



Curriculum

GRADE 3

Core Content: We Believe - We Worship - We Live - We Pray

Jesus: Miracles; Four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
Church: Sent to all nations; Body of Christ; Communion of Saints
Church Liturgical Seasons: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter
Prayer Forms: praise, petition, thanksgiving, contrition; Act of Contrition
Christian living: Mary, Model of Faith; Annunciation, Joyful Mysteries
Scripture: Acts of the Apostles; Holy Spirit; Pentecost; St. Paul
7 Sacraments: Initiation, Healing and Service

GRADE 4

Core Content: We Believe - We Worship - We Live - We Pray

Jesus: Son of God; Incarnation (true God-true man); reveals the Father
Church: People of God; Saints; Pope, bishop, priest, deacon
Church Liturgical seasons: Ordinary time; Feast days
Prayer forms: Introduce the Apostles Creed; Luminous Mysteries
Christian living: Conscience, choice, mortal and venial sin; 10 commandments introduce the Beatitudes
Scripture: Stories of healing; feeding the people.
7 Sacraments: Initiation, Healing and Service

GRADE 5

Core Content: We Believe - We Worship - We Live - We Pray

Jesus: Model of Prayer; Our Father
Church: Pentecost; the Work of the Holy Spirit
Church Liturgical season: Triduum; introduce Holy days
Prayer forms: Apostles Creed; Sorrowful Mysteries, Stations of the Cross
Christian living: Beatitudes; introduce Works of Mercy
Scripture: Passover and the Last Supper; Paschal Mystery
7 Sacraments : Definition-signs and symbols of each

GRADE 6

Core Content: We Believe - We Worship - We Live - We Pray

Jesus: created New Covenant; saved us through His Paschal Mystery
Church: laity, ordained ministers, religious communities
Church Liturgical season: Triduum; Holy Days of Obligation
Prayer forms: Apostles Creed; Glorious Mysteries
Christian Living: Works of Mercy; precepts of the Church
Scripture: Revelation of God; Covenant in the Old and New Testament
7 Sacraments: Confirmation; Holy Spirit: Pentecost; Gifts of the Spirit

GRADE 7

Seventh Grade--New Testament

Bible background: Inspired writers; God's covenant with Moses and the Israelites;
Jesus-the new and everlasting Covenant
New Testament: God's revelation in the person of Jesus Christ; 4 Evangelists: Synoptic Gospels and Gospel of John.
4 Gospels: Unique characteristics of each: audience, teachings, parables, Beatitudes
Acts of the Apostles: Beginning of the church; Peter's profession of faith; Pentecost;
Paul-Apostle to Gentiles: story of conversion,, missionary journeys
Letters of Paul: Epistles written for specific communities; identify unique purpose of each; seeks conversion thru rhetorical literary style
Faith concepts: Baptism; life of grace, life of virtue; works of mercy
Catholic letters: Written to the universal church, teaching Acceptable to whole church;
Letter of James; good works-Social Justice; Redemption-Jesus' Paschal Mystery
Book of Revelation: Apocalyptic writing-hope; Second Coming of Christ

GRADE 8

Eighth Grade--Morality

Human dignity: Made in the image and likeness of God;
Baptism; Sanctifying grace
Redemption: Fall of mankind and promise of Salvation; Jesus as Savior and model of holiness; church teaches; Holy Spirit guides; Beatitudes.
Moral Decision: Free will and intellect; natural law; 3 elements of moral action; conscience; mortal sin-venial sin
Christian Living: Indwelling of the Holy Spirit; 3 theological virtues; 4 moral virtues
Ten Commandments Primary moral code; defines our relationship with God and one another.
1-3 Commandments Expanded understanding of "false gods"; reverence for God; Sunday Eucharist; Precepts of the Church
4th Commandment Expanded understanding of honor and obey; value family life
5th Commandment Expanded understanding of sacredness of all life; rejection of unhealthy behavior and lifestyles. (drugs
6 & 9 Commandments Guides us in morally expressing the gift of human sexuality; Chastity
7th Commandment Stealing and reparation; stewardship, concern for the poor
8th Commandment Living as people of truth
10th Commandment Respect blessings of others; covet, envy, greed; detachment