10th Gr Week 2 Sept. 17, 2017

1. **Opening Prayer – Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.

Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy.

Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy.

Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy. Amen.

By St. Augustine

1. **Class Housekeeping**
* Hand out Calendar: point out important info
* Field trip to Our Lady of Victory - Tentative date: Nov. 12th
* Decorating Reindeer Saturday, Nov 19th
* Saturday, Oct 14th Dr. Ray presentation at 9am
* Friday Oct. 13th any volunteers for the living Rosary?
* Choose Readers for **Sunday, Oct 15th** Family Mass led by the 10th Graders

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Reader 2\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Reader 3\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* Formed Cards: Use TV to show how to go on the site
1. **Today’s Class Objective: “Discerning the right Sponsor”**
2. Student’s will individually complete the “You are a Gospel People” learning center.
3. Students will ask a parent to complete letter C of the Qualities of a Christian worksheet and send it in to class with their student.
4. On the back of their worksheet answer the following questions, share answers with the class

Q.1. List some qualities and/or traits of a person you admire (Underline your top 5)

Integrity, ***honesty***, consistent, committed, loyal, ***kind***, patient, understanding, generous, helpful, thinks of others, humble, ***does not use the word “I” very often in a conversation***, empathetic, ***forgiving***, ***spiritual***

Q.2. List 3 traits that you think you possess Q.3. List 3 traits you would like to have or need to work on.

Example: Integrity Example: Humility

Helpful Patient

Empathetic Forgiving

Q. 3. Name a person you know that you admire \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q.4. What makes this person special to you? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**God works through people to give us the Christian faith and to support us in it. This supportive role of the Christian community is symbolized by the sponsor, a man or woman who presents the candidate to the Bishop and stands at his/her side while the Sacrament is being conferred.**

1. **Choosing a Sponsor**

Must be:

1. A practicing Roman Catholic (\*see question below)
2. Is capable of receiving a letter of recommendation from his/her parish.
3. Has been initiated in the 3 Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation
4. Someone who is a good role model
5. Someone you can talk to and you trust

 Duties of a Sponsor:

 1. Helps and guides you in your Christian mission.

2. As in Baptism, the sponsor becomes responsible for your Christian upbringing and preparation for the Christian Apostolate.

\*Answered by: [Jim Blackburn](http://www.catholic.com/profiles/jim-blackburn), apologist for **Catholic Answers\***

 Q. I was in a discussion with a friend recently about the “necessary minimum requirements” of Catholics.

What are these minimum requirements?

1. It sounds like you’re referring to **the precepts of the Church**. The *Catechism* explains that the precepts are meant to guarantee us “the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor” (2041). Here they are as the *Catechism* currently lists them (2042-2043):

The first precept **(“You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation** and rest from servile labor”) requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

The second precept **(“You shall confess your [serious] sins at least once a year”)** ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues baptism’s work of conversion and forgiveness.

The third precept **(“You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least once during the Easter season”**) guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord’s body and blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.

The fourth precept **(“You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church”)** ensures the times of ascesis (self discipline) and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart.

The fifth precept **(“You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church”**) means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability. (CCC 2042-2043)

1. **Student writes a letter asking the person they chose to be their sponsor**

Example:

 *Dear Uncle Joe,*

*This year I am making my Confirmation and I would like to ask you to be my sponsor. I admire you because you are committed to your faith, honest, and loving. These are qualities I hope to grow in myself. I know being my sponsor is a big responsibility. Besides helping my parents to guide me in the Catholic faith and being present on the day of my Confirmation, my sponsor and I have to complete a booklet together. We would meet or talk by phone/skype 6 times. Each session is not longer than an hour. Maybe we can meet at Starbucks or Dairy Queen? I hope you will consider being my sponsor.*

*Love, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

1. **If your sponsor is not from S.H. they must have a letter sent by their parish saying that can fulfill the responsibilities of being a sponsor. It should be mailed to the Rectory.**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Church & Shrine**

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1. **Closing Prayer:** Hail Mary in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows