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# Correlation

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*Religion Standards  
For Pre-Kindergarten  
Through 8th Grade*

*with*

RCL Benziger's  
***BLEST ARE WE***  
***FAITH IN ACTION***  
***SCHOOL EDITION***

# Introduction

RCL Benziger thanks you for the opportunity to correlate *Blest Are We Faith in Action School Edition* Pre-K through Grades 1–8 with your diocesan Religion Standards. In preparing this correlation, it became clear that the spiral-thematic approach to catechesis that is central to *Blest Are We Faith in Action* revealed that concepts required by your standards were sometimes presented earlier, sometimes presented later, and often appropriately revisited on many grade levels.

To help you understand RCL Benziger’s correlation of your standards with *Blest Are We Faith in Action*, we would like to point out several unique qualities of the program.

- The structure of *Blest Are We Faith in Action* is based on presenting a specific doctrinal theme each year and incorporating the four pillars of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. This structure applies to every level of *Blest Are We Faith in Action*. This spiral-thematic approach enables students, catechists, and families to revisit and deepen their understanding of the doctrinal, liturgical, and moral concepts and practices of the Catholic faith many times throughout Grades 1–8.
- A Faith In Action page is featured for each chapter. These pages establish a strong connection to Catholic Social Teaching. Each grade level also provides a unique presentation of Sacred Scripture designed to develop biblical literacy through an introductory lesson and activities.
- A special unit, Feasts & Seasons, provides lessons, activities, and prayerful reflections for teaching the seasons of the liturgical year and select feast days of the Church at every grade level (Grades 1–8) of *Blest Are We Faith in Action*.
- A special section of each text, “Our Catholic Heritage” presents an age-appropriate summary of basic Catholic beliefs organized according to the four pillars of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. This miniccatechism complements the doctrinal content of the chapters of *Blest Are We Faith in Action*.
- The correlation of Pre-K guidelines are based on *Stories of God’s Love* (© 2009 and 2011), RCL Benziger’s early childhood curriculum. *Stories of God’s Love* is the foundation for *Blest Are We Faith in Action*.

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## Key

SOGL . . . . .	Stories of God’s Love
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OCH . . . . .	Our Catholic Heritage
CPP . . . . .	Catholic Prayers and Practices
FIA . . . . .	Faith in Action

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**STRAND 1: Sacred Scripture**

**Concept 1: Revelation**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the Bible is God’s special book.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 1;  
SOGL K: Welcome Chapter

**Concept 2: Old Testament**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the Bible contains stories about God and his people.
- B 2. Know the story of creation.
- B 3. Be familiar with other Old Testament stories. (See appendix I for suggestions.)

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 1;  
SOGL K: Welcome Chapter

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 7, 9;  
SOGL K: Ch. 1

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 7, 9, 19, 21;  
SOGL K: Ch. 3

**Concept 3: New Testament**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the Bible contains stories about Jesus and his followers.
- B 2. Be familiar with the stories of the birth, death and Resurrection of Jesus.
- B 3. Be familiar with other New Testament stories. (See appendix I for suggestions.)

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 1; SOGL K:  
Welcome Chapter: The Bible

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 25, 26, 29;  
SOGL K: Ch. 9, 25

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 1, 3, 5, 11, 13,  
15, 17, 25, 26, 29;  
SOGL K: Ch. 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13,  
15. 17. 19

**STRAND 2: Creed**

**Concept 1: Triune God**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that there are three persons in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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B 2. Know that God is love and that God loves each of us.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 7, 9;  
SOGL K: Ch. 4, 8

**Concept 2: God the Father**

Students will:

B 1. Know that God created the world.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 7, 9;  
SOGL K: Ch. 1, 2

B 2. Know that God takes care of all things.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 5, 7, 9;  
SOGL K: Ch. 1, 2

B 3. Know that we are God's children.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 9;  
SOGL K: Ch. 6

**Concept 3: God the Son**

Students will:

B 1. Know that Jesus is the Son of God.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 11, 25, 26;  
SOGL K: Ch. 9, 24, 25, 26

B 2. Know that Jesus is our friend and brother.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 15, 16;  
SOGL K: Ch. 5

**Concept 4: God the Holy Spirit**

Students will:

B 1. Know that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit.

SOGL K: Ch. 20

B 2. Know that the Holy Spirit helps us to do what is good.

SOGL K: Ch. 20

**Concept 5: The Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Church is God's family.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 16, 18;  
SOGL K: Ch. 14

B 2. Know that we become members of God's family through Baptism.

SOGL K: Ch. 14

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B 3. Know that we gather as God's family at Mass.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 16;  
SOGL K: Ch. 15, 16

**Concept 6: Communion of Saints**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the saints show us how to be Christians.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 23, 25 26, 27, 30; SOGL K: Ch. 22, 27, 30

B 2. Know that our Guardian Angel looks out for us and protects us.

SOGL K: Ch. 24

**STRAND 3: Sacraments**

**Concept 1: Sacraments As Signs of God's Grace**

Students will:

B 1. Know that God gave us signs of his love called sacraments.

SOGL K: Ch. 14, 15, 16

B 2. Know that Jesus gave his friends a sign of his love by eating with them.

SOGL K: Ch. 15. 16

**Concept 2: Sacraments of Christian Initiation**

Students will:

B 1. Know that water is a sign of new life in Baptism.

SOGL K: Ch. 14

B 2. Know that bread and wine are signs of God's life and love in the Eucharist.

SOGL K: Ch. 15, 16

**Concept 3: Sacraments of Healing**

Students will:

B 1. Show understanding that God forgives us when we say we're sorry.

SOGL K: Ch. 18

**Concept 4: Sacraments of Service**

Students will:

Will be introduced in Grade 1.

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**STRAND 4: Liturgy**

**Concept 1: Overview of Liturgy**

Students will:

B 1. Recognize that we talk and listen to God together with a community.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 19, 20, 21, 22;  
SOGL K: Ch. 18

B 2. Demonstrate respect for churches and other sacred spaces.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 16, 18;  
SOGL K: Ch. 16

**Concept 2: Liturgical Year**

Students will:

B 1. Participate in celebrations appropriate to the liturgical seasons.

B 2. Recognize Christmas as the birthday of Jesus.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 26;  
SOGL K: Ch. 25

B 3. Recognize Easter as the Resurrection of Jesus.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 29;  
SOGL K: Ch. 29

B 4. Recognize Advent as the time before Christmas.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 25;  
SOGL K: Ch. 24

B 5. Recognize Lent as the time before Easter.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 28;  
SOGL K: Ch. 29

**Concept 3: The Mass**

Students will:

B 1. Know that Sunday is the day when we go to Mass and pray as a family; this obligation is fulfilled by attending Mass the evening before.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 16;  
SOGL K: Ch. 16

B 2. Be introduced to the importance of participating at Mass.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 16;  
SOGL K: Ch. 16

B 3. Demonstrate participation at Mass through appropriate responses.

SOGL K: Ch. 16

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**Concept 4: Other Liturgical Celebrations, Sacramentals and Devotions**

Students will:

- B 1. Show respect for holy things.
  
- B 2. Know that we bless ourselves with holy water.
  
- B 3. Participate in blessings and devotions of the Church.
  
- B 4. Learn how to genuflect.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 18;  
SOGL K: Ch. 16  
  
SOGL K: Ch. 14

**Concept 5: Liturgical Symbols**

Students will:

- B 1. Recognize how religious signs and symbols tell us about God.
  
- B 2. Demonstrate the “Sign of the Cross”.

SOGL Age 4: 18;  
SOGL K: Ch. 14  
  
SOGL Age 4: Ch. 1-30;  
SOGL K: Ch. 1-30

**STRAND 5: Morality**

**Concept 1: Life in Christ**

Students will:

- B 1. Show a sense of being loved by others.
  
- B 2. Show understanding that God wants me to love myself and others.
  
- B 3. Show respect for others in our work and play.

SOGL Age 4: 5, 9, 12, 16;  
SOGL K: Ch. 4, 6, 8, 10  
  
SOGL Age 4: 5, 9, 12, 16;  
SOGL K: Ch. 19  
  
SOGL Age 4: Ch. 18;  
SOGL K: Ch. 4, 6, 8, 10

**Concept 2: Beatitudes**

Students will:

- Will be introduced in Grade 1.

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**Concept 3: Commandments**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that God gives us rules to live by.
- B 2. Know that we honor our parents with respect and obedience.
- B 3. Know that we must respect the property of others.

SOGL K: Ch. 18

SOGL K: Ch. 10

SOGL K: Ch. 19

**Concept 4: Catholic Social Teaching**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that Jesus wants us to care for all creation.
- B 2. Know that God created all of us different from each other.
- B 3. Know that we treat people the way Jesus showed us.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 8;  
SOGL K: Ch. 2

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 4;  
SOGL K: Ch. 2, 4

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 17;  
SOGL K: Ch. 5, 6

**Concept 5: Church Law**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the Church gives us rules to live by.

SOGL K: Ch. 18

**Concept 6: Conscience**

Students will:

- B 1. Begin to distinguish between what is right and wrong.
- B 2. Know that we must listen to what God tells us.

SOGL K: Ch. 18

**Concept 7: Sin and Forgiveness**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that Jesus always loves us and forgives us.



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B 2. Know that when we hurt someone we must say we are sorry.

B 3. Know that, like Jesus, we must always love and forgive others who have hurt us.

**STRAND 6: Prayer and Spirituality**

**Concept 1: Overview of Prayer and Spirituality**

Students will:

B 1. Describe prayer as talking and listening to God at anytime and anywhere.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 20, 22;  
SOGL K: Ch. 11, 12

**Concept 2: Forms of Prayer**

Students will:

B 1. Know that we ask God for what we need.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 20, 22;  
SOGL K: Ch. 11, 12

B 2. Know that we thank God for what we receive.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 20, 22;  
SOGL K: Ch. 11, 12

**Concept 3: Expressions of Prayer**

Students will:

B 1. Know that we pray alone, with others and anywhere.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 20, 22;  
SOGL K: Ch. 12

B 2. Know that we pray with our bodies and with our hearts.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 20, 22;  
SOGL K: Ch. 12

**Concept 4: Prayers of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Learn to make the “Sign of the Cross”.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 1-30;  
SOGL K: Ch. 1-30

B 2. Begin prayer with the “Sign of the Cross”.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 1-30;  
SOGL K: Ch. 1-30

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- B 3. Learn to pray in the morning, before meals and at bedtime.
- B 4. Learn to pray the “Guardian Angel” prayer.
- B 5. Learn to pray together the “Our Father” and “Hail Mary”.

SOGL K: Ch. 11

**STRAND 7: Ecclesiology of the Catholic Church**

**Concept 1: Marks of the Church**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that those who believe in Jesus form his one, true family.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 17, 18;  
SOGL K: Ch. 13

**Concept 2: Images of the Church**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the Church is God's family.
- B 2. Know that we pray together every Sunday and holy day as God’s family; this obligation is fulfilled by attending Mass the evening before.
- B 3. Know that God’s family cares for and loves one another.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 18;  
SOGL K: Ch. 14  
  
SOGL Age 4: Ch. 18;  
SOGL K: Ch. 16  
  
SOGL Age 4: Ch. 6, 12, 14;  
SOGL K: Ch. 14

**Concept 3: History of the Church**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the Church begins with Jesus Christ.
- B 2. Identify Pentecost as the birthday of the Church.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 18;  
SOGL K: Ch. 14

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**Concept 4: Hierarchical Structures of the Church**

Students will:

- B 1. Recognize and name the current pope, local bishop and pastor.
  
- B 2. Know the name of our parish.

**Concept 5: Mary, Mother of God**

Students will:

- B 1. Know Mary is the mother of Jesus.
  
- B 2. Know that we show Mary special respect and devotion.

**Concept 6: Lives of the Saints**

Students will:

- B 1. Know the names and stories of some saints. (See appendix II for suggestions.)

**STRAND 8: Parish Life and Mission**

**Concept 1: Liturgical Life**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the parish is our special home in the Church.
  
- B 2. Know that the parish church is a place where we go to pray.

**Concept 2: Lifelong Faith Formation**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that Jesus wants us to always grow in our faith.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 11, 13, 25, 26, 30; SOGL K: Ch. 9, 24, 25, 26, 30

SOGL K: Ch. 9, 24, 25, 26, 30

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 23, 25, 26, 27, 30; SOGL K: Ch. 22, 26, 27, 30

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 18;  
SOGL K: Ch. 14

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 18;  
SOGL K: Ch. 14

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 18;  
SOGL K: Ch. 18, 20

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**Concept 3: Parish Ministries**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the members of our parish work together to help others.

B 2. Know that each of us is called to serve others.

B 3. Identify at least one missionary activity of our parish (e.g. Missionary Childhood Association, Rice Bowl, local food pantry, etc.).

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 18;  
SOGL K: Ch. 18, 19

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 28;  
SOGL K: Ch. 19

**Concept 4: Evangelization**

Students will:

B 1. Know that others will learn about Jesus by what we say and do.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 6, 8, 10,  
16,18, 20, 22;  
SOGL K: Ch. 18, 19, 20

**Concept 5: Ecumenism and Interfaith Dialog**

Students will:

B 1. Know that Jesus wants all people to be one family.

B 2. Know that Jesus wants us to share our love with all people.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 12, 14;  
SOGL K: Ch. 13, 19, 20

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 18;  
SOGL K: Ch. 6, 13, 19, 20

**STRAND 9: Vocation**

**Concept 1: Universal Call to Holiness**

Students will:

B 1. Know that God wants each of us to be the best person we can be.

B 2. Understand that our lives are special gifts from God to share with others.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 9;  
SOGL K: Ch. 6, 8

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 16, 18;  
SOGL K: Ch. 6, 8

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**Concept 2: Ordained Life**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that bishops, priests and deacons are God’s special ministers who help us learn about God.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 18;  
SOGL K: Ch. 14, 15, 16;

**Concept 3: Consecrated and Religious Life**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that religious sisters and brothers help us learn about God.

**Concept 4: Lay Vocations**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that parents, teachers and other adults in the community are God’s helpers in our lives.
- B 2. Know that our parents/guardians show their love for God by loving and taking care of us.

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 2, 12;  
SOGL K: Ch. 14, 16

SOGL Age 4: Ch. 12;  
SOGL K: Ch. 9, 10

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**STRAND 1: Sacred Scripture**

**Concept 1: Revelation**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the Bible is God’s special book.
- B 2. Know that the Bible teaches us that God is the creator of all things.
- B 3. Know that in the Bible God tells us about himself.

Ch. 3; OCH: About the Bible  
Ch. 5  
Ch. 3; OCH: About the Bible

**Concept 2: Old Testament**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the Old Testament contains the story of God’s people before the birth of Jesus.
- B 2. Know the story of Adam and Eve in the garden.
- B 3. Be able to retell other Old Testament stories. (See appendix I for suggestions.)
- B 4. Discuss the message of those Bible stories.

The Bible  
The Bible; Ch. 3;  
OCH: About the Bible  
The Bible; Ch. 3;  
OCH: About the Bible

**Concept 3: New Testament**

Students will:

- B 1. Understand God’s love for his people through Jesus and the early Church.
- B 2. Know the stories of the birth, death and Resurrection of Jesus.
- B 3. Be able to retell other New Testament stories. (See appendix I for suggestions.)
- B 4. Discuss the message of those Bible stories.

Ch. 17, 18  
Ch. 17, 18; F&S: Easter  
Ch. 9, 10, 11, 12  
Ch. 9, 10, 11, 12

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**STRAND 2: Creed**

**Concept 1: Triune God**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that there are three persons in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- B 2. Know that God is love and that God loves each of us.
- B 3. Know that all people are created in God’s image.

OCH: The Trinity

Ch. 5, 7; OCH: The Trinity

Ch. 5, OCH: The Trinity

**Concept 2: God the Father**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that God is our creator who made us to be happy with him in heaven.
- B 2. Know that God created everything in the universe.
- B 3. Know that God cares for all creation.
- B 4. Know that God is our Father.

Ch. 5, 7; OCH: The Trinity

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Ch. 5, 7; OCH: The Trinity

**Concept 3: God the Son**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that God sent his Son, Jesus, into our world because God loves us.
- B 2. Know that God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus.
- B 3. Know that Joseph, Mary and Jesus are the Holy Family.
- B 4. Know that Jesus teaches us how to love one another.

Ch. 9

Ch. 9

Ch. 9

Ch. 11, 12

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B 5. Know that Jesus’ followers are called Christians.

Ch. 17, 18, 19

B 6. Know that Jesus teaches us how to live as Christians.

Ch. 17, 18, 19

**Concept 4: God the Holy Spirit**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Holy Spirit is the expression of God’s love for us.

Ch. 13, 14, 15, 16, 20;  
OCH: The Trinity

B 2. Know that the Holy Spirit lives in us and helps us to do what is good.

Ch. 13, 14, 15, 16, 20;  
OCH: The Trinity

B 3. Know that the Holy Spirit helped the Church to grow and still helps the Church today.

Ch. 13, 14, 15, 16, 20;  
OCH: The Trinity

**Concept 5: The Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Church is God’s family and is made up of people who follow him.

Ch. 1, 17;  
OCH: The Catholic Church

B 2. Know that Baptism makes us members of God’s family, the Church.

Ch. 6; OCH: The Sacraments

B 3. Know that we gather to worship as God’s family at Mass.

Ch. 2, 10

**Concept 6: Communion of Saints**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the saints in heaven and the faithful on earth belong to God’s family.

Ch. 1-20

B 2. Know that the saints in heaven pray for us.

Ch. 1-20

B 3. Know that our Guardian Angel looks out for us and protects us.

LUP



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**STRAND 3: Sacraments**

**Concept 1: Sacraments As Signs of God’s Grace**

Students will:

B 1. Know that God gave us signs of his love called sacraments.

Ch. 2, 6, 10, 14;  
OCH: The Sacraments

B 2. Know that Jesus instituted the sacraments and gave them to the Church.

Ch. 2, 6, 10,14;  
OCH: The Sacraments

B 3. Know that the Church celebrates seven sacraments.

Ch. 2, 6, 10,14;  
OCH: The Sacraments

B 4. Identify the outward signs for each of the sacraments.

Ch. 2, 6, 10,14;  
OCH: The Sacraments

**Concept 2: Sacraments of Christian Initiation**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Sacraments of Christian Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Ch. 2, 6, 10,14;  
OCH: The Sacraments

B 2. Know that Baptism welcomes us into the Church.

Ch. 2, 14;  
OCH: The Sacraments

B 3. Know that we have godparents and who they are.

Ch. 2, 14;  
OCH: The Sacraments

B 4. Know that Confirmation gives us the strength to live as Christians.

Ch. 14;  
OCH: The Sacraments

B 5. Know that Eucharist feeds us with the Body and Blood of Jesus.

Ch. 2, 10;  
OCH: The Sacraments

**Concept 3: Sacraments of Healing**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the two Sacraments of Healing are Anointing of the Sick and the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

OCH: The Sacraments

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B 2. Know that God forgives our sins through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

OCH: The Sacraments

B 3. Know that the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation helps us to say we are sorry when we hurt one another.

OCH: The Sacraments

B 4. Know that Anointing of the Sick strengthens those who need healing.

OCH: The Sacraments

**Concept 4: Sacraments of Service**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Sacraments of Service are Matrimony and Holy Orders.

OCH: Vocations

B 2. Know that in Matrimony God unites a man and a woman in married love.

OCH: Vocations

B 3. Know that in Holy Orders God calls men to represent Christ as bishops, priests and deacons.

OCH: Vocations

**STRAND 4: Liturgy**

**Concept 1: Overview of Liturgy**

Students will:

B 1. Know that liturgy is participating in prayer and worship.

Ch. 2, 10

B 2. Know that the church building is a sacred place.

Ch. 2, 10

**Concept 2: Liturgical Year**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the liturgical year celebrates the birth, life, death and Resurrection of Jesus.

F&S

B 2. Know the names of the liturgical seasons (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Ordinary Time).

F&S

B 3. Identify the liturgical seasons with their colors.

F&S

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OCH ..... Our Catholic Heritage  
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## Concept 3: The Mass

Students will:

B 1. Know that in the Mass we give thanks to God and receive the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Ch. 2, 10;  
OCH: The Sacraments

B 2. Know that God speaks to us through the Liturgy of the Word.

Ch. 2, 10;  
OCH: The Sacraments

B 3. Know that during the Liturgy of the Eucharist the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

Ch. 2, 10;  
OCH: The Sacraments

B 4. Know that the priest is the one who leads the celebration of Mass.

Ch. 2, 10;  
OCH: The Sacraments

B 5. Know that we worship together as Church on Sunday and holy days; this obligation is fulfilled by attending Mass the evening before.

Ch. 2, 10;  
OCH: The Sacraments

B 6. Know that it is wrong to miss Mass on Sunday and holy days; this obligation is fulfilled by attending Mass the evening before.

## Concept 4: Other Liturgical Celebrations, Sacramentals and Devotions

Students will:

B 1. Know that liturgical celebrations include gathering for prayer and worship outside of Mass.

Ch. 2, 10;  
OCH: The Sacraments

B 2. Know and participate in rituals such as Stations of the Cross, May Crowning, blessing of pets, Advent wreath lighting, blessing and distribution of ashes (Ash Wednesday), communal penance services, other prayer services and other blessing prayers.

F&S

B 3. Understand that we use symbols and objects to help us pray.

Ch. 2, 10;  
OCH: The Sacraments

F&S ..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP ..... Let Us Pray

OCH ..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA ..... Faith in Action

B 4. Show respect for sacramentals and blessed objects.

B 5. Know that we bless ourselves with holy water.

B 6. Identify some sacramentals.

Ch. 2, 10;  
OCH: The Sacraments

Ch. 2, 6

## Concept 5: Liturgical Symbols

Students will:

B 1. Know that liturgical symbols are objects used during Mass and liturgical celebrations.

B 2. Identify symbols used in the celebration of the Mass (bread, wine, altar, chalice, vestments, etc.).

B 3. Identify symbols used in the seasons of the liturgical year (Advent wreath, palms, ashes, Easter candle, etc.).

Ch. 2;  
OCH: The Sacraments

Ch. 10;  
OCH: The Sacraments

F&S

## STRAND 5: Morality

### Concept 1: Life in Christ

Students will:

B 1. Know that God created us as good and loving, to be respected and loved by others.

B 2. Know that with the light of Jesus shining within us, we love and respect others.

B 3. Know that we show our love and respect by good works and actions.

Ch. 5, 7;  
OCH: The Trinity

Ch. 9, 17;  
OCH: The Trinity

FIA: Ch. 1-20

### Concept 2: Beatitudes

Students will:

B 1. Know the meaning of the word *beatitude*.

B 2. Know the story of the Sermon on the Mount.

B 3. Know that we are called to live the Beatitudes.

F&S ..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP ..... Let Us Pray

OCH ..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA ..... Faith in Action

## Concept 3: Commandments

Students will:

- B 1. Know the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments.
- B 2. Know the Two Great Commandments of God and their meaning.
- B 3. Know that God’s name is holy.
- B 4. Know that God wants us to obey our parents and teachers.
- B 5. Know that we must respect the property of others.
- B 6. Know that it is important to tell the truth.

OCH: The Ten Commandments  
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## Concept 4: Catholic Social Teaching

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the Church teaches us to treat others and our world with respect.
- B 2. Know that all people are respected and appreciated for their differences.
- B 3. Know that Jesus wants us all to be one.
- B 4. Know that we must show by our action Jesus’ special love for the poor.
- B 5. Know some ways that we can serve others.

Ch. 7  
Ch. 7  
Ch. 7  
Ch. 7  
Ch. 7; FIA: Ch. 1-20

## Concept 5: Church Law

Students will:

- B 1. Know that Church law helps us to do good and avoid evil.
- B 2. Know that Jesus wants us to obey his teachings.

Ch. 11  
Ch. 11

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA ..... Faith in Action

**Concept 6: Conscience**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that Jesus wants us to be like him. Ch. 11
- B 2. Know that we must listen to what God tells us. Ch. 11
- B 3. Know that God gives us the ability to choose freely to do what is good and avoid what is wrong. Ch. 11

**Concept 7: Sin and Forgiveness**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that Jesus always loves us and forgives us. Ch. 11
- B 2. Know that when we hurt someone we must say we are sorry. Ch. 11
- B 3. Know that, like Jesus, we must always love and forgive others who have hurt us. Ch.11

**STRAND 6: Prayer and Spirituality**

**Concept 1: Overview of Prayer and Spirituality**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that when we pray we talk to God, listen to God and are aware of God. Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20; LUP
- B 2. Know that God is holy and loving and know that his presence is in us. Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20; LUP
- B 3. Articulate some of the different ways in which we are aware of God’s presence. Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20; LUP
- B 4. Know that the church building is a special place to pray and adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Ch. 10

**Concept 2: Forms of Prayer**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that we ask God for what we need. Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20; LUP

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

B 2. Know that we thank God for what we receive.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20; LUP

B 3. Recognize that there are many forms of prayer.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20; LUP

**Concept 3: Expressions of Prayer**

Students will:

B 1. Understand that we pray alone (personal) and with others (communal).

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20; LUP

B 2. Know that we pray with our bodies and with our hearts.

LUP

B 3. Know that we encounter God in the quiet of our hearts.

LUP

**Concept 4: Prayers of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Begin prayer with the “Sign of the Cross”.

LUP;  
Ch. 1

B 2. Learn to pray the “Our Father”, “Hail Mary” and “Glory Be to the Father”.

LUP;  
Ch. 8, 9

B 3. Learn to pray in the morning, before meals and at bedtime.

LUP

B 4. Know that the Mass is our most important prayer.

Ch. 2, 10;  
OCH: The Sacraments

**STRAND 7: Ecclesiology of the Catholic Church**

**Concept 1: Marks of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know that those who believe in Jesus form his one, true family.

Ch. 1, 17

B 2. Know that God blesses the Church and makes her holy.

Ch. 1

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA ..... Faith in Action

B 3. Understand that the Church is worldwide.

Ch. 1

B 4. Understand that the apostles were special people called by Jesus to know and follow him.

Ch. 17

**Concept 2: Images of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Church is God’s family and is made up of people who follow him.

Ch. 1, 2, 3, 4

B 2. Know that we pray together every Sunday and holy day as God’s family.

CH. 1, 2, 10

B 3. Know that God’s family cares for and loves one another.

Ch. 1

B 4. Know that God’s Church is like our body with many parts and members.

Ch. 1

B 5. Know that the Church is a sign of God’s love for us.

Ch. 1, 19

**Concept 3: History of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Church begins with Jesus Christ.

OCH: The Catholic Church

B 2. Know the story of the birthday of the Church, Pentecost.

Ch. 18

B 3. Know that Jesus sent the apostles to spread the Gospel and establish the Church.

Ch. 17, 18

B 4. Know that Jesus appointed St. Peter the first leader of the Church.

Ch. 17, 18

B 5. Know that the Church continues through us today.

Ch. 13, 14, 15, 16



F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

**Concept 4: Hierarchical Structures of the Church**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that God’s family has a leader called a pope.
- B 2. Know the name of the current pope, our current bishop and our pastor/priest(s)/deacon(s).
- B 3. Know that our local Church family is called a parish.
- B 4. Know the name of our parish and the meaning of this name.

OCH: The Catholic Church

OCH: The Catholic Church

**Concept 5: Mary, Mother of God**

Students will:

- B 1. Know Mary is the mother of Jesus.
- B 2. Know that we show Mary special respect and devotion.
- B 3. Know that the Church celebrates many special days dedicated to Mary

F&S: Mary

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F&S: Mary

**Concept 6: Lives of the Saints**

Students will:

- B 1. Know the names and stories of some saints. (See appendix II for suggestions.)
- B 2. Know saints are models of our Christian Life.
- B 3. Know that the Church celebrates many special days dedicated to the saints.

Ch. 1-20

Ch. 1-20

Ch. 1-20

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA ..... Faith in Action

**STRAND 8: Parish Life and Mission**

**Concept 1: Liturgical Life**

Students will:

B 1. Know that we worship together as Church on Sunday and holy days; this obligation is fulfilled by attending Mass the evening before.

Ch. 2, 10;  
OCH: The Sacraments

B 2. Know that it is wrong to miss Mass on Sunday and holy days; this obligation is fulfilled by attending Mass the evening before.

Ch. 2, 10;  
OCH: The Sacraments

B 3. Know that we are encouraged to participate in Mass often, not just on Sundays and holy days.

Ch. 2, 10;  
OCH: The Sacraments

B 4. Know the parish is a place where we help one another pray, celebrate and support others.

Ch. 2, 10;  
OCH: The Sacraments

**Concept 2: Lifelong Faith Formation**

Students will:

B 1. Know that Jesus wants us to always grow in our faith.

Ch. 10, 11, 12

**Concept 3: Parish Ministries**

Students will:

B 1. Know the names of some ministries in our parish (e.g. Catechetical, Parish Leadership, Social Justice, Maintenance, Liturgical, etc.).

FIA: Ch. 1-20

B 2. Know that each ministry in our parish has a special role.

FIA: Ch. 1-20

B 3. Know that the members of our parish work together to help others.

FIA: Ch. 1-20

B 4. Participate in at least one missionary activity of our parish (e.g. Missionary Childhood Association, Rice Bowl, local food pantry, etc.).

FIA: Ch. 1-20

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA ..... Faith in Action

**Concept 4: Evangelization**

Students will:

B 1. Know that it is a responsibility of Catholics to evangelize by sharing the Gospel.

FIA: Ch. 1-20

B 2. Know that others will learn about Jesus by what we say and do.

FIA: Ch. 1-20

**Concept 5: Ecumenism and Interfaith Dialog**

Students will:

B 1. Know that all people are brothers and sisters in Christ.

B 2. Know that God loves and cares for all people and challenges us to do the same.

Ch. 5;  
OCH: About the Great Commandment

B 3. Show awareness that we have neighbors who know about God in different ways than we do.

**STRAND 9: Vocation**

**Concept 1: Universal Call to Holiness**

Students will:

B 1. Know that a vocation is a special calling by God to love and be loved.

OCH: Vocations

B 2. Know that everyone has a vocation.

B 3. Know that through our baptism, God wants each of us to be the best person we can be.

OCH: Vocations

B 4. Understand that we hear God's invitation by listening in prayer and listening to others.

OCH: Vocations;  
LUP

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

**Concept 2: Ordained Life**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that some men answer God's invitation by becoming bishops, priests and deacons.
  
- B 2. Understand that the ordained guide and help people to serve God.

OCH: Vocations

OCH: Vocations

**Concept 3: Consecrated and Religious Life**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that some women and men answer God's invitation by professing special vows to God.
  
- B 2. Know that these vows help these individuals lead others closer to God.

OCH: Vocations

OCH: Vocations

**Concept 4: Lay Vocations**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that some women and men answer God's call by serving the Church in the world through marriage and single life.
  
- B 2. Know that married couples help each other be the best persons they can be.
  
- B 3. Know that, in their relationship, married couples witness to God's love for us.

Ch. 19; FIA: Ch. 1-20;  
OCH: Vocations

OCH: Vocations

OCH: Vocations

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

**STRAND 1: Sacred Scripture**

**Concept 1: Revelation**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Bible is a special book that tells who God is and how we live as God’s children.

The Bible, Ch. 9, 10;  
OCH: About the Bible

B 2. Know that the Bible proclaims the words and deeds of God throughout history.

The Bible, Ch. 9, 10;  
OCH: About the Bible

**Concept 2: Old Testament**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Old Testament contains the story of God’s people before the birth of Jesus.

The Bible, Ch. 9, 10;  
OCH: About the Bible

B 2. Identify Genesis as the first book of the Old Testament.

B 3. Know that Adam and Eve disobeyed God.

Ch. 2

B 4. Know that sin came into the world through the disobedience of Adam and Eve.

Ch. 2

B 5. Be able to retell other Old Testament stories. (See appendix I for suggestions.)

The Bible, Ch. 9, 10;  
OCH: About the Bible

B 6. Discuss and relate the message of those Bible stories.

The Bible, Ch. 9, 10;  
OCH: About the Bible

**Concept 3: New Testament**

Students will:

B 1. Identify the Gospels as stories about Jesus and what he taught.

The Bible, Ch. 9, 10;  
OCH: About the Bible

B 2. Understand that parables tell us about the Kingdom of God. (See appendix I for suggestions.)

The Bible, Ch. 9, 10;  
OCH: About the Bible

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

- B 3. Know the meaning of the miracle of the loaves and fishes.
- B 4. Understand that Jesus’ last meal with his disciples is a special sharing of love.
- B 5. Be able to retell other New Testament stories. (See appendix I for suggestions.)
- B 6. Discuss and relate the message of those Bible stories.

Ch. 12

The Bible, Ch. 9, 10;  
OCH: About the Bible

The Bible, Ch. 9, 10;  
OCH: About the Bible

**STRAND 2: Creed**

**Concept 1: Triune God**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that God reveals himself in the Holy Trinity, three Persons in one God.
- B 2. Know that God shows himself to us so that we can know and love him.
- B 3. Know that God is our beginning and our end.

Ch. 7, 9, 14, 16, 17, 18; F&S:  
The Solemnity of the Most Holy  
Trinity; OCH: About the Trinity

Ch. 7, 9, 14, 16, 17, 18; F&S:  
The Solemnity of the Most Holy  
Trinity; OCH: About the Trinity

Ch. 7, 9, 14, 16, 17, 18; F&S:  
The Solemnity of the Most Holy  
Trinity; OCH: About the Trinity

**Concept 2: God the Father**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that God made all creation good.
- B 2. Know that God is holy, all wise and all loving.
- B 3. Know that God is a forgiving God.
- B 4. Understand that God expects us to love and forgive each other.

Ch. 9, 16

Ch. 9, 16

Ch. 9, 16

Ch. 6, 7

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons      OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
 LUP..... Let Us Pray              FIA ..... Faith in Action

B 5. Know that God raised Jesus from the dead.

Ch. 13

B 6. Know that angels are created beings without physical form who have been present throughout history since the creation.

Ch. 9, 16

B 7. Know that angels carry out God’s commands, including speaking on his behalf.

Ch. 9, 16

**Concept 3: God the Son**

Students will:

B 1. Know that Mary is the mother of Jesus and is our mother.

Ch. 3; F&S: Mary;  
OCH: About Mary

B 2. Know that Jesus sacrificed himself for us.

Ch, 13

B 3. Know that Jesus’ death and Resurrection saves us from our sins.

Ch. 13

B 4. Know that Jesus’ Resurrection is the central truth of our faith.

Ch. 13

**Concept 4: God the Holy Spirit**

Students will:

B 1. Know that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts.

Ch. 8, 17, 20

B 2. Know that the Holy Spirit listens to our prayer.

Ch. 8, 17, 20

B 3. Know that symbols of the Holy Spirit include a dove and fire.

OCH: About the Trinity

**Concept 5: The Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know the meaning of *creed*.

Ch. 10

B 2. Know that at our baptism we affirmed our beliefs as expressed in the creed.

Ch. 2, 10

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

B 3. Know that the Church is the Body of Christ.

B 4. Know that we gather as the Body of Christ at Mass.

B 5. Know that every person has a Guardian Angel who protects and guides each one of us individually.

B 6. Know that we can ask our Guardian Angel for help and protection.

LUP

LUP

**Concept 6: Communion of Saints**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the saints are people we can imitate and see as heroes.

Ch. 3

B 2. Know that the saints intercede for us.

Ch. 3

**STRAND 3: Sacraments**

**Concept 1: Sacraments As Signs of God’s Grace**

Students will:

B 1. Know the meaning of sacrament.

Ch. 2;  
OCH: About the Sacraments

B 2. Know that grace is a special gift of God’s love and action in our lives.

Ch. 2, 4;  
OCH: About the Sacraments

B 3. Know that Jesus Christ gave the seven sacraments to the Church as signs of his living presence and action in the world.

Ch. 2;  
OCH: About the Sacraments

B 4. Identify the signs and symbols of each of the seven sacraments.

OCH: About the Sacraments



F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
 LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
 FIA..... Faith in Action

**Concept 2: Sacraments of Christian Initiation**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the Sacraments of Christian Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- B 2. Know that Baptism makes us members of the Church, frees us from sin and gives us new birth in the Holy Spirit.
- B 3. Know that godparents help us live our faith.
- B 4. Know that Confirmation fills us with the gift of the Holy Spirit and strengthens us.
- B 5. Know that the bread and wine consecrated by the priest at Mass become the Body and Blood of Christ.
- B 6. Know that receiving the Eucharist helps us to live more fully as the Body of Christ, the Church.
- B 7. Know that the celebration of the Eucharist is the highest form of worship.

Ch. 2

Ch. 2;  
 OCH: About the Sacraments

Ch. 2; OCH: About the Sacraments

OCH: About the Sacraments

Ch. 13, 14, 15, 16;  
 OCH: About the Mass

Ch. 13, 14, 15, 16;  
 OCH: About the Mass

Ch. 13, 14, 15, 16;  
 OCH: About the Mass

**Concept 3: Sacraments of Healing**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the Sacraments of Healing are Penance and Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.
- B 2. Know that the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation reconciles us to God and one another.
- B 3. Know the meaning of the four major actions of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation: contrition, confession, absolution and penance.
- B 4. Know that in the name of Jesus Christ, the priest forgives our sins.

Ch. 5, 6, 7, 8;  
 OCH: About the Sacraments

Ch. 5, 6, 7, 8;  
 OCH: About the Sacraments

Ch. 5, 6, 7, 8;  
 OCH: About the Sacraments

Ch. 5, 6, 7, 8;  
 OCH: About the Sacraments

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

B 5. Know that Anointing of the Sick can give strength to both the mind and the body.

OCH: About the Sacraments

**Concept 4: Sacraments of Service**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Sacraments of Service are Matrimony and Holy Orders.

Ch. 18;  
OCH: About the Sacraments

B 2. Know that in Matrimony God gives the man and woman the grace to live a Christian life together.

Ch. 18;  
OCH: About the Sacraments

B 3. Know that in Holy Orders God gives bishops, priests and deacons the grace to live a life of love and service for His people.

Ch. 18;  
OCH: About the Sacraments

**STRAND 4: Liturgy**

**Concept 1: Overview of Liturgy**

Students will:

B 1. Demonstrate full, conscious and active participation in Mass and other prayers.

Ch. 10, 13, 14, 15, 16

B 2. Demonstrate appropriate behavior in sacred spaces.

Ch. 10, 13, 14, 15, 16

**Concept 2: Liturgical Year**

Students will:

B 1. Know that each liturgical season celebrates various aspects of the Paschal Mystery.

F&S: The Church Year, Ordinary Time, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Mary, Feasts & Seasons Wrap-up

B 2. Know that Advent lasts four Sundays.

F&S: Advent

B 3. Know that Lent begins on Ash Wednesday.

F&S: Lent

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

B 4. Know that Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday (the Paschal Triduum) are the holiest days in the liturgical calendar.

B 5. Identify different traditional symbols and colors of each liturgical season.

### Concept 3: The Mass

Students will:

- B 1. Exhibit understanding that at Mass we thank God for all the blessings given to us, we offer our lives to God, and we ask God for what we need.
  
- B 2. State the meaning of the major parts of the Mass (Introductory Rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist and Concluding Rites).
  
- B 3. Recognize the components of the Introductory Rites (Entrance; Reverence to the Altar and Greeting of the Assembled People; Penitential Act; Kyrie, Eleison; Gloria in Excelsis; Collect) and Liturgy of the Word (Silence; Biblical Readings; Responsorial Psalm; Acclamation before the Gospel; Homily; Profession of Faith; Universal Prayer).
  
- B 4. Recognize the components of the Liturgy of the Eucharist (Preparation of the Gifts; Prayer over the Offerings; Eucharistic Prayer; Communion Rite; Lord's Prayer; Rite of Peace; Fraction of the Bread; Communion) and the Concluding Rites.
  
- B 5. Know that to receive Communion we must be free of serious sin and fast from food and drink for one hour before receiving.

F&S: Holy Week

F&S: The Church Year, Ordinary Time, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Mary, Feasts & Seasons Wrap-up

Ch. 13, 14, 15, 16;  
OCH: About the Mass

Ch. 13, 14, 15, 16;  
OCH: About the Mass

Ch. 13, 14, 15, 16;  
OCH: About the Mass

Ch. 13, 14, 15, 16;  
OCH: About the Mass

Ch. 13, 14, 15, 16;  
OCH: About the Mass

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

B 6. Know that the celebration of the Eucharist is the highest form of worship and is the source of our Catholic identity.

Ch. 13, 14, 15, 16;  
OCH: About the Mass

B 7. Know that we are required to participate in Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation in order to help each other pray; this obligation is fulfilled by attending Mass the evening before.

Ch. 13, 14, 15, 16;  
OCH: About the Mass

B 8. Know that the priest acts as Christ when he leads the celebration of the Mass.

B 9. Demonstrate the proper postures and gestures used during the Mass (sitting, standing, kneeling, bowing, Sign of the Cross, Sign of Peace, etc.), including the proper reception of the Blessed Sacrament.

Ch. 13, 14, 15, 16;  
OCH: About the Mass

B 10. Be given an opportunity to participate in planning a Mass.

**Concept 4: Other Liturgical Celebrations, Sacramentals and Devotions**

Students will:

B 1. Know that liturgical celebrations include gathering for prayer and worship outside of Mass.

B 2. Know how to make an examination of conscience and participate in the Rite of Penance.

Ch. 7;  
OCH: About Reconciliation

B 3. Know and participate in rituals such as Stations of the Cross, May Crowning, blessing of pets, Advent wreath lighting, blessing and distribution of ashes (Ash Wednesday), communal penance services, other blessings and other prayer services.

F&S

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

B 4. Understand that we use symbols and objects to help us pray.

OCH: The Church Year

B 5. Know that sacramentals are sacred signs given to us by the Church.

OCH: The Church Year

B 6. Show respect for sacramentals and blessed objects.

OCH: The Church Year

**Concept 5: Liturgical Symbols**

Students will:

B 1. Know that liturgical symbols are objects used during Mass and liturgical celebrations.

Ch. 13, 14, 15, 16;  
OCH: About the Mass

B 2. Identify symbols used in the celebration of the Mass and what they represent (bread, wine, altar, ambo, chalice, vestments, etc.).

Ch. 13, 14, 15, 16;  
OCH: About the Mass

B 3. Identify symbols used in the seasons of the liturgical year and what they represent (Advent wreath, palms, ashes, Easter candle, etc.).

F&S: The Church Year, Ordinary Time, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Feasts & Seasons Wrap-up

B 4. Know the difference between a cross and a crucifix.

F&S: The Church Year

B 5. Identify the tabernacle as the place where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved.

F&S: The Church Year

B 6. Identify the sanctuary lamp and know that when it is lit the Blessed Sacrament is present in the tabernacle.

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
 LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
 FIA..... Faith in Action

**STRAND 5: Morality**

**Concept 1: Life in Christ**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that God created us in his image and likeness. Ch. 9
  
- B 2. Know that God created us to know, love and serve him. Ch. 9
  
- B 3. Identify how we show our love for Jesus by following him through our actions. Ch. 9

**Concept 2: Beatitudes**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the Beatitudes are a model for how we live. OCH: About the Beatitudes
  
- B 2. Tell the story of the Sermon on the Mount. OCH: About the Beatitudes
  
- B 3. Know how the Beatitudes help us live justly in this world. OCH: About the Beatitudes

**Concept 3: Commandments**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that God gives us laws called the Ten Commandments. Ch. 7;  
OCH: About the Commandments
  
- B 2. Know the Ten Commandments. Ch. 7;  
OCH: About the Commandments
  
- B 3. Identify how the Ten Commandments guide us in loving God and others. Ch. 7;  
OCH: About the Commandments
  
- B 4. Be able to use the Ten Commandments to make an examination of conscience. Ch. 7;  
OCH: About the Commandments

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

B 5. Know that stealing is taking the property of another without permission and is against the seventh commandment.

Ch. 7;  
OCH: About the Commandments

**Concept 4: Catholic Social Teaching**

Students will:

B 1. Know that to follow Jesus requires that we learn to care for ourselves and others as human persons belonging to the family of God.

Ch. 12

B 2. Know that we must respect all life.

B 3. Know that we must share our talents and gifts with others.

Ch. 11, 15

B 4. Know that acts of penance help us care for the needs of the poor and vulnerable.

Ch. 7

B 5. Know the meaning of stewardship.

**Concept 5: Church Law**

Students will:

B 1. Understand that the Church gives us certain precepts (laws) to follow (i.e. Mass on Sunday and holy days, Reconciliation once a year, Communion once a year during Easter Time, days of fasting and abstinence and support of the Church).

OCH: About the Commandments

B 2. Know that Church law helps us to follow the teachings of Jesus.

Ch. 7;  
OCH: About the Commandments

**Concept 6: Conscience**

Students will:

B 1. Know that God gave us a free will to choose what is right and avoid what is evil.

Ch. 5, 7

B 2. Know the meaning of conscience.

Ch. 5

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 LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
 FIA ..... Faith in Action

B 3. Know that our conscience tells us the difference between right and wrong.

Ch. 5, 7

B 4. Understand how to listen to God’s voice within, which helps us grow in goodness and love.

Ch. 5, 7

B 5. Know how to make a good examination of conscience.

Ch. 5

**Concept 7: Sin and Forgiveness**

Students will:

B 1. Know the meaning of sin.

Ch. 5

B 2. Know the difference between accident and sin.

Ch. 5

B 3. Know the meaning of venial sin and mortal sin.

Ch. 7

B 4. Know that God will forgive our sins no matter how serious they are.

Ch. 5, 6, 7, 8;  
 OCH: About the Sacraments,  
 About Reconciliation

**STRAND 6: Prayer and Spirituality**

**Concept 1: Overview of Prayer and Spirituality**

Students will:

B 1. Understand that prayer is essential to our life with God.

Ch. 12, 16;  
 LUP

B 2. Know that we pray throughout all the events of our life.

Ch. 12, 16;  
 LUP

B 3. Know that the church building is a special place to pray alone or as a community.

Ch. 16

B 4. Know that Jesus taught us how to pray.

Ch. 16



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LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

**Concept 2: Forms of Prayer**

Students will:

B 1. Recognize that there are five forms of prayer (blessing and adoration, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, praise).

Ch. 1, 2, 4, 12, 18, 20

B 2. Know that, through prayers of blessing and adoration, we acknowledge and accept the gift of God’s holiness.

Ch. 20

B 3. Know that, through prayers of petition, we ask God for what we need.

Ch. 2, 12

B 4. Know that we ask God to respond to the needs of others through prayers of intercession.

Ch. 2, 12

**Concept 3: Expressions of Prayer**

Students will:

B 1. Know that we pray both out loud and silently in our hearts.

Ch. 5

B 2. Know that we pray both with memorized prayers and spontaneously.

Ch. 4, 16

B 3. Know that we use Sacred Scripture, spiritual books and other guides to help us pray.

Ch. 11

B 4. Know that we encounter God in the quiet of our hearts.

**Concept 4: Prayers of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Learn the “Nicene Creed”.

LUP

B 2. Learn an “Act of Contrition”.

Ch. 8; LUP

B 3. Learn the Prayer to “St. Michael the Archangel”.

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

B 4. Learn to pray in the morning, before meals and at bedtime.

B 5. Know that the Mass is our most important prayer.

LUP

Ch. 13, 14, 15, 16;  
OCH: About the Mass

**STRAND 7: Ecclesiology of the Catholic Church**

**Concept 1: Marks of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know that there are four words that describe the Church.

B 2. Know that those who believe in Jesus form his one, true family (One).

B 3. Know that God blesses the Church and makes her holy (Holy).

B 4. Understand that the Church is worldwide (Catholic).

B 5. Understand that the apostles were special people called by Jesus to know and follow him (Apostolic).

Ch. 1

Ch. 14

**Concept 2: Images of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Church is the People of God.

B 2. Know that the Church is the Body of Christ.

B 3. Know that Jesus is the head of the Body.

B 4. Know that the Church is the Bride of Christ.

B 5. Know that we are a member of the Catholic Church community.

Ch. 1

Ch. 1

Ch. 1

Ch. 1, 2

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LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

B 6. Know that it is baptism that makes us members of the Catholic Church.

Ch. 2;  
OCH: About the Sacraments

B 7. Know that we pray together every Sunday and holy day as God’s family.

Ch. 1;  
OCH: About the Mass

**Concept 3: History of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Church was started by Jesus to help him spread the Gospel.

F&S: The Church Year

B 2. Know the story of the birthday of the Church, Pentecost.

F&S: Easter

B 3. Know that Jesus sent his followers to baptize people as his disciples.

Ch. 2

B 4. Know that Jesus called 12 disciples to be apostles.

Ch. 14

B 5. Know that the Church continues through our call to be disciples.

Ch. 14

B 6. Know that the Church continues Christ’s work of teaching, healing and proclaiming.

Ch. 14

**Concept 4: Hierarchical Structures of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the universal Catholic Church has a leader called a pope.

Ch. 18

B 2. Know that parishes are grouped into a geographic area known as a diocese.

Ch. 1

B 3. Know that the leader of a diocese is called a bishop.

B 4. Know that the local Church family is called a parish.

Ch. 1

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LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

B 5. Know that the leader of a parish is called a pastor.

**Concept 5: Mary, Mother of God**

Students will:

B 1. Know that we honor Mary as Jesus’ mother, the Mother of God.

Ch. 3; F&S: Mary;  
OCH: About Mary

B 2. Know that we honor Mary as the Mother of the Church and therefore our mother.

Ch. 3; F&S: Mary;  
OCH: About Mary

B 3. Know that the Church celebrates many special days dedicated to Mary.

Ch. 3; F&S: Mary;  
OCH: About Mary

**Concept 6: Lives of the Saints**

Students will:

B 1. Know the names and stories of some saints. (See appendix II for suggestions.)

Ch. 3

B 2. Know that saints are people we can identify as heroes and imitate.

Ch. 3

B 3. Know the names and stories of saints representing different countries.

Ch. 3

**STRAND 8: Parish Life and Mission**

**Concept 1: Liturgical Life**

Students will:

B 1. Know that we worship together as Church on Sunday and holy days.

Ch. 13, 14, 15, 16;  
OCH: About the Mass

B 2. Know that it is wrong to miss Mass on Sunday and holy days; this obligation is fulfilled by attending Mass the evening before.

Ch. 13, 14, 15, 16;  
OCH: About the Mass

B 3. Know that we are encouraged to participate in Mass often, not just on Sundays and holy days.

Ch. 13, 14, 15, 16;  
OCH: About the Mass

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 LUP..... Let Us Pray              FIA ..... Faith in Action

B 4. Know the parish is a place where we help one another to pray, celebrate and support others.

Ch. 13, 14, 15, 16;  
 OCH: About the Mass

B 5. Understand that it is in the parish that the sacramental life is celebrated and lived.

Ch. 13, 14, 15, 16;  
 OCH: About the Mass

**Concept 2: Lifelong Faith Formation**

Students will:

B 1. Know that Jesus wants us to always grow in our faith.

Ch. 9

B 2. Know the importance of belonging to the parish community.

Ch. 1

**Concept 3: Parish Ministries**

Students will:

B 1. Identify the pastor as the head of the parish.

B 2. Know the roles of the liturgical ministries of reader, server and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Ch. 12

B 3. Identify ways in which members of our parish help others.

Ch. 8

B 4. Participate in at least one missionary activity of the parish (e.g. Missionary Childhood Association, Rice Bowl, local food pantry, etc.).

Ch. 8

**Concept 4: Evangelization**

Students will:

B 1. Know that it is a responsibility of Catholics to evangelize by sharing the Gospel.

Ch. 10

B 2. Know that others will learn about Jesus by what we say and do.

Ch. 10

B 3. Know that we share Christ’s love by inviting others to pray and celebrate with us.

Ch.10

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA ..... Faith in Action

**Concept 5: Ecumenism and Interfaith Dialog**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that we respect people of all faiths because God loves all people.
- B 2. Know that all baptized people have the indelible character of God’s love.
- B 3. Understand that many people believe in God even though they are not baptized and that God loves them.

Ch. 2;  
OCH: About Sacraments

**STRAND 9: Vocation**

**Concept 1: Universal Call to Holiness**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that a vocation is a special calling by God to love and be loved.
- B 2. Know that everyone has a vocation.
- B 3. Know that God calls each of us to serve in special ways.
- B 4. Understand that we hear God's invitation by listening in prayer and to others.

Ch. 18;  
OCH: About Vocations

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OCH: About Vocations

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FIA: Ch. 1-20;  
OCH: About Vocations

Ch. 18;  
OCH: About Vocations

**Concept 2: Ordained Life**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that some men answer God's invitation by receiving the Sacrament of Holy Orders to become bishops, priests and deacons.
- B 2. Understand that bishops, priests and deacons are known as the ordained.

Ch. 18;  
OCH: About Vocations

Ch. 18;  
OCH: About Vocations

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

B 3. Know that the ordained are the ordinary ministers of the sacraments.

**Concept 3: Consecrated and Religious Life**

Students will:

B 1. Know that some women and men answer God's invitation by professing special vows to God.

B 2. Know that these vows help these individuals lead others closer to God.

B 3. Know that these individuals are called by various names such as monks, nuns, friars, sisters and brothers.

**Concept 4: Lay Vocations**

Students will:

B 1. Know that some women and men answer God's call by serving the Church in the world through marriage and/or single life.

B 2. Know that married couples help each other and their family grow closer to God.

B 3. Know that, in their relationship, married couples witness God's love to all.

B 4. Know some roles in which lay people serve the Church (e.g. teachers, DREs, principals, etc.).

Ch. 18;  
OCH: About Vocations

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FIA: Ch. 1-20;  
OCH: About Vocations

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

**STRAND 1: Sacred Scripture**

**Concept 1: Revelation**

Students will:

- B 1. Identify the Bible as a collection of books that tell us about God.
- B 2. Identify the Old Testament and the New Testament as the two major divisions in the Bible.
- B 3. Know that the Holy Spirit inspired people to write the books of the Bible.
- B 4. Know that the Bible is the Word of God written in human words.
- B 5. Know how to locate a specific passage in the Bible.

The Bible; Ch. 4;  
OCH: About the Bible

The Bible; Ch. 4;  
OCH: About the Bible

The Bible; Ch. 4;  
OCH: About the Bible

The Bible; Ch. 4;  
OCH: About the Bible

The Bible

**Concept 2: Old Testament**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the Old Testament tells us about God as creator and protector.
- B 2. Identify Abraham as the father of our faith in God.
- B 3. Know that Mary is preceded by many holy women in the Old Testament such as Sarah, Miriam, Ruth and Esther, etc.
- B 4. Be able to retell other Old Testament stories. (See appendix I for suggestions.)
- B 5. Discuss and relate the message of those Bible stories.

The Bible; Ch. 4;  
OCH: About the Bible

The Bible

Ch. 1-20



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LUP ..... Let Us Pray

OCH ..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA ..... Faith in Action

**Concept 3: New Testament**

Students will:

- B 1. Identify the New Testament as the stories and teachings of Jesus and the early Church.
- B 2. Identify some of the chief characters within the Gospel of Mark (Jesus, John the Baptist, Peter, the Twelve Apostles, Judas, Herod, Moses, Elijah, the demons, the Pharisees, Mary Magdalene, etc.).
- B 3. Identify the Persons of the Holy Trinity in the story of Jesus’ baptism.
- B 4. Understand the power of Jesus to heal and to forgive in the Gospel of Mark.
- B 5. Know the meaning of the word *rabbi*.
- B 6. Identify some parables from the Gospel of Mark.
- B 7. Understand Mark’s account of the Resurrection of Jesus (Mk. 16: 1-8).

Ch. 13, 15

The Bible; Ch. 3, 12, 13

Ch. 17

F&S: Easter

**STRAND 2: Creed**

**Concept 1: Triune God**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the Creed speaks of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- B 2. Know that grace is participation in the life of the Trinity.
- B 3. Know the meaning of “I believe in one God.”

Ch. 16

Ch. 11

LUP

**Concept 2: God the Father**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that creation reflects the beauty of the Creator.

Ch. 3

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 LUP ..... Let Us Pray

OCH ..... Our Catholic Heritage  
 FIA ..... Faith in Action

B 2. Know that God is present in everything he has made.

Ch. 3

B 3. Understand that God the Father loves us as a loving and forgiving parent.

Ch. 3

B 4. Know that God wants our love as a response to his love.

Ch. 3

B 5. Understand that God expects us to love and forgive each other.

Ch. 6

B 6. Know that angels are created beings without physical form who have been present throughout history since the creation.

F&S: Ordinary Time, Easter, Mary

B 7. Know that angels carry out God’s commands, including speaking on his behalf.

F&S: Ordinary Time, Easter, Mary

B 8. Know that the faithful join with the angels at every liturgy in praising God.

F&S: Ordinary Time, Easter, Mary

**Concept 3: God the Son**

Students will:

B 1. Know that Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary.

F&S: Advent, Mary

B 2. Know Jesus is the greatest sign of God’s love for us.

Ch. 4

B 3. Know Jesus Christ is our Savior and Redeemer.

F&S: Advent, Easter

B 4. Know the Paschal Mystery is the suffering, death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus.

Ch. 9

B 5. Know Jesus died for everyone.

Ch. 9

B 6. Know the meaning of the Ascension.

Ch. 9, 13

B 7. Know that angels served Jesus during his life on earth and will announce his Second Coming.

F&S ..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP ..... Let Us Pray

OCH ..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA ..... Faith in Action

**Concept 4: God the Holy Spirit**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity worshiped with the Father and the Son.
- B 2. Know that God’s Holy Spirit dwells in us and inspires us to do what is good.
- B 3. Know that, through Mary’s “yes” to the Holy Spirit, the Father gives the world Jesus.

Ch. 8;  
OCH: About the Trinity

Ch. 8;  
OCH: About the Trinity

F&S: Mary

**Concept 5: The Church**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that we become members of the Church by faith in Christ and through our Baptism.
- B 2. Know that God calls all people to salvation.

Ch. 2

Ch. 2

**Concept 6: Communion of Saints**

Students will:

- B 1. Know the meaning of the Communion of Saints.
- B 2. Know that the Church is the Communion of Saints.
- B 3. Know that the Church honors saints, and especially Mary, for their holiness.

Ch. 1

Ch. 1

Ch. 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11-16;  
F&S: Mary;  
OCH: About Mary and the Saints

**STRAND 3: Sacraments**

**Concept 1: Sacraments As Signs of God’s Grace**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the seven sacraments are signs of God’s grace and are true encounters with Jesus Christ.
- B 2. Know that the sacraments require faith.

Ch. 2, 4, 10, 14;  
OCH: About the Sacraments

Ch. 2, 4, 10, 14;  
OCH: About the Sacraments

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
 LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
 FIA..... Faith in Action

B 3. Know that the sacraments build up our faith.

Ch. 2, 4, 10, 14;  
 OCH: About the Sacraments

B 4. Know that the sacraments are visible signs of the Holy Spirit’s work in us.

Ch. 2, 4, 10, 14;  
 OCH: About the Sacraments

B 5. Know that the sacraments are ordinarily celebrated in community.

Ch. 2, 4, 10, 14;  
 OCH: About the Sacraments

B 6. Know that the purpose of the sacraments is to build up the body of Christ and to give worship to God.

Ch. 2, 4, 10, 14;  
 OCH: About the Sacraments

**Concept 2: Sacraments of Christian Initiation**

Students will:

B 1. Know the primary symbols and gestures of the Rite of Baptism (water, the baptismal formula: the words “I baptize you...”, the “Sign of the Cross”, the oils, the white garment and the baptismal candle).

Ch. 2; OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Initiation

B 2. Know that Confirmation is a Sacrament of Christian Initiation celebrated after Baptism to help us live the Christian life.

Ch. 2; OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Initiation

B 3. Recognize the primary symbols and gestures of the Rite of Confirmation (Sacred Chrism, the Laying of Hands, the words “Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” and the Sign of Peace).

Ch. 2; OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Initiation

B 4. Know that the celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist remains the center of the Church’s life, especially on Sundays and holy days, when the Church obliges us to attend Mass.

Ch. 2; OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Initiation

B 5. Know that Catholics must receive Communion at least once a year during Easter Time, but are encouraged to receive Communion whenever they attend Mass.

Ch. 2; OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Initiation

F&S ..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP ..... Let Us Pray

OCH ..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA ..... Faith in Action

**Concept 3: Sacraments of Healing**

Students will:

- B 1. Know the two Sacraments of Healing are the Anointing of the Sick and the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.
  
- B 2. Know that the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation are also referred to as penance, reconciliation or confession.
  
- B 3. Know that in the forgiveness of our sins we prepare ourselves to receive the Eucharist.
  
- B 4. Know that the Anointing of the Sick shows the Church’s care for the sick through prayer with them.

Ch. 6; OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Healing

Ch. 6; OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Healing

Ch. 6; OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Healing

Ch. 6; OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Healing

**Concept 4: Sacraments of Service**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that God is the author of marriage.
  
- B 2. Know that the Sacrament of Matrimony unites a man and a woman as one.
  
- B 3. Know that the Sacrament of Holy Orders has three degrees: bishop, priest and deacon.

Ch. 14;  
OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments at the Service of Communion

Ch. 14;  
OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments at the Service of Communion

Ch. 14;  
OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments at the Service of Communion

F&S ..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP ..... Let Us Pray

OCH ..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA ..... Faith in Action

## STRAND 4: Liturgy

### Concept 1: Overview of Liturgy

Students will:

B 1. Demonstrate full, conscious, and active participation in Mass and other prayers.

Ch. 10; OCH: About the Mass

B 2. Develop a deeper familiarity with the dominant symbols (bread, wine, altar, ambo, chalice, vestments, etc.) and gestures (sitting, standing, kneeling, bowing, Sign of the Cross, Sign of Peace, etc.) of the liturgy.

Ch. 10; OCH: About the Mass

B 3. Define “liturgy” as the official public prayer of the Church.

Ch. 10; OCH: About the Mass

### Concept 2: Liturgical Year

Students will:

B 1. Know that each liturgical season celebrates various aspects of the Paschal Mystery.

F&S: The Church Year, Ordinary Time, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Mary, Feasts & Seasons Wrap-up

B 2. Know that through Advent we prepare both for the celebration of Christmas and for Christ’s second coming.

F&S: Advent

B 3. Know that through Lent we enter with Jesus into his 40 days in the desert through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

F&S: Lent

B 4. Know that through the Paschal Mystery we celebrate the life, death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ.

F&S: Lent, Holy Week, Easter

B 5. Know that the Sacraments of Initiation are celebrated at the Easter Vigil and new members are welcomed into the Church.

F&S: Holy Week

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

B 6. Know that through Ordinary Time we continue our growth and formation.

F&S: Ordinary Time

**Concept 3: The Mass**

Students will:

B 1. Know that in the Mass we share in Christ’s prayer to the Father in the Holy Spirit.

Ch. 10; OCH: About the Mass

B 2. Know that every Mass is celebrated for a special intention.

Ch. 10; OCH: About the Mass

B 3. Know that we can ask a priest to celebrate a Mass for our own special needs or the needs of others.

Ch. 10; OCH: About the Mass

B 4. Know that the readings for every Mass are contained in a book called the *Lectionary*.

Ch. 10; OCH: About the Mass

B 5. Understand that at Mass on Sunday the first reading is taken from the Old Testament (or the Acts of the Apostles during the Easter Time) and the second reading is taken from one of the non-Gospel books of the New Testament.

Ch. 10; OCH: About the Mass

B 6. Know that the Church assigns readings for every Sunday Mass in a three-year cycle.

Ch. 10; OCH: About the Mass

B 7. Know that the prayers for Mass are contained in a book called the *Roman Missal*.

B 8. Be given an opportunity to participate in planning a Mass.

**Concept 4: Other Liturgical Celebrations, Sacramentals and Devotions**

Students will:

B 1. Know that we adore Christ by making visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

F&S ..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP ..... Let Us Pray

OCH ..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA ..... Faith in Action

B 2. Participate in Benediction.

B 3. Know how to participate in a Celebration of the Word.

B 4. Participate in other liturgical services.

B 5. Pray the Rosary.

B 6. Know how to make an examination of conscience and participate in the Rite of Penance.

B 7. Memorize the mysteries of the Rosary.

B 8. Know that the Mysteries of the Rosary include the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous events in Jesus’ life.

Ch. 1-20; F&S

Ch. 12;  
OCH: About Prayer

Ch. 4

Ch. 12;  
OCH: About Prayer

Ch. 12;  
OCH: About Prayer

**Concept 5: Liturgical Symbols**

Students will:

B 1. Identify an ambry as the place where the Holy Oils are stored in a church.

B 2. Identify the three types of Holy Oils (Oil of the Sick, Oil of Catechumens and Sacred Chrism).

B 3. Identify where in the church we can obtain holy water to use at home.

B 4. Identify the baptismal font as the place where new members of the Church are baptized.

Ch. 2



F&S ..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP ..... Let Us Pray

OCH ..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA ..... Faith in Action

**STRAND 5: Morality**

**Concept 1: Life in Christ**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the mutual love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is the model for harmony among human persons.
- B 2. Know that grace is a gift from God that helps us make good moral choices.
- B 3. Be able to define the word *morality*.
- B 4. Know that virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do good.
- B 5. Know that virtues are important to our lives as followers of Jesus.

Ch. 8;  
OCH: About the Trinity

Ch. 11, 17, 18

OCH: About Conscience

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**Concept 2: Beatitudes**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the Beatitudes are a model for how we live.
- B 2. Know that the Beatitudes are attitudes that we all need to have.

OCH: About the Beatitudes

OCH: About the Beatitudes

**Concept 3: Commandments**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that Jesus gave us Two Great Commandments: the love of God and love of neighbor.
- B 2. Know that all the commandments are encompassed in the Two Great Commandments.

Ch. 7;  
OCH: About the Commandments

Ch. 7;  
OCH: About the Commandments

F&S ..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP ..... Let Us Pray

OCH ..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA ..... Faith in Action

B 3. Know that Sunday is the Lord’s Day, the day every Catholic gathers to celebrate the Eucharist; this obligation is fulfilled by attending Mass the evening before.

B 4. Know that marriage is a covenant that cannot be broken.

**Concept 4: Catholic Social Teaching**

Students will:

B 1. Know that every human life is sacred and created in God’s image.

B 2. Know that all creation is sacred and we are called to be good stewards of God’s world.

B 3. Know the meaning of the words *justice* and *service*.

B 4. Relate justice and service to practical examples in our lives.

B 5. Know that our actions can cause division among our family and neighbors.

B 6. Know that we are responsible to help with work in our homes and Church.

Ch. 7;  
OCH: About the Commandments

Ch. 19

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**Concept 5: Church Law**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Church has laws (precepts) that give us rules for living the Christian life (i.e. Attending Mass on Sundays and holy days, receiving the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation once a year and Communion once a year during Easter Time, observing the days of fasting and abstinence and supporting of the Church).

Ch. 7;  
OCH: About the Commandments

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LUP ..... Let Us Pray

OCH ..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA ..... Faith in Action

**Concept 6: Conscience**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that God gives us a free will so that we might love, honor and obey God freely.
- B 2. Know that we form our conscience through prayer and listening to God’s word.
- B 3. Know that we need to follow our conscience.
- B 4. Know how to make a good examination of conscience.

OCH: About Conscience  
  
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**Concept 7: Sin and Forgiveness**

Students will:

- B 1. Know the meaning and various types of sin; venial, mortal, personal and social.
- B 2. Know the meaning of God’s mercy.
- B 3. Know that we receive the grace from Jesus to restore what sin has damaged in us.

Ch. 5, 6  
  
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**STRAND 6: Prayer and Spirituality**

**Concept 1: Overview of Prayer and Spirituality**

Students will:

- B 1. Understand that we pray to honor God because he created us and loves us.
- B 2. Know that the Holy Spirit inspires us to pray.
- B 3. Know that Christians pray always and that prayer is inseparable from Christian life.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: How Catholics Pray;  
LUP  
  
Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: How Catholics Pray;  
LUP  
  
Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: How Catholics Pray;  
LUP

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LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

B 4. Know that God’s creation helps us to pray.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: How Catholics Pray;  
LUP

**Concept 2: Forms of Prayer**

Students will:

B 1. Recognize that there are five forms of prayer (blessing and adoration, petition, intercession, thanksgiving and praise).

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: How Catholics Pray;  
LUP

B 2. Know that, through prayers of blessing and adoration, we acknowledge and accept the gift of God’s holiness.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: How Catholics Pray;  
LUP

B 3. Know that, through prayers of petition, we ask God for what we need.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: How Catholics Pray;  
LUP

B 4. Know that we ask God to respond to the needs of others through prayers of intercession.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: How Catholics Pray;  
LUP

B 5. Know that we thank God for what we receive through prayers of thanksgiving.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: How Catholics Pray;  
LUP

B 6. Know that, through prayers of praise, we give God glory because he is good and great.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: How Catholics Pray;  
LUP

**Concept 3: Expressions of Prayer**

Students will:

B 1. Know that prayer is expressed publicly or privately.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: How Catholics Pray;  
LUP

B 2. Know some examples of devotional prayer (Rosary, Stations of the Cross, etc.).

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: How Catholics Pray;  
LUP

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

B 3. Know that we use Sacred Scripture, spiritual books and other guides to help us pray.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: How Catholics Pray;  
LUP

B 4. Know that we encounter God in the quiet of our hearts.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: How Catholics Pray;  
LUP

**Concept 4: Prayers of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Learn the “Apostles’ Creed”.

LUP

B 2. Know that through the “Our Father”, Jesus teaches us how to pray and shares his Father with us.

Ch. 4; LUP

B 3. Know that the Mass is our most important prayer because it celebrates Jesus’ life, death and Resurrection.

Ch. 10;  
OCH: About the Mass

**STRAND 7: Ecclesiology of the Catholic Church**

**Concept 1: Marks of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the four marks of the Church are named in the “Nicene Creed”.

Ch. 13

B 2. Know that the Church is united as the one Body of Christ.

Ch. 13

B 3. Know that Jesus prayed that all Christians be united into one Church.

Ch. 13

B 4. Know that, while the members of the Church sin, the Church is holy.

Ch. 13

B 5. Know that Christ continues to send the Church to do his work in the world.

Ch. 13

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LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

**Concept 2: Images of the Church**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the Church is described as the building of God and a holy temple. Ch. 13
- B 2. Identify Jesus as the cornerstone of the Church. Ch. 13
- B 3. Identify the apostles (and in particular St. Peter) as the foundation of the Church. Ch. 13
- B 4. Know that the Temple of Jerusalem was the dwelling place of God in the Old Testament.
- B 5. Know that the Holy Spirit dwells within the Church. Ch. 1

**Concept 3: History of the Church**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that many stories of the early Church are in the Acts of the Apostles. Ch. 13
- B 2. Know that those who are killed for their faith are called martyrs. Ch. 16
- B 3. Know the story of St. Stephen, the first martyr. Ch. 16
- B 4. Know Saul’s role in the martyrdom of St. Stephen. Ch. 16
- B 5. Know the story of St. Paul’s conversion. Ch. 1
- B 6. Know that Jesus sent St. Paul to preach the Gospel to the non-Jewish people (Gentiles). Ch. 1
- B 7. Know that St. Paul went on missionary journeys to establish churches in other countries. Ch. 1
- B 8. Know the story of St. Paul’s arrest and martyrdom. Ch. 1

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**Concept 4: Hierarchical Structures of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Identify the pope as the chief shepherd of the Catholic Church.

Ch. 15

B 2. Identify bishops as shepherds of their local churches.

Ch. 15

B 3. Identify pastors as shepherds of their parishes.

Ch. 15

**Concept 5: Mary, Mother of God**

Students will:

B 1. Know that Mary was kept free of Original Sin and that we call this her Immaculate Conception.

B 2. Know that at the Annunciation the announcement was made to Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus.

F&S: The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

B 3. Know that throughout history Mary has appeared in numerous places to strengthen people in their faith in her son Jesus.

Ch. 12;  
 F&S: Mary;  
 OCH: About Mary

B 4. Know some stories of Marian appearances. (See appendix III for suggestions.)

Ch. 12;  
 F&S: Mary;  
 OCH: About Mary

**Concept 6: Lives of the Saints**

Students will:

B 1. Know the names and stories of some martyrs. (See appendix II for suggestions.)

Ch. 16

B 2. Know the name and story of our patron saints.

B 3. Know that the Church has a process for declaring a person a saint.

B 4. Know that in order to be declared a saint a person must have lived a life of heroic virtue or remained faithful to God through martyrdom.

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LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

**STRAND 8: Parish Life and Mission**

**Concept 1: Liturgical Life**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the parish is our church home where we celebrate Mass.

Ch. 2

B 2. Know the importance of being a member of a parish community.

Ch. 2

B 3. Know that God blesses us through participation in the Mass and sacraments.

Ch. 10;  
OCH: About the Mass

B 4. Know that as Catholics we have an obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days; this obligation is fulfilled by attending Mass the evening before.

Ch. 10

**Concept 2: Lifelong Faith Formation**

Students will:

B 1. Know that we grow in our faith in a variety of ways (prayer, study, religion classes, reading the Bible, service to others, etc.).

Ch. 1-20;  
OCH: About Prayer;  
LUP

**Concept 3: Parish Ministries**

Students will:

B 1. Know that we are called to participate in the ministries of our parish.

Ch. 4, 19;  
FIA: Ch. 1-20

B 2. Know the roles of the liturgical ministries of cantor, greeter, gift bearer, musician and usher.

Ch. 12: FIA: Ch. 9, 10

B 3. Identify ways that we as members of the parish can personally help others.

Ch. 4, 8, 20;  
FIA: Ch. 1-20

B 4. Support the missionary activities of our parish (e.g. Missionary Childhood Association, Rice Bowl, local food pantry, etc.).

Ch. 16;  
FIA: Ch. 13



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LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

**Concept 4: Evangelization**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that it is a responsibility of Catholics to evangelize by sharing the Gospel with all people.
- B 2. Know that others will learn about Jesus as we show compassion and mercy.
- B 3. Know that we share Christ’s love by inviting others to worship with us.

Ch. 16

Ch. 8

Ch. 10

**Concept 5: Ecumenism and Interfaith Dialog**

Students will:

- B 1. Understand that there are many Christians who are baptized but belong to different ecclesial communities.
- B 2. Know that the Catholic Church works for the unity of all people to live in peace and justice.
- B 3. Know that Jesus calls us to cooperate with other Christians.

Ch. 20

Ch. 20

Ch. 20; FIA: Ch. 17

**STRAND 9: Vocation**

**Concept 1: Universal Call to Holiness**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that our Christian vocation is to grow in holiness by living lives close to God.
- B 2. Know that our family, friends, and faith community help us live out our vocation.
- B 3. Define vocation as a calling to serve God and others.
- B 4. Understand that we hear God’s invitation by listening in prayer and listening to others.

Ch. 14; OCH: About Vocations, About Missionaries

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Ch. 14; OCH: About Vocations, About Missionaries

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LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

**Concept 2: Ordained Life**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the ordained are the ordinary ministers of the sacraments who guide and help people to serve God.
- B 2. Know that some men answer God's call by being ordained as bishops, priests and deacons.
- B 3. Know that bishops, priests, and deacons have different roles.

Ch. 14

Ch. 14

Ch. 14

**Concept 3: Consecrated and Religious Life**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that some women and men answer God's invitation by professing special vows to God.
- B 2. Know that these vows help these individuals lead others closer to God.
- B 3. Know that these individuals are called by various names such as monks, nuns, friars, sisters, brothers.
- B 4. Know that some of these individuals join special religious orders (e.g. Franciscans, Dominicans, Benedictines, Jesuits, etc.).

OCH: About Vocations

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**Concept 4: Lay Vocations**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that some women and men answer God's call by serving the Church in the world through marriage and/or single life.
- B 2. Know that married couples help each other and their family grow closer to God.
- B 3. Know that, in their relationship, married couples witness God's love to all.
- B 4. Name some roles in which lay people serve the Church (e.g. teachers/catechists, DREs, principals, liturgists, youth ministers, etc.).

OCH: About Vocations

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FIA: Ch. 1-20;  
OCH: About Vocations

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LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

**STRAND 1: Sacred Scripture**

**Concept 1: Revelation**

Students will:

B 1. Define covenant as a solemn agreement made between people or between God and a person or persons.

Ch. 3, 4

B 2. Know that God's response to sin was to promise salvation and offer a covenant relationship.

Ch. 3, 4

B 3. Know that the two major covenants are the covenant between God and the people of Israel (the Mosaic Covenant) and the new covenant established by Jesus through his death and Resurrection.

Ch. 3, 4

B 4. Know how to locate a specific chapter and verse in the Bible.

The Bible

**Concept 2: Old Testament**

Students will:

B 1. Identify the Old Testament as the Jewish scriptures of the Bible.

Ch. 10;  
The Bible

B 2. Identify and explain the three major Old Testament covenants with Noah, Abraham and Moses.

Ch. 3, 4

B 3. Know that the covenant with Abraham was passed on through his descendants.

Ch. 3, 4

B 4. Know that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are our ancestors in the faith (patriarchs).

B 5. Know the story of Joseph and the movement of the People of God to Egypt.

Ch. 3, 4

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 FIA ..... Faith in Action

B 6. Know the story of the call of Moses and the Exodus.

Ch. 3

B 7. Know the meaning of the Passover.

B 8. Know that on Mt. Sinai God gave his law to Moses and the people of Israel so that they might serve him as the one true God.

Ch. 3

B 9. Know that the Ten Commandments are a gift from God.

Ch. 3

B 10. Be able to retell other Old Testament stories. (See appendix I for suggestions.)

Ch. 1

B 11. Discuss and relate the message of those Bible stories.

Ch. 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11-20

**Concept 3: New Testament**

Students will:

B 1. Identify the New Testament as the Christian scriptures of the Bible.

The Bible

B 2. Define Gospel.

Ch. 5

B 3. Know that each Gospel writer tells the same stories in different ways.

Ch. 5

B 4. Know that each Gospel writer tells different stories about Jesus.

Ch. 5

B 5. Identify the major geographical features and cities of Samaria and Judea during the time of Jesus.

The Bible

B 6. Identify the main characters in the Gospel of Matthew and their purpose.

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B 7. Identify the major components in Matthew’s Infancy Narrative and their connections to the Old Testament.

B 8. Identify the Beatitudes as Matthew’s introduction to the teachings of Jesus (Mt. 5: 1-12).

B 9. Identify Matthew’s understanding of the mission to the Gentiles (Mt. 28: 19-20).

OCH: About the Beatitudes

**STRAND 2: Creed**

**Concept 1: Triune God**

Students will:

B 1. Name God as Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Ch. 1;  
OCH: About the Trinity

B 2. Identify the ways God reveals himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Ch. 1;  
OCH: About the Trinity

B 3. Know that we are made in the image and likeness of God.

Ch. 5

B 4. Know that God is always faithful to his promises.

Ch. 1

B 5. Know that showing love to others is the way we show the love of the Trinity.

Ch. 1;  
OCH: About the Trinity

**Concept 2: God the Father**

Students will:

B 1. Know that God created the universe and made the world good.

Ch. 1

B 2. Understand that faith is a gift freely given by God and freely received.

Ch. 1

B 3. Know that God is all-powerful.

Ch. 1

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LUP..... Let Us Pray

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FIA..... Faith in Action

B 4. Understand that God is loving and forgiving.

Ch.1

B 5. Understand that God expects us to love and forgive each other.

Ch. 14

**Concept 3: God the Son**

Students will:

B 1. Know that in everything he did, Jesus is our model.

Ch. 5

B 2. Know that Jesus gave himself up for each one of us.

Ch. 5

B 3. Know that Jesus wants us to share the Good News with all the world.

Ch. 5

B 4. Know that Jesus was conceived by Mary through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Ch. 5;  
F&S: Mary

B 5. Know that through the Paschal Mystery, Jesus suffered and died for our sins, rose from the dead and ascended into Heaven so that we might have eternal life.

Ch. 5

**Concept 4: God the Holy Spirit**

Students will:

B 1. Know that at Pentecost the risen Lord sent the Holy Spirit, thus revealing the Trinity.

Ch. 9;  
F&S: Easter

B 2. Know that the risen Lord pours out the Holy Spirit on his followers.

Ch. 9, 10;  
F&S: Easter

B 3. Know that the Holy Spirit directs the Church leaders in teaching and guiding the faithful.

Ch. 9

B 4. Know the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Ch. 10

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LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

**Concept 5: The Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know that everyone in the Church shares in Christ’s role as priest, prophet and king.

B 2. Know that Church leaders have the authority to explain Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

B 3. Know that the one Church includes a great diversity of members.

Ch. 6;  
OCH: About Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Initiation

Ch. 20

**Concept 6: Communion of Saints**

Students will:

B 1. Know that Mary is in heaven and continues to pray for us.

B 2. Know that the saints intercede for us as we live our Christian lives.

Ch. 17;  
OCH: About Mary and the Saints

Ch. 1-20;  
OCH: About Mary and the Saints

**STRAND 3: Sacraments**

**Concept 1: Sacraments As Signs of God’s Grace**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the seven sacraments are signs of God’s grace and are true encounters with Jesus.

B 2. Know that the Church teaches that sacraments are necessary for salvation.

Ch. 6, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18; OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Initiation, About the Sacraments of Healing, About the Sacraments at the Service of Communion

Ch. 6, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18; OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Initiation, About the Sacraments of Healing, About the Sacraments at the Service of Communion

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FIA..... Faith in Action

B 3. Know that the sacraments give sanctifying grace and help us live Christian lives.

Ch. 6, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18; OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Initiation, About the Sacraments of Healing, About the Sacraments at the Service of Communion

B 4. Define the term *sacramental sign*.

Ch. 6, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18; OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Initiation, About the Sacraments of Healing, About the Sacraments at the Service of Communion

B 5. Give examples of how the Church and parish family are sacramental signs of God’s love.

Ch. 6, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18; OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Initiation, About the Sacraments of Healing, About the Sacraments at the Service of Communion

**Concept 2: Sacraments of Christian Initiation**

Students will:

B 1. Know the three Sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism which is the beginning of new life; Confirmation which strengthens that life; and Eucharist which completes initiation and nourishes us with Christ’s Body and Blood.

Ch. 6, 10, 17, 18;  
OCH: About Sacraments, About Sacraments of Initiation

B 2. Understand that Baptism makes us members of the Church, forgives sin, and gives new birth in the Holy Spirit.

Ch. 6, 17;  
OCH: About Sacraments of Initiation

B 3. Understand Confirmation gives the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit as experienced by the apostles on the day of Pentecost.

Ch. 9, 10;  
OCH: About Sacraments of Initiation



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B 4. Recognize the Eucharist as the center of Catholic life.

B 5. Define transubstantiation.

B 6. Name sacramental signs (symbols) for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism: Water poured over or immersed in water while saying, “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”; Confirmation: Laying on of hands and anointing with Chrism (sacred oil) while saying, “Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.”; The Eucharist: Wheat bread and grape wine and the words of Consecration).

Ch. 18;  
OCH: About Sacraments of Initiation

Ch. 6, 10, 17, 18;  
OCH: About Sacraments, About Sacraments of Initiation

**Concept 3: Sacraments of Healing**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Church has the power to forgive sins through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

B 2. Know that in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation we confess both personal and social sin.

B 3. Name and describe the essential components of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (contrition, confession, absolution and penance).

B 4. Understand how the examination of conscience helps us to recognize our sin and to be reconciled with God and others.

B 5. Know that Christ touched and healed people during his life on earth and continues to do so in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Ch. 14, 15;  
OCH: About Sacraments of Healing, About Reconciliation

Ch. 14, 15;  
OCH: About Sacraments of Healing, About Reconciliation

Ch. 14, 15;  
OCH: About Sacraments of Healing, About Reconciliation

Ch. 14, 15;  
OCH: About Sacraments of Healing, About Reconciliation

Ch. 13;  
OCH: About Sacraments of Healing

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B 6. Name the sacramental signs (symbols) for the Sacraments of Healing (Penance and Reconciliation: Laying on of hands and the words of absolution (forgiveness); Anointing of the Sick: Anointing with the Oil of the Sick accompanied by the liturgical prayer of the priest).

Ch. 14, 15;  
OCH: About Sacraments of Healing, About Reconciliation

**Concept 4: Sacraments of Service**

Students will:

B 1. Know that in the Sacrament of Matrimony a man and woman vow their love and life to one another forever.

Ch. 13;  
OCH: About Sacraments at the Service of Communion

B 2. Know that in the Sacrament of Holy Orders a man vows his obedience and service to the bishop.

Ch. 13;  
OCH: About Sacraments at the Service of Communion

B 3. Name the sacramental signs (symbols) for the Sacraments of Service (Holy Orders: Laying on of hands and the prayer of Consecration asking for the gifts specific to that order; Matrimony: Exchange of marriage vows).

Ch. 13;  
OCH: About Sacraments at the Service of Communion

**STRAND 4: Liturgy**

**Concept 1: Overview of Liturgy**

Students will:

B 1. Demonstrate full, conscious, and active participation in Mass and other prayers.

Ch. 18;  
OCH: About the Mass

B 2. Recognize the liturgical actions of the Church as central to the Christian life.

Ch. 18;  
OCH: About the Mass

B 3. Identify Sunday as the Lord's Day, a day of rest.

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OCH: About the Mass

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B 4. Know that on Sunday we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection from the dead.

**Concept 2: Liturgical Year**

Students will:

B 1. Know that, through the liturgical year, we celebrate the life, death and Resurrection of Christ.

B 2. Understand that Ordinary Time celebrates the teaching and public life of Jesus.

B 3. Memorize the holy days of obligation.

**Concept 3: The Mass**

Students will:

B 1. Identify the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup, the Lamb of God, and other elements of the Passover contained in the Mass.

B 2. Know that, in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the priest offers the same sacrifice offered by Jesus on the Cross.

B 3. Know that, in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we offer our own prayers and sacrifices with the priest.

B 4. Know that, at the Dismissal, we are sent into the world to continue Christ's work.

B 5. Know how to write the Universal Prayers or Prayer of the Faithful.

B 6. Be given an opportunity to participate in planning a Mass.

Ch. 18;  
OCH: About the Mass

F&S: The Liturgical Year, Ordinary Time, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Mary, The Liturgical Year Wrap-up

F&S: Ordinary Time

F&S: The Liturgical Year

Ch. 18;  
OCH: About the Mass

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**Concept 4: Other Liturgical Celebrations,  
Sacramentals and Devotions**

Students will:

- B 1. Have opportunities to lead rituals such as Stations of the Cross, May Crowning, Advent wreath lighting and other prayer services.
- B 2. Know that some people in the Church—especially clergy and vowed religious—pray at regularly scheduled times of the day.
- B 3. Know that this prayer is called the Divine Office or the Liturgy of the Hours.
- B 4. Know how to make an examination of conscience and participate in the Rite of Penance.
- B 5. Know that the Divine Office consists of praying the psalms, reading from Sacred Scripture and intercessory prayers.
- B 6. Know how to pray the Rosary.

F&S: Advent, Lent

F&S: Advent

F&S: Advent

Ch. 11, 14;  
OCH: About Reconciliation

F&S: Advent

Ch. 2;  
LUP;  
OCH: About Prayer

**Concept 5: Liturgical Symbols**

Students will:

- B 1. Identify the persons or stories represented in the artwork (statues, stained glass windows, etc.) in the parish church.
- B 2. Identify other prominent artwork in the parish church.
- B 3. Know the meaning of processing, bowing, genuflecting, prostrating and kneeling in liturgical celebrations.

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LUP ..... Let Us Pray

OCH ..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA ..... Faith in Action

**STRAND 5: Morality**

**Concept 1: Life in Christ**

Students will:

B 1. Know that God created each of us in his own image with a spiritual soul, intellect and free will.

Ch. 5

B 2. Know that we are called to holiness by uniting ourselves to Jesus’ life and living as he lived.

Ch. 5

B 3. Know the theological virtues of faith, hope and love (charity).

OCH: About Faith, Hope, and Love

B 4. Know that God calls each of us to eternal happiness with himself.

Ch. 5

B 5. Know that the Works of Mercy are acts of love that help us care for others in need.

Ch. 19

B 6. Know the difference between the Corporal Works of Mercy and the Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Ch. 19

**Concept 2: Beatitudes**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Beatitudes show us the path to the happiness of heaven.

Ch. 7, 8;  
OCH: About the Beatitudes

B 2. Know that the Beatitudes are a model for how we are to live like Jesus.

Ch. 7, 8;  
OCH: About the Beatitudes

B 3. Explore ways to lead lives that reflect the Beatitudes.

Ch. 7, 8;  
OCH: About the Beatitudes

**Concept 3: Commandments**

Students will:

B 1. Know why God wants us to follow the Ten Commandments.

Ch. 3, 8, 11, 16, 19;  
OCH: About the Commandments

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FIA..... Faith in Action

B 2. Identify which commandments are about loving God.

Ch. 3, 8, 11, 16, 19;  
OCH: About the Commandments

B 3. Identify which commandments are about loving others.

Ch. 3, 8, 11, 16, 19;  
OCH: About the Commandments

B 4. Know and apply all of the commandments to daily life.

Ch. 3, 8, 11, 16, 19;  
OCH: About the Commandments

B 5. Know that we look upon sacred images with reverence, but we worship only God.

Ch. 3, 8, 11, 16, 19;  
OCH: About the Commandments

B 6. Know that blasphemy is the use of the name of God, of Jesus Christ, of Mary and the saints in an offensive way.

Ch. 3, 8, 11, 16, 19;  
OCH: About the Commandments

B 7. Know that we must participate at Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from all unnecessary work.

Ch. 3, 8, 11, 16, 19;  
OCH: About the Commandments

B 8. Know that we are called to respect not only parents but all those in authority.

Ch. 3, 8, 11, 16, 19;  
OCH: About the Commandments

B 9. Know that the Fifth Commandment forbids the deliberate killing of another person.

Ch. 3, 8, 11, 16, 19;  
OCH: About the Commandments

B 10. Know that adultery is wrong and is the breaking of a promise.

Ch. 3, 8, 11, 16, 19;  
OCH: About the Commandments

B 11. Know that stealing and defrauding another is sinful.

Ch. 3, 8, 11, 16, 19;  
OCH: About the Commandments

B 12. Know that false witness and perjury are grave offenses against the truth.

Ch. 3, 8, 11, 16, 19;  
OCH: About the Commandments

B 13. Know that Christians respect their bodies, and the bodies of others, as temples of the Holy Spirit.

Ch. 3, 8, 11, 16, 19;  
OCH: About the Commandments

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B 14. Know that the Tenth Commandment forbids acting on the strong desire to possess something that belongs to another.

Ch. 3, 8, 11, 16, 19;  
OCH: About the Commandments

**Concept 4: Catholic Social Teaching**

Students will:

B 1. Know the corporal works of mercy.

Ch. 19

B 2. Know stories of how people put faith into action.

Ch. 19

B 3. Know some basic principles of Catholic social teaching.

Ch. 19

B 4. Relate justice and service to practical examples in our lives.

Ch. 19

B 5. Know that social justice is based on the dignity of the human person.

Ch. 8, 17, 20

B 6. Know the cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance.

OCH: About Faith, Hope, and Love

B 7. Know that God calls us to work for the good of all people.

OCH: About Faith, Hope, and Love

B 8. Know that God calls us to be stewards of our possessions.

Ch. 1

**Concept 5: Church Law**

Students will:

B 1. Know the precepts of the Church.

B 2. Know that Church law is based on Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

Ch. 3

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 LUP ..... Let Us Pray

OCH ..... Our Catholic Heritage  
 FIA ..... Faith in Action

**Concept 6: Conscience**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that conscience is our secret core where God speaks to us. Ch. 11, 15
  
- B 2. Know that we do good and avoid evil by following our conscience. Ch. 11, 15
  
- B 3. Know how to do an examination of conscience in light of the Beatitudes and Ten Commandments. Ch. 11, 15
  
- B 4. Know that our feelings and emotions are gifts of God, but they are not always indicators of right and wrong. Ch. 11, 15

**Concept 7: Sin and Forgiveness**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that sin is a deliberate choice against God’s law. Ch. 3
  
- B 2. Understand the reality of sin and its consequences in the world. Ch. 11
  
- B 3. Understand the difference between the seriousness of mortal and venial sin. Ch. 14
  
- B 4. Know that the capital sins are pride, greed, envy, anger, lust, gluttony and laziness. Ch. 14
  
- B 5. Relate certain behaviors as sinful. Ch. 14

**STRAND 6: Prayer and Spirituality**

**Concept 1: Overview of Prayer and Spirituality**

Students will:

- B 1. Define prayer as raising our hearts and minds to God. Ch. 4;  
LUP;  
OCH: About Prayer



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B 2. Understand that prayer is a living relationship with God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Ch. 4;  
LUP;  
OCH: About Prayer

B 3. Know that faith is the basis of prayer.

Ch. 4;  
LUP;  
OCH: About Prayer

B 4. Understand the power of prayer in our lives.

Ch. 4;  
LUP;  
OCH: About Prayer

**Concept 2: Forms of Prayer**

Students will:

B 1. Name each of the five different forms of prayer (blessing and adoration, petition, intercession, thanksgiving and praise).

Ch. 4;  
LUP;  
OCH: About Prayer

B 2. Participate in creating prayers that fit each of the five prayer form categories.

Ch. 4;  
LUP;  
OCH: About Prayer

B 3. Identify prayers of blessing and adoration, praise, thanksgiving, petition and intercession in the liturgical prayers of the Mass.

Ch. 4;  
LUP;  
OCH: About Prayer

**Concept 3: Expressions of Prayer**

Students will:

B 1. Know that meditation is thinking about God.

Ch. 4;  
LUP;  
OCH: About Prayer

B 2. Know that prayer can be expressed through words, music, movement, art, etc.

Ch. 4;  
LUP;  
OCH: About Prayer

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B 3. Know that there are formal (memorized) and informal (spontaneous) prayers.

Ch. 4;  
LUP;  
OCH: About Prayer

B 4. Know that examples of formal prayer include the “Our Father”, “Hail Mary” and “Glory Be”.

Ch. 4;  
LUP;  
OCH: About Prayer

B 5. Know that informal prayers are personal, spontaneous conversations with God.

Ch. 4;  
LUP;  
OCH: About Prayer

**Concept 4: Prayers of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Use scripture as reflective prayer.

Ch. 4;  
LUP;  
OCH: About Prayer

B 2. Show understanding that devotion to Mary is an essential part of Catholic prayer.

Ch. 4;  
LUP;  
OCH: About Prayer

B 3. Know and reflect on the meaning of the traditional prayers of the Church.

Ch. 4;  
LUP;  
OCH: About Prayer

**STRAND 7: Ecclesiology of the Catholic Church**

**Concept 1: Marks of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Church is one because her source, the Holy Trinity, is one.

Ch. 20

B 2. Know that the Church on earth is endowed already with a holiness that is real but imperfect.

Ch. 20

B 3. Know that *catholic* comes from a Greek word meaning universal.

Ch. 20

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OCH ..... Our Catholic Heritage  
 FIA ..... Faith in Action

B 4. Know that the fullness of Christ's body subsists in the Church.

Ch. 20

B 5. Know that the Church hands on the teachings of the Apostles.

Ch. 20

**Concept 2: Images of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Identify the Church as the Body of Christ.

Ch. 13, 18

B 2. Know that just as a body is one, the Church is one.

Ch. 20

B 3. Know that even though the Body of Christ is one, it is made up of diverse members.

Ch. 13, 18

B 4. Know that St. Paul's reflection on the Body of Christ is found in 1 Corinthians 12.

Ch. 13, 18

B 5. Know that just as a body grows, Christ helps us to grow.

Ch. 13, 18

B 6. Know that Christ provides us with spiritual food.

Ch. 18

**Concept 3: History of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know the history of the first deacons.

Ch. 17

B 2. Know that the apostles are the spiritual successors of the twelve tribes of Israel.

Ch. 9

B 3. Know that after Pentecost the apostles traveled to different places to spread the Gospel.

Ch. 9

B 4. Know that St. Peter was given special authority by Jesus to lead the Church.

Ch. 9

B 5. Know that St. Peter was the first pope.

Ch. 9

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B 6. Know the story of St. Peter's journey to Rome and martyrdom.

B 7. Know that the Roman emperors persecuted the early Christians because they failed to worship the emperor.

**Concept 4: Hierarchical Structures of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Identify the pope as the bishop of Rome and the successor of St. Peter.

B 2. Identify bishops as the successors of the apostles.

B 3. Know that the three offices of the bishop are to teach, to govern and to sanctify.

B 4. Know that priests and deacons participate in the three offices of the bishop and assist the bishop in carrying them out.

OCH: About Vocations

**Concept 5: Mary, Mother of God**

Students will:

B 1. Know that Mary is venerated under many different titles such as Mother of God, Our Lady of Sorrows, the Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Guadalupe, etc.

Ch. 12, 20;  
OCH: About Mary;  
F&S: Mary

B 2. Know that after careful study the Church approves devotions to Mary under various apparitions.

Ch. 12, 20;  
OCH: About Mary;  
F&S: Mary

B 3. Know the stories of some Marian titles. (See appendix III for suggestions.)

Ch. 12, 20;  
OCH: About Mary;  
F&S: Mary

B 4. Know that Mary was kept free of Original Sin (through her Immaculate Conception) in order to give birth to the Son of God.

Ch. 12, 20;  
OCH: About Mary;  
F&S: Mary

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LUP ..... Let Us Pray

OCH ..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA ..... Faith in Action

B 5. Know that at her Assumption Mary was taken body and soul into heaven because she was free of all sin.

B 6. Understand the difference between the Immaculate Conception and the Annunciation.

B 7. Know that Mary prays for us in heaven.

Ch. 12, 20;  
OCH: About Mary;  
F&S: Mary

**Concept 6: Lives of the Saints**

Students will:

B 1. Know the names and stories of some martyrs and early Christians. (See appendix II for suggestions.)

B 2. Know that the process of declaring a person a saint is called canonization.

B 3. Know that only the pope can declare a person a saint.

B 4. Know that careful study of a person's life is done before a saint is canonized.

F&S: Ordinary Time

**STRAND 8: Parish Life and Mission**

**Concept 1: Liturgical Life**

Students will:

B 1. Know the importance of being members of the liturgical assembly.

B 2. Know that as Catholics we have an obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days; this obligation is fulfilled by attending Mass the evening before.

Ch. 18

F&S: The Liturgical Year

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

**Concept 2: Lifelong Faith Formation**

Students will:

B 1. Know that God wants us to always grow in our faith.

Ch. 1, 5

B 2. Know that the Church provides opportunities for us to grow in our faith.

Ch. 1, 5, 18

**Concept 3: Parish Ministries**

Students will:

B 1. Explain how the parish is part of the Catholic Church.

Ch. 6

B 2. Explain how we are members of the Catholic Church.

Ch. 6

B 3. Explain how we become members of a parish.

Ch. 1

B 4. Recognize that as members of a parish we have responsibilities.

Ch. 4

B 5. Know that there are catechetical (teaching) roles in a parish.

Ch. 4, 12;  
FIA: Ch. 3, 10

**Concept 4: Evangelization**

Students will:

B 1. Know that we share in the mission of Christ through evangelization.

Ch. 20

B 2. Know that we are called to proclaim the Good News of Christ by what we say and do.

Ch. 20;  
FIA: Ch. 1-20

B 3. Know that evangelization takes place in our everyday lives.

Ch. 20

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

**Concept 5: Ecumenism and Interfaith Dialog**

Students will:

- B 1. Understand the importance of respecting the religious beliefs of others.
- B 2. Identify the Jews as the descendants of Abraham who received God’s covenant.
- B 3. Understand that Jesus was a Jew and followed the Jewish religion.
- B 4. Know that both Christians and Jews recognize the revelation of God contained in the scriptures of the Old Testament.

The Bible

**STRAND 9: Vocation**

**Concept 1: Universal Call to Holiness**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that a vocation is a call from God to follow a special way of life.
- B 2. Know that our common vocation is the call to holiness and evangelization.
- B 3. Know that in discernment we pray to understand what God is calling us to do.

Ch. 13, 17;  
OCH: About Vocations

Ch. 13, 17;  
OCH: About Vocations

Ch. 13, 17;  
OCH: About Vocations

**Concept 2: Ordained Life**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that through the ordained ministry, these men reflect Jesus to the Church.
- B 2. Know that the ordained live a chaste, obedient life for the sake of God’s kingdom.
- B 3. Know that the unmarried ordained live a celibate life for the sake of God’s kingdom.

Ch. 13, 17; OCH: About Vocations, About Sacraments at the Service of Communion

Ch. 13, 17;  
OCH: About Vocations

Ch. 13, 17;  
OCH: About Vocations

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B 4. Understand that by their teaching, leadership in worship and pastoral decisions, the ordained guide others to God.

Ch. 13, 17;  
 OCH: About Vocations

B 5. Know that the primary responsibility of the ordained is to be a servant to God’s people.

Ch. 13, 17;  
 OCH: About Vocations

**Concept 3: Consecrated and Religious Life**

Students will:

B 1. Know that in response to God’s call some men and women profess vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Ch. 13, 17;  
 OCH: About Vocations

B 2. Understand that these professed men and women model their lives and ideals after particular saints such as St. Francis, St. Dominic, St. Benedict, etc.

Ch. 13, 17;  
 OCH: About Vocations

B 3. Know that consecrated religious men and women serve as a sign of God’s love for his people.

Ch. 13, 17;  
 OCH: About Vocations

**Concept 4: Lay Vocations**

Students will:

B 1. Know that in the lay vocation, men and women witness their love of Christ through marriage or single life.

Ch. 13, 17;  
 OCH: About Vocations

B 2. Understand that through the man and woman’s vow to each other, they profess a faithful love to each other.

Ch. 13, 17;  
 OCH: About Vocations

B 3. Know that through the married union husband and wife reflect Christ’s love for his Church.

Ch. 13, 17;  
 OCH: About Vocations

B 4. Know that in the vocation of single life an individual gives oneself to the service of others.

Ch. 13, 17;  
 OCH: About Vocations

B 5. Know some ministries in which lay people serve the Church (e.g. teachers/catechists, DREs, principals, liturgists, youth ministers, diocesan ministries, etc.).

Ch. 4, 13, 17;  
 FIA: Ch. 1-20;  
 OCH: About Vocations



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LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

**STRAND 1: Sacred Scripture**

**Concept 1: Revelation**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that through the study of Sacred Scripture we come to know Christ.
- B 2. Know that we accept in faith all that God has revealed to us.
- B 3. Know that the Old Testament is made up of the Torah, the Prophets and the Writings.
- B 4. Know that the New Testament is made up of the Gospels and the Epistles.
- B 5. Define an epistle as a letter.
- B 6. Know how to locate a specific chapter and verse in the Bible.

Ch. 9; The Bible

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The Bible

**Concept 2: Old Testament**

Students will:

- B 1. Know the story of the Israelites’ conquest of the Holy Land.
- B 2. Know the story of the fall of Jericho.
- B 3. Know the story of David’s selection as king and his succession by Solomon.
- B 4. Know the story of the first temple and its significance.
- B 5. Be able to retell other Old Testament stories. (See appendix I for suggestions.)
- B 6. Discuss and relate the message of those Bible stories.

Ch. 20

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LUP ..... Let Us Pray

OCH ..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA ..... Faith in Action

**Concept 3: New Testament**

Students will:

- B 1. Identify the three Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) and their characteristics.
- B 2. Know the differences in the prologue of Luke’s gospel from both Mark and Matthew.
- B 3. Describe the Infancy Narrative in Luke and its differences from Matthew’s account.
- B 4. Know the importance of Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem in the Gospel of Luke.
- B 5. Identify the importance of the poor in Luke’s gospel.
- B 6. Describe the Resurrection Narrative in the Gospel of Luke as the fulfillment of Old Testament promises and Jewish messianic hopes.

Ch. 9; The Bible

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**STRAND 2: Creed**

**Concept 1: Triune God**

Students will:

- B 1. Identify each person of the Trinity and their distinction as stated in the “Nicene Creed”/ “Apostles’ Creed”.
- B 2. Know that the Trinity remains present and active in the Church.
- B 3. Know the ways we experience the mystery of the Trinity in our lives.
- B 4. Know that God calls us his friend and always invites us into his life.

Ch. 8

OCH: About the Trinity

OCH: About the Trinity

OCH: About the Trinity

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 LUP ..... Let Us Pray

OCH ..... Our Catholic Heritage  
 FIA ..... Faith in Action

**Concept 2: God the Father**

Students will:

B 1. Know that God created men and women in his image to be stewards of all creation.

Ch. 1

B 2. Know that God communicates a loving plan for all that he has created.

CH. 1, 13

B 3. Understand that God gives us the freedom to choose good over evil.

Ch. 19, 20;  
 OCH: About Conscience

B 4. Know that God expects us to love and respect each other.

Ch. 1

B 5. Explain various ways that God loves us and wants only what is good in our lives.

Ch. 1, 4, 7, 9, 13;  
 OCH: About the Trinity

**Concept 3: God the Son**

Students will:

B 1. Understand the Church teaches that Jesus Christ is truly God and truly man.

Ch. 1, 13;  
 OCH: About the Trinity

B 2. Know that the heart of catechesis is Christ.

Ch. 1

B 3. Know that the name *Jesus* means God saves.

Ch. 1, 13;  
 OCH: About the Trinity

B 4. Know that we can find salvation only in Jesus Christ.

Ch. 13;  
 OCH: About the Trinity

B 5. Know that the Incarnation means that the Son of God became man.

Ch. 13;  
 OCH: About the Trinity

B 6. Know that the Incarnation is the foundation of our Christian faith.

Ch. 13;  
 OCH: About the Trinity

B 7. Know that Jesus fulfills the promises contained in the Old Testament.

Ch. 3, 15;  
 OCH: About the Trinity

B 8. Know that Jesus' death was part of the mystery of God's plan.

F&S: Lent, Holy Week, Easter;  
 OCH: About the Trinity

F&S..... Feasts & Seasons  
LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

**Concept 4: God the Holy Spirit**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Holy Spirit lives in the Church, Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, the teaching office of the Church and the sacraments.

B 2. Know that the Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church and her leaders.

B 3. Know that the Holy Spirit inspired the writing of the scriptures.

B 4. Know the meaning of each of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Ch. 2, 5, 6, 7, 20;  
OCH: About the Trinity

Ch. 20;  
OCH: About the Trinity

The Bible;  
OCH: About the Trinity,  
About Revelation

Ch. 7

**Concept 5: The Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Church is the Body of Christ and that Christ is the head of the Body.

B 2. Know that the Church has a great diversity of members.

B 3. Know that the Church has visible bonds of unity: unity in faith, unity in worship.

B 4. Know that the bishops are the successors of the apostles.

Ch. 4

Ch. 8, 17, 20;  
OCH: About the Church

Ch. 8, 17, 20;  
OCH: About the Church

Ch. 17, 18

**Concept 6: Communion of Saints**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Communion of Saints is the unity in Christ of all the redeemed, those on earth and those who have died.

B 2. Know that all members of the Church belong to the Communion of Saints by reason of baptism.

Ch. 11

Ch. 11

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FIA..... Faith in Action

**STRAND 3: Sacraments**

**Concept 1: Sacraments As Signs of God’s Grace**

Students will:

B 1. Know that a sacrament is an effective sign given to us by Jesus through which we share in God’s life.

B 2. Name the seven sacraments.

B 3. Know that the sacraments truly bring about what they represent.

B 4. Know that in the sacraments we receive sanctifying grace to help us trust in God and live as Jesus did.

B 5. Understand that the sacraments join people all over the world with Jesus and unite us as the Body of Christ.

Ch. 2, 6, 7, 10, 14, 18;  
OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, About the Sacraments of Healing, About the Sacraments at the Service of Communion, About the Mass

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OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, About the Sacraments of Healing, About the Sacraments at the Service of Communion, About the Mass

Ch. 2, 6, 7, 10, 14, 18;  
OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, About the Sacraments of Healing, About the Sacraments at the Service of Communion, About the Mass

Ch. 2, 5;  
OCH: About the Sacraments

Ch. 2, 6, 7, 10, 14, 18;  
OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, About the Sacraments of Healing, About the Sacraments at the Service of Communion, About the Mass

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FIA..... Faith in Action

**Concept 2: Sacraments of Christian Initiation**

Students will:

B 1. Know that Christian initiation is the process of becoming a member of the Church.

Ch. 2, 6, 10;  
OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Christian Initiation

B 2. Know that the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist initiate us into the Church.

Ch. 2, 6, 10;  
OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Christian Initiation

B 3. Know that through Baptism, a person receives forgiveness from original sin and all of our personal sins.

Ch. 2, 14, 16;  
OCH: About the Sacraments of Healing

B 4. Know that through Baptism, a person is incorporated into Christ and shares in the priesthood of Christ.

Ch. 2, 6;  
OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Christian Initiation

B 5. Know that through Baptism a person becomes an adopted child of God and is welcomed into the Church family.

Ch. 2, 6;  
OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Christian Initiation

B 6. Know that through Baptism a person becomes a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Ch. 2, 6;  
OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Christian Initiation

B 7. Know that Confirmation continues and completes what Baptism has begun.

Ch. 2, 6;  
OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Christian Initiation

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**OCH** ..... Our Catholic Heritage  
**FIA** ..... Faith in Action

B 8. Know that in Confirmation we are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Ch. 2, 6;  
OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Christian Initiation

B 9. Know that the bishop is the ordinary minister of Confirmation.

Ch. 6;  
OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Christian Initiation

B 10. Know that in Confirmation the Holy Spirit strengthens us to share in the mission of Jesus and to be his witnesses to others.

Ch. 2, 6;  
OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Christian Initiation

B 11. Name the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Ch. 7

B 12. Recognize the Eucharist as the center of Catholic life.

Ch. 10;  
OCH: About the Mass, About the Sacraments of Christian Initiation

B 13. Know other common names for Eucharist (e.g. the Lord’s Supper, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Holy Communion and the Holy Mass).

Ch. 10;  
OCH: About the Sacraments of Christian Initiation

B 14. Know that in the Eucharist we receive the Real Presence of Jesus.

Ch. 10;  
OCH: About the Sacraments of Christian Initiation

B 15. Know that Eucharist completes initiation, making us full members of the Church.

Ch. 10;  
OCH: About the Sacraments of Christian Initiation

B 16. Know that we are encouraged to receive Eucharist frequently because it strengthens our connection to our Church family.

Ch. 10;  
OCH: About the Sacraments of Christian Initiation

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 FIA ..... Faith in Action

B 17. Know that the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation are received only once while Eucharist may be received daily.

B 18. Know how the sacramental signs are used to symbolize each Sacrament of Christian Initiation.

**Concept 3: Sacraments of Healing**

Students will:

B 1. Know that Jesus’ healing is continued in the Church through the power of the Holy Spirit in the Sacraments of Healing.

B 2. Know that the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation reconciles us to God and the Church.

B 3. Know that the priest forgives sins in the name of Christ and the Church through the power of the Holy Spirit.

B 4. Describe and understand the essential elements of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (confession, contrition, absolution and penance).

B 5. Know that the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation forgives all sins committed after Baptism.

B 6. Know that we are encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation frequently; however, we are required to celebrate it at least once per year if there is serious sin.

B 7. Know that the priest can never for any reason tell anyone what we have confessed.

Ch. 2, 6;  
 OCH: About the Sacraments, About the Sacraments of Christian Initiation

Ch. 2, 6;  
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B 8. Know that the Anointing of the Sick unites our suffering to Christ and his suffering.

Ch. 2, 14, 16;  
OCH: About the Sacraments of Healing

B 9. Know that through the Anointing of the Sick we receive forgiveness for our sins and comfort in our suffering.

Ch. 2, 14, 16;  
OCH: About the Sacraments of Healing

B 10. Know how the sacramental signs are used to symbolize the Sacraments of Healing.

Ch. 2, 14, 16;  
OCH: About the Sacraments of Healing

**Concept 4: Sacraments of Service**

Students will:

B 1. Know that Matrimony and Holy Orders enable people to devote themselves to the service of others.

Ch. 18;  
OCH: About the Sacraments at the Service of Communion

B 2. Know that the love of husband and wife is the image of the love of Christ for his Church.

Ch. 18;  
OCH: About the Sacraments at the Service of Communion

B 3. Know that through Holy Orders, men help continue Jesus’ presence on earth in the tradition of the apostles.

Ch. 18;  
OCH: About the Sacraments at the Service of Communion

B 4. Know how the sacramental signs are used to symbolize the Sacraments of Service.

Ch. 18;  
OCH: About the Sacraments at the Service of Communion

**STRAND 4: Liturgy**

**Concept 1: Overview of Liturgy**

Students will:

B 1. Demonstrate full, conscious, and active participation in Mass and other prayers.

Ch. 10;  
OCH: The Mass; About the Sacraments of Christian Initiation

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B 2. Know that the Holy Trinity is at work through the liturgy of the Church.

B 3. Know that God the Father is the source of the liturgy and the focus of our worship.

B 4. Know that Christ, the High Priest, is the principal celebrant of the liturgy.

B 5. Know that the Holy Spirit prepares us to meet Christ in the liturgy and makes Christ’s saving work present and active in our lives.

**Concept 2: Liturgical Year**

Students will:

B 1. Define Paschal Triduum.

B 2. Know the significance of the major liturgies of the Paschal Triduum—The Mass of the Lord’s Supper, The Passion of the Lord and the Easter Vigil.

B 3. Know the major rituals of the Paschal Triduum—the Washing of Feet, the Adoration of the Holy Cross, Lucernarium (the Service of Light) and the Baptismal Liturgy.

**Concept 3: The Mass**

Students will:

B 1. Know that, in the Mass, Christ is present in the Eucharist, the proclamation of the Word, the priest and the assembly.

B 2. Know that the celebration of the Eucharist is also called the Lord’s Supper, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and Holy Mass.

Ch. 10;  
 OCH: The Mass; About the Sacraments of Christian Initiation

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 OCH: The Mass; About the Sacraments of Christian Initiation

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 OCH: The Mass; About the Sacraments of Christian Initiation

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 OCH: The Mass; About the Sacraments of Christian Initiation

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 OCH: About the Mass

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 OCH: About the Mass

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B 3. Understand the sacrificial nature of the Mass in the words of consecration.

Ch. 10;  
 OCH: About the Mass

B 4. Compare the sacrifice of the Mass with the sacrifice of the Temple.

Ch. 10;  
 OCH: About the Mass

B 5. Be given an opportunity to participate in planning a Mass.

Ch. 10;  
 OCH: About the Mass

**Concept 4: Other Liturgical Celebrations, Sacramentals and Devotions**

Students will:

B 1. Develop a prayer service using components of liturgical prayer.

B 2. Have opportunities to lead rituals such as Stations of the Cross, May Crowning, Advent wreath lighting and other prayer services.

LUP

B 3. Know that the Liturgy of the Hours is a prayer of the whole Church and lay people are invited to celebrate it with others or by themselves.

B 4. Know that the components of the Liturgy of the Hours are psalms, scripture readings, petitions, the “Our Father” and other prayers.

B 5. Know that in the Liturgy of the Hours we pray the psalms in a four-week cycle.

B 6. Know that the rosary is a Scriptural reflection on the life and ministry of Jesus.

LUP

B 7. Know how to make an examination of conscience and participate in the Rite of Penance.

OCH: About Penance and Reconciliation

B 8. Participate in other liturgical services.

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**Concept 5: Liturgical Symbols**

Students will:

- B 1. Identify the liturgical symbols found in the Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception by touring, either in person or online, the church building.
  
- B 2. Identify the major liturgical vestments (alb, surplice, chasuble, deacon’s dalmatic and stole).

**STRAND 5: Morality**

**Concept 1: Life in Christ**

Students will:

- B 1. Recognize that Christian morality is an invitation to respond freely to God’s love.
  
- B 2. Know how morality is connected to following Jesus.
  
- B 3. Know that life is a struggle between good and evil.
  
- B 4. Know that Scripture and the teaching of the Church provide guidance for the moral life.
  
- B 5. Know the cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance.
  
- B 6. Name the Corporal Works of Mercy.
  
- B 7. Name the Spiritual Works of Mercy.

Ch. 19;  
OCH: About the Commandments

  

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OCH: About the Commandments

  

Ch. 19;  
OCH: About Sin and Mercy

  

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Ch. 19;  
OCH: About Faith, Hope, and Love

  

Ch. 16;  
OCH: About the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

  

Ch. 16;  
OCH: About the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

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**Concept 2: Beatitudes**

Students will:

B 1. Identify the eight Beatitudes as Jesus’ teaching about the Kingdom and moral goodness.

B 2. Know that the Beatitudes present us with decisive choices and show us that happiness is to be found in God alone.

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OCH: About the Beatitudes

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**Concept 3: Commandments**

Students will:

B 1. Explain how the first three commandments honor God and the other seven commandments honor others.

B 2. Know that the First Commandment calls for faith, hope and charity.

B 3. Know that the First Commandment requires us to pray and to avoid the practices of superstition, divination and magic.

B 4. Know that our moral life begins with faith and we must strive to avoid sin.

B 5. Know that Catholics have the duty of participating in Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and not to do so is a mortal sin.

B 6. Know that the Fifth Commandment teaches that suicide is contrary to justice and charity.

B 7. Know that God gave us animals to appreciate and not to abuse.

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B 8. Know that the Sixth Commandment teaches that sexuality involves all aspects of the human person and that Christ is the model of chastity.

Ch. 15;  
 OCH: About the Commandments

B 9. Know that the Seventh Commandment teaches that when we steal or defraud another we must make reparation.

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 OCH: About the Commandments

B 10. Know that perjury is making a false oath.

Ch. 15;  
 OCH: About the Commandments

B 11. Know that the Eighth Commandment teaches that a lie or offense against a person’s reputation demands reparation.

Ch. 15;  
 OCH: About the Commandments

B 12. Know that the Ninth Commandment teaches Christians to respect their bodies and the bodies of others as temples of the Holy Spirit.

Ch. 15;  
 OCH: About the Commandments

**Concept 4: Catholic Social Teaching**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Church is the seed of the Kingdom of God and we are called to bring about the Kingdom here on earth.

Ch. 19

B 2. Know that as Catholics we are to share our material goods with one another.

Ch. 19

B 3. Know that sin wounds human dignity.

Ch. 19

B 4. Know that the family is the first unit of society and that society depends on families and must foster them.

Ch. 19

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B 5. Understand individual responsibility and the meaning this has for promoting the good of families and the larger society.

Ch. 19

B 6. Know that offending the dignity and rights of others requires reparation.

Ch. 19

B 7. Know that sin causes division.

Ch. 14, 15

B 8. Know that we must respect creation and protect the environment.

Ch. 19

**Concept 5: Church Law**

Students will:

B 1. Know moral law is a rule of conduct established by God and people in authority for the common good.

Ch. 19

B 2. Know that moral laws have been revealed to us by God in the Old Testament and in the new law given by Jesus.

Ch. 19

B 3. Know that moral laws are based on God’s direction to us to do what is right and avoid what is wrong.

Ch. 19

**Concept 6: Conscience**

Students will:

B 1. Know that because of the many competing influences in our lives, the good formation of our conscience is absolutely necessary.

Ch. 14, 15

B 2. Know that through our conscience God is calling us to continual conversion.

Ch. 14, 15

**Concept 7: Sin and Forgiveness**

Students will:

B 1. Know original sin and its results.

Ch. 5, 13

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B 2. Know that God wants us to practice true humility by admitting our sins and asking forgiveness.

Ch. 14, 15

B 3. Know that venial sin weakens charity and can lead us in the direction of mortal sin.

Ch. 14, 15

B 4. Know that grave matter, full knowledge and deliberate consent are all three necessary to commit a mortal sin.

Ch. 14, 15

**STRAND 6: Prayer and Spirituality**

**Concept 1: Overview of Prayer and Spirituality**

Students will:

B 1. Know that prayer enhances our relationship with God.

OCH: About Prayer

B 2. Show understanding that God is in relationship with us at all times.

OCH: About Prayer

B 3. Know that God takes the initiative, even in prayer.

OCH: About Prayer

B 4. Know that Jesus prayed at all the decisive moments of his life.

OCH: About Prayer

B 5. Know that prayer enriches family life and unites family members with the Church in a unique way.

OCH: About Prayer

B 6. Know that we grow in holiness through prayers and acts of kindness.

OCH: About Prayer

**Concept 2: Forms of Prayer**

Students will:

B 1. Define the five different forms of prayers (blessing and adoration, petition, intercession, thanksgiving and praise).

Ch. 1, 2, 3, 10



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B 2. Participate in creating prayers that fit each of the five prayer form categories.

B 3. Know that the Church teaches us to pray in different forms.

Ch. 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12

**Concept 3: Expressions of Prayer**

Students will:

B 1. Understand the importance of silent prayer.

Ch. 1

B 2. Participate in a meditation experience using Sacred Scripture.

Ch. 9, 13, 14

B 3. Demonstrate the practice of formal and informal prayer.

Ch. 1, 2, 3, 8

**Concept 4: Prayers of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know and reflect on the meaning of the traditional prayers of the Church.

Ch. 8, 12: LUP

B 2. Know that the Liturgy of the Hours is a public prayer of the Church.

**STRAND 7: Ecclesiology of the Catholic Church**

**Concept 1: Marks of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Church looks forward to the day when all people will truly be one body in Christ.

OCH: About the Catholic Church

B 2. Know that the holiness of the Church is exemplified in the saints.

OCH: About the Catholic Church

B 3. Know that the Church is catholic because Jesus is fully present in it.

OCH: About the Catholic Church

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B 4. Know that Jesus gives the Church to the whole world.

OCH: About the Catholic Church

B 5. Know that the Church continues to be taught, sanctified and guided by the apostles through their successors, the bishops.

OCH: About the Catholic Church

**Concept 2: Images of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Identify the Church as the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

B 2. Know that the Holy Spirit is the soul of the Body of Christ.

Ch. 5

B 3. Know that the Body of Christ is unified through the Holy Spirit.

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B 4. Know that this unity mirrors the unity of the Holy Trinity.

OCH: About the Trinity

B 5. Define *charism*.

B 6. Know that the Holy Spirit gives charisms to the members of the Church.

Ch. 6

**Concept 3: History of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know the story of the conversion of Constantine.

B 2. Know the stories of some of the early monastics.

B 3. Know that the early Church was challenged by many heresies about the nature of Christ.

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B 4. Know that the Church called special gatherings of the bishops, called ecumenical councils, to address the questions raised by the various heresies.

### **Concept 4: Hierarchical Structures of the Church**

Students will:

- B 1. Identify the symbols of authority in the Church (ring, miter, crozier and pallium).
- B 2. Know that bishops and popes teach through special letters called pastoral letters or encyclicals.
- B 3. Know that the College of Cardinals elects the pope and advises him in the governance of the Church.
- B 4. Know the process by which the pope is elected.
- B 5. Know that bishops are appointed by the pope.
- B 6. Know that bishops and the pope are helped in their governance of the Church through special offices called a curia.
- B 7. Know that the Vatican is the seat of the central administration of the worldwide Church and the location of the pope's curia.
- B 8. Know that all bishops make up the College of Bishops, which, with the pope, has supreme and full authority over the universal Church.
- B 9. Know that when the whole College of Bishops gathers together they have the authority to define Church teaching and practice.

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B 10. Know that the bishops of the United States belong to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) which works to advocate for just laws in our country, establish liturgical guidelines and guide Catholics as Christ’s disciples.

**Concept 5: Mary, Mother of God**

Students will:

- B 1. Know Mary as a model of discipleship.
- B 2. Know that the Church prays in union with Mary and entrusts her with our petitions.
- B 3. Know that when Mary visited Elizabeth, Mary responded to Elizabeth’s greeting with the words that are known as the Magnificat, the Canticle of Mary (Luke 1:39-55).

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**Concept 6: Lives of the Saints**

Students will:

- B 1. Know the names and stories of some of the monastics and defenders of the faith. (See appendix II for suggestions.)
- B 2. Know that the saints in heaven intercede for us.

Ch. 11

**STRAND 8: Parish Life and Mission**

**Concept 1: Liturgical Life**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that by our Baptism we are called to participate fully in the liturgical life of the Church.
- B 2. Know that participating fully includes responding to the prayers, joining in the song, listening to the homily, sharing in the sign of peace, etc.

Ch. 5, 6;  
OCH: About Sacraments,  
About Sacraments of Initiation  
Ch. 10;  
OCH: About the Mass

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B 3. Know that it is a grave sin to deliberately miss Mass on Sunday and holy days; this obligation is fulfilled by attending Mass the evening before.

Ch. 15;  
OCH: About the Commandments

**Concept 2: Lifelong Faith Formation**

Students will:

B 1. Know that we can grow in our faith by participating in prayer groups, scripture study, service to others, vacation Bible school, etc.

Ch. 12, 16

**Concept 3: Parish Ministries**

Students will:

B 1. Know the meaning of stewardship as sharing our time, talent and treasure with other people.

Ch. 1;  
FIA: Ch. 1-20

B 2. Describe how service to the parish helps us to become closer to the parish community.

Ch. 1, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
FIA: Ch. 1-20

B 3. Identify how participation in the life of the Church helps family life.

Ch. 1, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20

B 4. Examine how we might take active roles in the liturgical life of our parish (e.g. server, reader, gift bearer, greeter, musician, choir member, etc.).

Ch. 1, 12;  
FIA: 9;  
OCH: About the Mass

**Concept 4: Evangelization**

Students will:

B 1. Understand that the Catholic Church is entrusted with the mission of Jesus Christ.

Ch. 19, 20

B 2. Be able to articulate why being Catholic is important to us.

Ch. 17

**Concept 5: Ecumenism and Interfaith Dialog**

Students will:

B 1. Know that ecumenism is the promotion of the restoration of unity among all Christians.

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B 2. Know that as Catholics we are called to pray and work with other Christians for unity and peace.

B 3. Know that Catholic leaders gather with other Christian leaders for interfaith dialog.

**STRAND 9: Vocation**

**Concept 1: Universal Call to Holiness**

Students will:

B 1. Understand that each of us has a general vocation to fulfill our baptismal call.

B 2. Understand that each of us has a specific vocation within our baptismal call: ordained life, consecrated religious life or lay vocation.

B 3. Know that each of us is called to live a life of sacrificial love as modeled by Jesus.

B 4. Understand that God gives us the gift of grace to grow in holiness.

B 5. Understand that we discern God’s call by listening in prayer and listening to others.

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FIA: Ch. 1-20;  
OCH: About Vocations

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OCH: About Vocations

**Concept 2: Ordained Life**

Students will:

B 1. Know that Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the Church continues the Apostles’ mission.

B 2. Know that the ordained live a chaste, obedient life for the sake of God’s kingdom.

B 3. Know that the unmarried ordained live a celibate life for the sake of God’s kingdom.

Ch. 18, 20;  
OCH: About Vocations

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OCH: About Vocations

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B 4. Understand that by their teaching, leadership in worship and pastoral decisions, the ordained guide others to God.

Ch. 18, 20;  
 OCH: About Vocations

B 5. Know that the primary responsibility of the ordained is to be a servant to God’s people.

Ch. 18, 20;  
 OCH: About Vocations

**Concept 3: Consecrated and Religious Life**

Students will:

B 1. Know that many religious brothers and sisters live in community in service to God and the Church.

Ch. 18, 20;  
 OCH: About Vocations

B 2. Define the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Ch. 18, 20;  
 OCH: About Vocations

B 3. Understand that religious sisters and brothers model their faith and ideals for us.

Ch. 18, 20;  
 OCH: About Vocations

**Concept 4: Lay Vocations**

Students will:

B 1. Know laity is the name for members of the Church who are not ordained or consecrated religious.

Ch. 18, 20;  
 OCH: About Vocations

B 2. Know that the laity share in the mission of bringing the Good News of Christ to the world.

Ch. 18, 20;  
 OCH: About Vocations

B 3. Know that the laity has the responsibility to bring the Good News of Christ to their workplaces and local communities.

Ch. 18, 20;  
 OCH: About Vocations

B 4. Know that a married couple lovingly accepts children as a gift from God.

Ch. 18, 20;  
 OCH: About Vocations

B 5. Know that the married man and woman are to help each other grow in love.

Ch. 18, 20;  
 OCH: About Vocations

B 6. Know how a single person gives him or her self to the service of others.

Ch. 18, 20;  
 OCH: About Vocations

B 7. Know how ministries in the Church help to build the Church.

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 OCH: About Vocations

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FIA..... Faith in Action

**STRAND 1: Sacred Scripture**

**Concept 1: Revelation**

Students will:

B 1. Know that revelation is an invitation from God and calls for a response.

Ch. 1;  
OCH: About the Trinity

B 2. Know that the Old Testament prophets responded to God’s invitation by proclaiming redemption and salvation.

Ch. 13, 14, 15;  
The Bible

**Concept 2: Old Testament**

Students will:

B 1. Define prophet as one sent to call the Israelites to the hope of salvation.

Ch. 13, 14, 15;  
The Bible

B 2. Identify the Prophetic Books as a major section of the Old Testament.

Ch. 13, 14, 15;  
The Bible

B 3. Know that the prophets called the people back to God when they were unfaithful to the covenant.

Ch. 13, 14, 15;  
The Bible

B 4. Identify some of the images used by the prophets to call the people back to God (e.g. the potter and clay, the cracked vessel, the burning coal, etc.).

Ch. 13, 14, 15;  
The Bible

B 5. Know the story of the Babylonian Exile and the destruction of the First Temple.

Ch. 13, 14, 15;  
The Bible

B 6. Know that John the Baptist concludes the work of the prophets.

Ch. 13, 14, 15;  
The Bible

B 7. Be able to retell other Old Testament stories. (See appendix I for suggestions.)

Ch. 1, 3, 4, 5, 7-15;  
The Bible

B 8. Discuss and relate the message of those Bible stories.

Ch. 13, 14, 15;  
The Bible



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**Concept 3: New Testament**

Students will:

- B 1. Identify how the Gospel of John differs from the Synoptic gospels.
- B 2. Know the meaning of John’s prologue.
- B 3. Identify the importance of signs in John’s gospel.

**STRAND 2: Creed**

**Concept 1: Triune God**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the Blessed Trinity is the central mystery of Catholicism that cannot be fully understood and can only be accepted through the gift of faith.
- B 2. Know that each person of the Trinity is related to, connected to and inseparable from the others.
- B 3. Know that God reveals himself as love and fidelity in Sacred Scripture and Tradition.
- B 4. Know that God invites all people into relationship with him.

Ch. 17;  
OCH: About the Trinity

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OCH: About the Trinity

**Concept 2: God the Father**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that God created all things out of nothing.
- B 2. Know that God is the creator of the universe and the creator of humanity.

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B 3. Know that God shows deep love and care for humankind regardless of our sinfulness.

Ch. 1

B 4. Know that God expects us to love and respect each other.

Ch. 7

B 5. Know that the devil, also known as Satan, is a fallen angel.

B 6. Know that Adam and Eve were seduced by the devil to disobey God.

Ch. 11

B 7. Know that Satan’s power, unlike God’s, is finite.

**Concept 3: God the Son**

Students will:

B 1. Know that believing in Jesus Christ is necessary for salvation.

Ch. 2;  
OCH: About the Trinity

B 2. Know that *Christ* means Anointed One because the Father anointed his Son with the Holy Spirit.

B 3. Know that Jesus Christ is true God and true man.

Ch. 2;  
OCH: About the Trinity

B 4. Know that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Covenant and he established the New Covenant.

Ch. 2;  
OCH: About the Trinity

B 5. Know that Christ’s passion and death merited justification for us.

Ch. 2;  
OCH: About the Trinity

**Concept 4: God the Holy Spirit**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Holy Spirit dwells within us.

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B 2. Know that the Spirit of Truth guides, sanctifies, strengthens and draws people closer to God.

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- B 3. Know that the Holy Spirit filled the disciples with courage and strength to continue the work of Jesus.
- B 4. Know the meaning of each of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Ch. 20

OCH: About the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

**Concept 5: The Church**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the Church is Trinitarian: prepared by the Father, founded by the Son and revealed by the Holy Spirit.
- B 2. Know that the Church symbolizes the unity of the whole human race.
- B 3. Know that the Church continues Jesus’ mission to share the Kingdom of God with all people.
- B 4. Know that the Church is the Bride of Christ and therefore the Mother of God’s children.
- B 5. Know that the Church is the Guardian of Faith.

Ch. 1;

OCH: About the Trinity

Ch. 9

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OCH: About the Trinity

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**Concept 6: Communion of Saints**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the Communion of Saints is based on our one faith and is nourished by our participation in the Eucharist.
- B 2. The Communion of Saints includes those on earth, those being purified in Purgatory and the Blessed already in heaven.

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**STRAND 3: Sacraments**

**Concept 1: Sacraments As Signs of God’s Grace**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that a sacrament is an outward sign given to the Church and instituted by Christ to give grace.

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- B 2. Describe how the seven sacraments are embedded in the ministry of Jesus.
- B 3. Describe how the seven sacraments accompany us from birth to death.
- B 4. Know the difference between actual grace and sanctifying grace.
- B 5. Know that the sacraments give grace because we encounter Christ at work in them.

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**Concept 2: Sacraments of Christian Initiation**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that two of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, Baptism and Confirmation, have an indelible character.
- B 2. Explain why Baptism and Confirmation are never repeated.
- B 3. Know that the blessing of baptismal water celebrates the events of the Old Testament that prefigures Baptism.
- B 4. Know that Baptism makes us children of God and commits us forever to God.
- B 5. Know that in Baptism we reject Satan’s empty promises and are given grace to resist his temptations.

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B 6. Know that Confirmation bestows the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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B 7. Know the sacramental signs (symbols) of Confirmation are anointing of the forehead with Sacred Chrism, the laying on of the minister’s hand and the words, “Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

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B 8. Know that Confirmation leads to Eucharist and that it strengthens us to live as a Eucharistic people.

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B 9. Know why candidates for Confirmation have a sponsor.

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OCH: About the Sacraments of Initiation

B 10. Know that the Eucharist is both sacrifice and meal.

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B 11. Know that the Eucharist is prefigured in the Old Testament Passover, the multiplication of loaves in the New Testament and is fulfilled at the Last Supper.

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B 12. Know that the catechumenate is a journey of faith that leads to full initiation into the Church.

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B 13. Know that the catechumenate is a form of preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist.

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**Concept 3: Sacraments of Healing**

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Students will:

B 1. Know the importance of a careful examination of conscience.

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OCH: About the Sacraments of Healing

B 2. Know that the celebration of the Rite of Penance reconciles us with God and with the Church.

Ch. 18;  
OCH: About the Sacraments of Healing

B 3. Know the meaning of the formula of absolution.

Ch. 18;  
OCH: About the Sacraments of Healing

B 4. Know that the seal of confession means the priest can never tell what we have confessed.

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OCH: About the Sacraments of Healing

B 5. Know that the scriptural basis of the Anointing of the Sick is found in the Book of James in the New Testament.

B 6. Know when and how often the Anointing of the Sick can be celebrated.

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**Concept 4: Sacraments of Service**

Students will:

B 1. Identify the Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders as sacraments at the service of communion and mission.

Ch. 10, 18;  
OCH: About the Sacraments at the Service of Communion

B 2. Describe the Sacrament of Matrimony as a permanent bond between one man and one woman.

Ch. 10, 18;  
OCH: About the Sacraments at the Service of Communion

B 3. Know the essential element of Matrimony is the exchange of marriage vows.

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OCH: About the Sacraments at the Service of Communion

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B 4. Know that the purposes of marriage are the good of the spouses and the generation and education of children.

B 5. Know the essential elements of Holy Orders are the laying on of hands and a prayer of consecration.

B 6. Know that the bishops are successors of the apostles.

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OCH: About the Sacraments at the Service of Communion

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OCH: About the Sacraments at the Service of Communion

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**STRAND 4: Liturgy**

**Concept 1: Overview of Liturgy**

Students will:

- B 1. Demonstrate full, conscious, and active participation in Mass and other prayers.
- B 2. Know that Christ is present in all liturgical actions by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- B 3. Know that the word *liturgy* originally meant public work and is the people’s participation in the work of God.

Ch. 6, 14;  
OCH: About the Mass

**Concept 2: Liturgical Year**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the liturgical year has different seasons which celebrate different aspects of the Paschal Mystery.
- B 2. Know that the Church provides a plan for which scripture readings are proclaimed throughout the liturgical year.

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B 3. Identify the scripture readings for Sundays in the liturgical year.

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B 4. Relate the scripture readings and liturgical seasons to the life of Christ.

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**Concept 3: The Mass**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Eucharist is both sacrifice and meal.

Ch. 6, 14;  
OCH: About the Mass

B 2. Know that the Eucharist is prefigured in the Old Testament Passover, the multiplication of loaves in the New Testament and is fulfilled at the Last Supper.

Ch. 6, 14;  
OCH: About the Mass

B 3. Reflect on the Eucharistic teaching of John 6 and its connection to the celebration of the Mass.

Ch. 6, 14;  
OCH: About the Mass

B 4. Be given an opportunity to participate in planning a Mass.

**Concept 4: Other Liturgical Celebrations, Sacramentals and Devotions**

Students will:

B 1. Know how to pray and lead Morning and Evening Prayer from the Divine Office.

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B 2. Know the many types of blessings of the Church and become familiar with the blessings that can be used in the domestic church (the home).



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B 3. Celebrate a variety of liturgical blessings (sacramentals) that correspond to our human experience (e.g. Blessing of a New Home, Blessing of Animals, Blessing of Fields and Flocks, Blessing of an Advent Wreath, etc.).

B 4. Participate in Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction.

B 5. Know how to make an examination of conscience and participate in the Rite of Penance.

B 6. Know that an exorcism is a public rite of the Church in which we ask God to protect and liberate a person from the power of the devil.

B 7. Know the difference between a major and minor exorcism.

B 8. Know that in Baptism a simple prayer of exorcism (minor exorcism) asks God’s help to overcome the power of Satan and the spirit of evil.

B 9. Know that demonic possessions are rare, extraordinary events and that the ordinary way in which the devil attacks us is by tempting us to sin.

B 10. Know that the ordinary way in which we resist the devil is through prayer and the reception of the sacraments.

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**Concept 5: Liturgical Symbols**

Students will:

B 1. Identify the monstrance as the vessel holding the consecrated Eucharist during Exposition and Adoration.

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B 2. Identify the humeral veil as the vestment worn during Exposition and Benediction which the priest or deacon uses to cover his hands when blessing the people with the monstrance.

B 3. Identify the cope as the liturgical vestment worn for Benediction, processions and other liturgical actions outside of the Mass.

**STRAND 5: Morality**

**Concept 1: Life in Christ**

Students will:

B 1. Know that Christian living is following the teachings of Jesus as an active disciple.

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B 2. Know that the foundation for morality is rooted in respect for laws.

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B 3. Know that a morally good act has three sources: the object or the act chosen, the intentions of the person doing the act and the circumstances of the act.

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B 4. Know that God gives us His grace to make morally good choices.

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**Concept 2: Beatitudes**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Beatitudes are the heart of Christian teaching.

OCH: About the Beatitudes

B 2. Know the Beatitudes by memory.

OCH: About the Beatitudes

B 3. Know concrete ways to live out the Beatitudes in our daily living.

FIA: Ch. 1-20

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**Concept 3: Commandments**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the First Commandment teaches that the right to religious liberty is part of human dignity.

B 2. Know that the Second Commandment teaches that oaths should be taken only when necessary and must be truthful.

B 3. Know that we keep the Sabbath holy as a memorial sign of God’s covenant with his people.

B 4. Know that Catholics have the duty of participating in Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and not to do so is a mortal sin; this obligation is fulfilled by attending Mass the evening before.

B 5. Know that a family begins with a man and woman united in marriage.

B 6. Know that intentional euthanasia, whatever its forms and motives, is murder.

B 7. Know that the virtue of temperance disposes us to avoid every kind of excess: the abuse of food, alcohol, tobacco or medicine.

B 8. Know that terrorism and torture are gravely wrong.

B 9. Know that sex is a noble and honorable gift from God.

B 10. Know that marriage exists for two ends: the good of the spouses and the transmission of life.

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 OCH: About the Commandments

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B 11. Know that the Seventh Commandment forbids the misuse of another’s goods.

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 OCH: About the Commandments

B 12. Know that the Seventh Commandment requires us to keep promises and contracts.

Ch. 7;  
 OCH: About the Commandments

B 13. Know that the Eighth Commandment teaches that Catholics must bear witness to their faith.

Ch. 7;  
 OCH: About the Commandments

**Concept 4: Catholic Social Teaching**

Students will:

B 1. Know the meaning of a consistent life ethic.

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B 2. Know that we must bear witness to our faith by concern for the justice of all peoples in the world.

Ch. 15

B 3. Know how to connect social justice actions with Church teaching and our own activities.

Ch. 15

B 4. Know how to respect themselves and others.

Ch. 15

B 5. Know that the common good is achieved through the protections of the rights of all people.

Ch. 15

B 6. Know that the spiritual works of mercy include caring for the poor and ignorant.

Ch. 15

B 7. Know that all workers have a right to a just wage and benefits.

Ch. 15

B 8. Know that work is a continuing participation in God’s creation.

Ch. 15

B 9. Know that the Church is a sign of unity.

Ch. 15

B 10. Know that we are called to be stewards of the environment.

FIA: Ch. 1

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LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

**Concept 5: Church Law**

Students will:

B 1. Know that all authority comes from God.

B 2. Know that natural law is the original moral sense that is part of our very being and enables us by human reason to know good and evil.

B 3. Know the principles of natural law: do good and avoid evil, tell the truth to each other and be respectful toward one another.

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**Concept 6: Conscience**

Students will:

B 1. Know that we must take care to form our consciences well by following the Word of God, Church teaching, advice of mature persons and the help of the Holy Spirit.

B 2. Know that we must always obey our conscience.

Ch. 11;  
OCH: About Conscience

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OCH: About Conscience

**Concept 7: Sin and Forgiveness**

Students will:

B 1. Know that mortal sin separates us from God.

B 2. Know that mortal sin requires the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation for forgiveness.

B 3. Know that lack of repentance puts a person in danger of hell.

Ch. 18;  
OCH: About Sin and Mercy

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**STRAND 6: Prayer and Spirituality**

**Concept 1: Overview of Prayer and Spirituality**

Students will:

B 1. Know that prayer arises from faith and deepens our relationship with God.

Ch. 4, 12, 16;  
LUP;  
OCH: About Prayer

B 2. Know that daily prayer nourishes our spirituality.

Ch. 4, 12, 16;  
LUP;  
OCH: About Prayer

B 3. Know that the Holy Spirit inspires us and helps us to pray.

Ch. 4, 12, 16;  
LUP;  
OCH: About Prayer

B 4. Know that prayer of adoration reveals our position as creatures before God.

Ch. 4, 12, 16;  
LUP;  
OCH: About Prayer

B 5. Know that Abraham is an Old Testament model of prayer.

Ch. 1

**Concept 2: Forms of Prayer**

Students will:

B 1. Understand why it is important to know how to pray in different forms.

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LUP;  
OCH: About Prayer

B 2. Know that prayer is a communion with God through Christ in the Church.

Ch. 4, 12, 16;  
LUP;  
OCH: About Prayer

B 3. Know that the five different forms of prayer are found in the psalms.

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LUP;  
OCH: About Prayer

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B 4. Know that the intercessions prayed during the Mass are prayers of petition.

OCH: About the Mass

B 5. Utilize daily the five different forms of prayer (blessing and adoration, petition, intercession, thanksgiving and praise).

Ch. 4, 12, 16;  
 LUP;  
 OCH: About Prayer

**Concept 3: Expressions of Prayer**

Students will:

B 1. Know how to use formal and informal prayers in our conversations with God.

Ch. 4, 12, 16;  
 LUP;  
 OCH: About Prayer

B 2. Know that contemplation helps us look on Jesus and the mysteries of his life.

Ch. 4, 12, 16;  
 LUP;  
 OCH: About Prayer

B 3. Know that when we are distracted in prayer we should gently turn our hearts back to God.

Ch. 4, 12, 16;  
 LUP;  
 OCH: About Prayer

**Concept 4: Prayers of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Liturgy of the Hours includes the “Canticle of Zachariah” in Morning Prayer and the “Magnificat” in Evening Prayer.

Ch. 4, 12, 16;  
 LUP;  
 OCH: About Prayer

B 2. Know that the “Angelus” recalls the Annunciation of Mary and is recited at noon.

B 3. Know that the “Memorare” is a prayer used to ask for Mary’s intercession.

B 4. Know that the “Our Father” is the universal prayer of the Church and teaches us to forgive others as we forgive ourselves.

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LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

B 5. Learn the “Come Holy Spirit” prayer.

B 6. Know that Exposition is adoration of the Eucharist.

Ch. 20

**STRAND 7: Ecclesiology of the Catholic Church**

**Concept 1: Marks of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Church symbolizes the unity of the whole human race.

Ch. 9;  
OCH: About the Catholic Church

B 2. Show understanding that the Church has visible bonds of unity: one origin, one baptism and an unbroken line of apostolic succession beginning with St. Peter.

Ch. 9;  
OCH: About the Catholic Church

B 3. Know that the Church extends beyond cultural and national borders.

Ch. 9;  
OCH: About the Catholic Church

B 4. Know that the Church guards and transmits the truth.

Ch. 9;  
OCH: About the Catholic Church

B 5. Know that the Church is our mother who first teaches us the language of faith.

Ch. 9;  
OCH: About the Catholic Church

B 6. Know the meaning of the four marks of the Church.

Ch. 9;  
OCH: About the Catholic Church

**Concept 2: Images of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who tends his sheep.

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B 2. Know that the Good Shepherd lays down his life for his flock.

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B 3. Know that Jesus explains his role as the Good Shepherd in John 10:1-18.

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B 4. Know that the Church is the flock of sheep tended by Christ.

Ch. 14

B 5. Know that Jesus is the gate by which individuals enter into the flock.

Ch. 14

B 6. Know that Jesus gathers all sorts of people into his flock.

Ch. 14

Ch. 14

**Concept 3: History of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know the story of the Muslim conquest of Jerusalem and the Crusades.

B 2. Know that in the 11th century the Eastern Orthodox Church, based in Constantinople, split from the Roman Catholic Church, based in Rome.

B 3. Identify the Franciscans and Dominicans as the first two mendicant orders.

B 4. Know that the Inquisition began as a response to the rise of heresies in the 13th century.

B 5. Know that in the 14th century multiple claimants to the papacy resulted in the Western Schism, which was ended by the Council of Constantine.

**Concept 4: Hierarchical Structures of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the bishops of the United States belong to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) which works to advocate for just laws in our country, establish liturgical guidelines and guide Catholics as Christ’s disciples.

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B 2. Know that the USCCB issues pastoral letters and other resources which respond to current issues facing our nation (e.g., war, immigration, marriage, right to life, political activity, etc.).

B 3. Know that Catholic Charities is an organization of the U.S. bishops which oversees charitable work in the United States.

B 4. Know that Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is an organization of the U.S. bishops which provides international disaster relief and promotes sustainable development initiatives.

**Concept 5: Mary, Mother of God**

Students will:

B 1. Know that Mary, as the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States and the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

B 2. Know that Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patroness of the Americas (North and South).

B 3. Know that Mary is the New Eve.

B 4. Know that Mary is our model of faith.

**Concept 6: Lives of the Saints**

Students will:

B 1. Know the stories of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare, St. Dominic, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Louis IX.

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OCH: About Mary and the Saints

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OCH: About Mary and the Saints

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FIA ..... Faith in Action

**STRAND 8: Parish Life and Mission**

**Concept 1: Liturgical Life**

Students will:

B 1. Know that participation in the liturgical life of the Church includes Mass, the Sacraments, Morning and Evening Prayer, blessings, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction and Celebrations of the Word.

Ch. 6, 14;  
OCH: About the Mass

B 2. Know that Christ is present in all liturgical actions by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Ch. 6, 14;  
OCH: About the Mass

B 3. Know that at every Mass we continually renew our commitment to Christ.

Ch. 6, 14;  
OCH: About the Mass

B 4. Know that we are to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation frequently.

Ch. 18;  
OCH: About the Sacraments

**Concept 2: Lifelong Faith Formation**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Church teaches that we must continue our formation in the Catholic faith until we die.

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B 2. Know that Christ calls each of us to discipleship and through grace gives us the ability to respond continuously to his call.

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B 3. Know that retreat experiences call us to set aside time away from our daily lives to grow in our faith.

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**Concept 3: Parish Ministries**

Students will:

B 1. Show understanding that active involvement in the life of the Church is evident through different forms of participation in parish life.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20

B 2. Know that stewardship is based on a spiritual understanding that God’s blessings are given to be shared.

Ch. 19

B 3. Know that we are responsible to actively participate in formational, liturgical and apostolic works of our parish and diocese.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20

**Concept 4: Evangelization**

Students will:

B 1. Know that evangelization is the central mission of the Church in which all Catholics have a role.

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B 2. Know that our role to evangelize flows from Baptism.

Ch. 18;  
OCH: About the Sacraments,  
About the Sacraments  
of Initiation

B 3. Know how the public nature of our belief is part of the evangelizing mission of the Church.

Ch. 20

**Concept 5: Ecumenism and Interfaith Dialog**

Students will:

B 1. Know that as Catholics we are called to promote unity among all Christians

Ch. 20

B 2. Identify relationships between Catholic and Jewish customs of worship.

Ch. 14, 17

B 3. Define monotheism and know that Judaism, Christianity and Islam are monotheistic religions.

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B 4. Explain the relationship of the Catholic Church with the Orthodox Churches.

B 5. Know that the pope meets with Orthodox leaders to further reconciliation between the two churches.

**STRAND 9: Vocation**

**Concept 1: Universal Call to Holiness**

Students will:

B 1. Know that, through our baptism, we are called to be disciples of Christ.

B 2. Understand how our families help us to live the Christian life faithfully.

B 3. Understand that a vocation is a call from God that we receive based on God’s plan for us.

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FIA: Ch. 1-20

Ch. 18

Ch. 9;  
OCH: About Vocations

**Concept 2: Ordained Life**

Students will:

B 1. Know that deacons exercise a special vocation of service open to both married and unmarried men.

B 2. Know that a priest is ordained to preach the Gospel and serve the faithful, especially by celebrating the Eucharist and other sacraments.

B 3. Know that some priests are also members of religious congregations and take vows as members of their religious order.

B 4. Know that a priest is selected by the pope and ordained a bishop to continue the Apostles’ mission of leadership and service.

Ch. 9;  
OCH: About Vocations

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**Concept 3: Consecrated and Religious Life**

Students will:

B 1. Understand how religious sisters and brothers model their lives and ideals after particular saints, such as St. Clare, St. Katherine Drexel, St. Ignatius of Loyola and St. Angela Merici.

B 2. Know that some religious sisters and brothers live contemplative lives of prayer.

B 3. Know that other religious sisters and brothers live apostolic lives of service.

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OCH: About Vocations

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OCH: About Vocations

**Concept 4: Lay Vocations**

Students will:

B 1. Describe how married life is important to the life of the Church.

B 2. Identify the virtues that help married people live their lives for God.

B 3. Describe how the single life is important to the life of the Church.

B 4. State some virtues that help single people live their lives for God.

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OCH: About Vocations

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**STRAND 1: Sacred Scripture**

**Concept 1: Revelation**

Students will:

B 1. Know that revelation is God revealing himself and making himself present to us through events and words.

B 2. Know that the task of interpreting the Word of God authentically has been entrusted solely to the Magisterium of the Church—that is, to the pope and to the bishops in communion with him.

B 3. Know that divine inspiration means that the human authors of the Bible worked under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

B 4. Know that Sacred Scripture must be read and interpreted in light of the same Spirit by whom it was written.

The Bible;  
 Ch. 20;  
 OCH: Divine Revelation

Ch. 11;  
 The Bible;  
 OCH: Conscience

The Bible

The Bible

**Concept 2: Old Testament**

Students will:

B 1. Know the story of the return from the Babylonian Exile and the restoration of the Temple in Jerusalem.

B 2. Know the story of the Maccabean revolt.

B 3. Be able to retell other Old Testament stories. (See appendix I for suggestions.)

B 4. Discuss and relate the message of those Bible stories.

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Ch. 9

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**Concept 3: New Testament**

Students will:

- B 1. Identify the epistles of St. Paul as the earliest writings in the New Testament.
- B 2. Identify St. Paul as the Apostle to the Gentiles.
- B 3. Know some of the issues St. Paul addressed in his letters and their relevance for today.
- B 4. Map the communities addressed by St. Paul in his epistles.
- B 5. Identify the other authors of the New Testament epistles.
- B 6. Know some of the issues addressed in the other epistles and their relevance for today.

The Bible;  
 Ch. 17, 18, 19

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The Bible;  
 Ch. 17, 18, 19

Ch. 17

The Bible;  
 Ch. 17, 18, 19

**STRAND 2: Creed**

**Concept 1: Triune God**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the Blessed Trinity is the mystery of the loving relationship of one God in three divine persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- B 2. Know that our faith in the Trinity calls us to loving relationships with God and one another.
- B 3. Know that God invites all people to journey with him in faith.
- B 4. Know that faith is our response to God.

Ch. 16;  
 OCH: The Trinity

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B 5. Understand that faith is a gift from God helping us to respond to God’s revelation to us.

Ch. 16;  
 OCH: The Trinity

B 6. Know that faith is a life long journey.

Ch. 16;  
 OCH: The Trinity

**Concept 2: God the Father**

Students will:

B 1. Know that God made man and woman in his image.

Ch. 9;  
 OCH: The Trinity

B 2. Know that we and all creation are designed for God’s glory.

Ch. 9;  
 OCH: The Trinity

B 3. Know that God calls us to cooperate freely with his plans.

Ch. 9;  
 OCH: The Trinity

B 4. Know that God wills everyone to be saved.

Ch. 9;  
 OCH: The Trinity

B 5. Understand that God has shown his love for humankind throughout the ages.

Ch. 9;  
 OCH: The Trinity

B 6. Know that God expects us to accept and respect the differences and gifts in each other.

Ch. 9;  
 OCH: The Trinity

**Concept 3: God the Son**

Students will:

B 1. Know that to be a Christian one must believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Ch. 1, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11;  
 OCH: The Trinity

B 2. Know that because we love Christ, we want to know him better and to proclaim him to the world.

Ch. 1, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11;  
 OCH: The Trinity

B 3. Know that Jesus is truly God and truly man, not part God and part man.

Ch. 1, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11;  
 OCH: The Trinity

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B 4. Know the mysteries of Christ’s public life are his baptism, temptations, announcement of the kingdom, transfiguration, journey to and entry into Jerusalem.

Ch. 1, 3, 4, 13, 14, 15;  
 OCH: The Trinity

B 5. Know that the holy women and disciples came to believe in Christ’s Resurrection through the discovery of the empty tomb and through the appearance of the Risen One.

Ch. 15;  
 OCH: The Trinity

B 6. Know that our belief in the resurrection of the dead is essential to Christianity.

Ch. 15;  
 OCH: The Trinity

**Concept 4: God the Holy Spirit**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Holy Spirit, as one of the persons of the Holy Trinity, has the one, same nature as the Father and Son, yet is distinct from them.

Ch. 16, 20;  
 OCH: The Trinity

B 2. Know that the Holy Spirit is present and active in God’s plan of salvation.

Ch. 16, 20;  
 OCH: The Trinity

B 3. Know that the Holy Spirit prepares for the coming of Jesus Christ through Mary and John the Baptist.

Ch. 1;  
 F&S: Advent

B 4. Know that the Holy Spirit guides the life, teachings and leaders of the Church.

Ch. 20

B 5. Relate each of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit to our Christian lives.

Ch. 18

**Concept 5: The Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know that believing the Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic is inseparable from belief in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

OCH: The Church’s Mission

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FIA ..... Faith in Action

B 2. Understand that the Church’s gifts and growth are evident through all periods of history in the last 2000 years.

Ch. 20;  
OCH: The Church’s Mission

B 3. Know that the whole Church is missionary by nature and all of us share in this vocation.

Ch. 20;  
OCH: The Church’s Mission

B 4. Know that the Church has a special mission to serve the poor and suffering.

Ch. 7;  
OCH: Social Justice

**Concept 6: Communion of Saints**

Students will:

B 1. Know that because of our link with the Communion of Saints, we are called to pray for the dead.

Ch. 13;  
OCH: Life Everlasting

B 2. Know that because the saints are closely united to Christ, they pray for us, constantly helping the Church to grow in holiness.

Ch. 13;  
OCH: Life Everlasting

B 3. Know that the Church remembers all of the saints in the Church Year.

Ch. 1-20

**STRAND 3: Sacraments**

**Concept 1: Sacraments As Signs of God’s Grace**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Church is the sacrament of Christ’s action in the Church through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Ch. 2, 6, 10, 14, 18;  
OCH: Sacraments of Christian Initiation, The Mass, Sacraments of Healing, Sacraments at the Service of Communion

B 2. Show understanding of the meaning of the sacraments as means of grace in our lives.

Ch. 2, 6, 10, 14, 18;  
OCH: Sacraments of Christian Initiation, The Mass, Sacraments of Healing, Sacraments at the Service of Communion

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B 3. Know that living the sacramental life of the Church is an act of faith rooted in prayer.

Ch. 2, 6, 10, 14, 18;  
 OCH: Sacraments of Christian Initiation, The Mass, Sacraments of Healing, Sacraments at the Service of Communion

B 4. Recognize that the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders cannot be repeated because they impart an indelible character by which the Christian shares in Christ’s priesthood.

Ch. 2, 6, 10, 14, 18;  
 OCH: Sacraments of Christian Initiation, The Mass, Sacraments of Healing, Sacraments at the Service of Communion

B 5. Recognize that the Sacraments of Eucharist, Penance and Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and Matrimony may be repeated.

Ch. 2, 6, 10, 14, 18;  
 OCH: Sacraments of Christian Initiation, The Mass, Sacraments of Healing, Sacraments at the Service of Communion

B 6. Recognize that the Sacrament of Holy Orders may be conferred once for each degree of the sacrament (c.f. concept 4, benchmark 9).

Ch. 6;  
 OCH: Sacraments at the Service of Communion

**Concept 2: Sacraments of Christian Initiation**

Students will:

B 1. Know that in the case of an emergency anyone can baptize with water, using the words “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Ch. 2;  
 OCH: Sacraments of Initiation

B 2. Know that Baptism is the basis of unity for all Christians and is the foundation of communion among all Christians.

Ch. 2;  
 OCH: Sacraments of Initiation

B 3. Recognize that the Sacrament of Confirmation is a Sacrament of Christian Initiation, the elements of which are sealing with the oil of chrism and the laying on of hands.

Ch. 18;  
 OCH: Sacraments of Initiation

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B 4. Know the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

B 5. Know that Confirmation is necessary to complete the process begun in Baptism.

B 6. Know that the Eucharist makes present the sacrifice of the cross, which is the one single sacrifice.

B 7. Know that when we receive Christ in the Eucharist we receive him whole and entire—Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity.

B 8. Know that we receive Christ whole and entire under either form of bread or wine, but receiving under both forms is a more perfect sign of communion.

B 9. Know that the Eucharist commits us to the poor.

B 10. Know that the Eucharist forgives venial sins and helps us to grow in our relationship to God.

B 11. Know that only validly ordained priests can consecrate the Eucharist.

Ch. 2;  
OCH: Sacraments of Initiation

Ch. 10;  
OCH: The Mass

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**Concept 3: Sacraments of Healing**

Students will:

B 1. Know that perfect contrition arises out of an awareness and belief that God loves us.

B 2. Know that Jesus gave the Church authority to forgive sins and that this is exercised in Christ’s name by priests in the sacrament.

Ch. 14;  
OCH: Sacraments of Healing

Ch. 12, 14;  
OCH: Sacraments of Healing

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B 3. Show understanding that Catholics must receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation at least once a year.

B 4. State that the seal of confession cannot be broken under any circumstance.

B 5. Know that the Anointing of the Sick consists of the laying on of hands, prayers and anointing the forehead and hands of the sick person with the Oil of the Sick.

B 6. Know that bishops and priests are the ministers of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

B 7. Know that the Anointing of the Sick is for the dying, those who are seriously ill and the elderly.

B 8. Know that viaticum is the reception of the Eucharist by those who are dying.

OCH: The Ten Commandments: Love of Neighbor

Ch. 14;  
OCH: Sacraments of Healing

Ch. 12, 14;  
OCH: Sacraments of Healing

Ch. 12, 14;  
OCH: Sacraments of Healing

Ch. 12, 14;  
OCH: Sacraments of Healing

OCH: Sacraments of Healing

**Concept 4: Sacraments of Service**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Sacraments of Service confer a special mission directed towards the salvation of others and

B 2. Know that marriage requires sacramental preparation.

B 3. Know that the essence of marriage is the consent of the couple; without this consent, the marriage is invalid.

B 4. Know that marriage is not just a contract, but a covenant.

Ch. 6;  
OCH: Sacraments at the Service of Communion

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OCH: Sacraments at the Service of Communion

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LUP..... Let Us Pray

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FIA..... Faith in Action

B 5. Understand that marriage requires fidelity, permanence and openness to children.

Ch. 6;  
OCH: Sacraments at the Service of Communion

B 6. Recognize the spouses as the ministers of the Sacrament of Matrimony through the exchange of vows witnessed by a minister of the Church.

Ch. 6;  
OCH: Sacraments at the Service of Communion

B 7. Know that the Sacrament of Holy Orders is conferred by the laying on of hands followed by a prayer of consecration.

Ch. 6;  
OCH: Sacraments at the Service of Communion

B 8. Recognize the Sacrament of Holy Orders is for men who are baptized, prepared through a process of formation and called by the bishop to be ordained.

Ch. 6;  
OCH: Sacraments at the Service of Communion

B 9. State that there are three degrees of Holy Orders: the episcopate (bishops), the presbyterate (priests) and the diaconate (deacons).

Ch. 6;  
OCH: Sacraments at the Service of Communion

B 10. Identify the priesthood as an apostolic call that comes from Jesus Christ commissioning the apostles to continue the work of the Church.

Ch. 6;  
OCH: Sacraments at the Service of Communion

B 11. Know that ultimately Christ is the one priest, and ordained ministers share in his priesthood.

Ch. 6;  
OCH: Sacraments at the Service of Communion

**STRAND 4: Liturgy**

**Concept 1: Overview of Liturgy**

Students will:

B 1. Demonstrate full, conscious and active participation in Mass and other prayers.

B 2. Explore opportunities to participate in various liturgical ministries.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 20

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FIA..... Faith in Action

**Concept 2: Liturgical Year**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the readings for Sunday Mass come from a three-year cycle provided by the Church.
  
- B 2. Identify the current lectionary year (Year A, B or C) and the respective Gospel associated with that year (Matthew, Mark or Luke).
  
- B 3. Know that the Gospel of John is used throughout each lectionary year.
  
- B 4. Know that the readings for weekday Masses come from a two-year cycle provided by the Church.
  
- B 5. Identify the current weekday cycle (Year I or II).
  
- B 6. Know that selections from all four Gospels are used throughout the weekday cycle.

**Concept 3: The Mass**

Students will:

- B 1. Understand that the Mass is a sacrifice because it memorializes the sacrifice of Christ who offered himself once and for all to God for our sake.
  
- B 2. Know that the assembly offers their lives, prayers and sufferings in union with the sacrifice of Christ in the Mass.
  
- B 3. Know that the celebration of the Mass is directed toward union with Christ through the reception of communion.

Ch. 10;  
OCH: The Mass

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B 4. Know that Christ is present in four primary ways in the Mass: in the gathered assembly, in the proclamation of the Word, in the person of the priest and in the Body and Blood.

B 5. Participate in planning a Mass.

**Concept 4: Other Liturgical Celebrations, Sacramentals and Devotions**

Students will:

B 1. Be given opportunities to lead Morning and Evening Prayer from the Divine Office at school or at home.

B 2. Define novenas as special prayers or prayer services that occur nine times.

B 3. Identify a special cause and pray a novena for that cause.

B 4. Celebrate a variety of liturgical blessings (sacramentals) that correspond to our human experience (e.g. Blessing of a New Home, Blessing of Animals, Blessing of Fields and Flocks, Blessing of an Advent Wreath, etc.).

B 5. Participate in Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction.

B 6. Know how to make an examination of conscience and participate in the Rite of Penance.

B 7. Recognize and appreciate various ethnic and cultural prayer celebrations.

Ch. 10;  
OCH: The Mass

OCH: Prayer

OCH: Prayer

Ch. 2;  
OCH: Sacraments of Christian Initiation

Ch. 10

Ch. 12, 14

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OCH ..... Our Catholic Heritage  
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B 8. Know that an indulgence removes the temporal punishments incurred by sins which have already been forgiven (as through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation).

B 9. Know the difference between a partial and plenary indulgence.

B 10. Know that in order to obtain an indulgence we must, in addition to the conditions of the particular indulgence: be in a state of grace; have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin (even venial sin); celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation; receive the Holy Eucharist; and pray for the intentions of the pope.

B 11. Know the circumstances under which some common partial and plenary indulgences may be obtained.

B 12. Know that we may apply an indulgence to ourselves or to the souls of the deceased, but not to another living person.

B 13. Know that we are especially encouraged to obtain indulgences on behalf of the deceased on All Souls Day and throughout the month of November.

**Concept 5: Liturgical Symbols**

Students will:

B 1. Understand the significance of candles in various liturgical and prayer contexts (baptism, votives, the Easter Vigil, the sanctuary lamp, the altar, etc.).

B 2. Understand the significance and use of incense.

OCH: Life Everlasting

OCH: Life Everlasting

OCH: Life Everlasting

Ch. 14

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 LUP ..... Let Us Pray

OCH ..... Our Catholic Heritage  
 FIA ..... Faith in Action

**STRAND 5: Morality**

**Concept 1: Life in Christ**

Students will:

B 1. Understand that Christian discipleship requires following Jesus Christ as the way, the truth and the life.

Ch. 11;  
 OCH: Conscience; Social Justice

B 2. Know the meaning of morality.

Ch. 11;  
 OCH: Conscience; Social Justice

B 3. Learn to integrate the meaning of Christian morality with Jesus’ teaching, the dignity of the human person and the Incarnation.

Ch. 11;  
 OCH: Conscience; Social Justice

B 4. Identify steps in moral decision-making as see, judge and act.

Ch. 11;  
 OCH: Conscience; Social Justice

B 5. Know how steps in decision-making relate to sources of moral acts (object, intention and circumstances).

Ch. 11;  
 OCH: Conscience; Social Justice

B 6. Know that living a moral life is a response to God’s love.

Ch. 11;  
 OCH: Conscience; Social Justice

B 7. Know that the first and last point of reference for moral catechesis is Jesus Christ.

Ch. 11;  
 OCH: Conscience; Social Justice

**Concept 2: Beatitudes**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Beatitudes are teachings that describe the way to live as Jesus’ disciples.

Ch. 8;  
 OCH: The Beatitudes

B 2. Know that by living according to the Beatitudes we can help spread God’s kingdom and in turn we can find true happiness.

Ch. 8;  
 OCH: The Beatitudes

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OCH ..... Our Catholic Heritage  
 FIA ..... Faith in Action

B 3. Know specific ways to live each of the Beatitudes in our daily lives.

Ch. 8;  
 OCH: The Beatitudes

**Concept 3: Commandments**

Students will:

B 1. Know the Ten Commandments are a gift and a revelation of God.

Ch. 7, 11, 16;  
 OCH: The Ten Commandments: Love of Neighbor

B 2. Know that the first two commandments bind us to hope in and worship God.

Ch. 7, 11, 16;  
 OCH: The Ten Commandments: Love of Neighbor

B 3. Know that idolatry means to worship a false God and to put anything in the place of God.

Ch. 7, 11, 16;  
 OCH: The Ten Commandments: Love of Neighbor

B 4. Know that Catholics have the duty of participating in Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and not to do so is a mortal sin; this obligation is fulfilled by attending Mass the evening before.

Ch. 7, 11, 16;  
 OCH: The Ten Commandments: Love of Neighbor

B 5. Know that by participating in the Sunday (Saturday night) liturgy, we show ourselves to be members of the Catholic community.

Ch. 7, 11, 16;  
 OCH: The Ten Commandments: Love of Neighbor

B 6. Know that the family is based on marriage, which exists for the good of the spouses and the procreation of children.

Ch. 7, 11, 16;  
 OCH: The Ten Commandments: Love of Neighbor

B 7. Know that the use of drugs inflicts damage on human health and life.

Ch. 7, 11, 16;  
 OCH: The Ten Commandments: Love of Neighbor

B 8. Know that the production of and trafficking in drugs are scandalous practices and constitute direct cooperation with evil.

Ch. 7, 11, 16;  
 OCH: The Ten Commandments: Love of Neighbor

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B 9. Know that direct abortion (abortion willed as an end or a means) is contrary to moral law.

Ch. 7, 11, 16;  
OCH: The Ten Commandments:  
Love of Neighbor

B 10. Know that the sexual act is only for life-long marriage.

Ch. 7, 11, 16;  
OCH: The Ten Commandments:  
Love of Neighbor

B 11. Know that prostitution, pornography, homosexual acts and rape totally degrade sexuality.

Ch. 7, 11, 16;  
OCH: The Ten Commandments:  
Love of Neighbor

B 12. Know that adultery, divorce, polygamy, and cohabitation are grave offenses against the dignity of marriage.

Ch. 7, 11, 16;  
OCH: The Ten Commandments:  
Love of Neighbor

B 13. Know that every marriage act must be open to children; artificial contraception is not allowed.

Ch. 7, 11, 16;  
OCH: The Ten Commandments:  
Love of Neighbor

B 14. Know that reputation and honor are aspects of a person’s human dignity that can be injured by rash judgments, detraction and calumny.

Ch. 7, 11, 16;  
OCH: The Ten Commandments:  
Love of Neighbor

B 15. Know that purity requires modesty which recognizes and protects the dignity of the human person.

Ch. 7, 11, 16;  
OCH: The Ten Commandments:  
Love of Neighbor

**Concept 4: Catholic Social Teaching**

Students will:

B 1. Know the social teaching principles of the Church.

Ch. 11;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 2. Know the essential relationship between Catholic social teaching and spirituality.

Ch. 11;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 3. Define justice and charity and know how they are related to world peace.

Ch. 11;  
OCH: Social Justice

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B 4. Know that from conception the child has the right to life.

Ch. 11;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 5. Know that reputation and honor are aspects of a person’s human dignity.

Ch. 11;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 6. Know that to work for the common good in economic and political realities is especially the role of the Catholic laity.

Ch. 11;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 7. Know that human beings grow and achieve fulfillment in community.

Ch. 11;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 8. Know that the common good is achieved through the protection of the rights of all peoples.

Ch. 11;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 9. Know what actions violate the rights of people in society today.

Ch. 11;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 10. Know that our service to the poor arises out of the Eucharist.

Ch. 11;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 11. Know that access to employment and to professions must be open to all people.

Ch. 11;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 12. Know that rich nations must work for the development of poorer nations.

Ch. 11;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 13. Know that the duties of citizens are to pay taxes, vote and defend their country.

Ch. 11;  
OCH: Social Justice

**Concept 5: Church Law**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the natural law expresses the original moral sense that enables us, by human reason, to know good and evil.

Ch. 11;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 2. Know that canon law provides the norms for good order for the visible society of the Church.

Ch. 11;  
OCH: Social Justice

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**Concept 6: Conscience**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the formation of conscience is a life-long task.

B 2. Know how to do an examination of conscience.

B 3. Know that living as a Christian calls us to listen and respond to our conscience.

Ch. 3;  
OCH: Conscience

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OCH: Conscience

Ch. 3;  
OCH: Conscience

**Concept 7: Sin and Forgiveness**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the reality of sin is impossible to ignore.

B 2. Know the meaning of original sin.

B 3. Know that venial sins are forgiven in the Eucharist.

B 4. Know that social sin is cooperating in another’s sin either directly or by doing nothing.

B 5. Know the meaning of the seven deadly sins—pride, avarice, envy, wrath, lust, gluttony and sloth.

Ch. 12, 14;  
OCH: Sacraments of Healing

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OCH: Sacraments of Healing

Ch. 12, 14;  
OCH: Sacraments of Healing

**STRAND 6: Prayer and Spirituality**

**Concept 1: Overview of Prayer and Spirituality**

Students will:

B 1. Know that prayer arises out of hope.

Ch. 4, 8, 20;  
LUP;  
OCH: Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

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B 2. Know that prayer is an act of self-surrender to God.

Ch. 4, 8, 20;  
LUP;  
OCH: Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

B 3. Know that prayer transforms us and helps us to “put on” the mind, the will and the heart of Jesus.

Ch. 4, 8, 20;  
LUP;  
OCH: Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

B 4. Know that Mary is the model of prayer in her *Fiat* (Yes) and at the foot of the Cross.

Ch. 1

B 5. Know that faith, conversion and vigilance of heart are ways to overcome the difficulties in prayer.

Ch. 4, 8, 20;  
LUP;  
OCH: Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

B 6. Know that the Church encourages certain rhythms of praying to nourish continual prayer, such as daily prayer.

Ch. 4, 8, 20;  
LUP;  
OCH: Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

B 7. Know that we can learn to pray always no matter what we are doing.

Ch. 4, 8, 20;  
LUP;  
OCH: Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

## Concept 2: Forms of Prayer

Students will:

B 1. Know that in the prayer of intercession, we ask for the good of others, without any boundaries.

Ch. 4

B 2. Know that we use the prayers of the saints to help us to pray.

Ch. 9

## Concept 3: Expressions of Prayer

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Christian tradition comprises three major expressions of the life of prayer: vocal prayer, meditation and contemplative prayer.

Ch. 4;  
OCH: Prayer



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B 2. Know that in vocal prayer we pray aloud, alone or with others.

Ch. 4;  
 OCH: Prayer

B 3. Know that meditation is a prayer that engages thought, imagination, emotion and desire.

Ch. 4;  
 OCH: Prayer

B 4. Know that contemplation is a form of wordless prayer that helps us focus on God’s greatness and goodness.

Ch. 4;  
 OCH: Prayer

**Concept 4: Prayers of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Lord’s Prayer, the “Our Father”, is the summary of the whole Gospel.

Ch.8;  
 LUP;  
 OCH: The Lord's Prayer

B 2. Know that God’s power and justice are evident in Mary’s response to Elizabeth in the “Magnificat”.

OCH: Mary

B 3. Know how to prepare and lead Morning and Evening prayer.

B 4. Know the difference between liturgical prayer and devotional prayer.

Ch. 10;  
 OCH;  
 Prayer

B 5. Know the many forms of blessings of the Church and become familiar with the blessings that can be used in the domestic church (the home).

Ch. 2;  
 F&S: Easter

B 6. Know that Stations of the Cross are places to stop and pray that help us to walk the way of the cross with Jesus.

Ch. 13

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## STRAND 7: Ecclesiology of the Catholic Church

### Concept 1: Marks of the Church

Students will:

- B 1. Know that we experience a universal call to holiness through our common baptism.
- B 2. Know that this call to holiness is demonstrated in our lives by our words and actions.
- B 3. Identify signs of holiness in the Church and in others.

Ch. 2

FIA: Ch. 1-20

OCH: The Church's Mission

### Concept 2: Images of the Church

Students will:

- B 1. Describe how the Church is in relationship to Christ as a bride to a bridegroom.
- B 2. Understand how the covenants made by God with his people in the course of salvation history are similar to a marriage covenant.

Ch. 6;

OCH: Sacraments at the Service of Communion

Ch. 5

### Concept 3: History of the Church

Students will:

- B 1. Understand the historical events that led to the Protestant Reformation.
- B 2. Know that the Council of Trent responded to the Protestant Reformation.
- B 3. Know that the Council of Trent produced the first common liturgical book for the Mass, the *Roman Missal*, and the first universal catechism.

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LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
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**Concept 4: Hierarchical Structures of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Catholic Conference of Illinois has been given responsibility by the bishops of Illinois to advocate Catholic positions in the state.

B 2. Identify issues currently being addressed by the Catholic Conference of Illinois.

B 3. Know that parish pastors have been given authority by the local bishop to shepherd the faithful in a particular geographical area.

B 4. Identify ways our parish pastor fulfills his duty to shepherd the people.

FIA: Ch. 17

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**Concept 5: Mary, Mother of God**

Students will:

B 1. Explain why the Church names Mary as her mother.

B 2. Explain how Mary is a model of Christian holiness.

OCH: The Church's Mission

Ch. 1

**Concept 6: Lives of the Saints**

Students will:

B 1. Know the stories of St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. John Fischer, St. Thomas More and St. Teresa of Ávila.

Ch. 1-20

**STRAND 8: Parish Life and Mission**

**Concept 1: Liturgical Life**

Students will:

B 1. Understand that participation in the liturgical life of the Church means that we delight in gathering as the Body of Christ.

Ch. 5, 10, 16;  
OCH: The Church

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B 2. Know that as Catholics we rejoice in the gift of God’s Son every time we celebrate the liturgy.

Ch. 3;  
OCH: The Trinity

B 3. Know that the liturgy is the official public prayer of the Church and includes the celebration of the Mass, the sacraments and the Liturgy of the Hours.

Ch. 10;  
OCH: The Mass

B 4. Know that participation in the Eucharist commits us to serve others.

Ch. 10;  
OCH: The Mass

**Concept 2: Lifelong Faith Formation**

Students will:

B 1. Know that life in Christ requires continual formation in the faith.

B 2. Know that God calls lay people to growth in the faith through participation in parish ministries.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
FIA: Ch. 1-20

B 3. Know that retreat experiences call us to set aside time away from our daily lives to grow in our faith.

FIA: Ch. 2

**Concept 3: Parish Ministries**

Students will:

B 1. Know the various ministries in our parish and actively participate in one of them.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
FIA: Ch. 1-20

B 2. Understand that participation in the ministries of the parish is an aspect of stewardship.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20

B 3. Know how to participate in age-appropriate parish and diocesan events.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20

**Concept 4: Evangelization**

Students will:

B 1. Know that evangelization is proclaiming Christ and his gospel in every circumstance of life in fulfillment of his command.

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B 2. Know that evangelization takes place in our daily lives as we bring our faith to the world and the world to our faith.

B 3. Know that the Church’s mission of evangelization calls us into a loving relationship with the whole world.

Ch. 19

Ch. 19, 20

**Concept 5: Ecumenism and Interfaith Dialog**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Church respects all Christians and works with other Christian communities to bring about the unity of the Church.

B 2. Know that the Church calls its members to respect all religions and the rights of individuals to adhere to other religious beliefs.

B 3. Know that Judaism and Islam are major world religions.

B 4. Know that the pope meets with Jewish leaders to enhance relationships with Christians and Jews.

B 5. Describe the culture and family life of the Jewish people during the time of Jesus.

OCH: The Church's Mission

Ch. 2; Jesus and His Times

**STRAND 9: Vocation**

**Concept 1: Universal Call to Holiness**

Students will:

B 1. Recognize that God calls the Church and all its members to the work of the Kingdom.

B 2. Understand how our families live their call to serve God.

Ch. 6

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B 3. Know that God calls all people, no matter what their particular vocation, to care for all that he has created.

Ch. 6

**Concept 2: Ordained Life**

Students will:

B 1. Know that some deacons remain deacons permanently.

Ch. 17

B 2. Know that deacons are trained in a special formation program.

Ch. 17

B 3. Know that men, as part of their formation for the priesthood, receive ordination as deacons.

Ch. 17

B 4. Know that candidates for the ministerial priesthood are trained in special schools called seminaries.

Ch. 6

B 5. Know that all deacons share in Christ’s mission by assisting bishops and priests in the service of the Church.

Ch. 17;  
 OCH: Sacraments at the Service of Communion

B 6. Identify ways in which deacons in our diocese serve the Church.

Ch. 17

B 7. Know that a bishop always ordains a newly chosen bishop or bishop-elect, as well as candidates for the priesthood and diaconate.

Ch. 17

B 8. Know that in the sacramental act called ordination, bishops, priests and deacons receive one or more of the three degrees of orders: the episcopate, the presbyterate and the diaconate.

OCH: Sacraments at the Service of Communion

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**Concept 3: Consecrated and Religious Life**

Students will:

B 1. Understand how religious sisters and brothers model their lives and ideals after other religious persons, such as Bl. Theresa of Calcutta, St. Alphonsus Ligouri, Bl. Catherine Kasper and Catherine McAuley.

Ch. 9, 20

B 2. Know that the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience are called the evangelical counsels.

Ch. 20

B 3. Know that most men and women called to the consecrated life by God profess the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Ch. 9, 20

B 4. Describe how the apostolic religious orders provided catechists and teachers for parishes in the United States for over 150 years.

**Concept 4: Lay Vocations**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the laity participates in their own way in the priestly, prophetic and kingly ministries of Christ.

Ch. 6

B 2. Know that the laity participates in the priestly ministry of Christ through their prayers, participation in the Eucharist and offering their lives for Christ.

Ch. 6

B 3. Know that the laity participates in the prophetic ministry of Christ by proclaiming the Gospel and witnessing to his truth.

Ch. 6

B 4. Know that the laity participates in the kingly ministry of Christ by responding to God’s love and caring for others, especially those who are poor and suffering.

Ch. 6;  
FIA: Ch. 1-20

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LUP ..... Let Us Pray

OCH ..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA ..... Faith in Action

## STRAND 1: Sacred Scripture

### Concept 1: Revelation

Students will:

B 1. Understand that Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition make up the deposit of faith.

Ch. 15, 17;  
OCH: Faith and Salvation

B 2. Know that Sacred Tradition began with the oral preaching of the Apostles and continues to be handed on through the teaching of the bishops.

Ch. 15, 17;  
OCH: Faith and Salvation

B 3. Know some examples of teachings from Sacred Tradition (e.g. the perpetual virginity of Mary, the Assumption of Mary, the Immaculate Conception, Purgatory, the Communion of Saints, etc.).

Ch. 15, 17;  
OCH: Faith and Salvation

B 4. Know that Sacred Tradition is distinct from local or ethnic customs (traditions) in a parish or diocese (e.g. May Crowning or blessing of pets on the Feast of St. Francis).

Ch. 15, 17;  
OCH: Faith and Salvation

B 5. Know that the Magisterium of the Church has the teaching authority to interpret both Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

Ch. 15, 17;  
OCH: Faith and Salvation

B 6. Define the two major senses of Sacred Scripture: literal and spiritual.

Ch. 15, 17;  
OCH: Faith and Salvation

B 7. Define the three spiritual senses of Sacred Scripture: allegorical, moral and anagogical.

B 8. Know that the literal sense forms the basis of the other senses of Sacred Scripture.

B 9. Recognize that proper interpretation of Sacred Scripture includes taking into account the culture, history and literary forms of that time.

Ch. 17



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**Concept 2: Old Testament**

Students will:

B 1. Show familiarity with the geography and principal cities of the Ancient Near East and ancient Rome.

OCH: Revelation

B 2. Use the literal and spiritual senses of Sacred Scripture by applying them to stories from the Old Testament.

OCH: Revelation

**Concept 3: New Testament**

Students will:

B 1. Identify St. Luke as the author of the Acts of the Apostles.

Ch. 8

B 2. Describe how the first section of the Acts of the Apostles (chapters 1-12) explains St. Peter’s leadership in the early Church.

Ch. 3

B 3. Describe how the second section of the Acts of the Apostles (chapters 13-28) explain St. Paul’s role in the expansion of the Church’s mission to the Gentiles.

B 4. Map the journeys of Ss. Peter and Paul and the communities they visited.

B 5. Identify the active presence of the Holy Spirit in the establishment of the Church as narrated in the Acts of the Apostles.

Ch. 3

**STRAND 2: Creed**

**Concept 1: Triune God**

Students will:

B 1. Understand that the mystery of the Holy Trinity is central to the mystery of Christian faith and Christian life.

OCH: The Trinity

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B 2. Know that the Trinity is three divine persons that are unique and inseparable, but distinct from one another.

OCH: The Trinity

B 3. Know that in the Trinity the Father is God, the Son is God and the Holy Spirit is God.

OCH: The Trinity

B 4. Understand that God is holy and deserving of our love and worship.

OCH: The Trinity

B 5. Understand that God gives us only one life, unique and unrepeatable, that when we die in God’s friendship we live forever in union with God in heaven.

OCH: The Trinity

B 6. Understand that faith is a gift that must always be nourished.

OCH: The Trinity

**Concept 2: God the Father**

Students will:

B 1. Know that God created all things for good.

OCH: The Trinity

B 2. Know that God created the human person as a union of body and soul.

OCH: The Trinity

B 3. Know that God created us in a state of holiness.

OCH: The Trinity

B 4. Understand God is transcendent—greater than all his works.

OCH: The Trinity

B 5. Understand how the desire for God is written in the human heart because we are created by God and for God.

OCH: The Trinity

B 6. Describe how we are attracted to the grandeur and beauty of God in creation.

OCH: The Trinity

B 7. Know that God expects us to accept and respect the differences and gifts in each other.

OCH: The Trinity

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**Concept 3: God the Son**

Students will:

B 1. Know that Jesus Christ possesses two natures, one divine and the other human, but united in one person.

OCH: The Trinity

B 2. Know that the Incarnation is the mystery of the union of the divine and human natures in the one person of Jesus.

OCH: Faith and Salvation

B 3. Know that Jesus died for our sins opening the possibility of eternal union with God for all people.

OCH: The Trinity

B 4. Know that the whole of Jesus’ life was a continual teaching: his miracles, his special affection for children and the poor, his death on the cross and his Resurrection.

OCH: The Trinity

B 5. Know that Christ is the heavenly high priest, always interceding for us.

OCH: The Trinity

B 6. Know that Jesus will come again to judge everyone according to their works.

OCH: The Trinity, Life Everlasting

**Concept 4: God the Holy Spirit**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit is one of the ways that God has expressed his love for humanity.

OCH: The Trinity

B 2. Know that the Holy Spirit has been present with the Father and the Son from the beginning of creation to the completion of the plan for our salvation.

OCH: The Trinity

B 3. Know that the Holy Spirit builds up the Church.

OCH: The Trinity

B 4. Relate each of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit to our Christian lives.

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**Concept 5: The Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Church is progressively realized in history: foreshadowed in creation, promised in Adam and Eve, prepared in Abraham and Israel, announced by the prophets, instituted by Christ, manifested by the Spirit, continued in the present and to be fulfilled in heavenly glory.

B 2. Know that when the Holy Spirit came to Jesus’ first disciples on Pentecost it marked the beginning of the Church.

B 3. Know some images of Church include People of God, Body of Christ, Temple of the Holy Spirit.

B 4. Know that all salvation comes from Christ through the Church.

OCH: Revelation

History and Mystery;  
Ch. 4

Ch. 1, 4

Ch. 13;  
OCH: Sin and Mercy

**Concept 6: Communion of Saints**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Communion of Saints is the Church.

B 2. Know that by studying the lives of the saints, we can model our lives on their example of holiness.

Ch. 20;  
OCH: The Church

Ch. 1-20

**STRAND 3: Sacraments**

**Concept 1: Sacraments As Signs of God’s Grace**

Students will:

B 1. Define and explain the difference between actual grace and sanctifying grace.

B 2. Describe how participation in the sacramental life of the Church benefits both individuals and the Church.

OCH: Sin and Mercy

OCH: Sin and Mercy

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B 3. Understand that because Christ is at work in the sacraments they are effective regardless of the disposition or holiness of the minister(s).

**Concept 2: Sacraments of Christian Initiation**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults (and children of the age of reason) become members of the Church.

B 2. Know that baptized non-Catholics come into full communion with the Church through a profession of faith and the reception of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

B 3. Know that receiving the Eucharist under both forms is a more perfect representation of our communion with Jesus Christ.

**Concept 3: Sacraments of Healing**

Students will:

B 1. Explain how we are never free from the weaknesses of human nature but the sacraments give us strength in the face of temptation.

B 2. Explain how the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation provides a means for ongoing conversion and renewal in the Christian life.

B 3. Know that Penance and Reconciliation, the Anointing of the Sick and the Eucharist as viaticum are the sacraments that prepare us for heaven.

OCH: Sin and Mercy

Ch. 18;  
History and Mystery

OCH: Sacraments of Christian Initiation

OCH: The Mass

OCH: Sacraments of Christian Initiation, Sacraments of Healing, Sacraments at the Service of Communion

Ch. 14;  
OCH: Sacraments of Healing

OCH: Sacraments of Healing

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**Concept 4: Sacraments of Service**

Students will:

B 1. Know that sacramental marriage consists of a man and woman freely pronouncing vows to share their lives in fruitful love.

B 2. Know that the marriage covenant is publicly pronounced for life.

B 3. Know that the Sacrament of Matrimony conveys a partnership that is permanent, equal, self-giving, mutual and faithful.

B 4. Know that the Church requires the faithful to profess their marriage vows in a Catholic church, preferably in the context of a Mass.

B 5. Know that marriage between a Catholic and a non-Catholic includes a promise for any children to be raised in the Church.

B 6. Know that Jesus taught that marriage is permanent and cannot be dissolved.

B 7. Know that persons who are divorced and remarried without an annulment remain in the Church but cannot receive communion.

Ch. 18;  
OCH: Sacraments at the Service of Communion

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**STRAND 4: Liturgy**

**Concept 1: Overview of Liturgy**

Students will:

B 1. Demonstrate full, conscious and active participation in Mass and other prayers.

Ch. 2;  
OCH: The Mass

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B 2. Explore opportunities to participate in various liturgical ministries.

Ch. 2;  
OCH: The Mass

**Concept 2: Liturgical Year**

Students will:

B 1. Explain the sequence, significance and primary symbols of the liturgical seasons and major feasts.

F&S: The Liturgical Year, Ordinary Time, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Mary

B 2. Identify the current lectionary year (Year A, B or C) and the respective Gospel associated with that year (Matthew, Mark or Luke).

OCH: The Liturgical Year

B 3. Know that solemnities and feast days have special readings assigned to them.

OCH: The Liturgical Year

B 4. Prepare for Sunday Mass by reflecting on the readings for the coming Sunday.

OCH: The Liturgical Year

**Concept 3: The Mass**

Students will:

B 1. Explain the parts of the Mass from the Introductory Rites through the Dismissal.

Ch. 2;  
OCH: The Mass

B 2. Identify and explain the role of the assembly and the various liturgical ministers.

Ch. 2;  
OCH: The Mass

B 3. Explain the role of the deacon when assisting at the Mass.

Ch. 18;  
History and Mystery

B 4. Understand the value of reflecting on the readings for the coming Sunday Mass.

Ch. 2;  
OCH: The Mass

B 5. Understand and experience how to plan a Mass.

Ch. 2;  
OCH: The Mass

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**Concept 4: Other Liturgical Celebrations,  
Sacramentals and Devotions**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the Christian funeral is a liturgical celebration of the Church.
  
- B 2. Know that the Christian funeral consists of three parts: the vigil, the Christian funeral itself and the final commendation.
  
- B 3. Know that in a Christian funeral we express our communion with the deceased, participate in that communion of the gathered community and remember Christ’s promise of eternal life for all believers.
  
- B 4. Know that in a Christian funeral we make our final farewell to the deceased before commending them to God.
  
- B 5. Know that, before a funeral, we keep vigil by praying with family and friends for the repose of the soul of the deceased.
  
- B 6. Understand and experience Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction.
  
- B 7. Understand and experience how to lead Morning and Evening Prayer from the Divine Office at school or at home.
  
- B 8. Know how to make an examination of conscience and participate in the Rite of Penance.

Ch. 16;  
F&S: Advent, Lent;  
OCH: Prayer

Ch. 14



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**Concept 5: Liturgical Symbols**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the pall covering the casket at a funeral and the blessing with holy water remind us of Christ’s promise of eternal life through the Sacrament of Baptism.
  
- B 2. Know that we incense the casket at a Christian funeral during the final farewell.
  
- B 3. Know that the Easter paschal candle is used for funeral liturgies.

**STRAND 5: Morality**

**Concept 1: Life in Christ**

Students will:

- B 1. Understand and apply the great commandment to love God and others in our daily relationships.
  
- B 2. Know that our attitudes toward our neighbor reflect our acceptance or refusal of grace.
  
- B 3. Know that rejection of God’s grace and love can lead to our condemnation.
  
- B 4. Know that freedom is not just doing what we want but doing what is right.

OCH: The Ten Commandments:  
Love of Neighbor

Ch. 11

Ch. 15;  
OCH: Sin and Mercy

**Concept 2: Beatitudes**

Students will:

- B 1. Know that the Beatitudes are the heart of Christian teaching.
  
- B 2. Understand how to live the Beatitudes in our daily lives.

Ch. 7;  
OCH: The Beatitudes

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OCH: The Beatitudes

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LUP..... Let Us Pray

OCH..... Our Catholic Heritage  
FIA..... Faith in Action

**Concept 3: Commandments**

Students will:

B 1. Know that we are meant to love God above all things.

B 2. Know that indifference toward God and denial of the existence of God (atheism) are opposed to the First Commandment.

B 3. Know that in addition to participation at Mass, we can sanctify the Lord’s day by prayer, visiting the sick ,helping the poor and spending time with the family.

B 4. Know that the Fourth Commandment provides one of the foundations for the Church’s social doctrine.

B 5. Know that although innocent human life can never be deliberately taken, there is a legitimate right of self defense for the individual and society.

B 6. Know that the Sixth Commandment teaches that homosexual acts (not tendencies) are gravely sinful.

B 7. Know that discrimination against homosexual persons must be avoided.

B 8. Know that the Seventh Commandment teaches that we are called to show a preferential love for the poor.

OCH: The Ten Commandments: Love of God; The Ten Commandments: Love of Neighbor

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OCH: The Ten Commandments: Love of God; The Ten Commandments: Love of Neighbor

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B 9. Know that the Eighth Commandment teaches that we are to keep personal and professional confidences.

OCH: The Ten Commandments: Love of God; The Ten Commandments: Love of Neighbor

B 10. Know that the Ninth Commandment teaches that we will promote a culture free of eroticism, voyeurism and illusion.

OCH: The Ten Commandments: Love of God; The Ten Commandments: Love of Neighbor

B 11. Know that the Tenth Commandment teaches that we live for the kingdom of heaven and must be detached from material things.

OCH: The Ten Commandments: Love of God; The Ten Commandments: Love of Neighbor

**Concept 4: Catholic Social Teaching**

Students will:

B 1. Know that unjust social situations are improved by conversion of heart and changing the unjust situation.

Ch. 19;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 2. Know that natural law is written on the heart of each person and forms the basis for a just society.

Ch. 19;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 3. Know the major themes of Catholic social teaching.

Ch. 19;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 4. Know that we are called to foster dignity, prosperity and peace for all.

Ch. 19;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 5. Know the importance of human sexuality.

Ch. 19;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 6. Know that we must be committed to the common good.

Ch. 19;  
OCH: Social Justice

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B 7. Know that the common good is achieved through the protection of the rights of others.

Ch. 19;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 8. Know that the family is the original nucleus of social life.

Ch. 19;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 9. Know that we are responsible to one another, our families and to society at large.

Ch. 19;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 10. Know, identify and recognize the needs of the poor and vulnerable in our communities and in the world.

Ch. 19;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 11. Know that the Church teaches that everyone is entitled to a just wage and benefits.

Ch. 19;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 12. Know that every person has a right to private property.

Ch. 19;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 13. Know what it means to respect the basic rights of others.

Ch. 19;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 14. Know the meaning of social sin.

Ch. 19;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 15. Know that when one member of the Body of Christ suffers, all suffer.

Ch. 19;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 16. Understand the importance of care for God's creation.

Ch. 19;  
OCH: Social Justice

## Concept 5: Church Law

Students will:

B 1. Know that the *Code of Canon Law* is the body of laws that govern the Church.

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B 2. Know that Church law teaches that we should not miss Mass on Sunday and holy days of obligation; this obligation is fulfilled by attending Mass the evening before.

OCH: The Ten Commandments: Love of Neighbor

**Concept 6: Conscience**

Students will:

B 1. Understand that our conscience leads us to know and long for God.

OCH: Conscience

B 2. Know that the Holy Spirit guides us to set our hearts on the Kingdom of God rather than on material riches.

OCH: Conscience

B 3. Know that our conscience is a judgment of reason that helps us to recognize the moral quality of each action.

OCH: Conscience

B 4. Know that without a sense of sin and an awareness of God’s love, it is impossible to find conversion and forgiveness.

OCH: Conscience

**Concept 7: Sin and Forgiveness**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the result of original sin is ignorance, suffering and death.

OCH: Faith and Sin

B 2. Know that God’s love triumphs over all evil and pain.

OCH: Faith and Sin

B 3. Identify which acts are mortal sins and require sacramental confession.

OCH: Faith and Sin

B 4. Know that sin upsets our relationship with God.

OCH: Faith and Sin

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B 5. Know that the power to forgive sins is a great gift of Christ to the Church.

OCH: Faith and Sin

B 6. Know that God always forgives us.

OCH: Faith and Sin

**STRAND 6: Prayer and Spirituality**

**Concept 1: Overview of Prayer and Spirituality**

Students will:

B 1. Understand that prayer is a way of life.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

B 2. Know that prayer can lead to inner peacefulness even when life's experiences are difficult.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

B 3. Understand the importance of prayer in any of its forms as something to be consciously experienced every day.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

B 4. Know that prayer arises out of the gift of God's love.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

B 5. Know that Christian prayer is a communion of love with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

B 6. Know that Christians pray the way Jesus prayed.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

**Concept 2: Forms of Prayer**

Students will:

B 1. Know that prayers of blessing are used to bless God for the gifts he has bestowed upon us.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

B 2. Know that the Lord's Prayer is the most perfect of prayers.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

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B 3. Know each part of the Lord’s Prayer and its meaning for our lives.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

**Concept 3: Expressions of Prayer**

Students will:

B 1. Know that vocal prayer associates the body with the interior prayer of the heart, following Christ’s example of praying to His Father.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

B 2. Know that contemplation is a quiet prayer that gifts us with an awareness of God’s presence within us.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

B 3. Know that meditation, reflecting on God’s word, helps us understand God’s revelation and the purpose of the Christian life and how it should be lived.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
OCH: Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

**Concept 4: Prayers of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Know that the Liturgy of the Hours is a public prayer of the Church that Catholics of all states in life may pray.

Ch. 16;  
OCH: Lent, Prayer

B 2. Know that the Stations of the Cross help us to visit and pray at the places where Jesus lived, suffered, died and rose from the dead.

Ch. 12;  
LUP;  
OCH: Lent, Prayer

B 3. Know that the Church has four forms for Eucharistic Prayers used during the Mass.

Ch. 2, 6

B 4. Know that the Divine Praises are a part of the Exposition of the Eucharist.

B 5. Know that the Litany of the Saints honors the saints of the Church and is included within various liturgical services.

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## STRAND 7: Ecclesiology of the Catholic Church

### Concept 1: Marks of the Church

Students will:

- B 1. Explain how the four marks are expressed in the life of the Church.
- B 2. Explain how the Church is a living sign to the world of salvation in Christ.

Ch. 3, 6,  
 OCH: The Church  
 Ch. 20

### Concept 2: Images of the Church

Students will:

- B 1. Identify images of the Church (Body of Christ, a cultivated field, the building of God) as found in *Lumen Gentium* (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church), the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and other Church documents.

Ch. 1, 4

### Concept 3: History of the Church

Students will:

- B 1. Identify the various types of infallibility exercised within the Church.
- B 2. Know that the dogma of papal infallibility was formally defined at the First Vatican Council.
- B 3. Understand the growth of Catholicism in the United States.
- B 4. Understand the concepts of *aggiornamento* and *resourcement* as they apply to the work of the Second Vatican Council.
- B 5. Identify full, conscious and active participation in the life of the Church as a major theme of the Second Vatican Council.

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B 6. Explain the changes to the liturgy called for by the Second Vatican Council.

**Concept 4: Hierarchical Structures of the Church**

Students will:

B 1. Explain how the diocesan curia is organized by departments and offices to help carry out the ministry of the bishop to teach, govern and sanctify.

B 2. Know that the activities of the diocesan curia are funded by the Annual *Catholic Services Appeal* (ACSA).

B 3. Identify ways in which our parish benefits from the services of the diocesan curia.

**Concept 5: Mary, Mother of God**

Students will:

B 1. Understand and explain various titles and apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

B 2. Know that Mary remained a virgin in conceiving her Son by the power of the Holy Spirit.

B3. Know that Mary cooperated with Christ in the work of redemption.

**Concept 6: Lives of the Saints**

Students will:

B 1. Know the stories of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the North American Martyrs, St. Angela Merici, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Katharine Drexel, Servant of God Fr. Augustus Tolton, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Pope John XXIII, Servant of God Dorothy Day, Bl. Theresa of Calcutta and St. Pope John Paul II.

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## STRAND 8: Parish Life and Mission

### Concept 1: Liturgical Life

Students will:

B 1. Know that Christ is present in the gathering of the faithful at Mass.

Ch. 10;  
OCH: The Mass

B 2. Know that full, conscious and active participation in the Eucharist includes our participation in responses, songs, prayers, silence and gestures.

Ch. 10;  
OCH: The Mass

### Concept 2: Lifelong Faith Formation

Students will:

B 1. Know that life-long participation in a parish includes regularly attending Mass, receiving the sacraments, praying together and ongoing faith formation.

OCH: The Ten Commandments:  
Love of Neighbor

B 2. Know that ongoing faith formation (catechesis) prepares us for Christian discipleship.

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B 3. Know that retreat experiences call us to set aside time away from our daily lives to grow in our faith.

Ch. 20

### Concept 3: Parish Ministries

Students will:

B 1. Understand that life as a confirmed Catholic requires active, life-long participation in a parish.

Ch. 18;  
FIA: Ch. 1-20;  
OCH: The Ten Commandments:  
Love of Neighbor

B 2. Know the various ministries in our parish and actively participate in one of them.

Ch. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20;  
FIA: Ch. 1-20

B 3. Understand that stewardship in parish life is giving our time, talent and treasure as a response of gratitude to the blessings God gives to us.

OCH: Social Justice

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B 4. Understand that stewardship is a spiritual commitment that requires taking responsibility for global environmental and human concerns.

Ch. 19;  
OCH: Social Justice

B 5. Know that in her ministries, the Church has always demonstrated a preferential love of the poor.

Ch. 19;  
OCH: Social Justice

**Concept 4: Evangelization**

Students will:

B 1. Know that evangelization takes place in our daily lives as we bring our faith to the world and world to our faith.

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B 2. Know that the Church’s mission of evangelization calls us into a loving relationship with the whole world.

Ch. 20

B 3. Know specific ways that we can evangelize in our world.

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**Concept 5: Ecumenism and Interfaith Dialog**

Students will:

B 1. Understand that ecumenism and dialogue are evangelizing works of the Church in the task of creating unity and peace in the world.

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B 2. Understand how ecumenism and dialogue are important aspects of working toward unity and peace in the world.

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B 3. Identify the life of present day Judaism as organized around the synagogue and rabbi.

B 4. Describe how anti-Semitism began and how Catholics should not engage in any form of anti-Semitism today.

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**STRAND 9: Vocation**

**Concept 1: Universal Call to Holiness**

Students will:

B 1. Know that Baptism calls us to service that is inherent to life in the Church.

Ch. 2, 18, 20;  
OCH: Easter, Saraments of Christian Initiation

B 2. Understand that every baptized Catholic has a specific call from the Holy Spirit to be lived in the life of the Church.

Ch. 2, 18, 20;  
OCH: Easter, Saraments of Christian Initiation

B 3. Know that the different calls in the Church include the vocations of married, religious, ordained and single.

Ch. 2, 18, 20;  
OCH: Easter, Saraments of Christian Initiation

B 4. Explain how every vocation when it conforms to the will of God can be used for the good of the Church and its mission.

Ch. 2, 18, 20;  
OCH: Easter, Saraments of Christian Initiation

B 5. Explain how we might begin to know through our talents and interests how our vocations might unfold in the Church.

Ch. 2, 18; FIA: Ch. 1-20;  
OCH: Saraments of Christian Initiation

B 6. Know that discernment of our talents and interests involves prayer, reflective listening and dialogue with others regarding decisions made with the direction of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Ch. 2, 18, 20;  
OCH: Easter, Saraments of Christian Initiation

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**Concept 2: Ordained Life**

Students will:

B 1. Know that priests are ordained to serve as co-workers with the bishop in serving the community.

B 2. Know that through the ordained ministry, especially that of bishops and priests, the presence of Christ as head of the Church is made visible in the midst of the community of believers.

B 3. Know that the priesthood reaches its high point in the celebration of the Eucharist.

B 4. Know that the Church confers the sacrament of Holy Orders only on baptized men.

B 5. Know that priests remain celibate to give themselves more fully to the service of the Church.

Ch. 18;  
OCH: Sacraments at the Service of Communion

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**Concept 3: Consecrated and Religious Life**

Students will:

B 1. Understand how religious sisters and brothers model their lives and ideals after other religious persons such as St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Mother Guerin and Thomas Merton.

B 2. Describe how the apostolic religious orders have established hospitals, confraternity centers, orphanages, schools, homeless shelters, food pantries, etc.

B 3. Know that contemplative religious engage in prayer as well as other works of the Church such as gardening and producing altar bread, religious gifts, food items, etc.

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**Concept 4: Lay Vocations**

Students will:

B 1. Describe the difference between vocation and career.

B 2. Know that many religious orders have a program for the laity called the Associates.

B 3. Know that Associates join the religious communities in preaching the Gospel message through their vocation or career.

B 4. Know that the missionary life is a call in the Church that can be lived by the laity.

Ch. 20;  
OCH: Easter

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OCH: Easter