



IHM PSR PROGRAM CURRICULUM BY GRADE 2022-2023

Kindergarten and First Grade: *Promise* by Pflaum Gospel Weeklies. This series includes weekly handouts based on the Gospel reading for that Sunday and stays within the Liturgical calendar. It also includes Catechist Teaching Guide, student Handbook and online parent resources. Music, activities, and crafts are a large part of the hands-on learning of this age group.

Second Grade: *Blessed: First Communion* by Dynamic Catholic, and *Good News* by Pflaum Gospel Weeklies. *Blessed* focuses solely on preparation for Reconciliation and First Communion. It is a world-renowned sacrament preparation program. This program includes Catechist Leader's Guide and student workbook. *Good News* series includes weekly handouts based on the Gospel reading for that Sunday and stays within the Liturgical calendar. It also includes Catechist Teaching Guide, student Handbook and online parent resources. Music, activities, and crafts are also part of the hands-on learning of this age group.

Third Grade: *Good News* by Pflaum Gospel Weeklies is the basis of the curriculum. This series includes weekly handouts based on the Gospel reading for that Sunday and stays within the Liturgical calendar. It also includes Catechist Teaching Guide, student Handbook and online parent resources. *YouCat for Kids* is the secondary source for third grade curriculum. Third graders concentrate on the **green** section of *YouCat Kids* which deals with prayer. Music, activities, and some crafts are also part of this grade's hands-on learning.

Fourth Grade: *Venture* by Pflaum Gospel Weeklies is the basis of this grade's curriculum. This series includes weekly handouts on the Gospel reading for that Sunday and stays within the liturgical calendar. It also includes a student Handbook, activities, Catechist teaching guide and online parent resources. *YouCat for Kids* is the secondary source for the fourth-grade curriculum. Fourth graders concentrate on the **blue** section of the *YOUCat kids* which deals with the 10 Commandments. This grade is introduced to

the role of lay people who assist at Mass including the choir, Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Altar servers, and Ushers. The fourth grade includes hand-on activities and crafts.

Fifth Grade: *Venture* by Pflaum Gospel Weeklies is the basis of this grade's curriculum. This series includes weekly handouts on the Gospel reading for that Sunday and stays within the liturgical calendar. It also includes a student Handbook, activities, Catechist teaching guide and online parent resources. *YouCat for Kids* is the fifth grade's secondary source for curriculum. This grade concentrates on the **red** portion of *YouCat Kids* which deals with the sacraments. This grade continues to be introduced to the role of lay people who assist at Mass including the choir, Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Altar servers, and Ushers. The fifth grade includes hands-on activities and some crafts.

Sixth Grade: *Venture* by Pflaum Gospel Weeklies is the basis of this grade's curriculum. This series includes weekly handouts on the Gospel reading for that Sunday and stays within the liturgical calendar. It also includes a student Handbook, activities, Catechist teaching guide and online parent resources. *YouCat for Kids* is the secondary source for sixth grade curriculum. This grade concentrates on the first 2 sections of *YouCat Kids*, which includes Creation and the Creed. In addition, sixth grade will watch *The Search* series on the platform FORMED. *The Search* re-teaches the logic of creation, a knowable God, why Jesus came to save us and where it fits into their lives. The PSR Director or Principle will also conduct a bible study with this grade on a rotating basis (not every session will include the bible study). Bible Study using *Fireside Catholic Youth Bible*. This Bible uniquely incorporates topics such as making good choices, peer pressure, respect, faith, discouragement, and prayer. It helps this grade learn to go to and stay in the Bible in order to listen to Jesus and hear what He says and how He says it.

Seventh Grade: *Blest Are We* by RCL Benziger. The seventh grade focuses exclusively on Jesus. Praise and worship style music, games and activities are also part of this grade.

Eighth Grade: *Blest Are We* by RCL Benziger. This grade teaches church history. It is used in conjunction with the *Fireside Catholic Youth Bible* study and videos on the platform FORMED. Eighth grade ties together church teaching on social justice, service to others and incorporates a couple service projects during the year. These service projects are part of their service projects for Confirmation.