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Catholic 101

September 18: Open House/Belief and Faith

- Classroom Rules & Getting Acquainted
- Introduce Trinity
 - Identifies three persons in one God as the Trinity
 - Sign of the Cross
- Our Faith is a gift from God
- What does it mean to “Believe”?
- What does “FAITH” mean?
- *Resources:*
 - *Chapter 1*

September 25: Gathering at the Table: “Roman Missal Changes”

October 2: God, Our Father and Creator and St. Francis Animal Blessing

- God always loves us and listens to our prayers
- Prayer Keeps us close to God
 - Our Father
- God created the world
 - Genesis stories
- *Resources:*
 - *Chapters 2 and 4*

October 0: Jesus, Son of God

- Celebrate Jesus Christ and learn to follow him during readings of Ordinary time
- Name Jesus as God the Son and Savior who is both human and divine
- Jesus is God
 - Born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus is God’s gift to us here on earth
- Jesus is our friend and Teacher
 - Ministry of Jesus
- Jesus is our Savior
- *Resources:*
 - *Chapters 6, 7, 26*

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The Church

October 16: Soup Kitchen

October 23: The Creed

- Nicene Creed as a statement of what we believe as Catholics
 - Identifies 3 parts in Creed (Father, Son and Holy Spirit)
 - Identifies 4 marks of the church (one, holy, catholic and apostolic)
- Recognizes Precepts of the Church as a way to live Church
 - Responsibility to live as church
- *Resources:*
 - *Chapter 24*

October 30: All Saints Day

- Large Group Prayer: Litany of Saints
- Demonstrates an understanding that saints are honored as holy people
- Steps to becoming a saint--canonization
- Belonging to the Communion of Saints
- Identifies martyrs as those who gave their lives for Christ
- Appreciates that the Kingdom of God is within
- *Resources:*
 - *Chapter 10*

November 6: The Mass—Liturgy

- Understands Mass as a celebration of God's love for us
- Distinguishes between Mass and a Prayer Service
- Identifies vestments used at Mass
- Identifies ministers and their roles:
 - Assembly
 - Presider
 - Altar servers
 - Ushers/greeters
 - Musicians
 - Lectors
 - Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion
- Parts of the Mass
- Identifies elements of the Liturgy of the Eucharist
- Responses to Mass
 - Need to actively participate in worship
- *Resources:*

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- *Chapter 11*

November 13: The Mass—Eucharist

- At the table, God feeds us with the Body of Christ as spiritual food
- Acknowledges Jesus' presence in Holy Eucharist
- Distinguish between table bread and the Eucharist
- Mass is a meal and a sacrifice
- Can demonstrate how to receive Eucharist in the hand
- *Resources:*

November 20: Liturgical Year—Church Seasons

- Identify seasons of the Liturgical year
 - Characteristics of the season (i.e. Advent is preparing for Jesus' birth...Lent we are preparing for Christ's rising on Easter)
 - Liturgical colors
 - Liturgical scripture stories
 - Holy Days throughout the year
- Identify when the church year begins
- *Resources:*
 - *Chapter 11*

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Advent/ Holy Family

December 4: Prepare the Way of the Lord

- Large Group Prayer
- Advent is a special time to prepare for Christ's coming to us
- Advent Wreaths
 - Jesus is the Light of the Word
 - Candles on advent wreath remind us of this, as we prepare for his birth
- Different ways of preparing for Christ's coming

December 11: O Come O Come Emmanuel

- Continue to discuss preparation
- O Antiphons
- Jesse Tree
 - Biblical characters from Jesse tree
 - Connection to Jesus
- Concept of having Hope, Joy and Faith in God
 - Stories of Mary during Advent
 - Annunciation Luke 1:26-38
 - Visitation Luke 1:39-56

December 18: Nativity and Holy Family

- Luke 2:1-20
- Nativity Story
- Incarnation—Jesus was with God and became human because he loved us so much
- Jesus belonged to a family
 - Joseph the Carpenter
 - Mary, Mother of God

Resources: Advent and Christmas Sections

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Roman Missal Review

January 22: Roman Missal Review

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Morality and Social Justice

January 27: Serve at NEST

February 5: Faith Football

February 12: Gathering at the Table

February 19: The Ten Commandments: God Gives Us Rules

- Large Group Prayer
- Ten Commandments Introduction
- *Resources: Chapters 20-23*

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Lent & Sacraments of Initiation

February 26: Season of Lent—Ash Wednesday

- Liturgical Season of Lent
 - Colors
 - Time of preparation, reflection and renewal before Easter
 - Time to remember how Jesus died for love of us
- Ash Wednesday
 - Beginning of Lenten Season
 - Actions/Words from celebration
- Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving
 - Actions during Lent
- *Resources:*
 - *Lent Sections*

March 2: Stations of the Cross

March 11: Forgiveness

- Recognizes that we make choices to love God and others
- Develops an awareness of need to be sorry for our wrongful actions
- Can recognize attitudes and actions that are selfish or sinful
- Develops an understanding that the Church forgives in God's name
- Need to forgive 70 times...
 - Matthew 18:21-22
- We receive God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance
- *Resources:*
 - *Chapter 14*

March 18: Living our Lives as Catholics-- Sacraments of Service

- Recognizes vows as sacred promises made to God in the presence of the church
- Matrimony
- Holy Orders
- *Resources:*

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- *Chapter 16*

March 25: Sacrament Overview/ Baptism and Confirmation

- Sacrament Overview
 - Seven Sacraments
 - Signs of God's Love for us
 - Jesus brings God's life, sanctifying Grace, through the celebration of sacraments
 - Sacraments are a Mystery: partly revealed and partly hidden
- Baptism
 - Incorporates one into the church
 - Baptized people are called by God because of his Great love
 - Words/Actions/Symbols of celebration
 - Baptismal Promises
- Confirmation—helps us live and share faith
 - Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- *Resources:*

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Holy Week/Triduum

April 1: Our Holiest Time

- Palm Sunday
- Holy Thursday
- Good Friday
- Holy Saturday
- Easter Sunday
 - Recognize that Jesus died and rose for the salvation of God's people
 - Begin to understand how Easter is the holiest season of the Church year
 - Be familiar with the following scripture:
 - Luke 22: 13-20
 - Luke 24: 1-12

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Easter/ Mary / Discipleship

April 15: Easter and Resurrection

- Easter is the holiest season of the Church year
 - Luke 24:1-12 Easter Story
- Realizes that Jesus Christ will come again to judge the living and the dead
 - Matthew 25:31-46

April 22: Discipleship

- Appreciates that people are invited to service in their parishes
- We are sent from Mass to share God's love with others
- Relate ways to show love by living the Gospel
- Studies the lives of the following in respect to the call to service:
 - Pope John Paul II
 - Mother Teresa of Calcutta
 - St. Katharine Drexel
 - St. John Neumann
 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

April 29: Holy Trinity

May 6: Mary and Mothers

- Appreciates how the church honors Mary as the Mother of God
- How to Pray the Rosary
 - Hail Mary Prayer
 - Mysteries of the Rosary

May 13: Pentecost and Holy Spirit

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- Chapter 8

May 20: Family Day End of the Year Activities