

**Saint Patrick's Whole Parish Catechesis  
Monthly Curriculum Update**

**Grade:** 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Catechists:** Rachel Nikolopoulos, Katherine Kolibas, Eric Erickson  
**Months:** March and April 2009

**March 8, 2009**

**Chapter:**  
*Chapter 18*

**New Concepts/Topics:**  
Baptism

“Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong...” Psalm 100:3

**New Vocabulary:**  
Baptism  
Grace

**Story:**  
What happens when you are baptized?

**Homework Assignments / Project Assigned:**  
Review the contents of Chapter 18 and Unit 6 on a whole with your child and complete the following for homework:

Workbook:

Page 175, Connect Your Faith  
Page 177, Review and Apply  
Page 179, Unit 6 Review

**March 15, 2009**

**Chapter:**  
*Chapter 19*

**New Concepts/Topics:**  
The Mass

“Enter, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord who made us.” Psalm 95:6

**New Vocabulary:**  
Mass  
Eucharist

**Story and Class Activities We Plan:**  
We will review the Last Supper – who was there, what happened, why it happened, and how the Mass relives this event. This will tie into Holy Thursday Mass – we hope you can bring your children to this mass to reinforce what we do in class.

**Homework Assignments / Project Assigned:**

Review the contents of Chapter 19 with your child and complete the following for homework:

Workbook:

Page 183, Activity, Share Your Faith

Page 187, Review and Apply

Page 187, Activity, Live Your Faith

My Prayer Journal:

Please work with your child to complete the following entries:

- *When we go to Mass we share a special meal with Jesus. Can you draw a special meal at your house that you and your family share? Don't forget to say Grace so you can share all your meals with Jesus.*
- *Tell about the Last Supper. Who was there?*
- *What happened to Jesus after the Last Supper?*

**March 22, 2009****Chapter:**

Chapter 20

**New Concepts/Topics:**

Life with God

"I believe I shall enjoy the Lord's goodness in the land of the living." Psalm 27:13

**New Vocabulary:**

Heaven

**Story:**

How can we achieve the goal of eternal life in Heaven? How can we help those in Purgatory?

**Homework Assignments / Project Assigned:**

Review the contents of Chapter 20 with your child and complete the following for homework:

Workbook:

Page 193, Activity, Connect Your Faith

Page 195, Review and Apply

Page 195, Activity, Live Your Faith

My Prayer Journal:

Please work with your child to complete the following entries:

- *Jesus is coming soon. How are you getting ready?*
- *Jesus was born on Christmas Day! Draw the manger. Add Jesus and his family.*

**March 29, 2009**

**Chapter:**

*Chapter 21*

**New Concepts/Topics:**

God's Kingdom

"The Lord is our God who rules the whole earth." Psalm 105:7

**New Vocabulary:**

Love

Peace

Justice

**Story:**

Christian living and being like Jesus – What Would Jesus Do?

**Homework Assignments / Project Assigned:**

Review the contents of Chapter 21 with your child and complete the following for homework:

Workbook:

Page 201, Activity, Connect Your Faith

Page 203, Review and Apply

Page 203, Activity, Live Your Faith

Page 205, Unit 7 Review

My Prayer Journal:

Please work with your child to complete the following entries:

- *What is heaven like? Who is there?*
- *Jesus wants us to love and help one another. How do you help your family at home?*

**April 5, 2009**

***No WPC, as Children's Mass and Coffee-And are this day. If your child is behind with chapter readings and homework, please use this week to catch up. At this point, we are done with all chapters in the workbook. The balance of this year's work will be prayer review.***

## **April 12, 2009**

***No WPC – Happy Easter! Christ is Risen – Indeed He Has Risen!***

## **April 19, 2009**

This week, we will focus on praying the rosary, by which we will also be reviewing key prayers for this year: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be. We will touch on the mysteries and how they tie into the various liturgical seasons and Bible stories. We will also review how Mary has asked us to pray the rosary as often as we can.

### **Homework Assignments / Project Assigned:**

Try to recite one decade of the rosary with your child to reinforce the prayers required for First Communion next year and to educate them on how to pray the rosary.

### **My Prayer Journal:**

Please work with your child to complete the following entries:

- *Mary is the mother of Jesus. She is your mother too. She loves you very much. Draw the Blessed Mother with you and your Mom.*

## **April 26, 2009 – LAST WPC SESSION FOR 2008/2009 YEAR**

This last week of WPC we will focus on the Church, God's house. We will remind the children of the respect God's house deserves and we may have a final party with a snack to practice manners and respect for others.

### **My Prayer Journal:**

Please work with your child to complete the following entries. We realize WPC is over; however, doing these last two entries may help to reinforce what we do in class this day and help prepare the children for a summer of church-going and ultimate preparation for the First Holy Communion.

- *The church is God's house. Draw the inside of the Church. Put your family inside. What is the name of our Church?*
- *The Church is our home too! Show what you do inside the Church..*