

## 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE – Alive in Christ

- Begin 5<sup>th</sup> grade with the opening lesson - an ‘Introduction to the year’
- The church year feasts and seasons can be found in the beginning of the text. These can be done throughout the year when that season occurs
- There are 4 chapters without standards: Chapters 8, 9, 13 & 15

### THE CHURCH YEAR – Feasts and Seasons

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
<p>How does the Church celebrate the life of Christ, the Virgin Mary, and the saints throughout the liturgical year?</p>	<p><b>S 5.5 We celebrate the events in the Life of Christ, Virgin Mary, and the saints during the various liturgical seasons</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know the liturgical seasons celebrate the mysteries of Jesus’ birth, life, death, and resurrection throughout the year</li> <li>b. Know the Holy Days are special days on which the Church celebrates the birth, life and death of Jesus Christ, or his mother or the saints</li> <li>c. <i>Know a solemnity represents the highest ranking holy day in the Church (Not covered in text)</i></li> <li>d. <i>Know every Sunday is a solemnity (Not covered in text)</i></li> <li>e. Know on January 1 we celebrate the <b>Solemnity of Mary</b>; as the Mother of God</li> <li>f. Know on August 15 we celebrate the <b>Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>; when Mary was taken up to heaven, body and soul, at the end of her earthly life</li> <li>g. Know on November 1 we celebrate the <b>Solemnity of All Saints</b>; all the saints in heaven canonized and all those known to God alone</li> <li>h. <i>Know on December 8</i> we celebrate the <b>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary</b>, that Mary’s soul was created by God without sin (<i>date not mentioned in text</i>)</li> <li>i. Know on December 25 we celebrate the <b>Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ</b>; birth of Christ</li> <li>j. Know on Thursday of the sixth week of Easter we celebrate the <b>Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord</b>, Jesus ascended into heaven. The Diocese of Fargo has moved the celebration of this Holy Day to the following Sunday</li> </ol>	<p>CCC 1163, 2177</p> <p>CCC 1171</p> <p>CCC 1167</p> <p>CCC 484-486, 495</p> <p>CCC 966</p> <p>CCC 490-493</p>		<p><b>See Resource Section:</b> Liturgical Year Game Quiz</p>

## Prayer throughout the text

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
<p>What are the different ways we pray?</p>	<p><b>P 5.2 There are different forms (types) of prayer</b></p> <p><u>Prayers are at the beginning and end of chapters but still should be discussed for understanding</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know a blessing is our response to God’s gift. He blesses us, we bless him</li> <li>b. Know to praise God is to recognize how awesome God is and to sing about his greatness</li> <li>c. Know that to intercede in prayer is to ask God to help others:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We can intercede for the living: our family, friends, strangers, and even our enemies</li> <li>2. We can intercede for those who have died: souls in purgatory</li> <li>3. When we intercede we are asking God to heal, to forgive, and to bring peace, blessing, salvation, guidance, protection, etc. to others</li> <li>4. Recognize various scriptural examples of intercession: Abraham, Moses, Mary, Jesus, Paul, etc.</li> <li>5. Jesus, Mary, the saints, and the Church intercede for us constantly</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. Know that to petition in prayer is to first ask for forgiveness and then ask for God’s help</li> <li>e. Recognize everything is a gift from God and learn to tell God “thank you”</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 2626-2628</p> <p>CCC 2634-2636</p> <p>CCC 2673-2679 CCC 2635-2636</p> <p>CCC 2631</p> <p>CCC 2648</p>		<p>Students should be able to lead prayers by this grade</p> <p>Teacher can have a prayer basket in the sacred space where students can write petitions and put them in for teacher to pray for their intentions</p>

## CHAPTERS 1 & 2

### God's Plan for All Creation & Made to Be with God

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
Why does our heart long for God?	<p><b>PF 5.1 The desire for God is written in the human heart</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know true happiness comes from loving God and He wants us to be happy</li> <li>b. Understand that people often seek to fill the longing of their hearts with things other than God</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 27</p> <p>CCC 27-30</p> <p>CCC 1039</p>		
How is the Gospel message handed on?	<p><b>PF 5.4 The Gospel message is handed on by sacred scripture and Tradition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Understand Tradition is what the apostles handed on by their spoken word and example</li> <li>b. Understand sacred scripture is the message of salvation inspired by the Holy Spirit in written form</li> <li>c. Understand the bishops (successors of the apostles) preserve the Gospel message in the Church</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 80</p> <p>CCC 76</p> <p>CCC 80-82, 97</p> <p>CCC 552, 861</p>		Each student can have their own scripture verse to memorize. Make a bookmark with that verse
What does it mean to say that a human person is created in God's Image?	<p><b>ML 5.1 The dignity of every human person stems from being made in the image and likeness of God</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know that the human person is the summit of God's creation</li> <li>b. Understand the human person is created with an intellect, will, and capacity to love</li> <li>c. Understand a human person can know and love his creator</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 1700</p> <p>YOUCAT 58</p> <p>CCC 1701-06</p>	Discuss ways we and those in our community understand this standard and what it looks like when we don't	

## CHAPTER 3

### Signs of God's Presence

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How do the sacraments affect our life with Christ?	<p><b>S 5.1 Jesus instituted the seven sacraments so we could receive sanctifying grace, a share in God's divine life through the Church</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know the seven sacraments</li> <li>b. Begin to understand the sacraments as efficacious signs (efficacious is something that causes the desired effect: sacraments do what they say they do because of God's power even though we don't see the effect)</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 1117</p> <p>CCC 1113-1114, 1123, 1127, 1129-1131, 1210</p>		Quiz the students and have them write down the 7 sacraments
How does God reveal himself to us?	<p><b>PF 5.2 God reveals his love through a series of covenants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know that God reveals himself to us gradually</li> <li>b. Begin to understand a covenant is a solemn agreement between God and man</li> <li>c. Begin to understand the covenants with Noah, Abraham, and Moses (<i>Noah and Abraham not covered</i>)</li> <li>d. Know God fully reveals himself in the person of Jesus Christ</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 51-64</p> <p>CCC 73</p>		

## CHAPTER 4

### The Mystery of the Trinity

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
<p>How does forming our conscience help us to choose the good and avoid evil?</p>	<p><b>ML 5.2 We have a responsibility to form our conscience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Recognize that virtue is the habit that strengthens you and enables you to choose the good and reject evil               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Theological virtues are gifts given to us by God at Baptism (faith, hope, charity)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Not covered in text:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. <i>Understand in our conscience God speaks to us to help us to choose the good and avoid evil</i></li> <li>c. <i>Know that we form our conscience through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the teachings of the Church</i></li> <li>d. <i>Know that an examination of conscience helps us identify our personal sin</i></li> </ul>	<p>CCC 1803-1809          YOUCAT 299, 305-309</p> <p>CCC 1777-94          YOUCAT 291-300          CCC 1783-1785</p>		<p>Discuss how we can form our conscience so that we know what is good and what is bad. Generate class ideas</p>

## CHAPTER 5

### Prayer and Worship

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
What happens to us when we celebrate the liturgy?	<p><b>S 5.4 Through the liturgy we are drawn into the love of God, healed, and transformed</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Begin to understand that liturgy means the people of God participate in the work of God</li> <li>b. Begin to understand there are various forms of liturgies: celebrations of the sacraments, Good Friday, Benediction, etc.</li> <li>c. Understand the Mass is celebrated by the faithful present on earth, in purgatory and all of heaven</li> <li>d. Understand the sacraments are received through liturgies</li> <li>e. Know the highest form of worship is the Mass</li> </ol>	<p>CCC 1069</p> <p>CCC 1370</p> <p>CCC 1139</p>		
How does prayer express our personal relationship with God?	<p><b>P 5.1 We express our response to God’s Word through vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplation</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know that in vocal prayer we express our thoughts and feelings:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Psalms and hymns of scripture</li> <li>2. Prayers of the liturgy</li> <li>3. Devotions</li> <li>4. Memorized prayers</li> <li>5. Spontaneous prayer</li> </ol> <p><u>Not directly in text:</u></p> </li> <li>b. <i>Begin to understand that in meditation we personally seek meaning of what we are praying:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>by listening attentively</i></li> <li>2. <i>by identifying my emotions</i></li> <li>3. <i>by engaging my imagination</i></li> <li>4. <i>by questioning and wondering</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>c. <i>Know contemplative prayer is a childlike rest in the presence of the One who loves me</i></li> </ol>	<p>CCC 2699</p> <p>CCC 2700 YOUCAT 501-504</p> <p>CCC 2723</p> <p>CCC 2724 Psalm 131:2</p>	Discuss what devotions are popular in your families and parish.	

## CHAPTER 6

### A Life of Virtue

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How does forming our conscience help us to choose the good and avoid evil?	<p><b>ML 5.2 We have a responsibility to form our conscience</b></p> <p>a. Recognize that virtue is the habit that strengthens us and enables us to choose the good and reject evil</p> <p>1. Cardinal virtues are acquired by human effort (prudence, justice, temperance, courage/fortitude)</p>	CCC 1812-1813, 1840-44		

## CHAPTER 7

### Living Image of Christ

What does it mean to say that a human person is created in “God’s Image?”	<p><b>ML 5.1 The dignity of every human person stems from being made in the image and likeness of God</b></p> <p>a. Know the human person has an immortal soul (never dies)</p> <p>b. Know we should respect the dignity of all human life: from conception to natural death</p> <p><u>Not directly in text:</u></p> <p>c. <i>Recognize the human person is created male or female</i></p>	<p>CCC 1700</p> <p>YOUCAT 62</p> <p>YOUCAT 64</p>		
Who is Jesus?	<p><b>PF 5.3 Jesus is the Son of God made man</b></p> <p>a. Understand that we come to know Jesus through the scriptures especially the Gospels</p> <p>b. Begin to understand the Old Testament scriptures point to the coming of Jesus, the Messiah</p>	<p>CCC 422</p> <p>CCC 124-127</p> <p>CCC 128-130</p>		<p><b>See Resource section:</b></p> <p>Scripture passages from OT</p>





## CHAPTER 12

### Lives of Holiness

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
What is the Communion of Saints?	<p><b>PF 5.7 The Communion of Saints includes those in heaven, those in purgatory, and the baptized on earth (<i>this is covered more in chapter 16</i>)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know the saints in heaven help us to grow in love and are role models for us to follow</li> <li>b. Know patron saints are saints with whom we have a special relationship</li> <li>c. Know we are created to be saints and share eternal life with God</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 954</p> <p>CCC 957</p>	<p>Who are the patron saints in your community? For example the patron saint of farming, your parish, etc.</p>	<p><b>See Resource Section:</b> Storybooks on Saints</p>
How does Mary intercede for us?	<p><b>P 5.3 From the cross, Jesus gave his mother to be the mother of all and as our mother she intercedes for us</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know that at Pentecost Mary waited in prayer for the Holy Spirit to come (<u>covered in lesson on Pentecost</u>)</li> </ul> <p><u>Not directly covered in text:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. <i>Know we ask Mary to intercede for us each time we pray the Hail Mary</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>“Hail Mary, full of grace” ... We acknowledge the Holy Spirit overshadowing Mary</i></li> <li>2. <i>“Holy Mary, Mother of God” ... We ask Mary to beg God’s mercy on our behalf, as sinners</i></li> <li>3. <i>“Now and at the hour of our death.” We ask Mary to plead for us at the two most important moments of our lives</i></li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<p>John 19: 26-27</p> <p>Acts 1:14</p> <p>CCC 2676-2677</p>		<p>Make a rosary craft, many examples are found on-line</p> <p>Have students each lead a decade of the rosary</p>

## CHAPTER 12 Continued

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
<p>How do we venerate Mary in the life of Jesus and the life of the Church?</p>	<p><b>P 5.4 We venerate Mary through the liturgy and private devotion</b></p> <p><u>Some are covered in text, others in Feasts and Seasons</u></p> <p>a. Recognize in the liturgy there are many feasts that celebrate Mary’s place in the plan of salvation, some include: Holy day of obligation when not on Sat. or Mon, with the exception of Immaculate Conception*</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. *Mary Mother of God- January 1</li> <li>2. Annunciation- March 25</li> <li>3. *Assumption- August 15</li> <li>4. Queenship of Mary- August 22</li> <li>5. Birth of Mary- September 8</li> <li>6. Our Lady of Sorrows- September 15</li> <li>7. *Immaculate Conception- December 8</li> </ol> <p><u>Not covered in text:</u></p> <p>b. <i>Recognize in the history of the Church Christians have honored Mary through shrines, churches, statues, paintings, and music</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Recognize how the image and the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12) wonderfully illustrates Mary’s intercession for her children</i></li> <li>2. <i>Two other famous apparitions were at Lourdes (February 11) and Fatima (May 13) in which we see Mary’s love and care for us</i></li> </ol>	<p>CCC 2682</p>	<p>Pray a litany to Mary, have a student lead it.</p> <p>Discuss how Jesus sent Mary to us in a special way in Marian Apportions, Lourdes, Fatima, Guadalupe. How she helps all of us and how all those places have changed</p>	<p>Make holy cards or bookmarks listing all the many feasts of Mary. Find an image of Mary and glue on.</p>

**CHAPTER 13**  
**Evil in the World**

**CHAPTER 14**  
**New Life in Christ**

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teacher Notes
How do we encounter Christ in the Sacraments of Initiation?	<p><b>S 5.2 God in his love and mercy, through the Sacraments of Initiation, invites us into a relationship with him and his Church</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know in baptism we receive the Holy Spirit and his gifts, are freed of Original Sin, and become children of God</li> <li>b. Know confirmation increases and deepens baptismal grace</li> <li>c. Know the Eucharist unites us with Jesus Christ, completes our initiation into the Church, and nourishes our soul</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 1212 CCC 1213-</p> <p>CCC 1303</p> <p>CCC 1322, 1391-92</p>		<p>Students can make a folded card from a piece of paper and list out the sacraments of initiation. Draw a symbol with each one and then list out the effects of each one.</p>

**CHAPTER 15**  
**Forgiveness and Healing**

## CHAPTER 16

### Gathered as One

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
What is the Communion of Saints?	<p><b>PF 5.7 The Communion of Saints includes those in heaven, those in purgatory, and the baptized on earth</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know the souls in purgatory will get to heaven (<i>also in chapter 20</i>)</li> <li>b. Know the baptized on earth are on their journey to heaven</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 954</p> <p>CCC 1030 CCC 954</p>		
How can the saints teach us to live a moral life?	<p><b>ML 5.4 The saints are our role models for our journey to heaven</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know that saints are people who have turned their hearts and live according to God's plan</li> <li>b. Begin to understand, through God's grace, hardened sinners can convert and become saints</li> <li>c. Understand the lives of the saints inspire us to grow and live a holy life</li> </ul>	CCC 828		<p><b>See Resource Section Storybooks:</b> books on saints. Also Google and find a list of American saints and blessed</p>

## CHAPTERS 17 & 18

### Liturgy of the Word & Liturgy of the Eucharist

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
<p>How does the Eucharist unite me more deeply with Christ?</p> <p>Why is the Holy Triduum central to our faith?</p>	<p><b>S 5.3 Through the Mass we are drawn into the love of God, healed, and transformed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know the highest form of liturgy is the Mass</li> <li>b. Know the Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life</li> <li>c. Know at Mass we participate in the Paschal Mystery: Christ’s work of redemption by his passion, death, resurrection, and ascension</li> <li>d. Know through our participation in the Mass we are strengthened and sent forth to bring Christ’s love to the world</li> </ul> <p><u>Covered in church year lesson on Triduum, beginning of book:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. Begin to understand the Triduum is celebrated from Holy Thursday evening Mass to the evening of Easter Sunday               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Holy Thursday: The Last Supper</li> <li>2. Good Friday: The Passion</li> <li>3. Holy Saturday: Jesus in the Tomb</li> <li>4. Easter Vigil/Sunday: Resurrection</li> </ul> </li> <li>f. Understand the Triduum is the high point of the liturgical year</li> </ul> <p><u>Not covered in text:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>g. <i>Recognize that the Eucharist is also known as the Lord’s Supper, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and Holy Communion</i></li> </ul>	<p>CCC 1324</p> <p>CCC 1407 CCC 1328-1332</p> <p>CCC 1341, 1362-1367, 1409</p> <p>CCC 1067</p>		<p>Use the section on the Order of the Mass in the Alive in Christ manual “Our Catholic Tradition” section back of book. Have students make cards with each part of the Mass along with symbols to help them memorize it. Then play a game where the sections are out of order and see if they can place them back in order</p> <p><b>See Resource Section:</b> Holy Week activity</p>

## CHAPTER 19 Called to Serve

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
What is a vocation?	<p><b>S 5.6 God has a plan for our lives and calls us to live out a particular vocation in his service</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Understand some men are called to the Sacrament of Holy Orders</li> <li>b. Understand some men and women are called to religious consecrated life</li> <li>c. Understand a man and a woman may be called to the Sacrament of Matrimony</li> <li>d. Understand some people are called to live out their life in the single state</li> </ul>	CCC 358, 873, 931	Contact the vocations office for materials on vocations, posters, cards, etc.	List out attributes of the different vocations

## CHAPTER 20 The Last Things

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
What happens when we die?	<p><b>PF 5.6 God desires eternal life in heaven for each of us</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know death was not part of God's plan but is a consequence of Original Sin</li> <li>b. Begin to understand that in death the body and soul are separated; the soul goes to meet the judgement of God, and the body and soul are reunited on the last day</li> <li>c. Begin to understand each of us will be judged on how we loved God, neighbor, and self</li> <li>d. Begin to understand that purgatory is a state of purification after death and before entrance into heaven</li> <li>e. Know that hell is eternal separation from God by our own free choice</li> <li>f. Know the souls in Purgatory will get to heaven</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 1 CCC 1008</p> <p>CCC 997 10016-1018 CCC 1021-22</p> <p>CCC 1030-31</p> <p>CCC 1033</p>		Ask your priest to borrow the funeral rite book or google the rite on-line. Discuss the different parts of the rite and what they mean and what we believe

## CHAPTER 21

### Bring the Good News

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
Why do we serve others in words and actions?	<p><b>ML 5.3 We are made for communion with God and others</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Begin to understand justice and the importance of defending human rights for all</li> <li>b. Understand we perform spiritual and corporal works of mercy as a way to know, love, and serve God and care for others</li> <li>c. Begin to understand how to tell others about Jesus and his family, the Church, by sharing the Gospel (evangelization)</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 1928, 1932</p> <p>CCC 2447</p> <p>CCC 849-851</p>	<p>If you know anyone who has gone on mission, invite them in to give a talk about their experience. Contact Newman centers to see if any students did one through FOCUS</p>	

## Live Your Faith Section

### Life and Dignity of the Human Person (back section)

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
Why is human life more important than things?	<p><b>ML 5.5 Social teaching of the Church: the life and dignity of the human person is sacred because God created each of us in his image</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Understand human life is sacred and the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society</li> <li>b. Know life is sacred from the moment a child begins to exist (conception) until the moment of death</li> <li>c. Begin to understand how society can threaten or enhance the life and dignity of the human person, particularly the most vulnerable</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 2319</p> <p>CCC 2258</p>	<p>Discuss the laws we have now on abortion and what different people believe about them. And how they are interpreted.</p>	