

Third Grade Curriculum Outline						
Our Life with Jesus		Through studying the development of salvation history, students become immersed in the life of Jesus and develop a deeper understanding of God's loving plan and of how they are a part of his plan.				
Creed/Scripture		Students develop an understanding of the mystery of Christ through age appropriate teachings on Church doctrine and scriptural references as listed below and in the teacher's manual.				
Sacraments		All of the sacraments are presented in the third grade curriculum. The sacraments emphasized in the third grade are the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Penance. Students learn that through their full participation in the sacramental life of the Church they participate in the Paschal Mystery and receive grace that will help them in their pursuit to become holy and good Christians.				
Christian living		Throughout the third grade, students develop an understanding of the dignity of the human person. Students learn to live out their faith and respond to what they learn by forming a moral conscience and living out their call to justice and service by imitating the life of Jesus.				
Prayer		Throughout the third grade curriculum students develop a prayer life that includes participation in the Mass as the greatest prayer, learning traditional Catholic prayers, and praying spontaneous prayers.				
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1	Blessed Trinity Our Father	God is eternal and perfect. He loves us and made us in his image to know and love him.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God is perfect in every way. • God made us in his image and likeness. • God is three persons in one God. • God desires that we know him and pray to him. • Jesus taught his disciples how to pray. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's perfections/attributes • Man reflects God • Body and soul as image of God • God as pure spirit • Creation as treasures from God • Incarnation and revelation • Twelve apostles as chosen • Prayer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will grow in their awareness of God's perfections and his love and presence in their lives. • Students will develop an understanding of their need for God, especially through learning to pray as Jesus taught. • Students will understand that God loves them like a father and that he is their Heavenly Father. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Patrick of Ireland • Prayer: Sign of the Cross, Glory Be, Our Father • Scripture: Creation, Our Father prayer

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2	Creation Heaven	God created out of love and wants us to be with him forever in heaven.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God is the Creator of all things and everything he created is good. God gives us a free will to know, love, and serve him. We can choose good and avoid evil. God desires that all of us go to heaven. Heaven is being united with God in eternal and perfect happiness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make vs. create Hierarchy of creation Stewards of creation God's wisdom and ordering of creation God's love for creation God's plan for every person Sin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will deepen their knowledge of God as a wise and loving Creator and will deepen the virtue of faith. Students will understand that life is a gift from God. Students will learn to exercise responsible stewardship for the gift of creation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saint Francis of Assisi Prayer: Litany of Creation, Glory Be, Our Father Scripture: Creation, fall of Adam and Eve Chalk Talk: Which Road Will You Take?
3	Reason Revelation Magisterium	God reveals himself to us out of love so that we can know, love, and serve him.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From the world around us and by the use of our reason, we can know God exists. God reveals himself to us fully and more directly when he sends his only Son. The Magisterium of the Church safeguards God's revelation, which is passed on in Scripture and Tradition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prophet Natural and supernatural revelation Jesus, God's revelation Parables and the Kingdom of God Old Testament/New Testament Authorship of the Bible Pope and bishops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will become aware that God reveals himself out of love. Students will come to know that Jesus reveals who God is. Students will learn that Jesus founded his Church on earth and that the Church is entrusted with safeguarding God's revelation. Students will learn about the parts of the Bible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moses Prayer: Litany of Creation, Sign of the Cross, Glory Be, Our Father Scripture: Exodus, parables of Jesus, Gospels, Tradition Chalk Talk: God's Letter to Us
4	Angels The Fall Original Sin Grace	Because of the sin of Adam and Eve, we are all born without sanctifying grace in our souls. Jesus is our Savior, who redeemed us from our sins. Through Baptism we receive grace and share in the life Christ earned for us.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God created the angels and he gives each of us a guardian angel. Adam and Eve fell from grace. Even though Adam and Eve sinned, God promised to send a Savior one day. Jesus is our Savior. Through Baptism we receive sanctifying grace so that we can go to heaven. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall of the angels Archangels Garden of Eden Preternatural gifts Free will Crucifixion, death, and Resurrection of Christ Sacrament Symbols, effects, matter, and form of Baptism Mortal and venial sins Sacrament of Penance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will develop an understanding of man's need for God's loving grace and mercy, especially in light of original sin. Through studying about the Savior, students will grow in the virtue of hope for heaven. Students will deepen their understanding and appreciation that Jesus restores the life of grace within them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saint Thérèse and the Little Way Prayer: Guardian Angel Prayer, Saint Michael Prayer Scripture: Adam and Eve, Passion of Christ

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5	Abraham	As part of his great plan of love, God called Abraham to be faithful and chose him to prepare the people for the coming of the Savior.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God called Abraham to leave his homeland in faith and promised that his descendants would live in the land of Canaan. God tested Abraham. God blessed Abraham and his descendants. From Abraham's descendants would be born the Savior. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> False gods Waiting for the Savior Promised land Abraham's sacrifice and Isaac Biblical geography Father in faith Virtues of faith, obedience, and Trust 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will understand that faith is a gift from God that allows them to believe in the truths he has revealed and to respond to his love. Students will learn that God never forgets them and that he blesses them when they respond in faith, obedience, and love. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saint Bernadette of Lourdes Prayer: Act of Faith Scripture: Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac
6	Moses	God called Moses to deliver his people from slavery.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abraham's descendants became God's chosen people, a nation called the Israelites. God's chosen people were blessed and tested. God sent Moses to free his people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providence of God Egypt and pharaoh Burning bush Passover Paschal Lamb Red Sea Manna and water from the rock Covenant and commandments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will understand that God always keeps his promises and he providentially takes care of his people. Students will learn that they can respond to God's gift of life by supporting pro-life and social justice issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saint Maria Goretti Prayer: general intercessions Scripture: Moses, Exodus, truth and freedom Chalk Talk: God's Providence
7	The Ten Commandments	God gave the Ten Commandments to the Israelites and established a covenant with them. He promises eternal life to those who keep his commandments in love.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ten Commandments are nourishment for the souls of all people. Obeying the Commandments protects us from sin. God's law helps us to love God and neighbor. Jesus gave the Great Commandment of love, which summarizes the Ten Commandments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quail, manna, water Three commandments to love God Seven commandments to love neighbor Choosing to obey Application of the commandments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will learn that God has nourished Israel and all men with the Ten Commandments. Students will realize they need God's loving grace to follow the Ten Commandments Students will grow in their desire to express their love for God by obeying the Commandments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer: Act of Love Scripture: Moses, manna from heaven, Ten Commandments, commandment to love God above all, prodigal son, rich young man

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8	David and Goliath	God called David to be king and promised that the Savior would come from his descendants as part of his great plan of love. David taught many things about loving and trusting in God and speaking to him in prayer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David relied on God and slew Goliath. • Israel wanted an earthly king for its people. • David is a model to us as a man of prayer. • God promised that the Savior would be a descendant of David. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samuel • Saul • Trust • Anoint • Psalms • Types of prayer • David foreshadows Jesus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will deepen their faith by learning that God is their King in whom they should trust. • Students will learn to talk to God in prayer. • Students will realize their need for God and show gratitude for his many blessings and abiding love. • Students will recognize their call to be good Christian leaders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Louis of France • Feast of Christ the King • Scripture: Psalms, David and Goliath
9	1 st and 2 nd Commandments	The First and Second Commandments tell us we should love God above all else.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is one true God and we are to worship him alone. • We must use God's name with reverence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divine attributes • Theological virtues of faith, hope, and love • Virtue of religion • Idolatry and superstition • Blasphemy and false oaths • Sacramentals • Gestures and postures for church • Places in church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn to know, love, and serve God in this world so that they can be happy with him in heaven. • Through studying the First and Second Commandments, students will deepen their understanding of the true worship of God, their appreciation for Mass, and the Church as sacred. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Thomas Aquinas • Patron saints • Prayer: Act of Faith, Act of Hope, Act of Love • Scripture: Commandments
10	3 rd Commandment	The Third Commandment tells us to keep the Lord's Day holy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God rested on the seventh day of Creation. • By participating in the Mass we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection and receive many blessings from God. • Sunday is a day of worship, rest, and family time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jewish Sabbath • Liturgical calendar • Holy days of obligation • Parts of the Mass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will understand that through love and worship of God they will grow in holiness and receive God's many blessings. • Students will be drawn to praise and worship God on Sundays and holy days. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pope Saint Pius X • Prayer: Act of Faith, Act of Hope, Act of Love • Scripture: seventh day of Creation, Commandments

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11	4 th and 5 th Commandments	The Fourth and Fifth Commandments tell us that we can love God by honoring our parents and respecting life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We must honor our father and mother and respect and obey those in authority. The Holy Family is a perfect model of love and obedience. We must recognize that God is the author of life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roles in the family Goal of the family The family as a domestic Church Pro-life Respecting authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will learn to love God by honoring their parents. Students will understand that all life is precious. Students will be called to respect life and make sacrifices of love. Students will form moral consciences, especially on life issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married saints Scripture: Commandments, finding of the child Jesus in the temple, Peter and Jesus pay taxes out of obedience, Good Samaritan
12	6 th - 10 th Commandments	In the Sixth through Tenth Commandments God calls us to love our neighbors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our bodies are created by God and are temples of the Holy Spirit, so we must respect them. God calls us to be faithful as he is faithful. We should be satisfied with what God has given us. We should always be truthful. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purity Truth Friendships Fidelity Justice Covet Bearing false witness Vocations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will increase in the virtues of hope and love by living in purity and truth in all that they say and do. Students will form moral consciences with respect to their relationships with others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saint Augustine Saint Thomas More Scripture: Commandments, Truth (Jn 8:31-32 and Proverbs 8:6-8)
13	Mercy and Forgiveness Sacrament of Penance	God's merciful love is endless and he desires that we receive his forgiveness and grace in the Sacrament of Penance. Only God can forgive sins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God's merciful love is endless and he wants to forgive our sins. Jesus gives us the Sacrament of Penance for the forgiveness of sins. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good Shepherd Mortal and venial sin Contrition, repentance Grace, healing, reconciliation Apostolic succession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will realize that God's love and mercy are endless and that he never stops loving them. Students will be prepared to receive the Sacrament of Penance through studying how Jesus has given priests the power to forgive sins. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saint Peter Saint Mary Magdalene Prayer: Act of Contrition Scripture: Good Shepherd, Peter's denial, Mary Magdalene, healing of the paralytic, institution of the Sacrament of Penance Chalk Talk: Sin and Forgiveness

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14	The Sacrament of Penance	We meet Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance. As we receive his loving mercy we are healed and restored with the hope of heaven.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to prepare for the Sacrament of Penance Steps for a good confession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconciliation with the Church Penance service General absolution Sacramental seal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will come to know Jesus' love and mercy. Students will learn the importance of the Sacrament of Penance. Students will understand that the Sacrament of Penance is a sacrament of healing. Students will develop their moral conscience through a good examination of conscience. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Curé of Ars Prayer: Prayer Before a Crucifix, Act of Contrition, Examination of Conscience Scripture: Prodigal Son Chalk Talk: A Good Confession
15	Annunciation Incarnation Nativity	In Christ, God became man. Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary to redeem man.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God, through the angel Gabriel, invited Mary to be the mother of his Son, the second Person of the Trinity. Mary said "Yes" and conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, yet remained a virgin. God became man. Mary, from the first moment of her life, was free from original sin. Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary to redeem man. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mother of God Advent Prophecies Christmas traditions Visitation Immaculate Conception Holy Family Foster-father of Jesus Humility Shepherds and wise men 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will come to realize the importance of Jesus coming to save them. Students will understand that God has a special plan for each of them and they will desire to emulate Mary's joy, obedience, and humility. Students will realize that the season of Advent prepares them for Christmas. Students will realize how the humility of the Nativity should draw them to worship Jesus, just as it did the shepherds and the wise men. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saint Nicholas Prayer: Hail Mary, Joyful Mysteries Scripture: prophecies of the Messiah, Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, shepherds, visit of the Magi, Presentation, flight into Egypt Chalk Talk: Grace

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16	Jesus' Hidden Life Baptism of Jesus	Just as Jesus' Baptism was the beginning of his public mission, by our Baptism we are prepared and sent on our mission as Christians.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus led an ordinary Jewish life before his public years. • Though he was sinless, Jesus was baptized at the beginning of his public life as an example for us. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Family and virtues • Rite of Baptism • Baptismal promises • Jewish religion, feasts, and traditions • Sanctifying grace, soul • Holy Spirit • Anointed by the Holy Spirit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will realize that their mission in Christ begins at Baptism. • Students will learn that Jesus is God and that he is a man who lived on earth and is still alive now. • Students will realize their call to holiness in imitating the life of Christ. • Students will understand that God is triune. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Elizabeth • John the Baptist • Prayer: Joyful Mysteries • Scripture: Presentation of Jesus, finding in the temple, Baptism of Jesus
17	Jesus' Public Life: The Miracles of Jesus	Jesus performed many miracles that show he is the Savior of the world. He preached parables to foster conversion. Our encounter with the living Christ in the Gospels helps us to know and love Jesus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus' miracles show that he is God. Jesus gave us parables to teach us more about who he is and our friendship with him. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversion • Theological virtues • Humility and courage in discipleship • Miracles as preparation for the sacraments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will come to know that the good news of the gospel is that Jesus loves them and wants them to be with him forever in heaven. • Students will realize that they meet Jesus in the Word and that they are called to follow him. • Students will recognize the humility needed for conversion and discipleship, and will know that they can meet Jesus in the sacraments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Philomena • Scripture: prophecies fulfilled, wedding at Cana, multiplication of loaves, healing the blind and sick, healing of the centurion's servant, Lazarus, parable of the Mustard Seed, parable of the Sower

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18	The Last Supper Our First Mass	At the Last Supper Jesus celebrated the Passover with his apostles. This was the first Mass.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus celebrated the Passover with his apostles. Jesus gives us the gift of himself in the Eucharist. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anticipation of death on the Cross Washing of the feet Humility and service Miracles Teachings on the Eucharist Consecration Transubstantiation Matter, form, and institution of the Eucharist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will realize Jesus' fulfillment of covenant promises in the sacrament of the Eucharist. Students will realize that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Students will know the effects of receiving Holy Communion and that their disposition is important to receive all the graces offered in this sacrament. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Twelve apostles Saint Pope Pius X Prayer: Agnus Dei, Litany of the Apostles Scripture: Passover and Last Supper
19	The Passion	Jesus' suffering and death conquered death and opened the gates of heaven for us. He offered the perfect sacrifice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus was arrested, suffered, and died. By Jesus' sacrifice death is conquered, the wounds of original sin are healed, and grace and friendship are restored between God and man. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garden of Gethsemane Adam and Jesus Stations of the Cross Role of John and Mary Redemption Merits of suffering and sacrifice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will develop a very basic understanding of the Paschal Mystery, increasing their hope for heaven. Students will learn that Lent and Advent are special times for prayer and uniting their sacrifices with Jesus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque Prayer: general intercessions, Marian prayers Scripture: Adam/Jesus, agony in the garden, Passion, Gospel of John
20	Jesus is the Perfect Sacrifice	On the Cross, Jesus offered the perfect sacrifice of love. We are called to share in this sacrifice by participating in the Mass and by offering our sacrifices of love to Jesus and to one another.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus is the perfect sacrifice. He opened the gates of heaven. The Sacrifice of the Cross and the Sacrifice of the Mass are one and the same sacrifice. Through the Mass, Jesus' sacrifice is made present in an unbloody, real, and sacramental way. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sacrifices Old Testament sacrifices prefigure Christ Redemption Salvation Atonement Mass responses Parts of the Mass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will understand more about Jesus' love for them and their need to respond to this love in small offerings they can make for Jesus and for others. Students will understand more deeply that the Mass is their real participation in Jesus' perfect sacrifice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saint Padre Pio Prayer: Prayer Before a Crucifix Scripture: Old Testament sacrifices Chalk Talk: Separation Between God and Man

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21	The Holy Mass Introductory Rites Liturgy of the Word	We should understand the parts of the Mass because the Mass is the way in which we share in Jesus' offering to the Father. In union with the sacrifice of the Cross, which is made present to us at Mass, we can offer ourselves to God.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory Rites • Liturgy of the Word 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconciliation with God • Parts of the Mass • Reverence at Mass • Holy Days of Obligation • Creeds • Worship • Institution of the Eucharist • Holy Orders • Lectionary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will learn about the parts of the Mass, understand that it is the greatest prayer, and thereby more fully participate in the Mass. • Students will have a deeper understanding of meeting God in the Word and in the Eucharist. • Students will learn that the Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Dominic • Prayer: Nicene Creed • Scripture: The Last Supper
22	Liturgy of the Eucharist Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist	Jesus' presence in the Eucharist is our greatest treasure: He is truly present Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liturgy of the Eucharist • Members of the Church at Mass • Offertory • Consecration and priestly power 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bread and wine • Host • Sacred vessels • Reverence • Adoration • Blessed Sacrament 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will have a deeper understanding of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist and the centrality of the sacrament in our faith. • Students will learn to offer themselves to the Father in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Anthony • Prayer: Morning Offering, Our Father, Anima Christi • Scripture: entry into Jerusalem
23	The Eucharist	Jesus is the Bread of Life and nourishment for our souls so that we can become more like him.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We receive Jesus, the Lamb of God, in Holy Communion, which is the sacred meal that nourishes our souls. • The Holy Mass is the perfect prayer, which we celebrate by Jesus' command. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forms of prayer • Old Covenant: sacrifice and meal • New Covenant • Lamb of God • Mystical Body of Christ • Worthy Communion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will understand that the Mass unites the family of Christ. • Students will learn that Jesus provides nourishment for their souls, and that this is a great and unmerited grace. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Paschal Baylon • Prayer: Our Father, Spiritual Communion • Scripture: Bread of Life discourse, Mystical Body of Christ, Lamb of God

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24	Holy Communion	We become one with Jesus when we receive Holy Communion, the meal of Jesus' sacrifice. We should prepare to receive Jesus worthily in the Eucharist, so that we can become more like him.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus prepares us to receive him in the Eucharist. Steps to receiving Jesus worthily in the Eucharist. We thank and adore Jesus for coming to us in the Eucharist and making us like him. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symbols for Christ Bread of Life Effects of Holy Communion Grace Examination of conscience Reverence at Communion Union with Jesus Adoration and Benediction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will develop a greater desire to receive Holy Communion because of their love for Jesus. Students will recognize that the deepest union they can have with Jesus is through receiving Holy Communion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saint Clare Prayer: Spiritual Communion Scripture: multiplication of the loaves and fish
25	The Resurrection	We rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus, because he has destroyed death and given us access to eternal life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus rose from the dead on the third day after his Crucifixion. Jesus appeared to his disciples over the next forty days. Then he ascended into heaven. Jesus' suffering, death, and Resurrection lead to everlasting life. We will be judged and our bodies will be raised from the dead. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Death, particular judgment, general judgment, heaven, hell Jesus will come again in glory Forgiveness Apostles' power to forgive sins Grace Eternal life Sending of the Holy Spirit Peter, the first Pope 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will grow in their appreciation and hope for heaven. Students will learn the mission of the Church and the apostles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saint Mary Magdalene Saint Peter Saint John Saint Thomas Prayer: Prayer Before a Crucifix Scripture: Easter, institution of the Sacrament of Penance, feed my sheep, road to Emmaus, go forth and baptize, Ascension Chalk Talk: Time Line (40 days before the Ascension)

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26	The Holy Spirit	The Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and Mary, and the Church was born. The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity. He comes to dwell in us and give us his gifts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and Mary at Pentecost, ten days after Jesus' Ascension. They received grace to fulfill their mission and spread the good news. We receive the Holy Spirit in Baptism. We receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and keep his life in our souls by the sacraments, prayer, good works, and the rejection of sin. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symbols of the Holy Spirit Pentecost Theological virtues Novena Holy Spirit: love of the Father and Son Temples of the Holy Spirit Confirmation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will learn to appreciate their mission as baptized Christians. Students will recognize the Church's and their own dependence on the Holy Spirit to fulfill the Christian mission. Students will learn to reflect on the love of the Trinity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saint Peter Mary Prayer: Novena to the Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit Prayer Scripture: Pentecost
27	The Church	Jesus founded the Catholic Church and it is through the Church that Jesus' mission on earth is carried out.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus founded the Church, entrusted her to the apostles, and gave her leaders to carry on his work. The Church is the Body of Christ. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pope, bishop, priest Infallibility Marks of the Church Religious orders Apostolic succession Mystical Body of Christ: Communion of Saints 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will learn that the Church community includes the Pope, bishops, priests, religious, and lay people. Students will understand that the Church is the Mystical Body of Christ. Students will develop an understanding of the Communion of Saints. Students will realize that the Church carries out Jesus' mission on earth, and that they have an important role in the Church. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Paul II Saint Peter Scripture: Peter and the keys, Mystical Body of Christ Chalk Talk: Roles in the Church

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28	The Seven Sacraments	It is through the Church that we receive the sacraments. Through the sacraments we are united with God and filled with his grace.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus instituted the seven sacraments. • The sacraments are effective signs that give grace. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matter and form • Forms of prayer • Signs and effects of the sacraments • Four pillars of the Catholic Faith • Life of grace • Moral life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will understand that through the sacramental life in the Church they receive the graces necessary to become holy and good Christians. • Students will learn about each of the seven sacraments: the sacraments of initiation, healing, and service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chalk Talk: The Church (sacraments)
29	The Blessed Virgin Mary	We honor Mary, because she is the mother of our Savior. Jesus gave her to us as our mother. She leads us to Jesus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus gave Mary to us to be our mother. • Mary is the Immaculate Conception. • Mary was assumed into heaven, crowned Queen of heaven and earth, and now intercedes for us with her Son. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mother of God • Intercession • Virtues of Mary • Assumption • Coronation • Mysteries of the Rosary • Litany prayer • Marian apparitions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will come to understand that Mary's role is to lead us to her Son. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Bernadette • Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe • Prayer: Litany of Loreto, Rosary • Scripture: Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Presentation, Finding of Jesus in the Temple, Wedding at Cana
30	The Communion of Saints	Jesus' death and Resurrection give the members of his Mystical Body life after death. We should pray that all of his people may be united with him in heaven. Our eyes and hearts should always be kept on heaven, because our true home is to be there with God.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death is the beginning of eternal life. • The Communion of Saints encompasses the whole Church. • Our goal in life is to get to heaven. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saints • Death • Funerals • Praying for the dead • Purgatory • Temples of the Holy Spirit • Four last things • Final judgment • Divine mercy • Crown of glory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will realize that they are called to be one with God in heaven. • Students will have a deeper understanding of the Communion of Saints and intercessory prayer. • Students will know the four last things and will recognize the importance of a virtuous and holy life on earth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saint Faustina Kowalska • Scripture: crown of glory • Prayer: Hail Mary, Prayer for a Happy Death, Chaplet of Divine Mercy • Chalk Talk: Communion of Saints