  
2nd Grade   
Learning goals for this year

**Bible & Scripture**

* Understands that the Bible is the history of our faith
* Understands the story of the Last Supper
* Can recite simple scripture verse

**Creed – What we believe**

* Understands the two liturgies of Mass: Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist
* Understands the meaning of ‘Amen’
* Understands the role of Mary as the Mother of God
* Understands Christ’s presence in the Eucharist, and what the Tabernacle is

**Mass & Sacraments – How we celebrate**

* Learns the 7 sacraments
* Understands the sacrament of, and learns the steps to the Rite of Reconciliation
* Understands the sacrament of, and learns the steps to receiving Holy Communion
* Understands why we go to Mass
* Understands why we kneel and genuflect at Mass and before the Tabernacle
* Knows basic Catholic symbols; cross versus crucifix, rosaries and sacramentals

**Values – How we live**

* Learns the 10 Commandments, and the importance of the 4th Commandment
* Understands the value of making good choices, and the consequences of making bad choices
* Understands the moral obligation to take care of God’s creations
* Demonstrates Christian values in words and actions

**Prayer – How we pray**

* Can make, and recite the words to, the Sign of the Cross
* Can recite the Glory Be, Angel of God prayers, Hail Mary prayer, Our Father prayers
* Learns the Act of Contrition prayer
* Understands the importance of prayer

*Guidelines provided by the Rockford Catholic Diocese. Learn more at* [*https://www.ceorockford.org/religious-educationyouth-ministry/*](https://www.ceorockford.org/religious-educationyouth-ministry/)

  
2nd Grade – Signs of Grace   
Lesson focus by month

**FIRST RECONCILIATION**

**First Reconciliation Retreat**   
Saturday 11/18 9:00am – 11:00am

**First Reconciliation Service**   
Saturday 12/9 9:30am – 11:00am

**SEPTEMBER: In His Image**

* Session 1 - God Is Our Loving Father
* Original Sin & Baptism
* Our Relationship With God

**OCTOBER: Preparing Your Heart**

* Session 2 – God Reveals His Saving Plan
* 10 Commandments
* Session 3 – Jesus Comes to Save Us
* Communion of Saints – Saints & Holy People

**NOVEMBER: Grace & Morality**

* Session 4 – The Church Continues & Sacraments
* Session 5 – Life in Christ & Beatitudes
* Session 6 – The Sacrament of Reconciliation

**DECEMBER: To Be Reconciled**

* Session 7 - Celebrating Reconciliation

**FIRST COMMUNION**

**First Communion Retreat**   
Saturday 3/9 9:00am – 11:00am

**First Communion Mass**   
Saturday 4/27 10:30am

**JANUARY: God’s Gift of Salvation**

* Session 1 – Preparing the Way for Christ
* Prayer
* Works of mercy

**FEBRUARY: Christ’s Passover**

* The Season of Lent
* Session 2 – The Last Supper
* Session 3 – Death & Resurrection of Jesus

**MARCH: Real Presence**

* Session 4 – The Sacrament of the Eucharist
* Session 5 – Receiving Holy Communion
* Session 6 – Liturgy of the Mass & Easter

**APRIL: We Receive**

* Session 7 - Liturgy of the Word
* Seasons of Advent & Christmas
* Session 8 - Liturgy of the Eucharist

**St. John Neumann – Youth Faith Formation**  
Signs of Grace - GR 2 Sacrament Preparation