourth Grade—The fourth grade studies the sacraments in depth, parts of the mass, the ten commandments, meaning of the beatitudes, holy days, morality, meaning of the corporal works of mercy.
7. Fifth Grade—The fifth grade studies the complete liturgy, origin and meaning of all mass parts, and review the seven sacraments in depth.
8. Sixth Grade—The sixth grade reads, studies and interprets the old testament (prophets and covenants), and the greatest commandments of God.
9. Seventh Grade—The seventh grade studies the theology of worship, the liturgy, sacrament review, philosophy and meaning of the Creed, and the new testament in depth.
10. Eighth Grade—The eighth grade studies church history, morality and Confirmation in depth.

\*\*\*Refer to the diocesan religion standards for suggested daily prayers and lives of saints.