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The Faith Professed				The Faith Professed	
Doctrine				Doctrine	
A 'mystery' of Faith is something that we can only partially understand on Earth. Our minds can understand a part, but we can never fully understand or explain the mystery. God calls us to reflect on the mystery and use our minds to explore the mystery and our heart to love him as we explore the mystery.	X			A 'mystery' of Faith is something that we can only partially understand on Earth. Our minds can understand a part, but we can never fully understand or explain the mystery. God calls us to reflect on the mystery and use our minds to explore the mystery and our heart to love him as we explore the mystery.	
The greatest mystery of our faith is God, the Holy Trinity. We can only understand the Trinity because God has revealed himself to us.	X			The greatest mystery of our faith is God, the Holy Trinity.	
God is one God and three divine persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Spirit) is God.		X		Describe the meaning of faith in my life.	
Show an understanding of the meaning when we say, "I believe in one God."	X			God is one God and three divine persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.	
God the Father is the first person of the Trinity.					
Jesus is the Son of God, the second person of the Trinity.					
God the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity.					
Identify the Holy Trinity in the Apostles' Creed.	X			Identify the Holy Trinity in the Apostles' Creed.	
No one made or created God. He always existed and will always exist.		X		Explain the basic truths of the Catholic Church using the Apostle's Creed.	
God is everywhere, all knowing, all seeing, all powerful, and all good. He is all-present, all-merciful, and all-just.					
God the Father is a loving Father and he always loves us. Nothing we do or do not do can change how much he loves us.	X			God is loving, forgiving, and always keeps his promises. We cannot earn his love or make him love us more.	
God the Father created everything out of love, because he wanted to share his own goodness. All creation shows us the wisdom and beauty of God.	X			God the Father created everything (angels, the universe, and people) out of love, because he wanted to share his own goodness. All creation shows us the wisdom and beauty of God.	
God's creation includes the visible (nature, people, etc.) and the invisible (angels, etc.)					

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Creating and making are different. Creating means bringing something into existence out of nothing. Making means forming something new out of parts you already had.	X			Creating and making are different. Creating means bringing something into existence out of nothing. Making means forming something new out of parts you already had.
		X		Everything in creation in relationship to everything else in creation. Creation is not independent.
Jesus is the only Son of God the Father.				
The Second Person of the Holy Trinity became man while remaining God. He is fully God and fully man. He is Jesus Christ.	X			The Second Person of the Holy Trinity became man while remaining God. He is fully God and fully man. He is Jesus Christ.
Jesus Christ is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit.				
Jesus is like us in every way except sin.	X			Jesus is like us in every way except sin.
Jesus was sent by God so that we can know God's love. His death, resurrection, and ascension are the source of the forgiveness of our sins and our salvation.		X		Jesus was sent by God to reveal the Father and his love to mankind, to teach them how to live, and to open heaven. His death, resurrection, and ascension are the source of the forgiveness of our sins and our salvation.
Jesus is the one whose whole earthy life reveals who God is. "He who has seen me, has seen the Father." Jn 14:9	X			Jesus is the one whose whole earthy life perfectly reveals who God is. "He who has seen me, has seen the Father." Jn 14:9
God wants us to love him so that we can be happy. He wants our love to be a response to His love.		X		Jesus is priest, prophet and king.
The names of Jesus help us understand who he is. Jesus means "God Saves", Christ/Messiah means "anointed", Emmanuel means "God is with us" Lord means "king", Redeemer means that He gave his life to ransom us, and Savior means "one who saves."				
		X		The four last things are death, judgment, heaven, and hell.
Offer a brief and sensitive understanding of the Catholic view of death.	X			Offer a brief and sensitive understanding of the Catholic view of death.
When we die, our body and soul separates. Our soul goes to heaven, hell or purgatory.	X			When we die, our body and soul separates, and our soul does not keep our body alive anymore.
Jesus will come again in glory at the end of the world to judge the living and the dead.		X		The particular judgment happens when we die. Our soul goes to heaven, hell or purgatory.

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Jesus will judge by the way we lived. He is a good judge, who understands our efforts, judges justly according to the truth, and offers us mercy.	X			Jesus will judge by the way we lived. He is a good judge, who understands our efforts, judges justly according to the truth, and offers us mercy.
After the final judgment, the Resurrection of the body will happen for every person, and our soul will enliven our body again.	X			After the final judgment, the Resurrection of the body will happen for every person, and our soul will enliven our body again.
		X		The general judgment happens at the end of time when Jesus will appear before all humanity.
The Holy Spirit lives in the souls of those who are in God's grace.	X			The Holy Spirit lives in the souls of those who are in God's grace.
The Holy Spirit guides us and is our companion.	X			The Holy Spirit guides us and is our companion.
Know and explain where images of the Holy Spirit come from in the Scriptures. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fire – from the time the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles at Pentecost - Dove- from the time the Holy Spirit came down on Jesus after his baptism - Wind – from the time the Holy Spirit came down on the Apostles at Pentecost 				
Angels are pure spirits and are very powerful. They can think and choose, but do not have bodies.	X			Angels are pure spirits and are very powerful. They can think and choose, but do not have bodies.
God made the angels to be loved by God, to love, and to help God.	X			God made the angels to be loved by God, to love, and to help God.
The angels always praise God and love him. They are God's messengers, guard and protect us, and help God in other ways.	X			The angels always praise God and love him. They are God's messengers, guard and protect us, and help God in other ways.
Everyone has a guardian angel who guides and protects him/her. Our guardian angel is very powerful and loves us. He wants to help us live close to God, and we should ask for his help.	X			Everyone has a guardian angel who guides and protects him/her. Our guardian angel is very powerful and loves us. He wants to help us live close to God, and we should ask for his help.
Bad angels choose to disobey God. They live in hell and some of them tempt humans and try to get them to disobey God. The bad angels do not want anyone to love God or do what he asks.		X		Bad angels, the chief of whom is the Devil, or Satan, choose to disobey God. They live in hell and some of them tempt humans and try to get them to disobey God. The bad angels do not want anyone to love God or do what he asks.

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Heaven is sharing joy and happiness with God forever, with Mary, the angels, and saints. Earth is only a temporary home. Heaven is God's home and our real home.	X			Heaven is sharing joy and happiness with God forever, with Mary, the angels, and saints. Earth is only a temporary home. Heaven is God's home and our real home.
		X		Heaven is the goal for which all persons were created.
		X		Heaven is the joy of being totally united with God, who is love, with Mary, the angels, and saints. Human beings are able to make a perfect self-gift to God and are able to receive his self-gift in return.
		X		Peace, joy, and happiness now on earth helps us experience heaven early.
Hell is our choice to reject God and his will. It is everlasting suffering, the primary pain of which is separation from God.	X			Hell is our choice to reject God and his will. It is everlasting suffering, the primary pain of which is separation from God.
Purgatory is a state, after death, in which holy souls, who died in a state of grace but are not yet perfectly purified, are made free from the effects of sin so as to enter Heaven. Everyone in purgatory will be in heaven one day.	X			Purgatory is a state, after death, in which holy souls, who died in a state of grace but are not yet perfectly purified, are made free from the effects of sin so as to enter Heaven. Everyone in purgatory will be in heaven one day.
God invites and wants everyone to go to Heaven. He does not want anyone to choose to live forever apart from Him in hell.	X			God invites and wants everyone to go to Heaven. He does not want anyone to choose to live forever apart from Him in hell.
Faith is a gift from God so that we can love, believe, and follow him. It lets us believe in God even when we can't see Him and believe in what he teaches us through the Church.	X			Faith is a gift from God so that we can love, believe, and follow him. It lets us believe in God even when we can't see Him and believe in what he teaches us through the Church.
		X		Describe the meaning of faith in personal life.
A creed is a short summary of our key beliefs. The Apostles Creed is a very short summary and has all the basic truths of the Catholic Faith. The Nicene Creed is more detailed.	X			A creed is a short summary of our key beliefs. The Apostles Creed is a very short summary and has all the basic truths of the Catholic Faith. The Nicene Creed is more detailed.
The word "Gospel" means "good news".		X		Name the five precepts of the Church: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. 2) Receive the Eucharist at least once per year, in the Easter season. 3) Confess mortal sins at least once per year. 4) Observe the days of fasting and abstinence. 5) Help provide for the needs of the Church.

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Grace is a gift from God which helps us to be holy.				
Sanctifying grace is sharing in God's life and it is what makes us holy. It is a gift from God.				
Scripture		Scripture		
The Bible		The Bible		
Show love and respect for the Bible as the Word of God in written in human language.	X			Show love and respect for the Bible as the Word of God in written in human language.
God reveals Himself to us through Sacred Scripture (the Bible) and Sacred Tradition (the truths of God handed on from Christ and the apostles that have been passed on by word of mouth as well as in writing).	X			God reveals Himself to us through Sacred Scripture (the Bible) and Sacred Tradition (the truths of God handed on from Christ and the apostles that have been passed on by word of mouth as well as in writing).
		X		All of Sacred Scripture is inspired by God and was written in sections by human beings over a long period of time.
		X		Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Catholic Church developed the list of which writings were inspired.
		X		Revelation in the Bible and in Sacred Tradition is God's way of making himself known so that we can to respond to his love with faith.
Explain how the Scripture narratives can be implemented in daily life.		X		Explain how the Scripture narratives can be implemented in daily life and help us better recognize the value and meaning of our life and faith.
The Bible is a compilation of small books that the Apostles and their successors recognized as the Word of God. The Holy Spirit guided them.				
The Holy Spirit inspired people to write the Bible, which means that he helped them understand God and to write everything that God wanted them to write, and nothing more.				
Recognize books of the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) and New Testament (Christian Scriptures) from a list.		X		Recognize that there are 73 books in the Bible- 46 Old Testament and 27 New Testament.

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		X		Identify the major sections of the Old Testament: The Pentateuch, historical books, books of wisdom, and the prophetic books.
		X		Identify the major sections of the New Testament: The four Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, the Epistles (letters) and the book of Revelation.
The Bible is organized into books, chapters, and verses.		X		Look up Bible passages by book, chapter and verse.
The Bible tells the story of Salvation History, which is God's plan to save us. Everything in the Bible tells us about the story of God's love and how he saves his people.		X		The Bible tells the story of Salvation History, which is God's personal involvement in history to implement his plan to save us.
The Old Testament is about God and his people before Jesus, and the New Testament is about God and his people when Jesus was on Earth and afterward.		X		Order major events of salvation history on a time line (Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, David, John the Baptist, events in the life of Jesus).
Understand the Gospels as narratives of the life of Jesus.				
We come to know Jesus better when we read, study, and pray the Scriptures.				
Find Scripture passages and reference them by citing book, chapter, and verse.				
The four Gospel writers are Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.	X			The four Gospel writers are Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
Use a map to find Biblical locations.		X		Use a map to find Biblical locations (Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, etc).
		X		Understand the idea of typology.
Old Testament Scriptures				Old Testament Scriptures
		X		Discuss the development of God's covenant with the Hebrew people using Bible narratives about Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David)
The first book of the Old Testament is Genesis.				
The Old Testament helps us to understand God as Creator and Protector.				

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<p>The Old Testament tells us about God’s relationship with His chosen people, the Israelites, as he slowly taught them who He is and prepared them for the coming of Jesus.</p>			
<p>Adam and Eve (creation and sin)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God created the world in a way that reflects his goodness, wisdom, and love for his creatures. - Creation was the first covenant, or sacred family bond, and it was made with Adam, who symbolized all people. - Adam and Eve were very good, and made with the special ability to know God, think, and love. - When God created them, he gave them special gifts and they had a wonderful relationship with God. - God gave creation to human beings to protect and nurture it. He gave Adam the special task of guarding the garden. - Adam and Eve sinned. They were still loved by God but they damaged their relationship with him and lost his gifts. - The greatest thing Adam and Eve lost was sanctifying grace, or God’s life in their souls. - The natural world suffered when Adam and Eve sinned. - Adam and Eve’s sin is called original sin. It was a free and intentional act of disobedience toward God. - Original sin means that we are born without sanctifying grace, and that our relationships with God, ourselves, nature, and each other are damaged, but not completely broken. We are weak in resisting sin. - Everyone is born in original sin, and everyone needs a savior. Christ is the savior for everyone. Note to catechist: If we say there is no original sin, then we change our understanding of the identity of Jesus because then everyone wouldn’t need a savior. 	<p>X</p>		<p>Adam and Eve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creation of Adam and Eve (include the complementary nature of man and woman) - Adam’s job was to protect the garden, but he did not protect Eve from the devil. Eve’s job was to support Adam, but she invited him to sin. - Understand that evil entered the world through the Original Sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve. - Original sin hands a wounded (not broken) human nature to all human beings. C.f. Theology of the Body standard for broken relationships and original sin. - Because of original sin, humans were not able to receive the original holiness or justice that God had planned for them from the beginning. - The inability to understand the way we should, suffering, death, and the inclination to sin are all a result of original sin. - God immediately promised to send a savior.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Everyone is affected by original sin and is born without sanctifying grace except Mary. God protected her because he knew he was going to ask her to be the mother of Jesus. - Even though Adam and Eve were sorry, they couldn't fix their bad decision. - God promised them a savior. 				
<p>Retell the story of Cain and Abel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compare and contrast their sacrifices - Cain killed Abel because he was jealous - Cain tried to cover it up by saying that he wasn't responsible for Abel. 		X		<p>Cain and Abel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The devil tempts us to sin, but we don't have to (Genesis 4:7). - Exhibits the need for sacrament of Penance.
<p>Noah and the Ark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noah was faithful to God when all the other people God was guiding decided to do the wrong thing. - God told Noah about a flood that was coming. - Noah listened to God, built an ark, and brought animals and his family on the ark with him. - After the rain stopped, Noah sent birds out to see if there was land so that he and the animals could get out of the ark safely. - When Noah and his family got out of the ark onto land, God gave the world a new start. He put a rainbow in the sky to symbolize his love and the promise that he would never let a flood cover the whole world again. - God's promise was part of a new covenant (the second covenant) which brought more people into relationship with God. 		X		<p>Noah and the Ark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God washed the world clean of sin and created a new start. - God made a covenant with Noah. Noah was supposed to be faithful to God, and protect every person because God made them in his own image. God gave Noah all the earth and its goods and promised never to destroy the world by a flood. - The sign of this covenant was a rainbow. - This event is a type of Baptism. (The human person is washed clean and cleansed of sin to start a new life in Christ.)
<p>Tower of Babel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retell the story 		X		<p>Tower of Babel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The tower was to get to heaven their own way, not God's way.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Identify that completing the tower would have been harmful to the people, so God started different languages so that they could not understand each other.				<ul style="list-style-type: none">- God knew that we can't reach God or appreciate him by doing everything our own way.- God promised Noah not to destroy the world, so he confused their language to help them stop being so proud.
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<p>Abraham and Sarah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God calls Abraham. He promises him land and a nation. Even though Abraham is already rich in a sophisticated city (Ur), he chooses to follow God. - God leads Abraham and Sarah from their home to a new home. He promises to bless them with a son, even though Sarah is too old to have a baby. - Abraham and Sarah are faithful to God for decades, and still, Sarah did not have a baby yet. - Three visitors come by Abraham's tent. Abraham welcomes them and recognizes that they are visitors from God. He gives them the best of everything he has. - As the visitors leave, they tell Sarah that she is going to have a baby before the end of the year. Sarah knows she is too old, and she and Abraham have been waiting a long time for a baby, so she laughs. - God fulfills his promise and before the end of the year, Abraham and Sarah have a baby. They name him "Isaac," which means laughter. - They are the beginning of God's chosen people. - God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac. Abraham believed God, and even though it was hard, he was willing to obey. Abraham believed that God was powerful enough to bring Isaac back from the dead. - Abraham is our Father in Faith. The covenant that God made with Abraham is the third covenant, and brought a whole tribe into communion with God. - Lesson: God always fulfills his promises. Sometimes God waits to give us good things, but that does not mean he is unfaithful. We should have faith like Abraham's and do what God wants, even when it doesn't seem anyone is paying attention. 	<p>X</p>	<p>Abraham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God changed Abram's name to Abraham when he renewed the covenant. - God made a covenant with Abraham. Abraham would worship only one, true God, and would be obedient. God would give him land and a nation, kingship and a name, and make him a blessing for all nations. (cf: Gn 12) - The fulfillment of the covenant began in Abraham's time, but was fully fulfilled later in salvation History: Land with Moses, Kingship with David, and blessing through Jesus. - One of the patriarchs of Israel.
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		X		Define and understand the meaning of patriarch.
		X		Isaac - Abraham's son and a patriarch of Israel.
		X		Jacob - Isaac's son and a patriarch of Israel. - God changed Jacob's name to Israel. - The story of Jacob's wrestling with God has been treasured in the Church a symbol of prayer as a battle of faith and the triumph of perseverance.
		X		Joseph: - Jacob's youngest son. - Joseph suffered from his brothers, but God brought a greater good from that evil. - Joseph's fidelity to God placed him a position where he could save the Israelites from famine.
Moses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When Moses was a baby, he was adopted by the Pharaoh's daughter. - The Egyptians were very mean to God's people. - God asked Moses to lead his people out of Egypt so that they could worship him. - Pharaoh didn't want to let the people go, but after God showed his power in 10 signs, he agreed. - Pharaoh changed his mind and chased after the Israelites with his whole army. - Moses parted the water of the Red Sea and led the Israelites through it. Then he told the water to go back, and all of Pharaoh's army was stopped. - God made sure to protect his people, to lead them, and to give them the freedom to worship him. 10 Commandments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God chose Moses to lead his people. 		X		Moses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prophet - Obedied God and led the people out of Egypt. - Understand the events of the Passover. - Recognize that the Passover is a type of the saving sacrifice of Jesus. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - spotless, unblemished lamb (Jesus) is sacrificed. The blood is a sign that God's punishment should not enter. The families need to eat the lamb (Eucharist), and are led out of slavery (to sin) through water (Baptism) to worship God in freedom. Journey in the Desert <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God provides manna, which is a type of the Eucharist. - When they need water, God has Moses hit a rock with his staff, and water flows out. - Moses receives the 10 Commandments and gives them to the Israelites

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moses went up on a mountain, called Sinai, to talk with God. - God gave Moses 10 commandments so that his people would know what was right and wrong and so that they could be happy and know what would help or hurt them. - The 10 commandments help us live in a manner that prepares us to welcome Jesus when he comes. - When God took the people out of Egypt, he promised them a new home. Moses led God’s people as they traveled to the new home. 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 10 commandments were there to help the Israelites know how to use their new freedom. - God gave Moses directions for building the Ark of the Covenant and the Temple. - The Israelites were not faithful to God, but he always corrected them and led them with care and love as their Redeemer.
		X		Discuss the importance and contents of the Ark of the Covenant.
		X		Joshua led the Israelites into the promised land after 40 years in the desert.
		X		Saul <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A good king provides for and protects his people. - God was the king of Israel. - Israel wanted a new king, one they could see. - God warned them that having a king they could see would not be as good as having him for a king. - The people didn’t listen, so God chose Saul as the first king.
David and Goliath <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - David was the youngest, so in the culture people did not think he was very important. - David was a poor shepherd. - When Israel, God’s people, were fighting a group called the Philistines, who wanted to kill them or enslave them, the Israelites were losing. - God called David to lead the Israelites to a victory. - The King offered David strong weapons and armor, but David trusted God’s power and fought with only a sling and a stone. 		X		David <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saul didn’t listen to God and couldn’t protect the people. - David and Goliath - King after Saul - As king, David sinned greatly and repented, and God forgave him.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - David became the next king. - God made a covenant with David, and David was supposed to lead God's people to do the right thing. 				
		X		Solomon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - King after David - Asked God for wisdom and was very wise - Built a great temple in Jerusalem, and put the Ark of the Covenant in it. - Fell away from God.
		X		Israel had good and bad kings.
Elijah was a famous prophet, and he told God's people the truth. He taught them so that they would be getting ready for the savior God promised Adam and Eve. Retell an age-appropriate version of Elijah and the prophets of Baal.	X			Elijah and the other prophets told the Israelites the truth about right and wrong, and urged them to repent so that they could be close to God.
		X		The Prophet Isiah foretold that the Messiah would be a suffering servant.
Retell the story of Daniel in the Lion's den.	X			Retell the story of Daniel in the Lion's den.
Psalms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify and become familiar with the Psalms. - Recognize the psalms at Mass and in communal prayer. - Recognize that the Psalms are special Old Testament Prayers of praise, petition, thanksgiving, and sorrow. - The Psalms are originally songs, so we often set them to music and sing them, especially at Mass. 	X			Psalms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify and become familiar with the Psalms. - Recognize the psalms at Mass and in communal prayer. - Recognize that the Psalms are special Old Testament Prayers of praise, petition, thanksgiving, and sorrow. - The Psalms are originally songs, so we often set them to music and sing them, especially at Mass.
		X		For a time, Israel was conquered by the Babylonians. Then the Persians took over and let them worship and go to Jerusalem again.
New Testament Scriptures				New Testament Scriptures
		X		Discuss the new and perfect covenant through looking at the life of Jesus.

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God revealed Himself to us fully and more directly when He sent His Only Son.	X			God revealed Himself to us fully and more directly when He sent His Only Son.
		X		Explain how Jesus' Jewish culture impacted his mission and ministry.
		X		The Gospels are narratives of the life of Jesus.
<p>Retell the events and meaning of the Annunciation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Annunciation is when God, through the angel Gabriel, asked Mary to be the mother of Jesus. - Mary was the perfect person to be Jesus's Mom because he protected her from original sin right from the beginning. This is called the Immaculate Conception. - Mary said "yes" and obeyed what God wanted her to do. - When Mary said yes, the second person of the Trinity took on a human nature – Jesus entered into time and Mary became the Mother of God. - Gabriel told Mary that her cousin, Elizabeth, was going to have a baby, too. - When Joseph heard that Mary was going to have a baby, he did not understand. He planned not to marry her until an Angel told him what happened in a dream. - The angel told Joseph to give the name 'Jesus' to Mary's child. 				<p>Annunciation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retell events - When Mary said "yes", Jesus became Incarnate - God chose to save us by becoming man through Mary's obedience.
<p>Retell the story of the Visitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mary went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, because Mary heard that Elizabeth was going to have a baby. - Elizabeth and Zachariah were the parents of John the Baptist. - When Mary came, the baby John recognized that Jesus was God. - Mary and Elizabeth both praised God. Mary's song of praise is called the Canticle of Mary and it is prayed every day in the Liturgy of the Hours. 				<p>Retell the story of the Visitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mary went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, because Mary heard that Elizabeth was going to have a baby. - Elizabeth and Zachariah were the parents of John the Baptist. - When Mary came, the baby John recognized that Jesus was God. - Mary and Elizabeth both praised God. Mary's song of praise is called the Canticle of Mary and it is prayed every day in the Liturgy of the Hours.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Holy Spirit helped Mary and Elizabeth be faithful to God's plan, recognize God's presence, and praise God. 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Holy Spirit helped Mary and Elizabeth be faithful to God's plan, recognize God's presence, and praise God. - Mary's visitation teaches us how to respond willingly to God's call to help others.
<p>Retell the story of the first Christmas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem because King Herod called a census. They obeyed. - It was a long, hard trip and they were tired. - No one had a place for them to stay. - One person offered them a stable/cave where his animals lived. - Jesus was born in the stable, and when he was born, a new star started shining in the sky. - Right away, angels appeared to shepherds and told them about Jesus. They went to adore Jesus. - Identify that Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Christ. 		X		<p>Christmas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retell events - The stories of Jesus as a baby are found in Matthew and Luke. - Jesus was born in Bethlehem, which translated means House of Bread. Jesus is the true Bread from heaven.

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<p>Epiphany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three wise men who were Gentiles (so they didn't have the promises that God made to the Jewish people) saw the star and made a very long journey to come to worship Jesus. - They made it to Israel and asked King Herod for directions to the newborn king. Herod told them to go to Bethlehem and to come back and tell him where the new king was so he could worship. Herod was lying; he didn't want any competition and wanted to hurt Jesus. - The wise men found Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in their home in Bethlehem. They recognized that Jesus was God and worshipped him. They received God's gift of a savior from his chosen people, the Jews. - The wise men's visit is called the Epiphany. - Epiphany means recognizing that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and Savior of the world. - On their way back, an angel warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod. - When Herod found out, he planned to kill all the babies in Bethlehem. - An angel warned Joseph in a dream, and he took Mary and Jesus to Egypt. 	X	<p>Epiphany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The kings gave up their place in the world for a very long journey to find the new king. - They received God's gift of a savior from the Jewish people. - This is one of the 3 main epiphanies (recognizing that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God and savior of the world) in the Gospels.
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Retell the story of Jesus' presentation in the Temple. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Jewish law said that 40 days after the first day a boy baby was born, the parents should take him to the Temple for a rite of purification. - Joseph and Mary obeyed the law and took Jesus. - They offered God 2 turtledoves. - Simeon, who was the priest, recognized that Jesus was the one God was sending to save his people. He praised God, and his prayer is written in the Bible. - People pray the Canticle of Simeon every night in the Liturgy of the Hours. 	X		Retell the story of Jesus' presentation in the Temple. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Because Simeon and Anna stayed close to God every day, they could recognize Jesus when he came, even though they had not seen him before.
Identify Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as members of the Holy Family.			
The Holy Family is the model for all families.	X		The Holy Family is the model for all families.
Jesus was obedient to his parents.	X		Jesus was obedient to his parents.
Retell the story of the finding of the child Jesus in the Temple. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mary and Joseph traveled on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem with Jesus. - When they were coming back home, Jesus stayed behind. - After a day, Mary and Joseph realized that he was not traveling with their family, so they went back to look for him. - They found him teaching in the temple after 3 days. Everyone was amazed at how much he knew. Also, Jesus said that he was in his Father's house, which was an amazing statement. - Mary didn't understand what had happened, but she kept everything in her heart and thought and prayed about it. 	X		Retell the story of the finding of the child Jesus in the Temple. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus amazed the leaders of the temple by his teaching. He had the wisdom authority to teach because he was God. - Mary didn't understand what had happened, but she kept everything in her heart and thought and prayed about it.
Nazareth is the place where Jesus grew up. It was a small town, and no one thought it was important.	X		Nazareth is the place where Jesus grew up. It was a small town, and no one thought it was important.
Retell the story of John the Baptist baptizing Jesus.	X		Retell the story of John baptizing Jesus.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John was telling the people to get ready for the savior by repenting. - The people would show their repentance by being baptized by John, but this baptism did not forgive their sins. - Jesus asked to be baptized. He was 30. - John baptized him, and when Jesus came out of the water a dove appeared over him and everyone heard a voice say, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." - This is one of the three times that the Church has recognized that God revealed Jesus as fully God and fully man in a special way and as the messiah. The other two times are the Wedding at Cana and when the wise men came. - When Jesus was baptized, he accepts his mission as our savior, which would include his suffering and death. - Jesus was baptized to start the sacrament of baptism, which does forgive sins, and to give us an example to repent and be baptized. - This was the start of Jesus' public ministry. He preached for 3 years before the crucifixion. 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Holy Spirit identified Jesus as the Son of God and messiah at his baptism. - This is the second of the 3 parts of the Epiphany. - When Jesus was baptized, he accepts his mission as our savior, which would include his suffering and death. - Jesus was baptized to start the sacrament of baptism, which does forgive sins, and to give us an example to repent and be baptized.
<p>Temptation in the Desert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus went into the desert and the devil tried to get him to give up God's way of being the savior (tempting him to show his power to make things more comfortable – bread, tempting him to make a display of God's power to impress others – throwing himself down, and tempting him to take the easy way out-worship the devil and the devil would give him all the people and all the world). - Jesus remained faithful to God. - After the temptations, Jesus began to preach the Good News. 	X			Retell the Temptation in the Desert.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When we are tempted to do bad things, God will help us do what is right. 				
<p>Retell the story of Jesus calling the Apostles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Simon (Peter), Andrew, James & John – Mt. 5:18-22 and Mk 1: 16-20 - Matthew Mt. 9:9-13 and Mk 2:13-17 - Philip and Nathaniel Jn 1:43-47 	X			<p>Retell the story of Jesus calling the Apostles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Simon (Peter), Andrew, James & John – Mt. 5:18-22 and Mk 1: 16-20 - Matthew Mt. 9:9-13 and Mk 2:13-17 - Philip and Nathaniel Jn 1:43-47
<p>Retell the story of the Wedding Feast at Cana</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognize that Mary interceded for the couple. - Recognize that the waiters obeyed Jesus, so he was able to do the miracle for them. - Recognize that this was Jesus’ first miracle and the beginning of his miracles. - Recognize the parallel that here Jesus turns water into wine, and at ever Mass he turns wine into His Body and Blood. 		X		<p>Retell the story of the Wedding Feast at Cana.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The final part of the Epiphany. - Mary’s intercession is powerful. - God always provides more than we need. - Our obedience is important in allowing Jesus to work in our lives. - Recognize the parallel that here Jesus turns water into wine, and at ever Mass he turns wine into His Body and Blood.
<p>Jesus was Jewish and carried out his mission within a Jewish culture.</p>				
<p>Jesus taught about the Kingdom of God through parables, or stories that tell a lesson. Explain the meaning of the following parables.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Good Shepherd: God always wants us back. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep, and Jesus did this for us. - The Lost Son: God seeks us out and always welcomes us back. We have to forgive others, too, or we choose not to enter into the party, like the older son. - Jesus is the Light of the World - The Good Samaritan: We need to go out of our way to help others, even when they are our enemies. God takes care of us and doesn’t hold back. - The Mustard Seed: The kingdom of God is already started in our life. Our job is to help it grow. 		X		<p>Jesus taught about the Kingdom of God through parables, or stories that tell a lesson. Explain the meaning of the following parables.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Good Shepherd - The Lost Son - The Good Samaritan - The Yeast/Mustard seed - The Pearl of great price/ lost coin - Parable of the Sower - Woman with alabaster jar.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Yeast – you may not be able to see the Kingdom of God, but you will see its effects. Even one small person can make a difference. - Parable of the Sower: Explain each type of soil and how we can be each type of soil. 				
<p>Jesus taught by telling people the truth about God’s love and how we are to live.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The beatitudes are a list of blessings Jesus gave us. They help us see what will make us truly happy. Introduce students to the 8 beatitudes. - Jesus taught his disciples how to pray and what to pray in the “Our Father.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus taught that the greatest in the Kingdom of God is the person who serves and cares for others. 		X		<p>Jesus taught by telling people the truth about God’s love and how we are to live.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beatitudes (memorize, explain the meaning, explain how they can be incorporated into our daily life) - Jesus teaches the disciples to pray the Our Father. - The woman at the well - The widow’s mite - The Pharisee and the tax collector – who went home justified
<p>Jesus taught through his actions and miracles. Jesus performs miracles if it will help a person physically and spiritually. He does that even today.</p>	X			<p>Jesus taught through his actions and miracles. Jesus performs miracles if it will help a person physically and spiritually. He does that even today.</p>
<p>Jesus’ miracles had 3 purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reveal God’s love and power - Manifest the presence of the Kingdom - Witness that Jesus was the messiah 	X			<p>Jesus’ miracles had 3 purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reveal God’s love and power - Manifest the presence of the Kingdom - Witness that Jesus was the messiah
<p>Miracle of loaves and fishes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus had many people listening to him. They were hungry. A small boy offered a few loaves and fish to feed thousands of people. Jesus blessed them, and there were baskets of food left over. - Jesus is able to provide for anything we need. - Jesus was getting people ready to believe in the Eucharist. 		X		<p>Retell the miracle of the loaves and fishes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foretells the Eucharist.
<p>Healing the paralyzed man</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A man was paralyzed, and his friends wanted Jesus to heal him. They couldn’t reach Jesus because of the 	X			<p>Become familiar with the many stories of healing in the Gospels.</p>

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<p>crowds, so they broke a hole in the roof and lowered the man down.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus told him his sins were forgiven, and then healed him. - He took up the bed he was lying on, and walked away, healed. - Jesus used his power to heal the man's soul first by forgiving him. Then he healed his body. Jesus had the power to do both because he was God. - We can help other people get close to Jesus by praying for them, inviting them to pray and go to Church, and by doing kind deeds. 				
<p>Jesus had many disciples who learned from him. He also had 12 special friends, called the 12 apostles, who he was forming to be the first bishops.</p>	X			<p>Jesus had many disciples who learned from him. He also had 12 special friends, called the 12 apostles, who he was forming to be the first bishops.</p>
<p>Jesus made Peter the first pope and leader of the 12 apostles. Understand that this happened at the event in Matthew 16:13-20</p>	X			<p>Jesus made Peter the first pope and leader of the 12 apostles. Understand that this happened at the event in Matthew 16:13-20</p>
<p>Retell the story of the Transfiguration. Understand that Jesus was giving the apostles special strength to be ready for the crucifixion.</p>		X		<p>Retell the story of the Transfiguration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus was giving the apostles special strength to be ready for the crucifixion. - They saw Jesus in all his glory.
<p>Retell the story of the Last Supper.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus celebrated Passover with his disciples. - Recognize the story of the woman anointing his feet. - He washed their feet. - Jesus changed bread and wine into his body and blood and shared it with his disciples. - Jesus is the Bread of Life. 		X		<p>Retell the story of the Last Supper.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Institution of the Eucharist. - Jesus transforms the Passover into the Mass. - Jesus prays for unity in the Church.
<p>Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper.</p>				
<p>Agony in the Garden</p>		X		<p>Retell the events of the Agony in the Garden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus prays and accepts the will of God.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After the Last Supper, Jesus went with his disciples to the garden of Gethsemane, where he prayed and accepted the Will of God. - Jesus accepted his suffering and death to save us. No one forced him; he chose to save us this way. 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Judas betrays him.
<p>Jesus was condemned, scourged, crucified and died.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peter denied Jesus 3 times, like Jesus predicted. He was sorry and repented. - The crowd chose to have Barabbas released, rather than Jesus. - Mary stayed with Jesus on the Way of the Cross and while he was crucified. 		X		<p>Retell the story and meditate on the meaning of Jesus' condemnation, scourging, crucifixion, and death.</p>
<p>Retell what happened on Easter Sunday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The women come to the grave and don't find him, but instead an angel tells them that Jesus is risen. - They share the news with the other apostles. They all run, and Peter enters the tomb first to see. - The apostles are confused. - Mary Magdalen sees Jesus in the garden. - Jesus appears to all the apostles together and says Peace be with you. - Jesus appears to two disciples who are leaving Jerusalem, they don't recognize him, he explains the scriptures and stays for a meal, and they recognize Jesus when he blesses and breaks the bread with them. - Jesus appears to the disciples by the sea. He asks Peter 3 times if he loves him, and he forgives Peter for denying him. Jesus retells Peter to lead the Church, that he is supposed to be a shepherd to them. 		X		<p>Retell the Easter stories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Women at the tomb - Mary Magdalen at the tomb - The soldier's story - Journey to Emmaus - Jesus on the shore
<p>After the Resurrection Jesus taught his disciples and gave His Apostles the power to forgive sins.</p>	X			<p>After the Resurrection Jesus taught his disciples and gave His Apostles the power to forgive sins.</p>
<p>Jesus promised to be with his Church always, especially in the Holy Eucharist and through the Holy Spirit.</p>	X			<p>Jesus promised to be with his Church always, especially in the Holy Eucharist and through the Holy Spirit.</p>

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<p>Forty days after Easter, we celebrate the Ascension, when Jesus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gave the apostles the Great Commission to go to all nations to teach, preach the Good News, and to baptize. - Returned to heaven body and soul 	X		<p>Forty days after Easter, we celebrate the Ascension, when Jesus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gave the apostles the Great Commission to go to all nations to teach, preach the Good News, and to baptize. - Returned to heaven body and soul - Sign of the resurrection of the body, body with us in heaven
<p>Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit. The descent of the Holy Spirit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After Jesus Ascended into heaven, the Apostles stayed locked together because they were afraid that the same people who killed Jesus would try to kill them, too. - They prayed because Jesus told them to. - 50 days after Easter, the Holy Spirit came to them, looking like tongues of fire. - The Holy Spirit gave the Apostles the gifts and courage they needed to do fulfill the Great Commission. - After Pentecost, the Apostles had the courage they needed to follow God and tell others about Jesus. - The Holy Spirit made the Apostles ready to live with God in heaven. 	X		<p>Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit at the Last Supper The descent of the Holy Spirit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retell the events of Pentecost. - The Holy Spirit gave the Apostles the gifts and courage they needed to do fulfill the Great Commission.
<p>The conversion of Saul</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retell the story. - Right away, Saul changes the way he acts. 	X		<p>The conversion of Saul</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retell the story. - Right away, Saul changes the way he acts.
	X		Identify early missionary activities of the Church.

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Sacraments and the Liturgical Life			Sacraments and the Liturgical Life		
Sacraments			Sacraments		
A sacrament is a sign of God’s love and an opportunity to meet Jesus and grow in our relationship with him.	X				A sacrament is a sign of God’s love and an opportunity to meet Jesus and receive grace.
The sacraments make us more like Jesus.					
Explain that through symbols we can understand and experience real, invisible things by touching and seeing tangible and visible signs.					
Jesus started (instituted) all seven of the sacraments and he shares his divine life with us in the sacraments. He entrusted the sacraments to the Church.	X				Jesus started (instituted) all seven of the sacraments and he shares his divine life with us in the sacraments. He entrusted the sacraments to the Church.
The seven sacraments are: 1) Baptism 2) Eucharist 3) Confirmation 4) Reconciliation 5) Holy Orders 6) Matrimony 7) Anointing of the Sick	X				The seven sacraments are: 1) Baptism 2) Eucharist 3) Confirmation 4) Reconciliation 5) Holy Orders 6) Matrimony 7) Anointing of the Sick
Recognize that the sacraments can be broken into groups: - The sacraments of initiation are Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. - The sacraments of healing are Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick - The sacraments of vocation/at the service of communion are Matrimony and Holy Orders.	X				Recognize that the sacraments can be broken into groups: - The sacraments of initiation are Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. - The sacraments of healing are Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick - The sacraments of vocation/at the service of communion are Matrimony and Holy Orders.
Know the definition of a sacrament: “A sacrament is an outward sign, instituted by Christ, to give grace.”	X				Know the definition of a sacrament: “A sacrament is an outward sign, instituted by Christ, to give grace.”
The sacraments always work, unless we put up a block to God’s grace.	X				The sacraments always work, unless we put up a block to God’s grace.
Baptism			Baptism		

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For baptism to work, you need to have someone (a priest or deacon, unless there is an emergency) pour water on the person to be baptized and say, "I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," and intend to baptize the person.				
Baptism: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Takes away all sins (original and any sins you have committed) - Makes the person a member of the Church and an adopted son/daughter of God. It means we enter into a covenant, or family bond, with God. - Gives you a special, invisible mark (marked with a sacramental character) that shows you are a child of God. It can't be taken away. - Gives the gifts of the Holy Spirit and faith, hope, and love - Gives sanctifying grace (God's life in our soul) - Makes us share in Jesus' mission to love God and share his love 	X			Baptism: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Takes away all sins (original and personal) - Makes the person a member of the Church and an adopted son/daughter of God. It means we enter into a covenant, or family bond, with God. - Gives you an indelible character. Gives the gifts of the Holy Spirit and theological virtues. - Gives sanctifying grace (God's life in our soul) and actual grace - Makes the person a temple of the Holy Spirit. - Makes us share in Jesus' mission to love God and share his love
People can be baptized only once because of the sacramental character they receive in Baptism.	X			People can be baptized only once because of the sacramental character they receive in Baptism.
Baptism is the way that God wants to give us his salvation and the grace he won for us by dying and raising.				
Baptism is the first sacrament and allows us to receive other sacraments.				
In Baptism, we share in the death and rising of Jesus.	X			In Baptism, we share in the death and rising of Jesus.
Everyone can be baptized, and Christians have a mission to invite others to accept Baptism.	X			Everyone can be baptized, and Christians have a mission to invite others to accept Baptism.
We need to be in a state of sanctifying grace to go to heaven.				
Eucharist (see "Eucharistic Liturgy" under "Liturgy")				Eucharist (see "Eucharistic Liturgy" under "Liturgy")
Reconciliation				Reconciliation

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The sacrifice of Jesus on the cross is the source of the forgiveness of our sins.	X			The sacrifice of Jesus on the cross is the source of the forgiveness of our sins.
God's merciful love and His desire to forgive our sins is shown in the Good Shepherd image of Jesus.		X		The sacrament of Reconciliation applies Jesus' forgiveness from the sacrifice of the cross to our sins.
The power of God's grace is always greater than the power of evil.				
Making Reconciliation is necessary before receiving First Holy Communion.				
Jesus instituted the sacrament of Reconciliation on Easter night, when he breathed on the apostles and said "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (Jn 20)				
The sacrament of Penance forgives mortal and venial sins and gives us grace to avoid future sins.	X			The sacrament of Penance forgives mortal and venial sins and gives us grace to avoid future sins. It is a part of our ongoing journey of conversion.
If a person commits a mortal sin and makes a good confession, God restores sanctifying grace.	X			If a person commits a mortal sin and makes a good confession, God restores sanctifying grace.
God gave the apostles, and through them, priests, the job of forgiving sins. God is the one forgiving, through the actions and intentions of the priest.	X			God gave the apostles, and through them, priests, the job of forgiving sins. God is the one forgiving, through the actions and intentions of the priest.
To make a good confession, you need: 1) Examination of conscience 2) Confession of sins 3) Contrition (being sorry) 4) Purpose of Amendment (meaning to avoid sinning again, with God's grace) 5) Absolution from the priest 6) Penance from the priest	X			To make a good confession, you need: 1) Examination of conscience 2) Confession of sins 3) Contrition (being sorry) 4) Purpose of Amendment (meaning to avoid sinning again, with God's grace) 5) Absolution from the priest 6) Penance from the priest
Conduct an age-appropriate examination of conscience	X			Conduct an age-appropriate examination of conscience
Formula for the sacrament of Penance: 1) The penitent enters and says, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been ___ since my last confession."	X			Formula for the sacrament of Penance: 1) The penitent enters and says, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been ___ since my last confession."

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<p>2) Then, the penitent states his/her sins. You may use a sentence starter: "My sins are..." or "During that time, I have..."</p> <p>3) The priest gives advice and a penance.</p> <p>4) The penitent makes an Act of Contrition.</p> <p>5) The priest gives absolution.</p> <p>Closing: Priest: "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good" Penitent: "His mercy endures forever." Priest: "The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace." Penitent: "Thanks be to God."</p>				<p>2) Then, the penitent states his/her sins. You may use a sentence starter: "My sins are..." or "During that time, I have..."</p> <p>3) The priest gives advice and a penance.</p> <p>4) The penitent makes an Act of Contrition.</p> <p>5) The priest gives absolution.</p> <p>Closing: Priest: "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good" Penitent: "His mercy endures forever." Priest: "The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace." Penitent: "Thanks be to God."</p>
Students are able to and encouraged to go to Confession behind the screen or face to face.				
Doing penance is to help restore the damage caused by our sins.	X			Doing penance is to help restore the damage caused by our sins.
Participate in and understand the communal forms of the Rite of Penance (penance celebration).				
The bishops encourage reception of the sacrament of Penance at least once per month. The Church says that we must confess all serious sins at least once per year.				
Students participate regularly in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and recognize that regular reception of the sacrament helps us to be holy.	X			Students are given the opportunity to participate regularly in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (behind the screen or face to face) and recognize that regular reception of the sacrament helps us to be holy.
Students recognize that Advent and Lent are especially appropriate times for reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.	X			Students recognize that Advent and Lent are especially appropriate times for reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Confirmation				Confirmation
		X		In Confirmation, the Holy Spirit renews His seven Gifts that, when lived out, produce the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.
		X		Effects of Confirmation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More closely united to Christ and the Church - Strengthen the gifts of the Holy Spirit

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completes Baptismal graces - Gives the strength, power, and responsibility to spread the Good News in word and deed.
		X		Pentecost was the first Confirmation.
Matrimony				Matrimony
Marriage is a covenant between a man, woman, and God, where they promise to love each other and be faithful to God's plan for their family.	X			Marriage is a covenant between a man, woman, and God, where they promise to love each other and be faithful to God's plan for their family.
The promise made in marriage must be free and each person must understand what God made marriage to be.	X			The promise made in marriage must be free and each person must understand God made marriage to be.
A priest or deacon witnesses the marriage.	X			A priest or deacon witnesses the marriage.
Holy Orders				Holy Orders
All people share in Jesus' mission and can offer him a sacrifice of praise, but those who receive the sacrament of Holy Orders receive a special sacred power to use to serve God's people.	X			All people share in Jesus' mission and can offer him a sacrifice of praise, but those who receive the sacrament of Holy Orders receive a special sacred power to use to serve God's people.
The ranks of Holy Orders are Bishop (fullness of the sacrament), priest, and deacon.	X			The ranks of Holy Orders are Bishop (fullness of the sacrament), priest, and deacon.
Those who share in this special sacred power are supposed to use it to teach about Jesus, lead God's people in prayer and provide the sacraments, and exercise pastoral governance.	X			Those who share in this special sacred power are supposed to use it to teach about Jesus, lead God's people in prayer and provide the sacraments, and exercise pastoral governance.
		X		Holy Orders puts a special mark on a man's soul (c.f. "You are a priest forever, according to the line of Melchezidek."), so Holy Orders can only be received once.
Anointing of the Sick				Anointing of the Sick
Jesus continues to care for the sick and dying through the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.	X			Jesus continues to care for the sick and dying through the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.
		X		Effects of Anointing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More closely uniting the person to Jesus in his/her suffering. - Strength, peace, and courage to endure sufferings in a Christian way - Forgiveness of sins

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation for heaven - Can restore physical health, if it is good for the person's soul.
		X		In the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, the priest prays over the person and anoints their head and hands.
Sacramentals			Sacramentals	
A sacramental is an object that helps us to pray and reminds us of God.		X		A sacramental is a holy and sacred sign that bears a resemblance to the sacraments.
		X		Explain the difference between a sacrament and sacramental.
Exhibit proper use of crucifix, statues, rosary, Bible, candles, Holy Water, blessings, metals of saints, holy images.	X			Exhibit proper use of crucifixes, statues, rosary, Bible, candles, Holy Water, blessings, metals of saints, holy images.
Liturgical Life			Liturgical Life	
Liturgy is the celebration of the work of Christ to accomplish our salvation through his life, death, and resurrection so that the assembly gives praise and thanks to God the Father in Jesus and through the Holy Spirit.	X			Liturgy is the celebration of the Christ's work to accomplish our salvation through his life, death, and resurrection. The assembly gives praise and thanks to God the Father in Jesus and through the Holy Spirit.
Liturgical Calendar			Liturgical Calendar	
Explain how the Church celebrates significant events in salvation history throughout the Liturgical year.	X			Explain how the Church celebrates significant events in salvation history throughout the Liturgical year.
Identify and observe/participate in the following seasons of the Liturgical year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advent: preparation for Jesus coming at the end of time and also at Christmas - Christmas: Season to celebrate Jesus coming to Earth, fully God and fully man. - Lent: preparation for commemorating Jesus' suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension. We have a special focus on repentance at this time. - Easter: Season to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. - Ordinary Time – a time of growth where we focus on the teachings and life of Jesus during his public ministry. (Note: Ordinary comes from the Latin, "ordinal" or	X			Identify and observe/participate in the following seasons of the Liturgical year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advent: preparation for Jesus coming at the end of time and also at Christmas - Christmas: Season to celebrate Jesus coming to Earth, fully God and fully man. - Lent: preparation for commemorating Jesus' suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension. We have a special focus on repentance at this time. - Easter: Season to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. - Ordinary Time – a time of growth where we focus on the teachings and life of Jesus during his public ministry. (Note: Ordinary comes from the Latin, "ordinal" or

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Advent and Lent are times to strengthen the positive moral habits of prayer and sacrifice and are good times for receiving the Sacrament of Penance.	X			Advent and Lent are times to strengthen the positive moral habits of prayer and sacrifice and are good times for receiving the Sacrament of Penance.
Recognize that the seasons of the Church year are celebrations in the life of Jesus, Mary, and the saints.	X			Recognize that the seasons of the Church year are celebrations in the life of Jesus, Mary, and the saints.
		X		Be exposed to the Liturgy of the Hours.
Recognize that we honor Mary and show our love for her especially during the months of October and May	X			Recognize that we honor Mary and show our love for her especially during the months of October and May
Identify the symbols appropriate to specific liturgical seasons: Advent wreath, Lenten ashes, palms, cross, Easter candle	X			Identify the symbols appropriate to specific liturgical seasons: Advent wreath, Lenten ashes, palms, cross, Easter candle
Recognize the appropriate liturgical colors for liturgical celebrations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lent and Advent – purple - Christmas/Easter– white - Ordinary time – green - Pentecost/Palm Sunday / Good Friday– red - Most saints: white - Saints who were martyrs: red 	X			Recognize the appropriate liturgical colors for liturgical celebrations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lent and Advent – purple - Christmas/Easter– white - Ordinary time – green - Pentecost/Palm Sunday / Good Friday– red - Most saints: white - Saints who were martyrs: red
Palm Sunday is our celebration of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem.	X			Palm Sunday is our celebration of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem.
The Easter Triduum is the celebration of the three days in honor of the Paschal Mystery. The events of the Paschal Triduum are: The Last Supper, Jesus’ suffering, death and burial, and the Resurrection.	X			The Easter Triduum is the celebration of the three days in honor of the Paschal Mystery. The events of the Paschal Triduum are: The Last Supper, Jesus’ suffering, death and burial, and the Resurrection.
		X		Be introduced to liturgical celebrations of Holy Week: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chrism Mass - Mass on Holy Thursday, adoration to follow. - Good Friday services (Veneration of the Cross) - Tenebrae - Easter Vigil Mass

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				- Easter Day Mass
<p>Explain what happened at the Last Supper.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus gathered the 12 apostles at the Last Supper and shared the Passover with them. - Jesus blessed the unleavened bread and told the apostles to take and eat it; it was his body. - Jesus blessed the wine and told the apostles to take and drink it; it was his blood. - Jesus told the apostles that he was going to sacrifice himself for our sins, that he was going to rise from the dead, and that they should keep celebrating this meal after they couldn't see him anymore. - At the Last Supper Jesus changed the Jewish Passover into the Mass. - Identify Holy Thursday as the day we commemorate the Last Supper. 		X		<p>Explain what happened at the Last Supper.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At the Last Supper Jesus changed the Jewish Passover into the Mass. - Identify Holy Thursday as the day we commemorate the Last Supper. - Discuss the Last Supper discourses from John.
<p>Explain the Resurrection and its importance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus rises from the dead. - Jesus' soul brought his body to life again. - His resurrection shows that death and the devil are defeated; we know that if we believe in Jesus, he will bring us to heaven with him. - This was very hard for the disciples to believe. Jesus spent the next 40 days appearing to them, having meals with them, and helping them understand his saving work. - Identify Easter Sunday as the day we celebrate the Resurrection and new life in Jesus. 		X		<p>Explain the Resurrection and its importance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An actual historical event with historical evidence. - The foundation of our faith. - Proof that God overcame evil and death and offers us the new life that he won for us on the Cross.
Every Sunday is a celebration of Easter.	X			Every Sunday is a celebration of Easter.
Ascension Thursday is the day when Jesus went back to heaven. He is in heaven and is present to us in the Eucharist. Explain that the Ascension teaches us that we will get our bodies back at the end of time.	X			Ascension Thursday is the day when Jesus went back to heaven. He is in heaven and is present to us in the Eucharist. Explain that the Ascension teaches us that we will get our bodies back at the end of time.

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The Ascension marks the time when Jesus begins to reign as King in Heaven.	X			The Ascension marks the time when Jesus begins to reign as King in Heaven.
The Paschal Mystery is God's work to save us. It has three parts: Jesus' suffering and death, his resurrection, and his ascension.				
Pentecost, which is celebrated 50 days after Easter, is when the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles.	X			Pentecost, which is celebrated 50 days after Easter, is when the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles.
Define a Holy Day of Obligation. Be introduced to the meanings of the Holy Days of Obligation in the United States. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mary, Mother of God (Jan 1) – Mary is the mother of God. We have special thanks and reverence for what she did to help in our salvation. - Easter (changes every year) – Jesus raises from the dead. - Ascension (40 days after Easter) Jesus returns to heaven, with his body. - Assumption (Aug 15) Mary is taken into heaven, body and soul, where she is Queen of Heaven and Earth. - All Saints Day (Nov 1) We celebrate all the people who have died and are with God in heaven - Immaculate Conception (Dec 8) Mary is conceived without sin. - Christmas (Dec 25)- Jesus is born 	X			Define a Holy Day of Obligation. Be introduced to the meanings of the Holy Days of Obligation in the United States. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mary, Mother of God (Jan 1) – Mary is the mother of God. We have special thanks and reverence for what she did to help in our salvation. - Easter (changes every year) – Jesus raises from the dead. - Ascension (40 days after Easter) Jesus returns to heaven, with his body. - Assumption (Aug 15) Mary is taken into heaven, body and soul, where she is Queen of Heaven and Earth. - All Saints Day (Nov 1) We celebrate all the people who have died and are with God in heaven - Immaculate Conception (Dec 8) Mary is conceived without sin. - Christmas (Dec 25)- Jesus is born
Recognize and understand the significance of feast days: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feast of Corpus Christi - Feast of the Holy Family - Feast of the Sacred Heart 		X		Recognize and understand the significance of feast days: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Baptism of the Lord - Annunciation - Presentation - Birthday of Mary - All Saints and All Souls - Feasts of the Apostles
Eucharistic Liturgy		Eucharistic Liturgy		
God wants us to go to Mass each Sunday because it is very important and very good for us. Everyone at the age of reason has the obligation to attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.	X			God wants us to go to Mass each Sunday because it is very important and very good for us. Everyone at the age of reason has the obligation to attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.

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If a child cannot attend mass because nobody will take him or her, the child is not guilty of sin. It is only a sin if the child could go to mass but chooses not to.		X		Choosing to miss mass is a serious sin (with full knowledge and full consent). If a child cannot attend mass because nobody will take him or her or because he or she is very sick, the child is not guilty of sin. It is only a sin if the child could go to mass but chooses not to.
We owe God our worship and the highest form of worship is the Mass. It is the perfect prayer.	X			We owe God our worship and the highest form of worship is the Mass. It is the perfect prayer.
Eucharist is a thanksgiving meal and sacrifice. The word Eucharist means "give thanks."				
<p>Jesus, through the priest, makes the whole Paschal Mystery present at Mass.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Mass recalls the Last Supper, Sacrifice of the Cross, His Resurrection, and Ascension. - The Mass reenacts the Paschal Mystery and makes it present to us now. - The Paschal Mystery does not happen over and over again. Instead, we are present at the one Paschal Mystery each time we go to Mass. 	X			<p>Jesus, through the priest, makes the whole Paschal Mystery present at Mass.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Mass recalls the Last Supper, Sacrifice of the Cross, His Resurrection, and Ascension. - We are present at the one Paschal Mystery each time we go to Mass.
The Last Supper was the first Mass.	X			The Last Supper was the first Mass.
At Mass, we gather as a parish family, listen to God's Word, are present at and commemorate Jesus' sacrifice, thank God for his gifts, offer ourselves to God, and receive His gift of the Holy Eucharist.	X			At Mass, we gather as a parish family, listen to God's Word, are present at and commemorate Jesus' sacrifice, thank God for his gifts, offer ourselves to God, and receive His gift of the Holy Eucharist.
Jesus is present at Mass when we gather together in the assembly, in the Word of God, and in the priest. He is present in a special way in the Blessed Sacrament.				
Recognize that there are two main parts of the liturgy: The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.				
<p>Name and explain key elements of the liturgy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductory Rites - Liturgy of the Word - Liturgy of the Eucharist 	X			<p>Name and explain key elements of the liturgy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductory Rites - Liturgy of the Word - Liturgy of the Eucharist

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- Concluding Rites				- Concluding Rites
The Introductory Rites include the Confiteor (time to show sorrow for sin and ask God for forgiveness), Gloria (song of praise to the Holy Trinity), and Opening prayer.	X			The Introductory Rites include the Confiteor (time to show sorrow for sin and ask God for forgiveness), Gloria (song of praise to the Holy Trinity), and Opening prayer.
The Liturgy of the Word includes the Bible readings, a homily, the Creed, and the Prayers of the Faithful.	X			The Liturgy of the Word includes the Bible readings, a homily, the Creed, and the Prayers of the Faithful.
Recognize that the Readings at Mass are from both the Old and New Testaments in the Bible.	X			Recognize the Lectionary and explain how it helps us encounter the Bible.
The Liturgy of the Eucharist includes the Offertory, the Consecration, Our Father, and Holy Communion.	X			The Liturgy of the Eucharist includes the Offertory, the Consecration, Our Father, and Holy Communion.
Transubstantiation (God, through the priest, changes the bread and wine into the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus) happens at the Consecration.	X			Understand the meaning of the word Transubstantiation.
At Mass, the priest says Jesus's words from the Last Supper and with God's power, changes bread and wine into Jesus, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. There is no bread and wine anymore, only Jesus, even though it still looks like bread and wine.	X			At Consecration (When the priest says "this is my Body... Blood"), the priest says Jesus's words from the Last Supper and with God's power, changes bread and wine into Jesus, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.
Jesus is completely present in each of the Eucharistic species (even a broken host or a crumb is completely Jesus).	X			Jesus is completely present in each of the Eucharistic species (even a broken host or a crumb is completely Jesus).
The Holy Eucharist is still Jesus, even after Mass, when the host is reserved in the Tabernacle.	X			The Holy Eucharist is still Jesus, even after Mass, when the host is reserved in the Tabernacle.
		X		Jesus is the perfect victim offered as a sacrifice to the Father for the atonement of our sins.
		X		Jesus is the perfect priest that makes the offering of Himself, as a sacrifice to the Father, at the Mass as He did on the Cross.
Jesus makes himself present in the bread and wine through the power of the Holy Spirit and through the prayers of the ordained priest.	X			The Mass is a meal and a sacrifice.
Identify the Eucharist as our greatest treasure, best gift, and the place where all good things come from (source and summit of our faith) because it is Jesus Himself.	X			Identify the Eucharist as our greatest treasure, best gift, and the place where all good things come from (source and summit of our faith) because it is Jesus Himself.
The Eucharist nourishes us and strengthens us to follow Jesus.	X			The Eucharist nourishes us and strengthens us to follow Jesus.

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The Eucharist unifies us as the Body of Christ. It calls each person to love God and love neighbor more and gives us the power to love like God.			
We may receive the Eucharist if we are properly prepared: Catholic, free from mortal sin, fasted for an hour before Holy Communion, and have the right intention of being united to Jesus. When we do, we become more like Him.	X		We may receive the Eucharist if we are properly prepared: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Catholic - free from mortal sin - fasted for an hour before Holy Communion - have the right intention of being united to Jesus. When we do, we become more like Him.
If a person commits a mortal sin, they need to make a good confession before receiving Holy Communion.	X		If a person commits a mortal sin, they need to make a good confession before receiving Holy Communion.
We need to fast from food or drink for 1 hour before receiving Holy Communion (medicine and water do not break the fast).	X		We need to fast from food or drink for 1 hour before receiving Holy Communion (medicine and water do not break the fast).
Explain why the Church asks us to fast before Holy Communion.	X		Explain why the Church asks us to fast before Holy Communion.
Practice and understand what people do when they receive Jesus in Holy Communion (sign of reverence before reception, proper way to receive on the tongue and in the hand).	X		Practice and understand what people do when they receive Jesus in Holy Communion (sign of reverence before reception, proper way to receive on the tongue and in the hand).
		X	Review the importance of frequent, worthy, and reverential reception of Holy Communion.
The Eucharist is the way that Jesus remains physically present to us.		X	Encourage children to offer themselves to the Father with Jesus at the sacrifice of the Mass.
Jesus, as God, is present everywhere, but when we talk about the Real Presence we refer to the fact that Jesus is totally present, fully God and fully man.	X		Jesus, as God, is present everywhere, but when we talk about the Real Presence we refer to the fact that Jesus is totally present, fully God and fully man.
Once we have received First Communion, we participate more fully as members of the Catholic Church.		X	Teach the proper way to participate in liturgical planning (plan and read intercessory prayers, act as lector, cantor, server, gift bearers, ushers, etc), whenever this begins at school or parish.
Cultivate an age-appropriate attitude of active participation in the sacraments (including making appropriate gestures, such as kneeling, bowing, etc. and reciting or singing responses).	X		Cultivate an age-appropriate attitude of active participation in the sacraments (including making appropriate gestures, such as kneeling, bowing, etc. and reciting or singing responses).
Identify the ciborium, chalice, cruets, paten and vestments.		X	Identify the ciborium, chalice, cruets, paten, chasuble, stole, alb, sacramentary, lectionary, ambo, corporal.

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Only unleavened bread and pure grape wine can be used at mass because this is what Jesus used at the Last Supper.	X			Only unleavened bread and pure grape wine can be used at mass because this is what Jesus used at the Last Supper.
Liturgical Gestures and Para-Liturgical Celebrations		Liturgical Gestures and Para-Liturgical Celebrations		
Cultivate an age-appropriate attitude of active participation in the sacraments (including making appropriate gestures, such as kneeling, bowing, etc. and reciting or singing responses).	X			Appropriately participate in liturgy; exhibit appropriate church behavior (reverence in heart and respect in actions and appearance).
Make visits to the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle.		X		Foster devotion to the Blessed Sacrament through visits to Jesus in the Tabernacle and through experiences of Adoration.
		X		Distinguish between liturgical and para-liturgical celebrations.
Recognize that celebrations such as Stations of the Cross, May Crowning, etc. are para-liturgical celebrations.	X			Recognize that celebrations such as Stations of the Cross, May Crowning, etc. are para-liturgical celebrations.
Explain how liturgical gestures are prayers of our bodies and signify attitudes of our heart. (sign of the cross, use Holy Water entering a church, genuflect, bow, kneel, striking chest during Confiteor, making a cross on forehead, lips, and heart before the gospel, bowing or genuflecting when we say 'and became man' during the creed, appropriate sign of peace, singing)		X		Explain how liturgical gestures are prayers of our bodies and signify attitudes of our heart. (sign of the cross, use Holy Water entering a church, genuflect, bow, kneel, striking chest during Confiteor, making a cross on forehead, lips, and heart before the gospel, bowing or genuflecting when we say 'and became man' during the creed, appropriate sign of peace, singing)
Identify that we use signs of reference and liturgical gestures to respect God, because he is present in the church in a special way.	X			Identify that we use signs of reference and liturgical gestures to respect God, because he is present in the church in a special way.
Understand the purpose of silence in Church. Exhibit quiet and reverent behavior in church.	X			Understand the purpose of silence in Church. Exhibit quiet and reverent behavior in church.
Know how to fold hands, sit, stand, and kneel in church.				

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Living in Freedom			Living in Freedom
Understand that morality is coming to recognize God's loving call and responding in freedom.	X		Understand that morality is coming to recognize God's loving call and responding in freedom.
		X	Recognize that freedom and responsibility are essential parts of a balanced morality.
God created us to know, love and serve Him, to love others like He does (and as we love ourselves), to respect all creation and to be happy with him forever in Heaven.	X		God created us to know, love and serve Him, to love others like He does (and as we love ourselves), to respect all creation and to be happy with him forever in Heaven.
God wants everyone to choose Him, life in a state of grace, and to be happy with him in Heaven (aka be holy and be saints).		X	Understand the universal call to holiness.
Loving God, loving others, and respecting creation makes us truly happy and able to go to heaven.			
God gives us freedom to make right choices. We have responsibility for our choices and their consequences.	X		God gives us freedom to make right choices. We have responsibility for our choices and their consequences.
Recognize that God gave us the 10 commandments, Beatitudes, Jesus' Law of Love, and precepts & Church teachings as rules of behavior to help us be happy and holy, respecting the dignity of each person.	X		Recognize that God gave us the 10 commandments, Beatitudes, Jesus' Law of Love, and precepts & Church teachings as rules of behavior to help us be happy and holy, respecting the dignity of each person.
The 10 Commandments tell us how to be good images of God. When we keep them, we show our love for God. When we disobey them, we sin.		X	List the 10 commandments and apply them to daily life.
Understand and explain the 10 Commandments.			
First Commandment means that nothing should be more important than God and that we shouldn't worship anyone/thing else. Sins against this commandment: superstition and idolatry, magic and witchcraft		X	Apply the Old Testament Jewish concept of the Sabbath to Sunday for Christians. This is one reason that we must go to Mass on Sunday and not just one day during the week.
The second commandment means that we must respect God's name the names of the saints. We should honor and be respectful of holy things and people. We should not use God's name carelessly or swear or disrespect God, His name, or the saints/holy people or images.			

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The third commandment means that we should make Sundays a special day for God by resting from work, refraining from activities, such as shopping, that would require others to work, doing works of charity, family activities, and having the joy proper to the Lord's Day. It also means that Catholics must go to Mass on Sunday.				
The fourth commandment means that we have a special respect for our father and mother, we obey them, and we do everything we can to show them special care. Our family is a very special place because it is where God planned that we first learn to love, worship God, and know what it means to be part of God's family.				
Discuss obedience to parents, teachers, and legitimate authority. Name those who have legitimate authority in homes, schools, churches, and in our civil structure. Recognize that God is the source of all true authority.	X			Discuss obedience to parents, teachers, and legitimate authority. Name those who have legitimate authority in homes, schools, churches, and in our civil structure. Recognize that God is the source of all true authority.
Exhibit a balanced and healthy obedience.	X			Exhibit a balanced and healthy obedience.
Commandment five tells us to respect all human life as a gift from God. Hurtful anger against others or ending someone's life is against this commandment.				
Commandments 6-10 teach us to respect everyone's body, to be truthful, and to be happy and generous with what God gives us.				
God always calls us to grow in love so that we can be closer to him. We call this ongoing conversion, where we keep trying to stop doing things that get in the way of love and do more things to grow in love.	X			God always calls us to grow in love so that we can be closer to him. We call this ongoing conversion, where we keep trying to stop doing things that get in the way of love and do more things to grow in love.
Develop the practice of making an examination of conscience based on the 10 commandments and God's Law of Love.	X			Develop the practice of making a daily examination of conscience based on the 10 commandments and God's Law of Love.
Define conscience as the inner voice that helps us judge whether an action is right or wrong. We have a responsibility to listen to God to form our conscience. It is very important to have a well-	X			Define conscience as the inner voice that helps us judge whether an action is right or wrong.

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formed conscience so that we match what God thinks is right and wrong.				
		X		Every Christian has a duty to form their conscience, which is a never-ending practice.
		X		Forming our conscience means that we listen to what God tells us is right by listening to the Holy Spirit, Church teaching, and Bible.
		X		A well-formed conscience is one that matches reality, which God created and expresses to us. It is very important to have a well-formed conscience.
		X		Every Christian is obliged to follow his or her conscience, formed by God in the Church.
Name the two great commandments and recognize that they summarize the 10 commandments. 1) Love the Lord, your God with all your heart, all your mind, all your soul, and all your strength: Commandments 1-3 2) Love your neighbor as yourself: Commandments 4-10	X			Name the two great commandments, recognize that they summarize the 10 commandments and apply them to daily life. 1) Love the Lord, your God with all your heart, all your mind, all your soul, and all your strength: Commandments 1-3 2) Love your neighbor as yourself: Commandments 4-10
		X		Recognize Jesus' New Commandment of love: "Love one another as I have loved you."
Demonstrate loving actions.	X			Demonstrate loving actions.
We care for others through the corporal and spiritual works of Mercy. The corporal works of mercy are: - Feed the hungry - Give drink to the thirsty - Shelter the homeless - Clothe the naked - Visit the sick - Visit the imprisoned - Bury the dead		X		List and apply the corporal works of mercy: - Feed the hungry - Give drink to the thirsty - Shelter the homeless - Clothe the naked - Visit the sick - Visit the imprisoned - Bury the dead
The spiritual works of mercy: - Council the doubtful		X		List and apply the spiritual works of mercy: - Council the doubtful

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Instruct the ignorant - Admonish sinners - Comfort the afflicted - Forgive offenses - Bear wrongs patiently - Pray for the living and the dead 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Instruct the ignorant - Admonish sinners - Comfort the afflicted - Forgive offenses - Bear wrongs patiently - Pray for the living and the dead
		X		Discuss the meaning of Jesus' words: "As often as you did it for one of My least brothers, you did it for me."
Use the two great commandments to judge the actions of persons in Bible stories, films, TV programs, stories, and songs.	X			Use the two great commandments to judge the actions of persons in Bible stories, films, TV programs, stories, and songs.
Jesus is the model for how to live as God's holy Children. Christians try to think, speak, and act like Jesus, doing good and avoiding evil.	X			Jesus is the model for how to live as God's holy Children. Christians try to think, speak, and act like Jesus, doing good and avoiding evil.
Loving and helping brings joy.				
Express love and thanks to God for the gift of life and for God's gifts to us.				
Express the importance of respect and love in building strong friendships and acquaintances.	X			Express the importance of respect and love in building strong friendships and acquaintances.
Recognize and value the different gifts and talents of others.	X			Recognize and value the different gifts and talents of others.
Explore and celebrate friendships.				
Doing what is right pleases God and helps our relationships with others and God. Doing right does not make God love us more.				
Recognize that the good of each individual is related to the common good.	X			Recognize that the good of each individual is related to the common good.
We need the Holy Spirit's help to do good and avoid evil. We cannot do this on our own.	X			We need the Holy Spirit's help to do good and avoid evil. We cannot do this on our own.
Grace is a free, undeserved gift from God. It helps us share in God's life and gives us the strength do the right thing.		X		Grace is a free, undeserved gift from God. It helps us share in God's life and gives us the strength do the right thing. We must accept grace freely. God does not force us to accept grace.
Grace is the means to holiness. There are two kinds of grace. Both are needed to be holy.	X			Grace is the means to holiness. There are two kinds of grace. Both are needed to be holy.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sanctifying grace: God’s life in our soul, which we receive in Baptism - Actual grace: the help to do God’s will, to choose what is right and avoid what is evil, received by asking in prayer and in the sacraments 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sanctifying grace: God’s life in our soul, which we receive in Baptism - Actual grace: the help to do God’s will, to choose what is right and avoid what is evil, received by asking in prayer and in the sacraments
To be disposed for grace, we pray, participate in the Sacraments, meditate on Scripture, and rely on the intercession of the saints and those on earth and in purgatory.	X			To be disposed for grace, we pray, participate in the Sacraments, meditate on Scripture, and rely on the intercession of the saints and those on earth and in purgatory.
Virtues are strengths or habitual practices by which we do the good thing and enjoy doing it.	X			Virtues are strengths or habitual practices by which we do the good thing and enjoy doing it.
We grow in virtue by doing what is right, even when it is hard, and by asking for God’s grace.	X			We grow in virtue by doing what is right, even when it is hard, and by asking for God’s grace.
Explain and give examples of the three supernatural/ theological (God-given) virtues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Faith: believing in everything that God reveals because He can neither deceive nor be deceived. - Hope: trusting that God loves us and will give us all the grace we need to be holy and get to Heaven. - Charity: loving God above all else and loving our neighbors as ourselves for the love of God. 	X			Explain and give examples of the three supernatural/ theological (God-given) virtues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Faith: believing in everything that God reveals because He can neither deceive nor be deceived. - Hope: trusting that God loves us and will give us all the grace we need to be holy and get to Heaven. - Charity: loving God above all else and loving our neighbors as ourselves for the love of God.
		X		Explain and apply the 4 cardinal virtues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Justice – giving each person and God what is their due - Prudence – judge correctly what is right or wrong in a given circumstance - Temperance – helps us be balanced in our desire for and use of created goods. - Fortitude – helps us do the right thing, even when it is difficult or boring.
		X		Recognize the steps for good decision-making and procedure for making good moral choices.
		X		Identify and explain the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit and identify the 12 Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

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Obedience to God's Will is part of believing in God.	X		Obedience to God's Will is part of believing in God.
Part of Christian hope is sharing in the Cross of Christ and looking forward to heaven.	X		Part of Christian hope is sharing in the Cross of Christ and looking forward to heaven.
God does not ever stop loving us, even when we sin.	X		God does not ever stop loving us, even when we sin.
There is no sin too big for God to forgive; God's love is always greater than any evil.	X		There is no sin too big for God to forgive; God's love is always greater than any evil.
God hates sin but loves and is patient with sinners. We should also hate sin but be patient with people.	X		God hates sin but loves and is patient with sinners. We should also hate sin but be patient with people.
Discuss the communal aspects of sin.	X		Discuss the communal aspects of sin.
Recognize the need for reconciliation with the community.	X		Recognize the need for reconciliation with the community.
Recognize that a temptation is an invitation to do something wrong.	X		Recognize that a temptation is an invitation to do something wrong.
		X	Temptation is a struggle for everyone, but God is always present to help us and understands what we are going through.
		X	Prayer helps us in time of temptation.
		X	We must avoid the places, people, and things that we know may lead us to sin.
Sin is choosing to do something wrong by refusing to love God and others, and to obey God's Commandments. It displeases God and it hurts us, others, and our relationship with God and others.	X		Sin is choosing to do something wrong by refusing to love God and others, and to obey God's Commandments. It displeases God and it hurts us, others, and our relationship with God and others.
Sin is choosing to disobey God by thinking bad things on purpose (in thought), doing bad things on purpose (in deed by commission), or choosing not to do good things that you know you should (in deed, by omission).	X		Sin is choosing to disobey God by thinking bad things on purpose (in thought), doing bad things on purpose (in deed by commission), or choosing not to do good things that you know you should (in deed, by omission).
Understand the difference between a sin, a temptation, an accident and a mistake.	X		Understand the difference between a sin, a temptation, an accident and a mistake.
Recognize that feelings are a gift from God and that emotional responses are not good or bad but our choices about how we deal with them can be.	X		Recognize that feelings are a gift from God and that emotional responses are not good or bad but our choices about how we deal with them can be.
Recognize that there are two kinds of sins: - Venial (less serious) sins	X		Recognize that there are two kinds of sins: - Venial (less serious) sins

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- Mortal (very serious) sins				- Mortal (very serious) sins
Venial sins harm our relationship with God, but do not destroy the life of grace in our soul. If we are sorry, they can be forgiven by receiving the Eucharist and in the Sacrament of Penance.	X			Venial sins harm our relationship with God, but do not destroy the life of grace in our soul. If we are sorry, they can be forgiven by receiving the Eucharist and in the Sacrament of Penance.
Mortal sin is a serious sin. - If a person commits a mortal sin, he/she should go to confession as soon as possible. - It is the only way to lose/destroy sanctifying grace (God's life in our souls) - Ordinarily, it is only forgiven by making a good confession. - If a person commits a mortal sin, he or must make a good Confession before receiving Holy Communion.	X			Mortal sin is a serious sin. - If a person commits a mortal sin, he/she should go to confession as soon as possible. - It is the only way to lose/destroy sanctifying grace (God's life in our souls) - Ordinarily, it is only forgiven by making a good confession. - If a person commits a mortal sin, he or must make a good Confession before receiving Holy Communion.
The three conditions for a mortal sin: - The bad thing must be something serious in itself. - The person must know that the sin is serious. - The person must freely choose to do it anyway. If a sin is missing at least one of these conditions, then it is a venial sin.	X			The three conditions for a mortal sin: - The bad thing must be something serious in itself. - The person must know that the sin is serious. - The person must freely choose to do it anyway. If a sin is missing at least one of these conditions, then it is a venial sin.
Because sin hurts our relationship with God and with others, we need reconciliation with God and with the community.	X			Because sin hurts our relationship with God and with others, we need reconciliation with God and with the community.
Cultivate the ability to forgive and ask forgiveness by following Jesus' words and example.	X			Cultivate the ability to forgive and ask forgiveness by following Jesus' words and example.
Make an act of contrition when we sin.	X			Make an act of contrition when we sin.
After sinning, we can always try again. Going to Confession absolves our sins and gives us the strength to try again.		X		After sinning, we can always try again. Going to Confession absolves our sins, reconciles us to the community, and gives us the strength to try again.
Recognize that the best way to avoid sin and try again after sinning is to focus on working with the Holy Spirit on growing in the virtues rather than focusing on staying away from sin.	X			Recognize that the best way to avoid sin and try again after sinning is to focus on working with the Holy Spirit on growing in the virtues rather than focusing on staying away from sin.
Understand that we love God and care about pleasing him because He loved us first.	X			Understand that we love God and care about pleasing him because He loved us first.

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Prayer		Prayer	
Theology of prayer		Theology of prayer	
Define prayer as a response to personally knowing God's love and goodness. Prayer deepens our relationship with God.	X		Define prayer as a response to personally knowing God's love and goodness. Prayer deepens our relationship with God.
Define prayer as coming into God's presence and keeping company with God. Understand that God delights in keeping company with us.	X		Define prayer as coming into God's presence and keeping company with God. Understand that God delights in keeping company with us.
Define prayer as speaking and listening to God.	X		Define prayer as speaking and listening to God.
God always hears our prayers, even when we cannot see or feel it. Sometimes his answers are yes, sometimes no. He always gives us what is best.			
Wanting to pray or being asked to pray is an invitation from God to talk to him.	X		Wanting to pray or being asked to pray is an invitation from God to talk to him.
Identify and explain the forms of prayer: praise, thanksgiving, petition, and contrition.	X		Identify and explain the forms of prayer: praise, thanksgiving, petition, and contrition.
Attitudes and postures of prayer		Attitudes and postures of prayer	
We should pray many times every day.	X		We should pray many times every day.
Jesus prayed and taught his friends to pray. - By going to talk and listen to God alone. - By teaching them the Our Father		X	Recognize Jesus as a model of prayer and explore his prayer in the Scriptures.
		X	Demonstrate reverence in prayer.
The Holy Spirit helps us to pray.	X		The Holy Spirit helps us to pray.
When we pray to the saints, our Blessed Mother, and the angels, they intercede (or pray for) us. We can always ask them for help, especially in times of need or temptation.	X		When we pray to the saints, our Blessed Mother, and the angels, they intercede (or pray for) us. We can always ask them for help, especially in times of need or temptation.
Develop a friendship and devotion to Mary and the Saints. Special devotion to: Mary, Joseph, and Guardian Angel.	X		Develop a friendship and devotion to Mary and the Saints. Special devotion to: Mary, Joseph, and Guardian Angel.
Recognize and take advantage of times that are especially appropriate for prayer: Morning, before bed, meals, etc.	X		Recognize and take advantage of times that are especially appropriate for prayer: Morning, before bed, meals, etc.
Prayer is a way of life for Christians. When they pray, they praise and thank God, pray for the living and the dead, forgive those		X	Prayer is a way of life for Christians, according to Paul's admonition to "pray always."

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who hurt them, bear wrongs patiently, and ask forgiveness for the wrong things they have done.				
Silence helps us pray, listen to God, and be close to God.	X			Silence helps us pray, listen to God, and be close to God.
We can and should pray anywhere and we can and should pray alone.	X			We can and should pray anywhere and we can and should pray alone.
The Catholic Church/chapel is the most sacred place for prayer because Jesus is present in the tabernacle.	X			The Catholic Church/chapel is the most sacred place for prayer because Jesus is present in the tabernacle.
Explore various ways to pray (eg. Reading, art, listening, and singing, meditation)	X			Explore various ways to pray (eg. Reading, art, listening, and singing, meditation)
Demonstrate ability to pray a novena, which is a prayer or prayers said over a period of nine days to God or to Mary or to one of the saints.	X			Demonstrate ability to pray a novena, which is a prayer or prayers said over a period of nine days to God or to Mary or to one of the saints.
Explain and practice spontaneous prayer and formal prayer. Understand similarities, differences, and importance of both.	X			Explain and practice spontaneous prayer and formal prayer. Understand similarities, differences, and importance of both.
Explain and practice the difference between personal and community prayer. Understand the importance of both.	X			Explain and practice the difference between personal and community prayer. Understand the importance of both.
Identify communities with whom we pray and pray with them.	X			Identify communities with whom we pray and pray with them.
		X		Explain the difference between meditative prayer (a vehicle to think about the mysteries of our salvation in Christ) and contemplative prayer (a gift from God, being with God like being with our best friend and simply enjoying his presence).
Explain how families can pray together. Understand that praying as a family is community prayer.	X			Explain how families can pray together and encourage family prayer. Understand that praying as a family is community prayer.
Pray for the intentions of the pope, bishop, and pastor.	X			Pray for the intentions of the pope, bishop, and pastor.
Participate in prayer alone, as a class, family and Church.	X			Participate in prayer alone, as a class, family and Church.
Experience different kinds of personal prayer (reflection, Ignatian meditation, guided meditation, etc.) Understand that listening to God's word in Scripture is a privileged way God speaks to us. Introduce litanies of the Saints, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of the Sacred Heart.	X			Experience different kinds of personal prayer (reflection, Ignatian meditation, guided meditation, etc.) Understand that listening to God's word in Scripture is a privileged way God speaks to us. Introduce litanies of the Saints, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of the Sacred Heart.

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Understand and practice the sacraments as a way of prayer.	X			Understand and practice the sacraments as a way of prayer.
Pray for the dead, and for the protection of all human life, from conception to natural death.		X		Pray for the needs and intentions of others. Remember: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pope, bishop, and pastor - Those who hurt us - For the protection of human life, from conception to natural death - The dead - Family members
Explain and practice memorized prayers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sign of the Cross - Our Father - Hail Mary - Glory Be - Angel of God - Grace before and after meals - Morning Offering - Act of Contrition - Apostles Creed - Act of Faith - Practice of nightly examination of conscience 		X		Analyze the meaning of and practice memorized prayers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sign of the Cross - Our Father - Hail Mary - Glory Be - Angel of God - Grace before and after meals - Morning Offering - Act of Contrition - Apostles Creed - Nicene Creed - Act of Faith - Practice of nightly examination of conscience - Act of Hope - Act of Love - Hail Holy Queen - Angelus
Bow head at the name of Jesus.	X			Bow head at the name of Jesus.
Participate in the Stations of the Cross during Lent		X		Recognize that the Stations of the Cross are an especially good prayer during Lent but can be prayed anytime.
		X		Recognize the core components of the Stations of the Cross.
Understand and demonstrate the basics of praying the rosary, in private and public.		X		Understand and demonstrate the basics of praying the rosary, in private and public. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rosary helps us imitate the lives of Jesus and Mary - A way to understand Jesus with Mary's help

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				- Each mystery tells us about Jesus' life or who he is by focusing on events in the lives of Jesus and Mary.
Be familiar with and understand the mysteries of the Rosary.		X		List and explain the mysteries of the Rosary.
Participate in May Crowning.	X			Participate in May Crowning.
		X		Foster devotion to Mary, especially on Saturdays, and during the months of October and May.
		X		Foster devotion to St. Joseph and one's patron saint.
Participate in All Saints Day and All Soul's Day celebrations, understanding the purpose for these celebrations as distinct from pop culture meanings.	X			Participate in All Saints Day and All Soul's Day celebrations, understanding the purpose for these celebrations as distinct from pop culture meanings.
Participate in Adoration and Benediction and receive formation on how to pray in Adoration and at Benediction.	X			Participate in Adoration and Benediction and receive formation on how to pray in Adoration and at Benediction.
Become familiar with the Forty Hours devotion.	X			Become familiar with the Forty Hours devotion.

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Church: The Body of Christ		Church: The Body of Christ	
Who is the Church?		Who is the Church?	
The Church is the Body of Christ on Earth. It is the way that God chooses to be present in the world.			
The Church is made up of people united by their profession of the Faith, reception of Sacraments, and submission to the leadership of the Pope and Bishops.			
All Christians follow Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.			
All the people of the Church are connected in the communion of saints, which includes people in heaven, in purgatory, and those on Earth trying to live a holy life with God.	X		All the people of the Church are connected in the communion of saints, which includes people in heaven, in purgatory, and those on Earth trying to live a holy life with God.
Jesus established the Church, is its head, and told it to grow. Jesus wanted all of his followers to be one, and we pray for unity because Jesus prayed for unity.	X		Jesus established the Church, is its head, and told it to grow. Jesus wanted all of his followers to be one, and we pray for unity because Jesus prayed for unity.
Pentecost is the birthday of the Church.	X		Pentecost is the birthday of the Church.
The Holy Spirit guides the Church and helps the Church grow, spread to the whole world, and serve the whole world.	X		The Holy Spirit guides the Church and helps the Church grow, spread to the whole world, and serve the whole world.
The Church continues the work of Christ on Earth (teach, govern, and sanctify), with the help of the Holy Spirit.	X		The Church continues the work of Christ on Earth (teach, govern, and sanctify), with the help of the Holy Spirit.
Jesus entrusted the truth about God to the Apostles and sent them out to spread the message of God's love and to baptize all nations.	X		Jesus entrusted the truth about God to the Apostles and sent them out to spread the message of God's love and to baptize all nations.
The Holy Spirit helps the apostles remember and understand all that Jesus taught.	X		The Holy Spirit helps the apostles remember and understand all that Jesus taught.
The apostles were the ones who lead the early Church communities.	X		The apostles were the ones who lead the early Church communities. They were the first bishops.
Jesus chose Peter as the leader of his Apostles to lead, teach, and guide the Church and spread the Gospel.	X		Jesus chose Peter as the leader of his Apostles to lead, teach, and guide the Church and spread the Gospel.
Outline the growth of the early Church beginning with the Acts of the Apostles. - Pentecost sermon	X		Outline the growth of the early Church beginning with the Acts of the Apostles. - Pentecost sermon

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- Stephen's witness - Outline Peter and Paul's missionary activities.				- Stephen's witness - Outline Peter and Paul's missionary activities.
Identify saints who assisted in the growth of religious life in the Church (i.e. St. Anthony the Hermit, Sts. Benedict & Scholastica, Sts. Francis of Assisi & Clare, St. Dominic, St. Ignatius Loyola)				
The four marks of the Church are: One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic. We can tell the true church that Jesus founded by looking for these signs.				
Church in Heaven				Church in Heaven
Identify the saints as friends who live in heaven with God, who love us and want to help us.	X			Identify the saints as friends who live in heaven with God, and who love us and want to help us.
Identify saints as normal people who grew close to God because they grew in love.	X			Identify saints as normal people who grew close to God because they grew in love.
Recognize that while some saints, human beings living with God in heaven, are canonized, many are not.	X			Recognize that while some saints, human beings living with God in heaven, are canonized, many are not.
		X		Identify Mary as a model of holiness, especially in the theological virtues of faith, hope, and love.
Mary is the Mother of God and Mother of the Church.				
Mary, our mother, always leads us to her Son, Jesus.				
Mary is a model for all Christians because she is the perfect disciple of Jesus.	X			Understand that Mary never sinned.
Identify members of the Holy Family and recognize them as models for our families.				
Recognize that the lives of the saints show us how to follow Jesus.	X			Recognize that the lives of the saints show us how to follow Jesus.
Recount the lives of several saints, including, but not limited to: - St. Augustine - St. Dominic - St. Bernadette of Lourdes - St. Kateri Tekakwitha - Juan Diego - Blesseds whose causes are currently underway		X		Recount the lives of several saints, including, but not limited to: - The visionaries at Fatima - St. Francis de Sales - St. John Bosco - St. Dominic Savio - Bl. Chiara Bedano

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				- Bl. Pierre Giorgio Frassati
Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States.	X			Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States.
St. Patrick is the patron of the Diocese of Erie.	X			St. Patrick is the patron of the Diocese of Erie.
Recount the life of his/her patron saint and begin to develop a relationship with him/her.	X			Recount the life of his/her patron saint and begin to develop a relationship with him/her.
Distinguish between worship of God and devotion and love of the saints.	X			Distinguish between worship of God and devotion and love of the saints.
Church in Purgatory		Church in Purgatory		
People may go to purgatory to get ready for heaven if their choices show that they are not ready for heaven when they die.	X			Purgatory is the final purification of the soul after death and before entrance into heaven to make one perfect for Eternal Life.
We should pray for people in purgatory to help them get ready for heaven.	X			We should pray for people in purgatory to help them get ready for heaven.
Church on Earth		Church on Earth		
The Church is one in beliefs, worship, and government.	X			The Church is one in beliefs, worship, and government.
		X		The role of the clergy is to teach, govern, and sanctify.
		X		Explain how the authority of God is manifested in the hierarchy of the Catholic Church.
The people who make up the Church are clergy, religious, and lay people.	X			The people who make up the Church are clergy, religious, and lay people.
Understand that the Church around the world is made up of many dioceses. A diocese is made up of many parishes.	X			Understand that the Church around the world is made up of many dioceses. A diocese is made up of many parishes.
Understand roles in the Church: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pope: visible head of the Church, successor of Peter, and Vicar of Christ - Bishop: head of a diocese, successor of the Apostles, under leadership of the Pope - Pastor: head of a local parish - Priest: man who received Holy Orders and helps the faithful live their vocation, especially by administering the sacraments 	X			Understand roles in the Church: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pope: visible head of the Church, successor of Peter, and Vicar of Christ - Bishop: head of a diocese, successor of the Apostles, under leadership of the Pope - Pastor: head of a local parish - Priest: man who received Holy Orders and helps the faithful live their vocation, especially by administering the sacraments

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deacons: men who receive Holy orders and assist the priest in his mission. - religious sisters, religious brothers – make special promises to God, usually of poverty, chastity, and obedience. <p>Laity – faithful who are not ordained</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deacons: men who receive Holy orders and assist the priest in his mission. - religious sisters, religious brothers – make special promises to God, usually of poverty, chastity, and obedience. - Laity: faithful who are not ordained
Know the name of the Pope, Bishop, and Pastor.	X		Know the name of the Pope, Bishop, and Pastor.
Understand tithing for the support of the Church and the poor as a responsibility for all Christians and a way of showing gratitude for all the gifts God gives us and trust that he will provide for us.	X		Understand tithing for the support of the Church and the poor as a responsibility for all Christians and a way of showing gratitude for all the gifts God gives us and trust that he will provide for us.
		X	As members of the Church, we learn from and are supported by others who are living the Christian way.

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Christians in the World		Christians in the World	
Catholic Social Teaching		Catholic Social Teaching	
The more we love Jesus in the Holy Eucharist the more we will love and serve others. The Holy Eucharist helps us be committed to the poor.	X		The more we love Jesus in the Holy Eucharist the more we will love and serve others. The Holy Eucharist helps us be committed to the poor.
Recognize that whatever we do for people in need, we do for Jesus.			
Exhibit respect for the environment, understanding that respect for the environment is part of respecting God and others.			
Recognize our responsibility to be good stewards of creation and all goods we have by sharing and conserving Earth's resources and all creatures entrusted to us.	X		Recognize our responsibility to be good stewards of creation and all goods we have by sharing and conserving Earth's resources and all creatures entrusted to us.
Define stewardship as gratefully sharing and using gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Compare and contrast responsible and irresponsible stewardship.	X		Define stewardship as gratefully sharing and using gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Compare and contrast responsible and irresponsible stewardship.
Each person is worthy of respect and kindness because of their dignity, which comes from being created by God, loved by God, and called to a life of holiness.	X		Each person is worthy of respect and kindness because of their dignity, which comes from being created by God, loved by God, and called to a life of holiness.
Define justice.			
Demonstrate an attitude of respect and reverence for one's background and toward people of different cultural, religious, and economic backgrounds.	X		Recognize and understand that differences in personalities, races, and nationalities are good for the whole of the human family.
Recognize the time of year that Christians share prayer for unity (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Jan 18-25 every year).	X		Recognize the time of year that Christians share prayer for unity (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Jan 18-25 every year).
Understand that our respect for other faiths does not mean we deny that the fullness of the faith Christ taught is found in the Catholic Church.	X		Understand that our respect for other faiths does not mean we deny that the fullness of the faith Christ taught is found in the Catholic Church.
Recognize and respect the rights and equality of all people.	X		Recognize and respect the rights and equality of all people.
		X	Compare and contrast the world's values with the values that Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes.
Identify Christian service as a response to the needs of the community and a way to show God's love. Christian service	X		Identify Christian service as a response to the needs of the community and a way to show God's love. Christian service

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reaches out especially to those who are in most need or who are least valued.				reaches out especially to those who are in most need or who are least valued.	
Recognize that the spiritual and corporeal works of mercy are ways of showing our love for Jesus, who cares for the poor.	X			Recognize that the spiritual and corporeal works of mercy are ways of showing our love for Jesus, who cares for the poor.	
Show empathy and a desire to care for the poor, hungry, and homeless, victims of violence and injustice, for those who are addicted and for those who suffer.	X			Show empathy and a desire to care for the poor, hungry, and homeless, victims of violence and injustice, for those who are addicted and for those who suffer.	
Identify actions, situations, behaviors, and attitudes which are not Christian or which violate human freedom.	X			Identify actions, situations, behaviors, and attitudes which are not Christian or which violate human freedom.	
Students engage in age appropriate service projects.	X			Students engage in age appropriate service projects.	
Recognize that caring for others means considering them, not what I want to give or what I like. Recognize ways that adults can serve others.	X			Recognize that caring for others means considering them, not what I want to give or what I like. Recognize ways that adults can serve others.	
Recognize that caring for others means considering them, not what I want to give or what I like. Recognize ways that children can serve the others.	X			Recognize that caring for others means considering them, not what I want to give or what I like. Recognize ways that children can serve the others.	
Recognize ways that the parish can serve the needs of others.	X			Recognize ways that the parish can serve the needs of others.	
Name and retell stories of the saints who served the poor. (C.f. Church – saints) Other saints to consider: Anne, Angela Merici, Catherine of Siena, Theresa of Calcutta, Vincent dePaul, Martin dePorres, Elizabeth of Hungary, Cecilia, Lawrence)	X			Name and retell stories of the saints who served the poor.	
Identify causes and effects of hunger in the world.					
Identify rights and responsibilities of membership in: family, neighborhood, parish, and civil society.	X			Identify rights and responsibilities of membership in: family, neighborhood, parish, and civil society.	
Evangelization				Evangelization	
		X		Understand that our call to evangelize comes from Jesus' command "Go and make disciples."	
Demonstrate how and when we should share our faith in Jesus and invite others to know Him, love Him, and be part of his family, the Church.	X			Demonstrate how and when we should share our faith in Jesus and invite others to know Him, love Him, and be part of his family, the Church.	

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Report the meaning of the word evangelization: to proclaim Christ and his Gospel by word and the testimony of life, in fulfillment of his command to go and make disciples.	X			Report the meaning of the word evangelization: to proclaim Christ and his Gospel by word and the testimony of life, in fulfillment of his command to go and make disciples.
Recognize that every Catholic is called to have a missionary spirit by engaging in works of mercy and sharing his or her faith.	X			Recognize that every Catholic is called to have a missionary spirit by engaging in works of mercy, supporting missionaries, and sharing his or her faith.
Understand that we need to bear witness to our Catholic faith in our community and society.	X			Understand that we need to bear witness to our Catholic faith in our community and society.
Pray that world leaders are inspired by God to make selfless and wise decisions in favor of justice, peace, and equality.				
Describes local and foreign missionaries, including religious, and why we should support them.				

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Theology of the Body				Theology of the Body	
Explain that each person was created from love and is meant to love and be loved.	X			Explain that each person was created from love and is meant to love and be loved.	
God makes all human beings very good, because they are in His image and likeness.	X			Develop a sense of personal dignity based on being made in God's image and likeness.	
		X		Trace how sin damaged the original relationships in the Garden of Eden and how they affect us today: the human person and God; human beings and nature; between human persons, and within one's self.	
God makes every person with a body and soul. The body has five senses and emotions, which are gifts of God, which we should use for good. The soul allows a person to think, love, and choose God and what is good.	X			God makes every person with a body and soul. The body has five senses and emotions, which are gifts of God, which we should use for good. The soul allows a person to think, love, and choose God and what is good.	
		X		The two main powers of the soul are: - Intellect: by which we think, judge, and understand - Will: by which we freely choose good or evil	
The human person is the only earthly creature with a soul that will live forever.		X		The human person is the only earthly creature with a soul that can think and choose. Because of the human person's special soul, he or she is the highest created being with a body.	
God's greatest gift to us is life – both natural and supernatural (sanctifying grace) life.	X			God's greatest gift to us is life – both natural and supernatural (sanctifying grace) life.	
God made humans with body, mind, and soul, in the image of God. Humans are most like God when they love by freely and truly making a gift of themselves.	X			God made humans with body, mind, and soul, in the image of God. Humans are most like God when they love by freely and truly making a gift of themselves.	
Explain why a person's special dignity helps us understand that each person should be loved and that no person should ever be used, disregarded, or treated like an object.	X			Explain why a person's special dignity helps us understand that each person should be loved and that no person should ever be used, disregarded, or treated like an object.	
Explain that God made each human being as a boy or a girl as revealed in their bodies.	X				
Explain how bodily actions have meaning.		X		Explain that God made each human being as a boy or a girl as revealed in their bodies. Recognize that boys and girls have	

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			equal dignity and that the differences in boys and girls are complementary.
Identify how that human body reveals the person.		X	Define human sexuality as a gift from God in which we share in God's creation.
Explain how, through loving actions, the human body can reveal God.	X		Identify how that human body reveals the person.
	X		Explain how, through loving actions, the human body can reveal God.
Explain how the human body reveals the person.		X	Explain that all creation is designed by God to reveal an aspect of who He is.
Understand and identify loving and selfish choices in real life situations.	X		Understand and identify loving and selfish choices in real life situations.
Begin to recognize and demonstrate how to be peacemakers in their families and with their classmates (i.e. being kind to others, not fighting, not being selfish, not being cruel).			
Suggest ways to comfort family members who are sick or lonely.		X	Discuss the practice of love as a sacrificial gift to others in the family.
Demonstrate appropriate ways to show affection for immediate family members, extended family members, and friends.	X		Demonstrate appropriate ways to show affection for immediate family members, extended family members, and friends & peers.
Explain that love is to want what is best for the other person.	X		Explain that love is to want what is best for the other person.
Describe ways members of a family serve one another following the example of the Holy Family.		X	Compare and contrast selfish and unselfish ways members of a peer group, family, and others impact the life of those around them.
		X	Discuss friendship in the context of the Great Commandment. Discuss the effects of excluding, ignoring, and manipulating others.
Understand that life (including ours, babies, the sick, and those with disabilities) is a "precious gift entrusted to us by God" (CCC 2288).	X		Understand that life (including ours, babies, the sick, and those with disabilities) is a "precious gift entrusted to us by God" (CCC 2288).
Jesus shows us what it is like live our life as a gift. He is the best model.	X		Jesus shows us what it is like live our life as a gift. He is the best model.
		X	Discuss how/why the body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

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Explain the relationship of attire and dress to respect of the body.	X			Explain the relationship of modest attire and speech to respect of the body.
Show ways of caring for God's gift of the body (basic health and wellness, respect for the needs of our bodies).	X			Show ways of caring for God's gift of the body (basic health and wellness, respect for the needs of our bodies).
		X		Recognize that using one's sexuality well means taking general good care of one's body as well as modest behavior (dress and speech)
Discuss guidelines, based on Jesus' law of love, for choosing movies, TV programs, music, books, magazines, video games, etc. that are supportive of human dignity.	X			Discuss guidelines, based on Jesus' law of love, for choosing movies, TV programs, music, books, magazines, video games, etc. that are supportive of human dignity.
Since our life is a gift, we are called to share that gift with God and others. For a gift to be authentic, it must be sincerely given and received.	X			Since our life is a gift, we are called to share that gift with God and others. For a gift to be authentic, it must be sincerely given and received.
Everyone has special gifts to use for the good of others, to help them on Earth and to help them get to heaven.	X			Everyone has special gifts to use for the good of others, to help them on Earth and to help them get to heaven.
With prompting and support, explain that each relationship of self-giving requires each person to also be in relationship with God		X		Explain that each relationship of self-giving requires each person to also be in relationship with God
God's followers always respect life. Recognize and demonstrate that we care about others, especially those who are unable to help themselves.	X			God's followers always respect life. Recognize and demonstrate that we care about others, especially those who are unable to help themselves.
Engage in age appropriate respect life activities.	X			Engage in age appropriate respect life activities.
A vocation is a way of loving and serving in the Church; it is a response to the call that we already received in our baptism and is a particular way that God is asking us to love and be loved.	X			A vocation is a way of loving and serving in the Church; it is a response to the call that we already received in our baptism and is a particular way that God is asking us to love and be loved.
		X		All vocations are ways to holiness in life.
Marriage is a vocation between a man and woman.	X			Marriage is a vocation between a man and woman.
Parents have a vocation to serve God and the Church by helping their children grow close to God.	X			Parents have a vocation to serve God and the Church by helping their children grow close to God.
		X		Discuss the unity of the persons of the Trinity as the basis for communion of persons in the family.
		X		Define the family as the domestic Church.

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		X		The family is the basic unity of the Church and of society, and it needs to be protected and respected.
Holy Orders is a sacrament of special service and commitment to the Church.	X			Holy Orders is a sacrament of special service and commitment to the Church.
All people are called to holiness by living their lives close to God.	X			All people are called to holiness by living their lives close to God.
		X		Define the family as the domestic Church.
		X		The family is the basic unity of the Church and of society, and it needs to be protected and respected.
		X		Holy Orders is a sacrament of special service and commitment to the Church.
		X		All people are called to holiness by living their lives close to God.