

CATHOLIC SCHOOL STANDARDS*
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STANDARD 1: CREED: What we believe...		
4.1.1	NT	Students will define the Holy Trinity as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. They will explain how the Trinity is always with us. <i>Sign of the Cross, Words of Baptism, Call on the Holy Trinity in prayer, Holy Trinity songs and hymns, CCC 234</i>
4.1.2	OT	Students will identify that God is the giver of all life, and all that God creates is good through the Genesis story of creation. <i>Creating story from Genesis, family is good, CCC 279-280, 286-289</i>
4.1.3	NT	Students will recognize Mary's role within the Church as the Mother of God. <i>Rosary and Memorare prayers, Immaculate Conception, Gospel Canticle of Mary, Beginning of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, CCC 495, 829, 2677</i>
4.1.4	NT	Students will recognize Jesus came to bring God's forgiveness to everyone. <i>Our Father prayer, Beatitudes, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Nicene Creed, Matthew 18 "seventy times seven", CCC 312, 457-458</i>
4.1.5	OT	Students will tell how we are created in God's image and likeness - we have free will and a conscience. <i>Book of Genesis creation story, CCC 293, 355-357, 1776</i>
4.1.6	CH	Students will explain that all members of the Church community, both living and dead, are members of the Body of Christ. <i>Nicene Creed, Communion of Saints, Lives of the Saints, CCC 669, 946-948, 958-959</i>
4.1.7	CH	Students will explain that Mary and the saints offer us examples of good Christian lives and act as intercessors for us. <i>Nicene Creed, Beginning of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, Lives of the Saints, Communion of Saints, Rosary, Marian Feasts, Personal Prayer, Saints feasts days, All Saints and All Souls Days, CCC 829, 956, 2030</i>
4.1.8	CH	Students will explain that God created different personalities, races and nationalities and explain why these are all good for the whole human family. <i>Saint stories, Lives of the Saints, Isaiah 60:3, Liturgies from different countries, CCC 361, 374, 1934-1935, 1939</i>
4.1.9	CH	Students will explain how Christ is the light of the world and His light shines through and is reflected by the Church. <i>Early Church Fathers, Documents of Vatican II, CCC 748</i>
4.1.10	CH	Students will recognize that as members of the Church we work together to build the Kingdom of God on earth. <i>The Beatitudes, 10 Commandments, Stewardship, spiritual and corporal works of mercy., CCC 567, 763-766</i>
4.1.11	CH	Students will explain that God created man and woman to exist in a family and to form a family in unitive and procreative love in the sacrament of holy matrimony. <i>Genesis 1 and 2, CCC 1601-1605, 2331-2336</i>
4.1.12	OT, CH	Students will recognize the meaning of Genesis 2:18: it is not good for man to be alone. I will make a helper fit for him. "God created both man and woman to live in communion with one another and God. <i>Genesis 2, CCC 371-372, TOB 9:2</i>

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4.1.13	OT, NT, CH	Students will explain that man is created in God's image through a communion of persons, the Holy Trinity.
		<i>Genesis 1 and 2, CCC 355-357, TOB 9:3, 14:6</i>
4.1.14	CH	Students will discuss how at the Resurrection we will experience the most perfect communion with God and others.
		<i>CCC 1023-1025, TOB 68:1-4</i>

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STANDARD 2: SACRAMENTS: How we celebrate and worship...		
4.2.1	NT	Students will explain how the Eucharist celebration - Mass on Holy Thursday connects us to the Last Supper. <i>The Triduum, Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, John's Gospel chapter 13, Matthew's Gospel chapter 26, Luke's Gospel chapter 22, Mark's Gospel chapter 14, CCC 610-611, 1337-1340</i>
4.2.2	NT	Students will explain how the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, and that it is essential to the life and mission of the Catholic Church. <i>Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, Proclaiming God's Word in Liturgies, Adoration/Exposition/Benediction, Stewardship, CCC 1324-1327</i>
4.2.3	NT	Students will identify in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we receive God's grace and forgiveness and that Christian life is a journey of conversion. <i>The Sacrament of Reconciliation, The 10 Commandments, The Great Commandment, CCC 1440-1445</i>
4.2.4	NT	Students will recognize the Marian feasts and other feast days of Saints. <i>The Rosary, Communion of Saints, Liturgical calendar, Immaculate Conception, Mary, Mother of God, Assumption, Annunciation, Guadalupe, Fatima, Lourdes, Patron Saints of parish or school, Holy Days of Obligation/Solemnities, CCC 484, 490-493, 495, 956, 966</i>
4.2.5	NT	Students will tell how God gives us grace through the Sacraments to help us live good lives. <i>The Seven Sacraments, Mass parts, Vocations, conversion, CCC 1127-1129</i>
4.2.6	NT	Students will explain that through the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Holy Spirit helps us live as Jesus did. <i>The Sacrament of Confirmation, Gift of the Holy Spirit, Lives of the Saints, CCC 1299, 1302-1305</i>
4.2.7	NT	Students will explain through Baptism, Jesus calls us to live a life of service, welcoming and helping others, especially those in need. <i>The Sacrament of Baptism, universal call to holiness, baptismal promises, CCC 798, 1427-1429</i>
4.2.8	NT	Students will recognize that the Sacrament of Holy Orders for men is a participation in the love of the Divine Bridegroom - Christ, for the love of His Bride, the Church. <i>The Sacrament of Holy Orders, Priesthood, Deacons, Bishops, CCC 772-773, 1536, Vocation Lessons 4th Grade - Priesthood</i>
4.2.9	NT	Students will recognize that while religious life as a vocation is not a sacrament but offers the person a life of holiness through Baptism, to participate in the life of Christ through sacrificial work and intimacy with Jesus. <i>Vocations, Religious Life, Religious Orders, CCC 914, 925-927, Vocation Lessons 4th Grade - Religious Life</i>
4.2.10	NT	Students will recognize that the Sacrament of Matrimony is covenant between one man and one woman, sealed by God, a partnership between man and woman for life. <i>The Sacrament of Matrimony, CCC 1601-1602, Vocation Lessons 4th Grade - Marriage</i>
4.2.11	NT	Students will recognize that as the Church, the body of Christ, we celebrate the Eucharist which nourishes communion with one another and Jesus. <i>The Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, Parts of the Mass, Priesthood, Religious, Laity, CCC 2247-2248, TOB 99:1</i>

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STANDARD 3: MORALITY: How we are to live as disciples of Jesus...		
4.3.1	OT, NT	Students will explain that God's goodness as recorded in the Bible teaches us about choices and how to live good lives. <i>Holy Bible, Daily readings, Morning prayer, Lectio Divina, 10 Commandments, The Beatitudes, The Great Commandment, CCC 1962, 2055, 2056</i>
4.3.2	OT, NT, CH	Students will recognize that when we sin it hurts our relationship with God, others, and ourselves. <i>Holy Bible, 10 Commandments, Sacrament of Reconciliation, CCC 403, 980</i>
4.3.3	OT, NT, CH	Students will explain how the Holy Spirit guides us to choose good rather than evil. <i>Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, Lives of the Saints, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharist, Holy Bible, 10 Commandments, Daily prayer, CCC 689-690, 768</i>
4.3.4	OT, NT, CH	Students will identify ways that they can show respect for God's creation. <i>Creation story, Laudato Si, Stewardship, CCC 299, 2415-2418</i>
4.3.5	OT, NT, CH	Students will identify ways that they can live out the Great Commandment <i>Holy Bible, The Great Commandment, 10 Commandments, The Beatitudes, Matthew 25:31-46, Individual and communal prayer, love of God and neighbor, CCC 2052, 2055</i>
4.3.6	OT, NT, CH	Students will recognize through the Beatitudes, we learn how to trust God, forgive, and show mercy to others. <i>Holy Bible, The Beatitudes, 10 Commandments, Prayer, CCC 1716-1717, 2546-2547</i>
4.3.7	OT, NT, CH	Students will list ways they can practice the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy - knowing that when we show love for the poor, vulnerable, and marginalized we show love to Jesus. <i>Holy Bible, Matthew 25:31-46, Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, "Least of these...", Ministry of Charity, Catholic Charities, Catholic Cemeteries, CCC 2443-2447</i>
4.3.8	OT, NT, CH	Students will explain how the grace of the Holy Spirit and the leadership of the Church helps us choose what is right. <i>Holy Bible, Mass, Sacrament of Confirmation, Daily prayer, Magisterium, CCC 1783-1785</i>
4.3.9	OT, NT, CH	Students will explain the first three commandments teach us about loving God and last seven teach us about loving others. <i>Holy Bible, 10 Commandments, Our Father, Hail Mary, CCC 2066-2067</i>
4.3.10	NT, CH	Students recognize and recite the three Theological Virtues, Faith, Hope, and Charity (Love), help us to love good lives. <i>Theological Virtues, CCC 1812-1829</i>
4.3.11	NT, CH	Students will recognize as Christians we are called to be thankful for the gifts we have been given and share them generously with others. <i>Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, Almsgiving, tithing, Catholic Charities, Stewardship, CCC 1473, 2447</i>
4.3.12	NT, CH	Students will explain how participation in our family and parish communities give us support for living the Christian way of life. <i>Holy Bible, 10 Commandments, Sunday and Holy Day obligations, volunteering, CCC 2179, 2226, 2691</i>
4.3.13	NT, CH	Students will recognize laws, precepts, and other Church teachings as sources for established norms of behavior. <i>Holy Bible, 10 Commandments, Precepts of the Catholic church, Nicene Creed, Beatitudes, personal and communal prayer, sacraments, forming a conscience, CCC 28, 2041-2043, 2055-2056, 2062</i>
4.3.14	NT, CH	Students will provide examples of how the Church cares for those in need and works to build a better world through Corporal Works of Mercy. <i>Corporal Works of Mercy, 10 Commandments, Catholic Charities, Catholic Cemeteries, CCC 2043-2047</i>

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4.3.15	OT, NT, CH	Students will recognize that to truly care for others means that they carefully consider what is in the best interest of those they are serving. <i>Holy Bible, 10 Commandments, Corporal Works of Mercy, Ministry of Charity, Catholic Charities, CCC 2044-2046</i>
4.3.16	OT, NT, CH	Students will recognize and respect the inherent differences between men and women and their bodies, created in God's image. <i>Genesis 1 and 2, CCC 369-373</i>
4.3.17	CH	Students will define venial and mortal sins. <i>Cheating on a test is a venial sin, skipping Mass on Sunday for no good reason is a mortal sin, 10 Commandments, Confession, Examination of Conscience, CCC 1452, 1456, 1458, 1854-1864</i>
4.3.18	CH	Students will connect how virtues (which have to do with man's inner life) are expressed through the body. <i>10 Commandments, Theological virtues, Cardinal virtues, CCC 2516, 2520-2524, TOB 51:5-6, 53:4, 54:2, 55:7</i>
4.3.19	CH	Students will recognize that through our work we make a gift of ourselves. <i>Catholic Social Teaching on Work, Stewardship, CCC 2427-2428, TOB 6:4, 7:2</i>
4.3.20	CH	Students will relate how work helps us fulfill a mission. <i>CST on Work, Stewardship, CCC 373, 2427-2428, TOB 6:4</i>
4.3.21	OT, NT, CH	Students will compare Adam's joy at the creation of Eve to his response to the creation of the animals. <i>Genesis 1 and 2, Bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh, CCC 371, TOB 10:1</i>
4.3.22	OT, NT, CH	Students will recognize that suffering is a result of the Fall and that suffering can make it difficult for us to see the gifts of God. <i>CCC 385, 400, 402, 404-405, Redemptive Suffering, Cooperate with suffering, TOB 26:4-5, 27:1-2</i>
4.3.23	NT	Students will learn the concept of a Circle of Grace in relation to the use of the internet on computers, phones, tablets, etc. <i>Safe Environment Lesson</i>

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STANDARD 4: PRAYER: What prayer is and how to pray...		
4.4.1	OT, NT, CH	Students will recognize that through prayer we as Christians are called to be thankful for the gifts we have been given. <i>Prayer before meals, Prayer after meals, Guardian Angel, Prayer of Thanksgiving, Parts of the Mass, Our Father, Psalms, Stewardship, CCC 224, 1328, 2637-2638</i>
4.4.2	NT, CH	Students will identify the essential elements of the Stations of the Cross. <i>Stations of the Cross, Lent, Sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary, Devotions, Sacramentals, CCC 1667-1676</i>
4.4.3	OT, NT, CH	Students will write a prayer on their own about a Catholic theme or doctrine, Liturgical Season, Saint, Thanksgiving, Petition <i>Write one prayer per quarter kept in prayer journal, Liturgical Year, Church doctrines, Saints, Adoration time, CCC 2663-2691</i>
4.4.4	NT, CH	Students will describe Exposition/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. <i>Exposition and Benediction elements, Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, CCC1183, 1379, 2691</i>
4.4.5	NT, CH	Students will participate in the Rosary and learn the order and prayers. <i>Rosary prayers and order, CCC 971, 2708</i>
4.4.6	OT, NT, CH	Students will describe that through prayer we believe God the Father is loving, merciful, and forgiving. <i>Personal prayer, communal prayer, Mass, reading Scripture, Our Father, Parable of the Prodigal Son, CCC 2559-2560</i>
4.4.7	NT, CH	Students will recognize the importance of having a prayer plan, and to make a daily/weekly prayer plan. <i>Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, Adoration, Individual Prayer, Communal Prayer, CCC 1166-1167, 1174-1178, 2559, Vocation Lessons 4th Grade - God Calls</i>
4.4.8	NT, CH	Students will identify ways where God is, or was, present in their own life. <i>Personal prayer, CCC 256-357, TOB 65:5</i>
*	*	*Standards appearing in bold print constitute the entire grade-level list for parish catechetical programs. This reflects the distinction between annual hours of instruction in parish programs (30-35 hours) and Catholic elementary schools (60-108 hours).