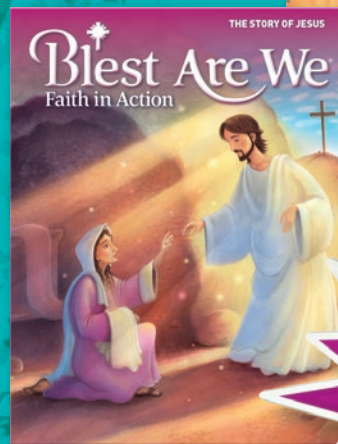
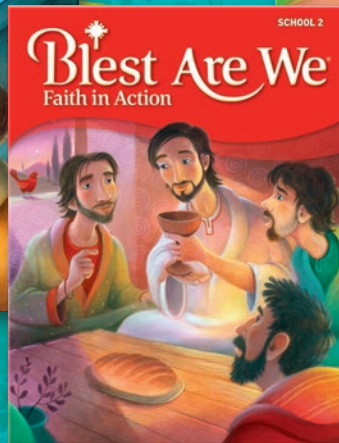


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Faith in Action

Scope & Sequence

SCHOOL PROGRAM
Grades K-8



Unit Theme	What Catholics Believe
<p>Unit 1 God Creates the World Children will realize that all creation is a gift from God, who creates out of a deep and an abiding love.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God Creates the Earth and Skies 2. God Creates the Animals 3. God Creates People 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God always sees the good in creation. • The beauty God created exists everywhere. • All of creation gives praise to God. Alleluia! • We are made in God's image and likeness.
<p>Unit 2 God's Love Makes Me Who I Am Children will realize that their bodies, talents, feelings, and senses are gifts from a loving God.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. God Creates Me 5. God Gives Me Feelings 6. God Gives Us Senses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our loving God created our bodies and gave us feelings. • God's love for us makes us special. • Our five senses are a gift from God.
<p>Unit 3 God Gives Us Loving People Children will realize that God gives them many people to love—families, friends, teachers, neighbors, and community members.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. God Gives Us a Family 8. God Gives Us Friends 9. God Gives Us Teachers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God has given us special people who love and care for us. • God wants us to be good friends to one another. • Good neighbors show God's love.
<p>Unit 4 Jesus Comes to Us Children will realize that God gives us Jesus, who teaches us to love God, ourselves, and others.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Jesus Is Born 11. Jesus Gathers Friends 12. Jesus Tells Stories 13. Jesus Gives Thanks 14. Jesus Celebrates 15. Jesus Lives Love 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus is the greatest sign of God's love. • The Church is made up of the People of God, friends of Jesus. • Jesus told stories to tell us about God's love. We read these stories in the Bible. • Prayer is a response of thanksgiving for God's love. • When we celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus is present. • Celebrating Mass strengthens us to love and serve the Lord.
<p>Unit 5 Jesus Shares God's Love Children will celebrate God's love for them and their own love for Jesus and others.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16. God Loves Us 17. We Are God's Children 18. We Love Others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's love for us is everlasting. • The Sacrament of Baptism makes us children of God and members of the Church for all eternity. • Jesus is the Son of God. He came to show us love. • We are to be like Jesus and love others.
<p>Unit 6 We Follow Jesus Children will recognize that God's love is forever and that we respond to that love by talking to God in prayer.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 19. Jesus Helps Us Say We Are Sorry 20. The Holy Spirit Helps Us 21. Jesus Taught Us to Pray 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is One God in Three Divine Persons. • We are followers of Jesus when we love God and other people. • The Holy Spirit helps and guides us. • God wants us to talk to him through prayer.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water (one of God’s most precious gifts) is a sacramental sign of God’s presence in our lives. • We sing praise to God our Creator. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We care for all created things to show our love for God. • We love one another as God’s creation. • We learn from the saints how to care for God’s gifts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We thank and praise God for his wonderful gifts to us. • We learn to pray a litany of praise. • We use Bible stories to help us pray.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Mass we use our five senses to worship God. • Sacramentals enhance our worship by engaging our senses. • We use the talents God gave us to praise him. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We use our talents to help others. • We learn to identify our feelings and share them with others. • We use our senses to discover God’s world. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We thank God that we are wonderfully made. • We pray with hymns and psalms. • We use our voices and bodies to pray.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We gather as family and friends to worship God, our loving Father. • We give and receive love. • We listen to God’s messages from the Bible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We live as good neighbors who help others. • We cooperate with one another. • We respect friends from all different countries, from all over the world. • We learn from the saints how to share God’s love. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We thank God for our families, friends, and teachers. • We ask God to help us be good friends and neighbors. • We pray using movements and gestures.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We use special prayers, signs, and objects to worship God. • We listen to stories about Jesus at Mass. (The Gospel Acclamation is introduced.) • The Mass is a prayer of thanks for God’s love. (The word <i>Eucharist</i> is introduced.) • At Mass, the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We can be signs of God’s love. • We gather with our parish community to listen to God’s Word in the Bible. • We celebrate God’s unconditional love for each of us. • We show our love for Jesus by loving others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We offer prayers to God in Jesus’ name. • We learn to pray the Sign of the Cross. • We learn to pray the Mass responses. • Prayer helps us put faith into action. It is a way of being.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus gave us special celebrations (Sacraments) to share God’s love with us. • We celebrate Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist as the foundation for every Christian’s life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we become members of the Catholic Church. • We tell Bible stories to remind us of how Jesus wants us to live. • We follow the examples of Jesus and Mary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We pray with candles to remind us of Jesus, the Light of the World. • We pray with joy and give thanks for all God’s blessings. • We pray together as children of God. • We pray the name of Jesus.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We worship God through everyday acts of love. • We show our love for God by praying at Mass and on our own. • We praise God for his many good gifts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We love God and care for others. • We rely on the Holy Spirit as our guide, teacher, and helper. • We show our love for God and ask for what we need through prayer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We pray to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. • We learn the Our Father and the Five-Finger prayer. • We pray for ourselves and for others.

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<p>Unit 1 Our Church Community</p> <p>With our families we belong to our Church community. We come together to thank and praise God. We care for one another's needs.</p>	<p>1. We Belong to Jesus' Church The Catholic Church is the community of people who follow Jesus.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Rose of Lima</p> <p>Scripture The Good Shepherd</p> <p>Prayer The Sign of the Cross</p> <p>Faith in Action Caring and Sharing</p>
<p>Unit 2 Our Loving God</p> <p>Jesus taught us that we are all God's special children. God has given us the gift of his wonderful creation. We thank God for all the gifts we have received.</p>	<p>5. God Is Our Loving Father God created all things to show his love for us.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Francis of Assisi</p> <p>Scripture God Creates the World</p> <p>Prayer Thank You, God!</p> <p>Faith in Action Church Groundskeepers</p>
<p>Unit 3 God's Son, Jesus</p> <p>God's greatest gift to us is his Son, Jesus. Jesus showed us how to be a child of God. Jesus taught us how to care about one another.</p>	<p>9. Jesus Is God's Son God sent his own Son, Jesus, to be our Savior.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Joseph (foster father of Jesus)</p> <p>Scripture The Good News</p> <p>Prayer A Good News Echo Prayer</p> <p>Faith in Action Shawl Ministry</p>
<p>Unit 4 The Holy Spirit</p> <p>Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit to help us live as Jesus' followers. Sometimes it is hard to know what God wants us to do. We can pray to the Holy Spirit for help.</p>	<p>13. Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit The Holy Spirit helps us and guides us.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Dominic Savio</p> <p>Scripture A Special Helper</p> <p>Prayer Glory Be</p> <p>Faith in Action Parents</p>
<p>Unit 5 Jesus' Church of Followers</p> <p>The Catholic Church throughout the world helps people in need. These people are our brothers and sisters. As baptized Christians, we are called to love and serve others.</p>	<p>17. Jesus' Followers Become the Church We are true Christians when we have faith and show love to others.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Peter (the Apostle)</p> <p>Scripture The First Christians</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Faith</p> <p>Faith in Action Christian Service Committee</p>

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<p>2. We Gather to Celebrate Mass Jesus is with us when we gather to pray in our parish church.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint John Neumann</p> <p>Worship We Gather Together</p> <p>Prayer A Blessing Prayer</p> <p>Faith in Action Church Decorating</p>	<p>3. God’s Word Teaches Us The Bible is the written Word of God that teaches us how to love God and others.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Augustine of Hippo</p> <p>Scripture A Man Learns About God</p> <p>Prayer A Listening Prayer</p> <p>Faith in Action Priests and Deacons</p>	<p>4. We Give Praise to God Prayers of praise celebrate the goodness of God.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Benedict</p> <p>Scripture Praise God!</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Praise</p> <p>Faith in Action Children’s Choir</p>
<p>6. Baptism Is a Wonderful Gift Baptism is a celebration of welcome into the Catholic Church.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Kateri Tekakwitha</p> <p>Worship Baptism Welcomes Us</p> <p>Prayer Praying with Holy Water</p> <p>Faith in Action Welcoming New Members</p>	<p>7. God Made Us to Be Good and Holy We are good and holy when we love God, ourselves, and other people.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton</p> <p>Scripture A Man Questions Jesus</p> <p>Prayer Praying with Movement</p> <p>Faith in Action Parish Greeters</p>	<p>8. We Give Thanks to God Jesus teaches us to thank God, our Father, for all his gifts.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Isidore the Farmer</p> <p>Scripture God Is a Good Father</p> <p>Prayer A Thank You Prayer</p> <p>Faith in Action Midnight Run</p>
<p>10. We Celebrate the Gift of Eucharist Jesus shares himself with us today in the Eucharist.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Katharine Drexel</p> <p>Worship A Special Meal</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Adoration</p> <p>Faith in Action Special Helpers at Mass</p>	<p>11. Jesus Teaches Us About Forgiveness God never stops loving us, and is always ready to forgive us.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint John Vianney</p> <p>Scripture Jesus Forgives</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for God’s Mercy</p> <p>Faith in Action Secretary and Custodian</p>	<p>12. We Pray with God’s Word When we pray with Gospel stories, we grow closer to Jesus.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Mark (the Evangelist)</p> <p>Scripture The Prayer of Jesus</p> <p>Prayer A Thank You Prayer</p> <p>Faith in Action Praying with Scripture</p>
<p>14. We Celebrate the Gift of the Holy Spirit We receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacraments.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Turibius (bishop of Lima, Peru)</p> <p>Worship The Gift of the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer to the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Faith in Action Altar Servers</p>	<p>15. The Holy Spirit Is Our Helper The Fruits of the Holy Spirit are signs that he is acting in our lives.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Paul</p> <p>Scripture A Letter from Paul</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for the Holy Spirit’s Help</p> <p>Faith in Action Youth Group</p>	<p>16. The Holy Spirit Helps Us Pray The Holy Spirit teaches us to pray in many ways.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Clare</p> <p>Scripture A Special Teacher</p> <p>Prayer A Holy Spirit Procession</p> <p>Faith in Action Teachers</p>
<p>18. We Celebrate Pentecost Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Francis Xavier</p> <p>Worship The Church’s Birthday</p> <p>Prayer A Quiet Prayer</p> <p>Faith in Action Lectors</p>	<p>19. The Church Helps the World Catholics love and serve people all over the world.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Teresa of Calcutta</p> <p>Scripture The Need for Helpers</p> <p>Prayer Saying “Yes” to God</p> <p>Faith in Action Rosary for Peace</p>	<p>20. We Pray with Holy Songs Singing hymns, or holy songs, can help us lift our hearts to God.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Cecilia (martyr)</p> <p>Scripture Songs of the First Christians</p> <p>Prayer A Song of Praise and Thanks</p> <p>Faith in Action Music Director</p>

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<p>Unit 1 We Gather as Believers</p> <p>Our parish community comes together each week. We give praise and thanks to God and we celebrate our faith.</p>	<p>1. Our Church Welcomes Us The Church welcomes us as the People of God.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Matthew</p> <p>Scripture A Warm Welcome</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Thanksgiving</p> <p>Faith in Action Sharing Hospitality</p>
<p>Unit 2 We Ask God's Forgiveness</p> <p>God is always ready to forgive us when we sin. God calls us to be sorry for the wrongs we have done. He wants us to forgive others who have wronged us.</p>	<p>5. Choosing Good God gives us free choice.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Peter of Saint Joseph Betancur</p> <p>Scripture The Forgiving Father</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Action</p> <p>Faith in Action Parish Council</p>
<p>Unit 3 We Celebrate the Word of God</p> <p>The Gospels tell us the message of Jesus. When we listen to the Scripture readings, we are taught the way of the Gospel. We are inspired to live as true followers of Jesus.</p>	<p>9. We Learn About God's Love In the Bible, we learn about God's love for all of creation.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Angela Merici</p> <p>Scripture God Loves All Creation</p> <p>Prayer A Psalm About Creation</p> <p>Faith in Action Green Thumbs Committee</p>
<p>Unit 4 We Celebrate the Gift of Eucharist</p> <p>God the Father's greatest gift to us is his only Son, Jesus Christ. We celebrate the Eucharist to praise and thank God for this gift. We celebrate to share more fully in the life of Christ.</p>	<p>13. Jesus Saves Us from Sin Through the sacrifice of Jesus, we have new life.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Elizabeth of Hungary</p> <p>Scripture Jesus Gives Up His Life</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Faith</p> <p>Faith in Action Welcome Ministry</p>
<p>Unit 5 We Go in Peace</p> <p>Made strong by the Eucharist, we work to be more like Christ in all we do. We can help others know about Jesus by the way we treat them.</p>	<p>17. God Gives Us the Holy Spirit The Holy Spirit is our helper, guide, and teacher.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Catherine of Siena</p> <p>Scripture The Special Gifts</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer to the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Faith in Action Principal</p>

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<p>2. We Belong to the Church In Baptism we become the children of God.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Josephine Bakhita</p> <p>Worship The Sacrament of Baptism</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Petition</p> <p>Faith in Action Godparents</p>	<p>3. Our Church Shows Us How to Live The saints show us how to become holy.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Peter Claver</p> <p>Scripture The Real Hero</p> <p>Prayer Praying a Litany</p> <p>Faith in Action Classroom Parents</p>	<p>4. We Praise and Thank God We offer prayers of praise and thanks to God.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Pope Saint Gregory the Great</p> <p>Scripture King David Gives Thanks</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Praise and Thanks</p> <p>Faith in Action School Choir</p>
<p>6. Celebrate God's Forgiveness The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation helps us celebrate God's forgiveness.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Edith Stein</p> <p>Worship Making Up</p> <p>Prayer A Reconciliation Prayer</p> <p>Faith in Action A Parish Priest</p>	<p>7. We Think About Our Choices The Ten Commandments help us examine our conscience.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Andrew the Apostle</p> <p>Scripture The Ten Commandments</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for Forgiveness</p> <p>Faith in Action Community Outreach</p>	<p>8. We Say We Are Sorry The Holy Spirit helps us to change for the better.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saints Elizabeth and Zechariah</p> <p>Scripture Return to God</p> <p>Prayer An Act of Contrition</p> <p>Faith in Action Sacristan</p>
<p>10. We Listen to God's Word In the Liturgy of the Word, we learn how to follow Jesus.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Hilary of Poitiers</p> <p>Worship A Story About Listening</p> <p>Prayer A Responsorial Psalm</p> <p>Faith in Action Lectors</p>	<p>11. We Act on God's Word We are to show our love for God by serving others.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Vincent de Paul</p> <p>Scripture How Christians Act</p> <p>Prayer A Listening Prayer</p> <p>Faith in Action Youth Ministry</p>	<p>12. We Pray with God's Word When we pray, we trust God to care for others' needs.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Paula Montal Fornés</p> <p>Scripture Jesus Teaches About Prayer</p> <p>Prayer Prayer of the Faithful</p> <p>Faith in Action Prayer Groups</p>
<p>14. We Receive the Gift of Jesus In the Eucharist we remember the life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Teresa of the Andes</p> <p>Worship The Gift of Eucharist</p> <p>Prayer Praying with a Gospel Story</p> <p>Faith in Action Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</p>	<p>15. We Carry On the Work of Jesus By showing love for others, we show love for God.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Marianne Cope of Molokai</p> <p>Scripture Jesus and the Little Girl</p> <p>Prayer A Thumb Prayer for Others</p> <p>Faith in Action School Nurse</p>	<p>16. We Pray Like Jesus Jesus gave us the Lord's Prayer.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Francis Solano</p> <p>Scripture The Prayer of Jesus</p> <p>Prayer A Community Prayer</p> <p>Faith in Action Religion Teachers</p>
<p>18. We Celebrate Peace and Service We learn about the Sacraments at the Service of Communion.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Anthony of Padua</p> <p>Worship The Sign of Peace</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Thanks</p> <p>Faith in Action Ushers</p>	<p>19. We Work for Peace and Justice Jesus taught us to treat others fairly.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Catherine of Alexandria</p> <p>Scripture The First Followers of Jesus</p> <p>Prayer A Signing Prayer</p> <p>Faith in Action School Staff</p>	<p>20. We Go Forth in the Holy Spirit We pray for God's blessings on others.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne</p> <p>Scripture God's Grace and Blessing</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Blessing</p> <p>Faith in Action Sharing With Others</p>

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<p>Unit 1 The Church Is One</p> <p>Our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ brings us together. As Catholics, we are also brought together by the Sacraments, which make our faith strong.</p>	<p>1. The Holy Spirit Guides Us The Holy Spirit helps us live our Christian faith.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Peter and Saint Paul, the Apostles</p> <p>Scripture Story Saint Paul's Message</p> <p>Prayer A Petition Prayer for God's Church</p> <p>Faith in Action Teachers</p>
<p>Unit 2 The Church Is Holy</p> <p>We meet the Lord Jesus Christ in his work that we read about in the Gospels. We learn to be the likeness of God our Father. We do this through the love we receive from his divine Son.</p>	<p>5. Jesus Forgives and Heals As Christians, we are to act with compassion toward others.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Francis of Assisi</p> <p>Scripture Story Jesus Cures a Sick Man</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Petition</p> <p>Faith in Action The Parish Council</p>
<p>Unit 3 The Church Is Catholic</p> <p>Jesus taught us that God is the Father of all. Our Church welcomes all God's children.</p>	<p>9. Open to All The Catholic Church welcomes all people.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Katharine Drexel</p> <p>Scripture Story The Samaritan Woman</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for Guidance</p> <p>Faith in Action Ministers of Hospitality</p>
<p>Unit 4 The Church Is Apostolic</p> <p>For the past two thousand years, the Church has spread throughout the world. It is faithful to the teachings of the Apostles, who were taught by Jesus.</p>	<p>13. The Mission of the Church Christ calls us to share his Good News with others.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Joachina de Vedruna de Mas</p> <p>Scripture Story Jesus Sends the Apostles</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Belief</p> <p>Faith in Action World Mission Work</p>
<p>Unit 5 The Church Has a Mission to the World</p> <p>The Catholic Church is a sign of the justice and peace of God's kingdom in this world and in the world to come.</p>	<p>17. Signs of God's Kingdom We are called to be signs of God's kingdom in the world.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Pauline of the Agonizing Heart of Jesus</p> <p>Scripture Story Jesus Describes God's Kingdom</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Petition</p> <p>Faith in Action Christian Churches Working Together</p>

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<p>2. The Church Welcomes Us The Church welcomes us with the Sacraments of Christian Initiation.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Frances Cabrini</p> <p>Worship Our Welcoming Church</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Initiation</p> <p>Faith in Action Confirmation Sponsor</p>	<p>3. We Show Love for Others We show our love for God by loving others.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Martin of Tours</p> <p>Scripture Story The Paralyzed Beggar</p> <p>Prayer A Meditation Prayer</p> <p>Faith in Action Christian Service</p>	<p>4. Jesus Teaches Us to Pray Jesus teaches us to pray the Lord's Prayer.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Blessed Maria Dominica Mantovani</p> <p>Scripture Story The Lord's Prayer</p> <p>Prayer Prayers of Sharing</p> <p>Faith in Action Prayer Groups</p>
<p>6. The Sacraments of Healing Jesus heals and forgives us in the Sacraments of Healing.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Jeanne Jugan</p> <p>Worship An Invitation from God</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Sorrow</p> <p>Faith in Action Helping People Who Are Grieving</p>	<p>7. Jesus Teaches Us How to Love The Great Commandment tells us to love God above all things.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint María Maravillas de Jesús</p> <p>Scripture Story Jesus Fulfills God's Word</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Petition</p> <p>Faith in Action School Youth Groups</p>	<p>8. We Pray to the Holy Spirit God sends his Holy Spirit to guide us.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Patrick</p> <p>Scripture Story The Man Who Would Not Quit</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer to the Holy Trinity</p> <p>Faith in Action A Parish Priest</p>
<p>10. We Gather for Mass God calls us together to celebrate the gift of his Son.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Genoveva Torres Morales</p> <p>Worship The Lord's Day</p> <p>Prayer The Gloria</p> <p>Faith in Action Altar Servers</p>	<p>11. We Serve Others We are called to share the Good News with others.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Vincent Ferrer</p> <p>Scripture Story Philip and the Ethiopian</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Praise</p> <p>Faith in Action Maintenance Workers</p>	<p>12. We Pray for All People The Holy Spirit makes Jesus Christ known in the world.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Juan Diego</p> <p>Scripture Story The Fire at Pentecost</p> <p>Prayer A Litany for Mary</p> <p>Faith in Action Family Rosary Groups</p>
<p>14. Commitment God calls us to serve others in different ways.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Joseph</p> <p>Worship We Are Called to Serve</p> <p>Prayer A Vocation Prayer</p> <p>Faith in Action Visions</p>	<p>15. We Use Our Talents We are called to use our talents to serve others.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Angela of the Cross Guerrero</p> <p>Scripture Story The Apostles' Mission</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Commitment</p> <p>Faith in Action Music Teacher</p>	<p>16. We Pray for Faith Catholics share the faith of the Apostles.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Bernadette</p> <p>Scripture Story Stephen Is Called to Serve</p> <p>Prayer We Pray the Apostles' Creed</p> <p>Faith in Action Earth Stewardship Committee</p>
<p>18. We Are Called to Serve We share blessings as a way of spreading the Good News.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Benedict the Black</p> <p>Worship We Pray Through the Day</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Blessing</p> <p>Faith in Action Communion Ministry to the Sick</p>	<p>19. Witnesses for Justice and Peace We are called to respond to the suffering of others.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint José María de Yermo y Parres</p> <p>Scripture Story The Good Samaritan</p> <p>Prayer A Litany for Peace</p> <p>Faith in Action Mothers' Prayer Group</p>	<p>20. The Church Prays for World Peace We are called to work for justice and to be peacemakers.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Blessed Mother Teresa</p> <p>Scripture Story Zacchaeus the Tax Collector</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for World Peace</p> <p>Faith in Action Peacemakers</p>

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<p>Unit 1 The Goodness of God</p> <p>God’s goodness shines forth in his creation and in his constant care. After he led the Hebrew people out of Egypt, God gave them his law on Mount Sinai. In the Ten Commandments, we see God’s concern for his people.</p>	<p>1. God’s Goodness God reveals himself to be One God in Three Divine Persons.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Thomas Aquinas</p> <p>Scripture The Story of Creation</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Praise</p> <p>Faith in Action Good Stewards</p>
<p>Unit 2 Jesus Is the Son of God</p> <p>Through his life and teaching, Jesus showed us what it means to be made in the image of God. Through his Death and Resurrection, Christ gave us a share in his divine life forever.</p>	<p>5. Jesus, the Image of God Jesus shows us how to love others as God loves us.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Catherine of Bologna</p> <p>Scripture Story The Crucifixion</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Reflection</p> <p>Faith in Action The Cursillo Movement</p>
<p>Unit 3 The Holy Spirit</p> <p>The Holy Spirit gave the first disciples the courage to preach about Jesus Christ and to build up the Church with new members. The Holy Spirit enables us to become witnesses to the same faith.</p>	<p>9. The Holy Spirit Guides Us The Holy Spirit guides us in making choices that show God’s goodness.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Francis Solano</p> <p>Scripture Story Jesus Promises to Send the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Intercession</p> <p>Faith in Action Youth Ministers</p>
<p>Unit 4 The Church</p> <p>The Church spread rapidly in the first century. Disciples such as Saint Paul preached the Gospel and established communities around the Mediterranean world that became centers of a new sense of justice and worship.</p>	<p>13. Sacraments in the Church The Church celebrates the Sacraments so that we can fully encounter Christ’s presence.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne</p> <p>Scripture Story One Body, Many Parts</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for the Body of Christ</p> <p>Faith in Action The Parish Liturgy Committee</p>
<p>Unit 5 Social Justice</p> <p>Jesus taught that the way to holiness is to serve others. Today the Church is dedicated to serving the poor and disadvantaged throughout the world.</p>	<p>17. Called by Baptism We share Christ’s role as Priest, Prophet, and King with those who are baptized.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Louis IX</p> <p>Scripture Story The Light of the World</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer Before a Crucifix</p> <p>Faith in Action Ministries to the Unemployed</p>

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<p>2. Praise and Thanksgiving It is right to give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Pius X</p> <p>Worship We Give Thanks and Praise</p> <p>Prayer A Praise and Thanks Prayer</p> <p>Faith in Action Altar Servers</p>	<p>3. The Ten Commandments The Ten Commandments guide us in serving the one true God.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Justa</p> <p>Scripture Story The Ten Commandments</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Petition</p> <p>Faith in Action Teachers</p>	<p>4. The Lord's Prayer We follow the message of selflessness by praying the Lord's Prayer.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Peter of Alcantara</p> <p>Scripture Story The Lord's Prayer</p> <p>Prayer Signing the Lord's Prayer</p> <p>Faith in Action Music Ministry</p>
<p>6. Baptism in Christ In Baptism we are united with Christ and the Church.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint John the Baptist</p> <p>Worship The Sacrament of Baptism</p> <p>Prayer Our Profession of Faith</p> <p>Faith in Action Godparents</p>	<p>7. The Beatitudes The Beatitudes are paths to happiness and to God's kingdom.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Matthew</p> <p>Scripture Story The Beatitudes</p> <p>Prayer A Scripture Prayer</p> <p>Faith in Action The Holy Name Society</p>	<p>8. Witnesses to God's Kingdom The Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes lead to God's justice.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Teresa of Jesus (Teresa of Ávila)</p> <p>Scripture Story The Laborers in the Vineyard</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Praise</p> <p>Faith in Action Finance Committee</p>
<p>10. Confirmed in the Spirit In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Holy Spirit strengthens us to become more like Christ.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Paul</p> <p>Worship The Sacrament of Confirmation</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Action</p> <p>Faith in Action The RCIA Team</p>	<p>11. The New Commandment The Fourth through Sixth Commandments guide us to love and respect all people.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Margaret of Castello</p> <p>Scripture Story The New Commandment</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for the Family of God</p> <p>Faith in Action Respect Life Ministries</p>	<p>12. Doing God's Will Through prayer we learn to understand and trust God's plan for each of us.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Mary, the Holy Mother of God</p> <p>Scripture Story Jesus and His Family</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Adoration</p> <p>Faith in Action Eucharistic Holy Hour Ministry</p>
<p>14. Penance and Reconciliation Through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, our relationship with God and the Church is healed.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint John Vianney</p> <p>Worship Jesus Forgives Sins</p> <p>Prayer An Examination of Conscience</p> <p>Faith in Action Ministry to the Infirm</p>	<p>15. Sin and Conscience Our conscience is guided by what the Church teaches about God's laws.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Matilda</p> <p>Scripture Story The Forgiving Father</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for Forgiveness</p> <p>Faith in Action Advisory Committees</p>	<p>16. Respecting Others The Seventh through Tenth Commandments require us to give proper respect to and to care for the rights of others.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Blessed Mariana of Jesus</p> <p>Scripture Story The Unforgiving Servant</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for Peace</p> <p>Faith in Action Lectors</p>
<p>18. The Eucharist The Eucharist is central to our Catholic faith.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Alphonsus Liguori</p> <p>Worship Gathered as One in Christ</p> <p>Prayer A Litany of Saints</p> <p>Faith in Action Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</p>	<p>19. The Works of Mercy Jesus combined the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes into one law of love.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Louise de Marillac</p> <p>Scripture Story Seeing Christ in Others</p> <p>Prayer A Signing Prayer</p> <p>Faith in Action Ministries to the Poor</p>	<p>20. The Mission of the Church Through prayer, God helps us bring his love, peace, and justice to the world.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Junípero Serra</p> <p>Scripture Story The Commissioning of the Disciples</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Commitment</p> <p>Faith in Action Sports Programs</p>

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<p>Unit 1 The Sacraments: God’s Gifts of Life</p> <p>Jesus Christ instituted the Seven Sacraments and entrusted them to the Church. When we receive the Sacraments, God’s divine life fills our souls. The Sacraments strengthen us to grow in faith and holiness and love of God.</p>	<p>1. God’s Wonderful Creation God is the Creator of all life.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Damien de Veuster</p> <p>Scripture Story The Story of Creation</p> <p>Prayer A Meditation Prayer</p> <p>Faith in Action Respect Life Ministry</p>
<p>Unit 2 Baptism and Confirmation</p> <p>Baptism and Confirmation are Sacraments of Christian Initiation. They welcome us into the Body of Christ, the Church. After Saint Paul received the Holy Spirit and was baptized, he went on to become one of the Church’s greatest saints.</p>	<p>5. We Are Baptized into the Body of Christ Through Baptism we are freed from Original Sin.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Maximilian Kolbe</p> <p>Scripture Story The Baptism of Jesus</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for the Body of Christ</p> <p>Faith in Action Godparents</p>
<p>Unit 3 The Eucharist</p> <p>At the Last Supper, Jesus instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In the Eucharist, we receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the Eucharist, Jesus remains with us forever.</p>	<p>9. God’s Word Feeds Us God speaks to us through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Jerome</p> <p>Scripture Story The Boy Jesus in Jerusalem</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer by Saint Jerome</p> <p>Faith in Action Lectors</p>
<p>Unit 4 Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick</p> <p>Jesus proclaims that he has come to forgive sins. Throughout his ministry, he healed the sick in body and in soul. Through the Sacraments of Penance and Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick, we are healed by the saving actions of Christ.</p>	<p>13. God Saves Us God the Father sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, to save us from sin and death.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>Scripture Story The Fall of Man</p> <p>Prayer A Psalm Prayer</p> <p>Faith in Action The Rosary Society</p>
<p>Unit 5 Holy Orders and Matrimony</p> <p>Every baptized Christian has a vocation. Bishops, priests, and deacons have a special call to leadership in the Church. Married couples are the leaders of the domestic Church, the family.</p>	<p>17. Jesus Establishes His Church Jesus founded his Church on Saint Peter and the Apostles.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Peter</p> <p>Scripture Story Jesus Chooses Peter</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for the Leaders of Our Church</p> <p>Faith in Action Peter’s Pence</p>

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<p>2. The Seven Sacraments We celebrate the Paschal Mystery in the Sacraments.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Blessed Miguel Pro</p> <p>Worship The Paschal Mystery</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Thanksgiving</p> <p>Faith in Action Parish Priests</p>	<p>3. Living the Beatitudes The Beatitudes show us how to live as Jesus taught.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati</p> <p>Scripture Story The Beatitudes</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Blessing</p> <p>Faith in Action Ministry to the Poor</p>	<p>4. Sacramentals: Signs of God's Love Sacramentals help us to come closer to God.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Brother André</p> <p>Scripture Story The Triumph of the Faithful</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer Before the Crucifix</p> <p>Faith in Action Catholic School Fundraisers</p>
<p>6. Baptism and Confirmation Baptism and Confirmation welcome us into the Church.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Margaret Clitherow</p> <p>Worship Baptism and Confirmation</p> <p>Prayer A Renewal of Baptismal Promises</p> <p>Faith in Action RCIA Catechists</p>	<p>7. Grace: A Gift from God Through the Sacraments we receive God's grace.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Katharine Drexel</p> <p>Scripture Story Saul's Conversion</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Faith in Action Confirmation Sponsors</p>	<p>8. We Profess Our Faith The Apostles' Creed contains the central truths of the Catholic faith.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Patrick</p> <p>Scripture Story Teach All Nations</p> <p>Prayer The Apostles' Creed</p> <p>Faith in Action Catholic School Teachers</p>
<p>10. The Eucharist In the Eucharist we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Blessed Francisco Marto</p> <p>Worship The Last Supper</p> <p>Prayer The Divine Praises</p> <p>Faith in Action Eucharistic Adoration Society</p>	<p>11. The Communion of Saints The Communion of Saints is made up of all the faithful followers of Jesus.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus (Thérèse of Lisieux)</p> <p>Scripture Story The Light of the World</p> <p>Prayer The Litany of the Saints</p> <p>Faith in Action World Missions</p>	<p>12. We Pray the Lord's Prayer The Lord's Prayer is the most perfect of prayers.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Blessed Julian of Norwich</p> <p>Scripture Story Your Heavenly Father</p> <p>Prayer The Lord's Prayer</p> <p>Faith in Action School Retreats</p>
<p>14. Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick The Sacraments of Healing are Penance and Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Anne</p> <p>Worship The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation</p> <p>Prayer A Scripture Meditation</p> <p>Faith in Action Pastoral Care of the Sick</p>	<p>15. Living God's Commandments The Ten Commandments show us how to live as God's children.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Augustine of Hippo</p> <p>Scripture Story The Ten Commandments</p> <p>Prayer A Reconciliation Service</p> <p>Faith in Action Knights of Columbus</p>	<p>16. God Is Merciful We receive God's mercy in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Maria Goretti</p> <p>Scripture Story The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Sorrow</p> <p>Faith in Action Catholic Youth Organizations</p>
<p>18. Holy Orders and Matrimony The Sacraments at the Service of Communion are Holy Orders and Matrimony.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Philip Neri</p> <p>Worship Holy Orders</p> <p>Prayer A Vocation Prayer</p> <p>Faith in Action Marriage Preparation</p>	<p>19. Living as Christians We grow closer to God by growing in virtue.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Margaret of Scotland</p> <p>Scripture Story The Way of Love</p> <p>Prayer The Litany of Saint Joseph</p> <p>Faith in Action Vacation Bible School (VBS)</p>	<p>20. We Pray for Guidance Through prayer we can discover our vocation.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Brigid of Ireland</p> <p>Scripture Story The Lord Comes to Elijah in a Tiny Whisper</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for Guidance</p> <p>Faith in Action Religious Vocations</p>

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<p>Unit 1 We Answer God's Call</p> <p>Abraham and Sarah are our ancestors in faith because they were the first to respond to God's call to holiness and fidelity. God calls each of us to be faithful to his Word and to lead others in holiness.</p>	<p>1. Revelation and Response God invites us to respond to him with total trust.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Joseph, Husband of Mary</p> <p>Scripture Story Abraham and Sarah</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Trust</p> <p>Faith in Action School Maintenance Staff</p>
<p>Unit 2 God Saves and Delivers Us</p> <p>God saved the Hebrew people from slavery in Egypt. Through the life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are freed from the slavery of sin to live as the new People of God.</p>	<p>5. Slavery and Deliverance God continues to act in today's world to deliver us from enslavement.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Martin de Porres</p> <p>Scripture Story The Exodus</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Praise</p> <p>Faith in Action Art Teacher</p>
<p>Unit 3 God Invites Us into His Kingdom</p> <p>God called the people of Israel to build up a kingdom that would be a tribute to His love. Jesus taught us about the Kingdom of Heaven, where God's love will be evident in justice and peace.</p>	<p>9. Our Land and God's Kingdom God gives every person in the Church a mission.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Francis of Assisi</p> <p>Scripture Story The First Leaders of Israel</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Praise</p> <p>Faith in Action Social Service Ministries</p>
<p>Unit 4 God Reminds Us to Do His Will</p> <p>The faith of the Israelites was tested through exile and persecution. We are called to live our faith, even in a world that challenges our Christian values.</p>	<p>13. Disobedience and Guidance Jesus Christ is our Priest, Prophet, and King.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Francis Xavier</p> <p>Scripture Story The Rule of King Solomon</p> <p>Prayer A Litany</p> <p>Faith in Action Auxiliary Missionaries</p>
<p>Unit 5 God Promises Us Everlasting Life</p> <p>John called people to a baptism of repentance. Through our Baptism, we are called to turn our attention always toward the Kingdom of God and to be its witnesses by the way we live.</p>	<p>17. A New Life and a Coming Messiah The resurrection of the body after death is revealed in the Old Testament.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Lucy</p> <p>Scripture Story The Struggles Under Greek Rule</p> <p>Prayer A Litany Prayer</p> <p>Faith in Action Confirmation Sponsors</p>

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<p>2. Sacrifice and Promise God sacrificed his own Son to set us free from sin.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Andrew Kim Taegon</p> <p>Worship Easter Vigil Reading</p> <p>Prayer A Blessing Prayer</p> <p>Faith in Action Altar Servers</p>	<p>3. Covenant and Commitment In response to God's faithfulness, we must be committed to our faith.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Paul</p> <p>Scripture Story Jacob and the Covenant</p> <p>Prayer A Family Blessing</p> <p>Faith in Action The Pastor</p>	<p>4. Piety and Prayer We must love God above all else and remain focused on his will.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint André Bessette</p> <p>Scripture Story Joseph, the Loyal Son</p> <p>Prayer The Magnificat</p> <p>Faith in Action Parish Youth Ministry</p>
<p>6. Passover and the Eucharistic Celebration Jesus is the Paschal Lamb who saved us from death.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Sharbel Makhoul</p> <p>Worship Mass of the Lord's Supper</p> <p>Prayer The Nicene Creed</p> <p>Faith in Action Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</p>	<p>7. Commandment and Fulfillment The Ten Commandments tell us how to live as Covenant people.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Teresa of Jesus (Teresa of Ávila)</p> <p>Scripture Story The Covenant at Sinai</p> <p>Prayer Praying with Scripture</p> <p>Faith in Action Coaches and Athletic Instructors</p>	<p>8. Our Journey and God's Presence With the Catholic community, we journey toward God's kingdom.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini</p> <p>Scripture Story Conquest of the Promised Land</p> <p>Prayer The Canticle of Zechariah</p> <p>Faith in Action RCIA Catechists</p>
<p>10. The Ark and the Temple Some Catholic rituals are rooted in ancient Jewish rituals.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint John Vianney</p> <p>Worship The Blessing of Water</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for Guidance</p> <p>Faith in Action Religion Teachers</p>	<p>11. David's Sin and the Story of the Fall God's capacity to forgive us our sins is unfailing.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Blessed Laura Vicuña</p> <p>Scripture Story King David and the Sin of Humanity</p> <p>Prayer The Confiteor</p> <p>Faith in Action Parish Pastoral Council</p>	<p>12. Psalms of Praise and Works of Wonder Psalms are an important and powerful part of the Church's prayer life.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Pope Saint Gregory the Great</p> <p>Scripture Story David's Songs</p> <p>Prayer A Psalm Prayer</p> <p>Faith in Action School Choir</p>
<p>14. Exile and Remembrance Jesus constantly offers us saving grace through the Sacraments.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Maximilian Kolbe</p> <p>Worship Celebration of the Lord's Passion</p> <p>Prayer Praying in Jesus' Words</p> <p>Faith in Action Lectors</p>	<p>15. Hope and Faithfulness The precepts of the Church help us live as God's people.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Blessed Andrew of Phu Yen</p> <p>Scripture Story Vision of the Dry Bones</p> <p>Prayer An Act of Hope</p> <p>Faith in Action Parent and Family Volunteers</p>	<p>16. Trust and Prayer Before we can pray, we must trust that God will hear our prayers.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Monica</p> <p>Scripture Story A Prayer for Her People</p> <p>Prayer The Exsultet</p> <p>Faith in Action Respect Life Ministry</p>
<p>18. Baptism and Repentance Baptism and Penance and Reconciliation help us live as Jesus' followers.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Josephine Bakhita</p> <p>Worship Advent Gospel Reading</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Renewal</p> <p>Faith in Action Godparents</p>	<p>19. Christians and the Reign of God The precepts of the Church help us live as God's people.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Saint Teresa of Calcutta</p> <p>Scripture Story The Boy Jesus in the Temple</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for Holiness</p> <p>Faith in Action Ministries of Comfort</p>	<p>20. Hope for the Ages Jesus taught us to call God "Father" when we pray.</p> <p>Saint of the Week Our Lady of Czestochowa</p> <p>Scripture Story Jesus' Ministry</p> <p>Prayer A Meditation Prayer</p> <p>Faith in Action Prayer Groups</p>

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<p>Unit 1 The Mystery of the Incarnation</p> <p>The Gospel accounts of Jesus' birth and early life tell us about his true identity as the Son of God. These accounts also help us understand the holiness to which we are called as God's children.</p>	<p>1. The Birth of Our Savior God the Father loved us so much that he sent his Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins.</p> <p>Scripture The Birth of Jesus</p> <p>Respond Mary, the Mother of God</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Praise</p>
<p>Unit 2 The Meaning of the Kingdom</p> <p>Jesus taught us about our relationship with God the Father and proclaimed the Kingdom of God. We are called to spread the Gospel by living the values of the Kingdom of God.</p>	<p>5. The Kingdom of God The parables of Jesus teach us about The Kingdom of God and how to prepare for its coming.</p> <p>Scripture Parables of the Kingdom</p> <p>Respond Saint Elizabeth of Hungary</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for the Kingdom</p>
<p>Unit 3 The Christian Life</p> <p>Jesus made it clear to his followers that they were to model their lives after his. Our own call to discipleship involves putting the Gospel first in our relationships with God and neighbor.</p>	<p>9. Living in Christ's Service As disciples we grow in virtue when we serve others with the humility and love of Jesus.</p> <p>Scripture Giving Alms</p> <p>Respond Saint Francis of Assisi</p> <p>Prayer The Prayer of Saint Francis</p>
<p>Unit 4 The Paschal Mystery</p> <p>Begun with the events of Christ's life, Death, and Resurrection celebrated in the Easter Triduum, our salvation in Christ was made complete by the coming of the Holy Spirit, which we commemorate with the Solemnity of Pentecost.</p>	<p>13. Jesus' Persecution The Passion and Death of Jesus reveal the extent of God's great and unconditional love for us.</p> <p>Scripture Jesus Prepares for His Sacrifice in Jerusalem</p> <p>Respond Saint Joan of Arc</p> <p>Prayer The Stations of the Cross</p>
<p>Unit 5 The Good News</p> <p>The first Christians, filled with the Holy Spirit, spread the Gospel message throughout their world. The same Holy Spirit, who guided their efforts, calls us to be witnesses of Christ in our world today.</p>	<p>17. The Early Church The Church continues the missionary work of Christ through the efforts of all her members.</p> <p>Scripture A Letter from Paul to the Corinthians</p> <p>Respond Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for Faithful Discipleship</p>

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<p>2. God with Us The Sacrament of Baptism gives us a new identity as members of the Body of Christ.</p> <p>Worship Celebrating Baptism</p> <p>Respond Saint Josephine Bakhita</p> <p>Prayer A Renewal of Baptismal Promises</p>	<p>3. Jesus: Son of God, Son of Man The gift of conscience helps us realize our goal of striving to live as Jesus did.</p> <p>Scripture The Boy Jesus in the Temple</p> <p>Respond Blessed Bernard Lichtenberg</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Reflection</p>	<p>4. The Prayer of Jesus Prayer transforms us. It helps us to put on the mind, the will, and the heart of Jesus.</p> <p>Scripture The Temptation of Jesus</p> <p>Respond Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini</p> <p>Prayer In God's Presence</p>
<p>6. Servants of the Kingdom God calls every member of the Church to Christian service, according to his or her vocation.</p> <p>Worship A Marriage Blessing</p> <p>Respond Saint John Paul II</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Thanks</p>	<p>7. Working for Justice God gives us the grace to be signs of his kingdom by working for peace and justice.</p> <p>Scripture Loving Your Neighbor</p> <p>Respond Catholic Campaign for Human Development</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for Love and Mercy</p>	<p>8. A Prayer for the Kingdom Praying the Lord's Prayer can help us reflect on God's glory and recognize God's kingdom among us.</p> <p>Scripture The Sermon on the Mount</p> <p>Respond Saint Peter, the Rock</p> <p>Prayer The Lord's Prayer</p>
<p>10. Jesus, Our Eucharist Throughout the universal Church, the Eucharist is the center of Christian life.</p> <p>Worship Eucharistic Prayer</p> <p>Respond Saint Paul the Apostle</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Adoration</p>	<p>11. Living in Christ's Love What makes the morality of true disciples come alive is our ability to imitate the love of Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Scripture The Conditions of Discipleship</p> <p>Respond Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker Movement</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for Discipleship</p>	<p>12. Christ the Healer Through prayer, Christ's healing presence works to transform us.</p> <p>Scripture The Raising of Lazarus</p> <p>Respond Saint Pio of Pietrelcina</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for Healing</p>
<p>14. Jesus' Passion Participation in the Easter Triduum liturgies can lead to sincere contrition and spiritual renewal.</p> <p>Scripture Remembering the Passion of Our Lord</p> <p>Respond Saint John the Apostle</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for Mercy</p>	<p>15. The Resurrection and the Call to Discipleship A Catholic moral life is only possible in partnership with Christ and with other members of the Church.</p> <p>Scripture The Empty Tomb</p> <p>Respond Saint Paul Miki and Companions</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for Discipleship</p>	<p>16. Pentecost God continues to make himself known to us and to empower us to continue the work Jesus gave his Church.</p> <p>Scripture The Coming of the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Respond Reflecting on the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Prayer The Golden Sequence</p>
<p>18. The Church Today Confirmation increases and deepens baptismal grace, uniting us more closely with Christ and his Church.</p> <p>Worship Rite of Confirmation</p> <p>Respond Strong in the Spirit</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer to the Holy Spirit</p>	<p>19. Spreading the Gospel True Christian love is the basis of morality and begins in the family.</p> <p>Scripture The Way of Love</p> <p>Respond Everyday Evangelization</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Praise</p>	<p>20. Guided by the Holy Spirit At the heart of all prayer resides the Holy Spirit, who sustains and inspires us.</p> <p>Scripture Vision of Heavenly Worship</p> <p>Respond Mother Catherine McAuley</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for the Church</p>

Unit Theme	What Catholics Believe
<p>Unit 1 The Marks of the Church</p> <p>The first disciples built their church communities around the celebration of the Lord’s Supper and the Gospel message. Their belief in the Kingdom of God and in the ongoing presence of Christ sustained them through many times of trial and persecution.</p>	<p>1. Apostolic: Founded on the Apostles Our faith, summarized in the Apostles’ Creed, is the same as the faith of the Apostles.</p> <p>Scripture The Vision of Peter</p> <p>Respond Peter’s Message Continues</p> <p>Prayer The Apostles’ Creed</p>
<p>Unit 2 The Growth of Christendom</p> <p>Having survived persecution and internal strife, Christianity burst forth as the dominant religion of the Mediterranean world and the organizing principle of society. Great cathedrals and basilicas embodied the spirit of faith and optimism.</p>	<p>5. Councils, Cultures, and Conflicts Twenty-four different Church traditions make up the universal Catholic Church.</p> <p>Witness The Council of Nicaea</p> <p>Respond Saint Leo the Great</p> <p>Prayer The Nicene-Constantinople Creed</p>
<p>Unit 3 The Age of Faith and Beauty</p> <p>The Church in medieval times expressed her deep faith through glorious cathedrals and elaborate worship. We are called to use the media of our time to proclaim our Catholic faith.</p>	<p>9. Faith Expressed and Lived We should keep ourselves open to receive God’s gift of faith and continue to nourish it in ourselves.</p> <p>Scripture Saint Benedict of Nursia</p> <p>Respond Saint Thomas Aquinas</p> <p>Prayer Divine Reading</p>
<p>Unit 4 Reason, Rebellion, and Reform</p> <p>The Renaissance brought strong calls for reform of practices in the Church. Martin Luther took the first step in the Protestant Reformation when he nailed ninety-five statements for reform to a church door. The Church responded to the reformers.</p>	<p>13. A Time for Reform True reform begins within each person’s heart as he or she seeks God’s truth.</p> <p>Witness A Need for Reform</p> <p>Respond Saint Teresa of Jesus and Saint John of the Cross</p> <p>Prayer Praying with Saint John of the Cross</p>
<p>Unit 5 Returning to the Roots of Christianity</p> <p>Grounded in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Catholic faith is expressed in new ways in every age to meet the challenges of contemporary life. We are called to be part of this renewal of the Gospel.</p>	<p>17. Modern Ecumenical Councils The living God continues to reveal himself to us today through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.</p> <p>Witness Words of Hope for the Church</p> <p>Respond Père Olier and the Priests of St. Sulpice</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for Peace</p>

How Catholics Worship	How Catholics Live	How Catholics Pray
<p>2. Holy: Jesus Christ in the Sacraments Through the Sacraments we meet the Risen Christ and become the Church—God’s holy people.</p> <p>Scripture Breaking Bread Together</p> <p>Respond Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus</p> <p>Prayer Eucharistic Prayer II</p>	<p>3. Catholic: Open and Respectful of All The word <i>catholic</i> means “universal” or “open to all.” Catholics are called to welcome all people.</p> <p>Scripture The Council of Jerusalem</p> <p>Respond Two Popes</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of the Faithful</p>	<p>4. One: Praying for Unity In the Church, no one ministry (or minister) is more important than another.</p> <p>Scripture Unity and Variety</p> <p>Respond Saint Helena</p> <p>Prayer The Lord’s Prayer</p>
<p>6. Liturgy and Unity, Worship and Beauty Throughout history the essential signs and words of the liturgy have remained the same.</p> <p>Worship Early Celebrations of the Eucharist</p> <p>Respond Building a Cathedral</p> <p>Prayer A Eucharistic Prayer</p>	<p>7. The Church and the Empire The Church reminds us that obedience to God comes before obedience to any civil authority.</p> <p>Witness Augustine and the Kingdom</p> <p>Respond Charlemagne</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Meditation</p>	<p>8. Prayer for Understanding Genuine prayer, in which we open our hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit, promotes healing and understanding.</p> <p>Scripture Prayer Expressed Through Art</p> <p>Respond Creating an Icon</p> <p>Prayer Praying with Saint Anselm</p>
<p>10. Mass in the Cathedral The Eucharist is the Church’s great offering of thanksgiving to God for the gift of salvation.</p> <p>Worship A Magnificent Mass</p> <p>Respond The Gothic Cathedral</p> <p>Prayer A Meditation Prayer</p>	<p>11. The Quest for Salvation Jesus Christ commands us to live in peace and to love others. We are saved through Jesus Christ and God’s grace.</p> <p>Scripture Defending God’s Will</p> <p>Respond Galileo’s Daughter</p> <p>Prayer Praise God!</p>	<p>12. Devotions The Church recognizes popular devotions and private prayer as valuable ways to express and develop piety.</p> <p>Witness The Imitation of Christ</p> <p>Respond Blessed Titus Brandsma</p> <p>Prayer The Rosary</p>
<p>14. Forgiveness and Reconciliation Penance and Reconciliation celebrates the fact that God is merciful and always welcomes us back.</p> <p>Worship The Rite of Penance Develops</p> <p>Respond A Penitential Celebration</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for Mercy</p>	<p>15. Morality and Salvation We choose to accept or reject God’s love based on the choices we make throughout our lives.</p> <p>Witness The Choice of Heaven</p> <p>Respond Doctors of the Church</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for Trust</p>	<p>16. Seeking a Common Prayer The Holy Spirit works in all Christian traditions to bring their members to the truth of the Gospel.</p> <p>Witness Religion and Democracy</p> <p>Respond Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for Christian Unity</p>
<p>18. Renewal of the Liturgy Sincere liturgical participation brings us closer to God.</p> <p>Worship An Age-Old Prayer</p> <p>Respond Blessed Charles de Foucauld</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer of Praise</p>	<p>19. The Moral Struggle of a New Age Social justice is imperative for the survival of life and is the Gospel of life Jesus preached.</p> <p>Witness Moral Challenges for the Church</p> <p>Respond Blessed Óscar Romero</p> <p>Prayer The Judgment of the Nations</p>	<p>20. A Prayer for the Church Building the Church of tomorrow begins with prayer and action that shows respect for all humanity.</p> <p>Witness A Church Blessed with Prayers of the Faithful</p> <p>Respond Prayers for the Church</p> <p>Prayer A Prayer for the Church</p>

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