3rd GRADE – Alive in Christ

- Begin 3rd 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
- The standards in the chapters on sacraments of initiation may also be covered in the specific sacramental preparation books
- There are five chapters without standards: Chapters 9, 10, 17*,18* & 19

THE CHURCH YEAR Feasts and Seasons

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How do we celebrate the special events during the liturgical year?	S 3.5 We celebrate the Seasons of the Church (The Liturgical Year) a. Recognize there is a liturgical year in which we celebrate the life of Jesus, Mary, and the saints b. Recognize the liturgical colors: Advent (violet/rose); Christmas (white); Ordinary Time (green); Lent (violet/rose); Easter (white), Holy Spirit, Passion, and Martyrs (red), Feasts of Mary and other Saints (white) c. Know the Church's new year begins the first Sunday of Advent and reaches its high point at Easter and ends on the Feast of Christ the King d. Know during Advent and Lent we prepare our hearts through acts of penance e. Know Holy Thursday we celebrate the Last Supper f. Know Good Friday celebrates the Passion of our Lord g. Know Holy Saturday recalls Jesus in the tomb h. Know we celebrate the Easter Vigil on Saturday night i. Know we celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday j. Know Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the apostles and birth of the Church	CCC 1163-1172		See Resource section: Advent Wreath craft Change the cloth in your sacred space to match the liturgical season See Resource section: Holy Week craft Make watercolor crosses on paper using masking tape for the cross, color over it and take off

INTRODUCTION A New Year

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
What is the bible?	PF 3.7 The bible is God's written word	CCC 120		See Resource
	 a. Know the bible is the inspired Word of God (sacred scripture) b. Know the bible consists of the Old Testament and the New Testament c. Know the four Gospels in the bible tell us about Jesus' life and teaching d. Begin to understand Gospel means "Good News" 	CCC 105-108 CCC 125		section storybooks: Typology books by Mckeegan

CHAPTER 1The Creator's Work

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
Who is God?	 a. Recognize God created everything out of nothing b. Recognize the world is good and God created it out of love c. Know that God created man and woman 	CCC 221, 279 John 3:16 CCC 299-303		
Why did God create the universe?	 d. Understand we are to take care of God's creation e. Know that you are created to live with God forever Not covered in text: f. Recognize that God created each person to be unique with a body and soul g. Recognize God created angels as purely spiritual beings and assigned each of us a guardian angel h. Recognize God created angels as messengers and helpers 	CCC 355-361 CCC 293, 294 CCC 330, 336 YOUCAT 54-55		Draw pictures of guardian angels. Write out the guardian angel prayer beneath the picture

CHAPTER 2 The Church Gathered

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
What is the Church?	a. Know we become members of the Church through baptism b. Recognize we belong to God's family: the Church	CCC 790-791 CCC 752		

CHAPTER 3 Families Teach Love

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
Who is the Holy	PF 3.6 The Holy Family is the model for all families	CCC 531-533		See Resource
Family?	 a. Know Mary is the mother of Jesus and our mother too b. Begin to understand that Mary had perfect faith and was free from Original Sin Not covered in text: 	CCC 502-507, 511		what we know about Mary & Joseph
	c. Know the members of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, foster-father of Jesus	CCC 437		See Resource section: Put on a
	 d. Understand Joseph had total trust in God and was obedient to God's will e. Recognize that Jesus obeyed Mary and Joseph 	CCC 532		St. Joseph Table

CHAPTER 4 Families Teach Love

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
Who is God?	PF 3.2 God is the Holy Trinity	CCC 232-237		
	 a. Know the Trinity is three persons in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit b. Know God the Father is the first person of the Trinity c. Know Jesus is the Son of God, the second person of the Trinity d. Know the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity e. Know there is perfect love between the persons of the Trinity 	CCC 253-255		

CHAPTER 5 The Church Celebrates

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
What is a sacrament?	S 3.1 Jesus instituted the seven sacraments so that we could receive sanctifying grace, a share in God's divine life a. Know a sacrament is an outward sign, instituted by Jesus Christ, given to the Church, to give grace	CCC 1113-1119, 1210		
What is the importance of the Eucharist	S 3.3 The Holy Eucharist completes the sacraments of initiation, full membership in the Church a. Begin to understand the Eucharist is the source and summit of our life in Christ b. Know Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper c. Know how to receive the Eucharist on the tongue and in the hand	CCC 1322-1324		Using tissue paper or color cling wrap as a background then make a host and chalice in black paper
How do we pray?	P 3.2 Jesus, through his Church, teaches us to pray in many ways a. Know we can visit and adore Jesus in the form of the Blessed Sacrament (Adoration) b. Understand memorizing prayers is a rich tradition in the Church. It helps us: 1. Participate as a family during Church services 2. Join others in prayer 3. Affirm what we believe	CCC 2607-2614 CCC 1378-79		Have a contest on memorizing prayers

CHAPTER 6 Pray Always

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teacher Notes
What is prayer? Who initiates prayer?	P 3.1 God, who loved us first, places on our heart the desire to have a relationship with him a. Know prayer is the lifting up of our mind and heart to God b. Know Jesus taught us to pray to the Father c. Know we need to respond, through prayer, to God's	CCC 2565, 299 CCC 2559 CCC 2567		Break down the "Our Father" and explain each line to students. Use CCC 2777
invitation to be in relations Not directly covered in chapter d. Know asking Mary, the sa leads us to God e. Recognize the beauty of cr	invitation to be in relationship with him Not directly covered in chapter d. Know asking Mary, the saints, and angels to pray for us	CCC 2670-2672 CCC 2673, 2679 CCC 2683-2684		

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How do we pray? Why do we memorize prayers?	P 3.2 Jesus, through his Church, teaches us to pray in many ways a. Begin to understand how to pray with the Psalms b. Begin to develop a habit of personal prayer through silent reflection, listening, spontaneous prayer, prayer with scripture, song, art, sacramentals, and gestures c. Begin to know the following types of prayer: 1. Blessing and Adoration 2. Praise 3. Petition 4. Intercession 5. Thanksgiving In the back of the book: d. Know the following prayers: 1. Sign of Cross 2. Our Father 3. Hail Mary 4. Angel of God 5. Grace before Meals 6. Glory Be 7. St. Michael the Archangel 8. Act of Contrition 9. Apostles' Creed e. Know how to pray the rosary and reflect on the mysteries	CCC 2607-2614 CCC 2585-2589 CCC 2663 CCC 2700-04 YOUCAT 491 CCC 2626-2643 CCC 2678 CCC 1378-79 CCC 2688	Have students prayer an intercessory prayer for something going on in the community. Make prayer cards for elderly and homebound parishioners.	Ask students to choose a type of prayer and have them lead the prayer. Teacher could have choices to pick from. Popsicle stick prayers: place a jar with prayers listed on craft sticks. Have students choose one to lead the class in. Make a paper chain rosary

CHAPTER 7 The Good News

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
Who is Jesus?	 a. Know Jesus is both God and man b. Know Jesus teaches us how to love and take care of one another 	CCC 443-444 CCC 464 CCC 571	Discuss ways we see family members taking care of each other even when it's hard	

CHAPTER 8 The Paschal Mystery

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
Who is Jesus?	PF 3.3 Jesus is the Son of God	CCC 443-444		Various crafts
	a. Know that Jesus suffered, died and rose from the dead for the salvation of all peopleb. Understand Jesus is with us always	CCC 571 CCC 662		can be found on- line for making crosses

CHAPTER 9
The Body of Christ

CHAPTER 10 Church Leaders

CHAPTER 11 One and Holy

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
Who is the Holy	PF 3.4 The Holy Spirit is our Advocate	CCC 692		
Spirit?	a. Know the Holy Spirit helps us (Advocate)b. Know the Holy Spirit guides the Church	CCC 731		
	c. Know the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles on Pentecost	CCC 737-738		
What is the	PF 3.5 The Church is the family of God	CCC 790-791		See Resource
Church?	a. Begin to understand the four marks of the Church (One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic)	CCC 804		Section Storybooks: Our Holy Father: the Papacy
Why do we have	ML 3.6 Our patron saints protect and guide us	CCC 828, 957	Make a	See Resource
patron saints?	 a. Know the lives of saints model love of God and concern for others b. Begin to understand patron saints are saints with whom we have a special relationship because of a common experience or interest c. Know that Mary is the perfect model saint, she always did God's will d. Know stories about the saints e. Know we are called to be saints f. The Church designates saints as patrons of persons, places, or things 	CCC 2683 CCC 148, 2617	litany of the saints with the names chosen for Confirmation	section storybooks: Many books on saints Make a wall of holy card saints. Especially those chosen for Confirmation

CHAPTER 12 Catholic and Apostolic

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How do we share	ML 3.5 We show our love for God by sharing what we have with	CCC 1889	Discuss ways	See Resource
God's love with others?	 a. Begin to recognize the needs of others by respecting all human life (Catholic social teaching) b. Know all human life is a gift from God c. Know that people are more important than things d. Begin to understand we can help others by praying for them 	CCC 1929-1933 CCC 343 CCC 2634-2636	community helps those in need	Section Storybooks: Quiltmakers gift.

CHAPTER 13 Choose Love

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
What are ways we can imitate Jesus?	a. Know we can imitate Jesus by loving others, serving those in need, praying, forgiving, and sharing God's plan of love b. Understand we can know Jesus more personally by reading the Gospels Found in the back of book: c. Recognize the Corporal Works of Mercy: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, and bury the dead d. Begin to understand the Spiritual Works of Mercy: instruct the ignorant, admonish the sinner, counsel the doubtful, comfort the sorrowful, bear wrongs patiently, forgive all injuries, pray for the living and the dead	CCC 1693 CCC 125 CCC 2447	Perform a corporal work of mercy Perform a spiritual work of mercy	

CHAPTER 14 Live in the Light

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How does the Holy Spirit help us to live a moral life?	 ML 3.1 The Holy Spirit helps us to love and follow Jesus a. Know that the Holy Spirit strengthens, guides, and helps us b. Begin to understand we receive the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity (love) at baptism Found in back of book: c. Begin to recognize that the fruits of the Holy Spirit come from exercising the gifts of the Holy Spirit: the fruits are charity [love], joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity) 	CCC 741, 1742 CCC 683-684 YOUCAT 120 CCC 1812-1832 YOUCAT 310- 311 Isaiah 11:2		Teach children to pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance Make cards of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the fruits with explanations on the back

CHAPTER 15 Help with Choices

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How can I resist temptation to sin?	ML 3.3 Know sin is an offense against God and others Not covered in text: a. Know the difference between mortal and venial sin 1. Mortal sin is deadly and we break our relationship with God; there are three conditions: a) the act is sinful, is grave matter and b) you know it is wrong and c) you freely choose to do it 2. Venial sin weakens our relationship with God b. Recognize we can sin through our thoughts, words, actions, and things we have failed to do c. Understand temptation is an attraction toward committing a sin d. Begin to understand we can resist temptation with God's grace (prayer, frequent confession, read Scripture, use of sacramentals, pray to your guardian angel, live the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, etc.)	CCC 1849 CCC 1854-1859 CCC 1863 CCC 1865-1869 CCC 2340		See Resource section: Confession activity with iodine Have a bag with slips of paper with 'pretend' sins and temptations. Act out confession, help students understand the difference.

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
Why did God give us the Ten Commandments?	Found in back of book: ML 3.2 God gave us the Ten Commandments so that we know how to live a good and holy life a. Know the 1 st Commandment: to love the Lord your God with all your heart b. Know the 2 nd Commandment: not to take the Lord's name is vain c. Know the 3 rd Commandment: to the keep holy the Sabbath d. Know the 4 th Commandment: to honor your father and mother e. Know the 5 th Commandment: do not kill f. Know the 6 th Commandment: do not commit adultery g. Know the 7 th Commandment: do not steal h. Know the 8 th Commandment: do not bear false witness (lie) i. Know the 9 th Commandment: do not covet your neighbor's wife j. Know the 10 th Commandment: do not covet your neighbor's goods	CCC 62, 2056 Table before CCC 2052 Mt 22: 36-39 CCC 2083-2557		Make cards with the 10 commandments and make up a game See resource section: Make a 10 Commandments wheel

CHAPTER 16 Sacraments of Initiation

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
What is a sacrament?	S 3.1 Jesus instituted the seven sacraments so that we could receive sanctifying grace, a share in God's divine life	CCC 1113-1119		Pick a student for each
a. Baptism b. Confirmation c. Eucharist Covered in the next chapters 17 & 18: 2. Sacraments of Healing a. Reconciliation/Penance b. Anointing of the Sick 3. Sacraments of Service/Mission a. Marriage b. Holy Orders b. Be introduced to the form and matter for the sacraments: baptism (water and words), confirmation (anointing by bishop, laying on of hands with the words and anointing with Chrism oil), and Eucharist (bread, wine, and words) reconciliation (confessing of	CCC 1131		commandment and have them teach it.	
	=	CCC 824, 1266		teach it.
	CCC 1212		See Resource section: Make	
	CCC 1420-1421		Sacrament flash cards	
	CCC 1533-1535			
	words and anointing with Chrism oil), and Eucharist (bread, wine, and words) reconciliation (confessing of	CCC 1284, 1320, 1412, 1491		

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
What is	S 3.2 The Sacrament of Confirmation strengthens the gifts	CCC 1303		If you are doing
confirmation?	of the Holy Spirit received at baptism			sacramental prep
	a. Know confirmation increases and deepens the graces	CCC 1316		in the classroom
	received in baptism			see Encounter
	b. Know the form of confirmation are the words "Be	CCC 1320		"Eucharist"
	sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit"			catechist's
	c. Know the matter of confirmation: "laying on of hands"			manual for all
	by the bishop and anointing with Sacred Chrism on the			different activities
	forehead			& ideas.
	d. Know the Sacred Chrism oil is consecrated by the	CCC 1297		
	bishop at the Chrism Mass during Holy Week each			Make gifts of the
	year and is distributed to all the parishes in the diocese			Holy Spirit flash
	e. Know the bishop is the ordinary minister of	CCC 1312		cards
	confirmation, but priests may also confirm with			
	permission from the bishop	CCC 1302-1305		
	Not covered in text:			
	f. Know confirmation imprints an indelible spiritual mark			
	on one's soul and remains forever			
How do we show	g. Know confirmation can only be received once			
that we are living	Found in back of book:			
the gifts of the	h. Know the gifts of the Holy Spirit:			
Holy Spirit?	a. Wisdom			
	b. Understanding			
	c. Counsel			
	d. Knowledge			
	e. Piety f. Fear of the Lord	CCC 1311		
		CCC 1311		
	g. Fortitude			
	Not covered in text: i. Understand the role and importance of your			
	confirmation sponsor			

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
What is the	S 3.3 The Holy Eucharist completes the sacraments of	CCC 1322		See Resource
importance of the	initiation; full membership in the Church			section
Eucharist?	a. Know even though the bread (host) and wine look like	CCC 1324		storybooks:
	ordinary bread and wine after the consecration, it is			Heavenly hosts
	truly Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity	CCC 1323		Eucharistic miracles for kids
	b. Know at Mass, during the consecration, the bread/wine	CCC 1323		illiacies for kius
	become the Body and Blood of Jesus	CCC 1333		
	(Transubstantiation)			
What must I do to receive the	Not covered in text c. Begin to understand the Mass is the memorial of Jesus Christ's Passover, His life, death, and resurrection d. Begin to understand that the word "Eucharist" means "Thanksgiving"	CCC 1340		
Eucharist	e. Know what is necessary to receive the Eucharist1. Be a baptized Catholic	CCC 1328		
worthily?	2. Be free from mortal sin3. Fast one hour before receiving the Eucharist	CCC 1385-1388		

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How is Jesus present at the Mass?	 S 3.4 We come to know Jesus through the Mass a. Know we worship God at Mass b. Know the order of the Mass: Introductory Rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Communion Rite, Concluding Rites c. Recognize Jesus Christ is present in the Mass; in the Word, in the priest (representing Jesus the Head) in the people (The Body of Christ) and most of all in the Eucharist d. Be introduced to the signs and symbols of the liturgy: sacred vessels, the book of the Gospels, ambo, incense, crucifix, celebrant's chair, water of baptism, chrism oil, altar, candles, vestments, bells, music, etc. e. Know the Sanctuary light/lamp tells us that Jesus, in the Eucharist, is present in the Tabernacle 	CCC 1323 CCC 1345 CCC 1346-1355 CCC 1349, 1410, 1416 CCC 1181-1186		See church tour cards on Diocese of Fargo/ sacramental preparation web site

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
What is the Mass?	P 3.3 Jesus gives us the gift of himself at the sacrifice of the Mass a. Begin to know the Mass celebrates the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Parts of the Mass found in the back of the book b. Know how to fully participate in the Mass (prayers, song, attention, posture) c. Begin to know the Mass responses: 1. "Amen" 2. Responses to Greeting ("And with your spirit") 3. Penitential Rite ("I confess to almighty God", "Lord have Mercy, Christ have Mercy") 4. Gloria ("Glory to God in the highest") 5. Responses to the Readings ("Thanks be to God") 6. "Alleluia" 7. Response to the introduction of the Gospel ("Glory to you O Lord") 8. Response to the Gospel ("Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ") 9. Response to Intercessions ("Lord hear our prayer") 10. "Holy, Holy, Holy" 11. Memorial Acclamation ("Save us Savior", "We proclaim your Death, O Lord", "When we eat this Bread and drink this cup") 12. The Great Amen 13. Response to the Sign of Peace (to the priest, "And with your Spirit" and to others, "Peace be with you") 14. "Lamb of God" 15. Final Blessing and Dismissal ("Thanks be to God")	CCC 2655 CCC 1345-1355		See Resource section: St. Simon Says

CHAPTER 17 Sacraments of Healing (see standard S 3.1)

CHAPTER 18 Sacraments at the Service of Communion (see standards S 3.1)

CHAPTER 19 The Church through Time

CHAPTER 20 The Work of the Church

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How can we work	ML 3.7 Social teaching of the Church: God created us as	CCC 1879		See Resource
for peace in our homes and communities?	sacred and social beings to live and participate in families and communities in harmony with him a. Begin to understand how we are called by God to work together to make peace in our families and communities b. Begin to understand how small acts of kindness can make a big difference in the lives of others and create peace c. Begin to understand how people can work together to make a positive change in the community so that we all live in harmony with God	CCC 1882, 1886 CCC 1888		section storybooks: Quiltmakers book & Rain School

CHAPTER 21 Everlasting Life

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
What happens when we die?	 a. Know we believe there is life after death in heaven or hell b. Begin to understand after death we will be judged by our thoughts, words and deeds c. Begin to understand Jesus told us he would come again at the end of time 	CCC 1 CCC 1020-1032	Pray for people who have died in our family and our parish community	