

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH
THE EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAM

THINGS TO KNOW

To ensure we are in compliance with the Diocese of Lansing Religious Education and the USCCB offices, all religious education students are required to know the following items before entering high school. Most of these items were taught to your child in the K-6 program and were re-introduced again in the EDGE program. Students will be tested throughout the remainder of the year on these items.

PRAYERS: Students should be able to recite these prayers without assistance. These prayers can be found online at the EDGE or Diocese of Lansing Website.

- Our Father
- Hail, Mary
- Nicene Creed
- Act of Contrition
- Doxology (Glory Be)
- Prayer Before Meals
- Angel of God
- Apostles' Creed
- St. Michael Prayer
- Fatima Prayer (O My Jesus)
- Hail, Holy Queen

OTHER MATERIAL: In addition, students should know the following items. Only 8th graders will be tested on these items this year. These items can also be found on the EDGE and Diocese of Lansing Websites.

- The Joyful Mysteries
- The Sorrowful Mysteries
- The Glorious Mysteries
- The Luminous Mysteries
- The Eight Beatitudes
- The Spiritual Works of Mercy
- The Corporal Works of Mercy
- The Ten Commandments
- How to Pray the Rosary
- The Cardinal Virtues
- The Theological Virtues
- The Fruits of the Holy Spirit (not required, but a good thing to know)
- The Gifts of the Holy Spirit (not required, but a good thing to know)

The kids continue to amaze me with their knowledge and commitment to their faith. Although memorization of material may sometimes seem trivial, it is an important part of their faith education. The benefit of embedding this information into their brains will provide life-long connections to their faith.