## Goal 1: (Creed) Understand, believe and proclaim the Triune God as revealed in the signs of creation, Sacred Scripture, Catholic Tradition & Human Experience.

- Recognize God reveals himself in the Holy Trinity, three Persons in one God.
- State that God is holy, all wise and all loving.
- Identify Jesus Christ as the Son of God, one with the Father and Holy Spirit.
- State that Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary.
- State that Jesus suffered under Pontius Pilate, died on the cross, and was buried.
- Show that God raised Jesus from the dead.
- State meaning of creed.
- State the meaning of Jesus' name.
- Explain that humans are made in the image of God, meant to live forever with God.
- Identify Mary as Jesus' mother, the Mother of God.
- State Mary as Mother of the Church.

## Goal 2: (Sacraments) Understand and participate in the sacraments of the Church as efficacious signs of God's grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church.

- Explain the meaning of sacrament.
- Identify Sacraments of Initiation.
- Describe the signs, symbols and effects of the Sacrament of Baptism.
- Show understanding of grace as a special gift of God's love & action in our lives.
- Describe Eucharist as a special meal and as sacrifice.
- Explain the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and how it unites us with the Living Christ.
- Explain that the bread and wine are consecrated by the priest at Mass.
- State the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a sacrament of forgiveness of sin and healing.
- Identify the Sacrament of Confirmation as a Sacrament of Initiation.
- State that we receive the Holy Spirit's gift of grace in the sacrament.
GOAL 3: (Christian Living) Understand and live the moral teachings of the Church through a life of discipleship in Jesus Christ expressed in love for God, conversion, positive self-image, personal integrity, social justice, the dignity of the human person and love of neighbor.

- Articulate that we are created in God’s image and deserving of love.
- Explain that God created us to know, love, and serve Him.
- Articulate belief that God gave us free will to choose what is right & avoid what is evil.
- Identify how we show our love for Jesus by following him through our actions.
- Explain that we must respect all as belonging to God's family.
- State meaning of conscience.
- State that God gives us laws called the Ten Commandments.
- List the Ten Commandments and their meaning.
- Articulate the meaning of sin.
- State that God forgives our sins no matter how serious they are.
- Explain how our bodies are created by God to be respected by us and others.

GOAL 4: (Sacred Scripture) Read comprehend and articulate salvation history as conveyed in God's revelation through Scripture.

- Show understanding that the Bible is a special book that reveals God to us.
- Identify the Gospels as stories about Jesus & what he taught.
- State that Jesus called God his Father and is the light of the world.
- State that Jesus lived and died to save us.
- Show understanding that parables tell about the kingdom of God.
- Explain meaning of the parable of loaves and fishes.
- Identify Jesus as Bread of Life in John 7:35 and 7:51.
Show understanding of Jesus' last meal as special sharing of his love.

Exhibit understanding that Jesus forgave those who hurt Him.

Relate that after Jesus' Resurrection he appeared to his disciples.

**GOAL 5: (Liturgy) Understand that the Liturgical Year unfolds the whole mystery of Christ and is expressed in the liturgical rites of the Church.**

Explain that we experience God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance.

Demonstrate awareness of the activity of the Holy Trinity in the rites of the sacraments.

List the parts of the Rite of Penance as: confession of sin, contrition, absolution and penance in Reconciliation.

Demonstrate how to participate in the Sacrament of Penance.

Create a simple examination of conscience.

State that Mass is a time of thanksgiving and petition.

Identify major parts of Mass.

Identify the Penitential Rite as a time to show sorrow for sin & ask for forgiveness.

Identify the Gloria as a song of praise to the Holy Trinity.

Identify the components of the Liturgy of the Word and prayer responses.

Identify the Prayer of the Faithful as the final part of the Liturgy of the Word.


Explain that gifts are presented to God in praise and thanksgiving.

Explain that during Eucharistic prayer, using the words of Jesus, the priest consecrates the bread and wine and they become the Body and Blood of Christ.

Recite the ritual prayer responses of Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Explain the significance of the Sign of Peace.

Demonstrate reverence for Communion as the Real Presence of Jesus.
### GOAL 6: (Christian Prayer and Spirituality) Understand and express the different forms of prayer consciously recognizing the work of the Holy Spirit.

- Explain that prayer is essential to our life with God.
- Identify that Jesus taught us how to pray.
- Recognize there are different forms of prayer.
- State that the community of the Church prays, especially at Mass.
- Explain prayer of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.
- State how faith helps us to pray.
- Recognize that faith is believing in Jesus without seeing Him.
- State that God forgives.
- Demonstrate how we pray with Mary and the saints.

### GOAL 7: (Catholic Church) Understand and appreciate the mystery of the Church, the Body of Christ, the community of believers, as expressed in the Church's origin, history, mission of evangelization, hierarchical structure, marks, charisms, members and communion of saints.

- State that I am a member of the Catholic Church.
- State that all who are baptized belong to the Church forever.
- Articulate Jesus' relationship with the Church.
- State that the Catholic Church is a sign of God's love for the world.

### GOAL 8: (Parish Life) Understand and participate in the life of the Church as lived in the parish community such as, cultural aspects, worship, sacramental life, service, stewardship and missionary efforts.

- Describe the parish as a faith community of the Catholic Church.
| Identify the pastor as head of the parish. |
| Relate that it is in the parish that sacramental life is celebrated. |
| Explain the role of the parish community. |

**GOAL 9: (Vocation) Understand and undertake discipleship in Christ responding in faith by participating in the mission of the Church through living a specific call in life.**

- Articulate knowledge that all Christians follow Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life.
- Relate how parents help children live the way Jesus wants us to live.
- Describe role of priest as minister of Eucharist and Reconciliation.
- State that God calls each of us to serve in special ways.

**GOAL 10: Ecumenism and Dialogue: Understand and participate in the call of the Church to be a sign of unity in the world through knowledge of and collaboration with Christian churches, Jews, Muslims and all faith traditions.**

- Articulate there are many Christians who belong to other churches.
- Articulate that all baptized people have the indelible character of God’s love.
- State that many people believe in God even though they are not baptized and that God loves them.