

Grade Four: Expectations of Parents

1. Attend Sunday Mass and actively participate in Mass responses with your child.
2. Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (“go to Confession”) regularly; take the whole family.
3. Make it a family priority for your son/daughter to attend faith formation classes.
4. Include praying and reading the Bible and talking about Bible stories in daily family life.
5. Help your child learn and understand the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes.
6. Involve your child in planning and carrying out a Christian service project.
7. Ask your child to occasionally lead the family in prayer.
8. Celebrate other forms of Church prayer with your child: for example, Advent, Lent, and Stations of the Cross.
9. Pray a family Rosary (all five decades) with your child each week. (Pray the Rosary on different days of the week so your child will associate the four sets of mysteries of the Rosary with their proper day: Joyful Mysteries—Monday and Saturday, Sorrowful Mysteries—Tuesday and Friday, Luminous Mysteries—Thursday, and Glorious Mysteries—Sunday and Wednesday.)
10. Pray a family novena for an intention chosen by your child.
11. Discuss the content of each religion class and your child’s understanding of it. Make it a family learning experience. Provide feedback to the catechist.
12. Encourage your son/daughter to take a more active role in the parish’s life and ministry, in keeping with the age and abilities of your child.
13. Participate as a family in “whole church” (intergenerational) parish activities when offered.