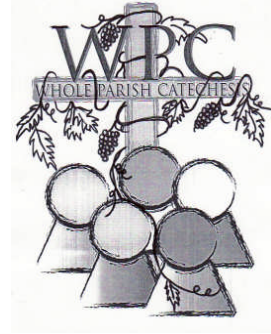


Grade Seven and Eight Curriculum
A Two Year Confirmation Preparation



Jesus in The New Testament

- The most influential person in history
- What influences shaped Jesus as he grew up?
- What did people see in Jesus?
- What did people hear when Jesus spoke?
- Why was his message so revolutionary?
- What was the day to day ministry of Jesus like?
- Who were the friends and enemies of Jesus?
- In what ways do people remember Jesus today?
- Who is Jesus for you?
- If Jesus is God, what kind of God do we have?

The Sacraments

- What is the difference between a child's view and an adult view of the sacraments?
- What are the signs of God's presence?
- What is the process for becoming a Church member?
- What are the Sacraments of Initiation?
- Why is the Eucharist both a meal and a sacrifice?
- Why is the Eucharist the source and goal of all the sacraments?
- Can Anointing the Sick really heal someone who is sick?
- How can we help heal others?
- How is marriage both a Sacrament of Service and a Sacrament of Vocation?
- How do all Christians share in the priesthood of Jesus?
- What are the three stages of Holy Orders?
- How do the sacraments differ from private prayer?
- How do sacraments remain the same and yet change with the seasons?

The Apostle's Creed

- The God of Our Ancestors
 - God is Almighty
 - God loves us in much the same way as parents love a child
 - God is called into existence and sustains all of creation.
- Disciples of Jesus
 - Jesus invites all to be his friend
 - Jesus is the Messiah
 - We share Jesus' vocation
- The Good News
 - The Gospel
 - The Paschal Mystery is central to the Gospel
 - The Redeeming Grace of the Paschal Mystery
- The Body of Christ

- The Holy Catholic Church
- The Marks of the Church
- The people of God
- Saints and Sinners
 - The Communion of Saints
 - United with Jesus in heaven and on earth
 - Baptism unites us with Christ
- From Here to Eternity
 - We are an Easter People
 - Life everlasting

Prayers and Doctrine

- Hail Holy Queen
- Holy Days of Obligation
- Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- The Paschal Mystery
- Virtues
- Pentecost

The Commandments

Taking Command

- Rules to live by
- Physical, moral and divine laws
- The Greatest Commandment

I Am the Lord Your God

- It's all about faith, hope and charity
- Whom do you worship?

You Shall Not Take the Name of the Lord Your God in Vain/Remember to Keep Holy the Sabbath Day

- It's all about respect
- A reminder of God's creation
- The Sunday Eucharist

Honor Your Father and Your Mother

- God is our Father
- The Christian family
- Jesus gave honor to his Father

You Shall Not Kill

- The Gift of Life
- The Practice of nonviolence
- All life is sacred

You Shall not Commit Adultery/ You Shall Not Covet Your Neighbor's Wife

- Love and faithfulness
- Developing friendships
- To love, honor, and cherish

You Shall Not Steal/You shall Not Covet Your Neighbor's Goods

- Respect for Others

- Stewards of the earth
- Social justice
- You Shall Not Bear False Witness
- The source of all truth
- Called to bear witness
- The Golden Rule

Discipleship

Believing in Yourself

- What makes you a special someone?
- How do you assemble your adult self?

Relating to Your parents

- Why is it difficult to relate to parents?
- How do you grow and mature?

Choosing Your Friends

- What roles do your peers play?
- What qualities make a friend?
- How can you recognize harmful peer pressure?

Growing in Your Faith

- How do you develop your spiritual side?
- What are some different methods of prayer?

Understanding the Value of Sexuality

- How is your sexuality a gift to be treasured?
- How has God trusted you with this gift of sexuality?
- In what ways does our culture challenge the value of sexuality?

Making Positive Choices

- Why do people abuse drugs and alcohol?
- What are alternate routes to the “escape” of drugs and alcohol?

Learning to Act Justly

- What can you do to combat injustice in the world?

Accepting Challenges

- How is the Church organized?
- How does the Church operate?

Morality

What’s Right and What’s Wrong?

- What do Mother Nature and human reason have to do with morality?
- What are your rights?
- What rights do others have?

Our Conscience and Convictions

- Why do we feel guilty when we do wrong, while others do not?

The Bottom Line

- How does a morality based on faith differ from a morality based on human reason or natural law?
- How can we “put on the mind and heart of Jesus?”

A New Understanding

- What are some ways that faith in Jesus calls us to love ourselves? To love others?
To love God?

Freedom to Choose

- What's the difference between freedom and liberty?
- Why does increased freedom always mean increased responsibility?

Making Decisions

- How can you know for sure that your decisions are right?
- What are the four signs of a good moral decision?

What Do You See?

- How does faith affect moral decision making?
- Are you saint or prophet material?

You're Not Alone.

- How does the Church help us know what's right and what's wrong?
- Why is the Sacrament of Reconciliation important?

Service and Outreach gr. 7

- 15 hours, including service from family night and the *Households of Faith*.

Service and Outreach gr. 8

- 20 hours, including service from family night and the *Households of Faith*.