



**St. Matthew Catholic Church**  
**Faith Formation and Parish School**  
**GRADE LEVEL PRAYERS**

**All children in our St. Matthew Parish Community**, whether they attend St. Matthew Parish School (SMPS) or Sunday Faith Formation (SFF), **are encouraged to begin learning these basic Catholic prayers at the grade level indicated in the chart below.** Regardless of the age at which your child(ren) begin(s) formal faith formation, whether at SMPS or SFF, **we recommend that parents, as heads of the Domestic Church (families) and as the first and most important teachers of the Catholic Faith to their children, begin saying these prayers marked PK (Pre-Kindergarten), K (Kindergarten), or grade 1 together with your children from an early age at home.** Teachers at SMPS and catechists leading the SFF classes will reinforce the efforts of parents by also saying these prayers in the context of the SMPS school day or SFF classes. In this way, parents as well as the St. Matthew Parish community work together to pass down the deposit of the Catholic Faith to our children.

<b>Titles of Prayers</b>	<b>Grade Level when Introduced</b>	<b>Prayers</b>
<b>The Sign of the Cross</b>	PK	In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
<b>Angel of God (said morning &amp; evening)</b>	PK	Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this (day/night), be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.
<b>Grace before Meals (introduce in Nov.)</b>	K	Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive from thy bounty, through Christ our Lord, Amen.
<b>Grace after Meals (introduce in Nov.)</b>	K	We give thee thanks, for all thy benefits, Almighty God, who lives and reigns forever. (And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.) Amen.
<b>Our Father</b>	1	Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.
<b>Hail Mary</b>	1	Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.
<b>Glory Be / Doxology (Rosary)</b>	1	Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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<b>Morning Offering</b>	2	O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation for sins, the reunion of all Christians, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month. Amen.
<b>Act of Contrition (from the Rite of Penance; AKA Act of Sorrow)</b>	2	My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You, Whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His Name, my God, have mercy.
<b>Gloria (Shared communally at Mass with a Missal)</b>	2	<b>Glory to God in the highest</b> , and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  <b>Lord Jesus Christ</b> , only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, <b>with the Holy Spirit</b> , in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
<b>The Apostles' Creed</b>	3	I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting Amen.

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<b>The 5 Fatima Prayers:</b> <b>1. The Eucharistic Prayer</b> <b>2. The Pardon Prayer</b> <b>3. The Angel's Prayer</b> <b>4. The Sacrifice Prayer</b> <b>5. The Rosary Decade Prayer</b>	3	<b>1. The Eucharistic Prayer</b> Most Holy Trinity, I adore You. My God, my God, I love You in the Blessed Sacrament. <i>(say 3 times)</i> <b>2. The Pardon Prayer</b> My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You. I ask pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You. <i>(Say 3 times)</i> <b>3. The Angel's Prayer</b> Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifferences by which He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners. <i>(Say 3 times)</i> <b>4. The Sacrifice Prayer</b> <i>(pray this prayer when you are making a sacrifice)</i> O Jesus, I offer this for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. <b>5. The Rosary Decade Prayer</b> <i>(pray this prayer after the "Glory Be" at the end of each decade of the rosary)</i> O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Your mercy.
<b>Memorare</b>	4	Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

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<b>Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (Prayer for Peace)</b>	4	Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.
<b>The Nicene Creed (Recite communally at Mass with a Missal)</b>	4	<p><b>I believe in one God</b>, the Father almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth, of all things visible and invisible.</p> <p><b>I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ</b>, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven,</p> <p><i>(profound bow)</i></p> <p>and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.</p> <p><i>(stand straight again)</i></p> <p>For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.</p> <p><b>I believe in the Holy Spirit</b>, the Lord the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.</p> <p>I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.</p> <p>I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.</p>

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<b>Prayer for the Faithful Departed</b>	5	V. Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord. V. May he/she rest in peace. V. May his/her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.	R. And may perpetual light shine upon him/her. R. Amen.  R. Amen
<b>Jesus Prayer</b>	5	Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.	
<b>Joyful Mysteries</b>	5	1) The Annunciation 2) The Visitation 3) The Nativity 4) The Presentation in the Temple 5) The finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple	
<b>Act of Faith</b>	5	O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because you have revealed them who are eternal truth and wisdom, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. In this faith, I intend to live and die. Amen.	
<b>Luminous Mysteries</b>	6	1) The Baptism of Jesus 2) The Wedding Feast at Cana 3) The Proclamation of the Kingdom and the call to Conversion 4) The Transfiguration 5) The Institution of the Eucharist	
<b>Vocation Prayer - Prayer for Guidance (St. Teresa of Avila)</b>	6	Lord, grant that I may always allow myself to be guided by you, always follow your plans, and perfectly accomplish your holy will. Grant that in all things, great and small, today and all the days of my life, I may do whatever you require of me. Help me respond to the slightest prompting of your grace so that I may be your trustworthy instrument for your honor. May your will be done in time and in eternity by me, in me, and through me. Amen.	

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<b>Act of Hope</b>	6	O Lord God, I hope by your grace for the pardon of all my sins and after life here to gain eternal happiness because you have promised it who are infinitely powerful, faithful, kind, and merciful. In this hope I intend to live and die. Amen.
<b>Sorrowful Mysteries</b>	7	1) The Agony in the Garden 2) The Scourging at the Pillar 3) The Crowning with Thorns 4) The Carrying of the Cross 5) The Crucifixion
<b>Hail, Holy Queen</b>	7	Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, O most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. (Beat breast with each of the following "O's") O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. V. Pray for us O holy mother of God R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen
<b>Angelus</b>	7	V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. (Hail Mary) V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. (Hail Mary.) V. And the Word was made Flesh. R. And dwelt among us. (Hail Mary) V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. LET US PRAY. Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may be by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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<b>Act of Love</b>	7	O Lord God, I love you above all things and I love my neighbor for your sake because you are the highest, infinite and perfect good, worthy of all my love. In this love I intend to live and die. Amen.	
<b>Glorious Mysteries</b>	8	1) The Resurrection 2) The Ascension 3) The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost 4) The Assumption of Mary; 5) The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth	
<b>Come Holy Spirit</b>	8	Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolations. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.	
<b>Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel</b>	8	Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do You, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.	
<b>Anima Christi</b>	8	V. Soul of Christ, V. Body of Christ, V. Blood of Christ, V. Water from the side of Christ, V. Passion of Christ, V. O good Jesus, V. Within Thy wounds, V. Suffer me not, V. From the malignant enemy, V. At the hour of my death, V. And bid me come to Thee,	R. Sanctify me. R. Save me. R. Inebriate me.  R. Wash me. R. Strengthen me. R. Hear me. R. Hide me. R. To be separated from Thee. R. Defend me. R. Call me, R. That with Thy saints I may praise Thee for ever and ever. Amen.



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<b>Liturgy of the Hours</b>	All	See resources.
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