Church Search – Parent Guide

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| 1. What is the table where the Liturgy of the Eucharist happens – where Jesus becomes present? | Altar- is made of stone symbolizing the strength and foundation of Christ. | Find the square etching on top of the altar. The relics of St. Timothy, St. Tibertus, St. Boniface, and St. Francis Xavier have been placed within the stone in this area. |
| 2. Where are the readings and Gospel read for the Liturgy of the Word?  | Ambo/Pulpit-located to the front, left side of the sanctuary if you are standing at the altar facing out to the pews. | What book do the first and second readings come out of? (Lectionary)Which book does Father read the Gospel out of on Sundays? (Book of the Gospels) |
| 3. What is the large white candle?  | Easter Candle | Did you know that your own baptismal candle was lit from this candle?  |
| 4. What is the font called where a baby is baptized in?  | Baptismal font | Find the baptismal font in the rear of the church. |
| 5. These are the fourteen hanging pictures all over church which tell the story of Jesus’ suffering and death.  | Stations of the Cross | Name one of the stations that you see.  |
| 6. This is the gold box which holds Jesus.  | Tabernacle  | Did you know that every time you pass the tabernacle, you are supposed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (genuflect)When you and your parents get to the tabernacle, **KNEEL IN FRONT** **AND PRAY ONE OUR FATHER** for your first holy communion.  |
| 7. Look up at the stained glass windows and find the one which has Jesus blessing and breaking the bread, giving it to his TWO disciples. Where is the window located?  | Closest to the St. Francis Xavier side altar – Jesus sits at table with the two disciples from the road to Emmaus. | Did you know that the stained glass windows were first used when people could not read. Just like when you were a baby, you had picture books. The pictures in a Church told a story for people who could not read the Bible! |
| 8. In the front of the Church near the ceiling, St. Therese (on the left hand side in the corner), is holding what in her hands?  | Flowers and a crucifix | St. Therese did small things for others with great love. Let us strive in our families to do the same. |
| 9. Look to the very back of Church in the choir loft. What is the main instrument that you see?  | Organ  | Did you know that all over the world, the organ is recognized as the best instrument to use during Masses?  |
| 10. Look at the ceiling of the sanctuary. Who are the four men pictured on the ceiling? | The Gospel writers – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Together, they are called the evangelists | Take time to read the Gospels, perhaps, starting with St. Luke!  The word Gospel means, “Good News!” |
| 11. What is the big chair in which only the Bishop can sit?  | Cathedra | The chair or throne of a bishop only located in the Cathedral Church of a diocese.  |
| 12. Look at the graphics up above the bishop’s head when he sits on his throne. Name one thing that you recognize in the Coat of Arms.  | Left: boat, arrow, water, cross of St. Andrew…Right: Morning Star (Mary), Sacred Heart of Jesus  | The left side of the coat contains symbols representing The Diocese of Green Bay. The right side contains the coat arms of our Bishop, David Ricken. |
| 13. What image has been painted on the front wall behind the altar and tabernacle?  | The Crucifixion of Jesus! | God loves us so much that HE sent his only SON, Jesus, to die for you and me. |
| 14. Look for a grouping of lit candles in the rear of the church.  Do you see how some are lit and some are not?  What do we call these candles?  | Votive Candles  | Votive candles are usually lit and burned before some statue or shrine to give honor to our Lord, The Blessed Mother, or one of the saints.  The word "votive" goes back to the ancient custom of lighting candles in fulfillment of some private vow (votum). |
| 15. Look up at the large statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the front of the church. Who is she holding?  | Baby Jesus | Mary is the mother of Jesus and the Mother of God. |
| 16. Who is opposite of Mary and Baby Jesus at the front of the Church?  | St. Joseph  | St. Joseph is the foster father of Jesus and the patron of the Catholic Church and families. |
| 17. What is the font which holds the water we bless ourselves with at the beginning and end of Mass?  | Holy Water Font - at the entrance to church. | Why do we bless ourselves? It reminds us of our baptismal promises.  |
| 18. Go to the location where we celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. What is this place called?  | Confessional  | Confession is a sacrament of healing. Going to confession often will help you to resist sin. |
| 19. Who is on the round carving on the front of the choir loft? | St. Cecilia  | St. Cecilia is the patroness of musicians. |
| 20. Look at the candles burning on the side walls near the tabernacle.  What is the name given to this candle? | Sanctuary Candle | This is a wax candle, generally in a RED glass container, kept burning day and night wherever the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in Catholic churches or chapels.  It is a sign of Christ's abiding love and a reminder to the faithful to respond with loving adoration in return. |
| 21. Go to the back of Church. Who are the two saints shown together in the carved statue?  | St. Anne and Mary  | St. Anne is Mary’s mother. Pray to St. Anne and Mary often. |
| 22. Go to the front, right side altar of the Church. Who do you suppose this saint is? (HINT: Think of the Cathedral’s name)  | St. Francis Xavier  | Did you know that he was a Jesuit saint known for his missionary work around the world?  |
| **TRAVEL TO THE SACRISTY (Place where the priest prepares for Mass)** |
| 23. Open up the closet where the priest’s vestments are located. How many colored vestments do you see?  | ? (Red, White, Green, Purple, etc) |  Which color is the priest wearing for Masses right now during the Easter season?  |
| 24. Look at the cup the priest uses during Mass. What is its name and what does it look like it’s made of?  | Chalice – looks like it’s made from gold or silver | Why is it made out of shiny metal? (We show reverence/respect for Jesus by placing his Precious Blood in the best we have!) |
| 25. What is the flat dish called?  | Paten  | On this, rests the bread to be consecrated, and then later, the consecrated host is placed on this. |
| 26. What is the clear water holder called?  | Water Cruet | One of two small vessels/bottles to contain the water and wine used at the consecration of the Mass. They are presented as offerings of the faithful at the offertory.  |
| 27. Look at the *unconsecrated* host. Remember this is NOT JESUS YET! The priest has to take this normal bread and only then does it become Jesus during the consecration in the Mass. Why do we use bread – why not oreos or pizza?  | Bread was used at the Last Supper – the night that Jesus gave us His Body and Blood.  | The bread to be consecrated must always contain the ingredient, WHEAT. |
| 28. Find the cloth that looks like a napkin. What is it’s name?  | Purificator  | A small piece of white linen marked with a cross in the center used by the priest in the celebration of Mass. It is folded in 3 layers and used by the priest to purify his fingers, the chalice, and paten after Holy Communion  |
| 29.What is the small round metal case (usually gold plated) used by a priest to carry a few hosts to the sick or homebound.30. Do you see a small white linen cloth. Do you know what this is?31. Do you see a stiff square cardboard covered with linen?32. Do you see the very large cloth?33. Do you see the stiff square pocket about 12 inches . Do you know what this is? 34. Look at the censer/thurible which is used especially during special occasions at Mass. What comes out of it?  | PyxCorporalPallVeilBurseSmoke and a particular scent. | Pray for those who are sick and homebound and give thanks to God for the opportunity, through our priests and deacons, for those who cannot come to mass to receive our Lord in the Eucharist. The ciborium and chalice are placed on this cloth on the altar during mass. A sacred covering most commonly spread over the top of the chalice at mass.This is used as a covering for sacred objects as a sign of reverence.The folded corporal is placed in here, carried to and from the altar.This takes our prayers from earth to heaven  |
| 35. Go to the front left side of church. Look at the icon of the Blessed Mother. Do you know what title is given to her?36. Find the hollow metal cups that make a ringing sound at the moment of consecration during the Mass . What are these called?37. Name the three types of oils which are located on the steps38. Name the priest who will celebrate your first Holy Communion Mass and give to you the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ?**THANK YOU, DEAR GOD, FOR OUR PRIESTS…FOR WITHOUT THEM WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RECEIVE YOUR BODY, BLOOD, SOUL, AND DIVINITY IN THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST. WE ARE TRULY A BLESSED PEOPLE**. | Our Mother of Perpetual HelpMass bells Chrism Oil, Oil of Catechumens, Oil of the Sick Fr. Joseph Dorner **“Living Bread…Nourish our Souls! Sweet Jesus, in the Holy Eucharist…We ADORE YOU!”**  |  This altar is the only original altar in the Cathedral from the 1881 dedication of this church.  **Mary, our Mother of Perpetual** **Help** is always with us…**Pray for us!**This directs the attention of the people to the consecration, the most solemn part of the mass. Chrism-used for Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders.Oil of Catechumens-used for Baptism and those coming into the Catholic Church.Oil of the Sick-used to anoint those who are sick or dying.  **God has called this man to serve HIS church in a very special way. Please pray for him and all priests every day!** **\*\*\*“My Lord and My God”…It is customary to pray this at the consecration when the Sacred Host and Chalice are raised. St. Thomas proclaimed this when Jesus showed him his wounds after he had risen from the dead…This demonstrated that St. Thomas truly believed that this was Jesus. When we pray “My Lord and My God,” at the time the Sacred Host and Chalice are raised up at Mass, we, too, are saying DEAR JESUS, WE BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE TRULY PRESENT HERE IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST.**  |

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Ciborium

**If time permits, please take a walk down into the altar server’s room located below the sacristy. This is where the altar servers dress and prepare to serve Mass.**

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**“MY LORD AND MY GOD!” Pray this short prayer when the priest raises the Sacred Host and Chalice at mass. You are telling Jesus that you truly believe HE is present in the Eucharist. WOW! Jesus loves you this much that HE comes to you in the Sacred Host! Give thanks!**