

St. Matthew Catholic Church

Faith Formation: Jan. 23 and 26

Gospel Connection: Looking ahead to Jan. 30

SHARE: The people of Nazareth had known Jesus since He was a little boy. It was hard for them to understand that He was a teacher, a prophet; and they just could not believe that He, the carpenter's Son, was the promised Messiah. Despite their doubt, Jesus continued to teach His message of LOVE. In the second reading, next Sunday, we will learn what it really means to show real LOVE to others.

OPEN THE WORD: Using either the Children's Bible or [USCCB website](http://www.usccb.org) read the second reading for this Sunday, **1 Corinthians 13:4-8**.

MAKE THE CONNECTION by sharing in your words: Before you were born, God knew you... He knew your name, what you would look like, what you would like to do. He took time to create you, and he created you for a special purpose that no one else on earth can fill. But, He also created us with the gift of being able to LOVE others, and Jesus commanded us to do just this. **The words we just read remind us of how we should treat ourselves and others - not just at church, but always and everywhere! What we will learn today will help us remember that.**

LIVE IT!

Our faith is what creates a good, kind heart and soul. Each week, we profess our faith during the Mass. Using the Creed (found at <https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe>) take time as a family to talk about the TRUTH we believe, and what it means to PROFESS our FAITH and LIVE our FAITH through good and kind words and actions.

YEAR 1

Year 1 will begin Unit 3: God's Son, Jesus.

This week we will explore **Chapter 9: Jesus Is God's Son.**

YEAR 2, RCIC 2

First Eucharist Year 2 will complete **Session 6: It's Only the Beginning in Blessed First Reconciliation book.**

3rd Grade

3rd Grade will begin Unit 3: The Church Is Catholic.

This week we will explore **Chapter 9: Open To All.**

4th Grade

4th Grade will begin on Unit 3: The Holy Spirit.

This week we will explore **Chapter 9: The Holy Spirit Guides Us.**

5th Grade

5th Grade will begin Unit 3: The Eucharist.

This week we will explore **Chapter 9: God's Word Feeds Us.**

RCIC 1

RCIC Year 1 will begin the second pillar of our faith—the sacraments.

This week we will explore **Chapter 7: Worship and Liturgy.**

Edge

Edge will begin "Wired and Robotics" – a series on discovering the unique purpose for which each of us are individually created. To access the lesson for Edge, [CLICK HERE](#).