

Lesson for Sunday, January 16, 2022 (The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Dear Grade 4-5 Venture Students and Families,

Blessings to each of you. I am praying that you are well and having a good week. Please find below the outline to this week's home lesson for your child. Remember, we are hoping to return to in-person classes the week of February 6, 2022. Do not hesitate to reach out if you are having difficulty with anything or need clarification.

- We are working this week on the January 16th Pflaum Gospel Weekly Lesson.
- The complete lesson can be found by going to the Holy Family website at holyfamilyrockland.org. Hover over the Menu button on the right corner of the main landing page and then Click on Faith Formation. Next, choose your child's grade level, **Grade 4-5 Venture**. Everything you need for the week is found there: (Remember, I will always give you many options – you do what you can get to each week based on your family's schedule and your child's abilities.)
 1. Links to the Parent Teaching Guide pages to help your children each week
 2. A digital copy of their lesson (The hard copies are available if you would like to swing by the office this week and pick them up. Just let us know and we will have them ready for you or can leave them on our doorknob for you to pick up.)
 3. A video clip and activities to support the lesson.
 4. Prayers: Please work with your child to make sure they have mastered the prayers we have been working on (the **Sign of the Cross correctly, the Lord's Prayer (The Our Father), the Hail Mary, the Glory Be and the Act of Contrition**. Our 4th and 5th graders should be saying the Act of Contrition prayer each night before bed as they reflect on their day – thinking of the things they did well and the things they need to ask forgiveness for.
- If you ever want to go back to a previous week's lesson for any reason or rewatch a video etc. I always keep previous lessons available on the webpage under the heading: Previous Lessons/Activities.
- **This Sunday's Gospel: John 2:1-11** This week we move into Ordinary Time on the liturgical calendar. Remember, the liturgical calendar is the calendar the Catholic Church uses to celebrate Sundays, Saints feast days, and special seasons in the Church. There is a picture of it in this week's bulletin. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus begins his public ministry at a wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. He performs his first miracle when he changes water into wine. Jesus demonstrates that he brings people together in joy and that he uses human events to convey his message that the Kingdom of God is at hand.
- **Venture Grades 4–5:** Lesson Summary: (The complete lesson can be found on your child's webpage.) This week you and your child will learn how the sacraments offer Jesus' loving and healing actions. Starting with the Gospel of the Wedding at Cana, your child will learn how Jesus used a sign to make a difference in people's lives and to form a community. What are the welcoming, healing, and loving signs your family shares with others? Ask your youngster to teach the "Sacramental Life" game to the family and play it together.
- **Pray Together:** Remember to pray with your children each day this week. The prayer does not have to be formal, structured, or long. Thank God for the day, think about things that you have done well or things that you may need to work on. As a tie into the lesson this week, try to include a special prayer in your own words for all the weddings that will occur this week, that God may bless the couples and keep them faithful, safe, and loving.

Lastly, and most important: If you are unable to attend Mass in person due to illness make sure that you watch Mass together as a family on Sunday. The easiest way to access the Mass recording is on our website. It is also showing on local cable WRPS. And as always, I will email the link to you on Saturday evening/early Sunday morning.

Please let us know if we can help in any way to make this process as smooth as possible for your family. We are still hoping for a return to in-person classes the week of February 6th. We continue to pray for the health and safety of all our families and offer prayers of gratitude for all those that are working here in our area and around the world to aid those affected by this latest surge of the virus.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Liz Davis