

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION (CCE) LESSON SCHEDULE 2025-2026

DATE	TOPIC	INSTRUCTIONS
SEPTEMBER 16/17 (Week 1)	'MEET & GREET' ACTIVITIES WITH THE CATECHIST AND PARENT INFO NIGHT	Meet and Greet with Ice Breaker activities for students with the Catechists in the classrooms. Parent Info session in the GAH. Refer to the Week 1 Meet & Greet "Building a Faith Community" Lesson Plan sent via email and under the Weekly Lesson Plan Outlines on the Catechist webpage at https://stlaurence.org/the-catechist
Bible Literacy Lesson		
SEPTEMBER 23/24 (Week 2)	EQ: Why and how do Catholics read the Bible?	Refer to the Week 2 "Bible Literacy" Lesson outline sent via email and on the Catechist webpage at https://stlaurence.org/the-catechist . Bring out the class Bibles! Teach the children how to find passages in the Bible and make this a part of your lesson time together each week.
	Grade 1: Alive in Christ , pg. K3, 4 & 5 + Chapter 6 (About the Bible)	
	Grade 2: Alive in Christ , pg. 4&5 + Chapter 3 (The Word of God)	
	Grade 3: Alive in Christ , pg. 4&5 + Chapter 7: pg. 122-123 (The Good News)	
	Grade 4: Alive in Christ , pg. 4&5 + Chapter 1: pg. 57 (God's Providence)	
	Grade 5: Alive in Christ , pg. 4&5 + Chapter 1: pg. 54 (God's Plan for All Creation), Chapter 8: pg. 132-133 & 136 (Proclaim the Kingdom) and Chapter 17: pg. 236-238 (Liturgy of the Word)	
Unit (BIG IDEA) #1 : Who is Jesus Christ?		
SEPT/OCT 30/1 (Week 3)	EQ 1: What do you know about the life of Jesus Christ on earth?	Refer to the Week 3 Lesson outline sent via email and on the Catechist webpage at https://stlaurence.org/the-catechist . We begin our first Unit of the year by exploring Who is Jesus Christ? and what He reveals to us about God, His Father, and the Holy Trinity.
	Grade 1: Alive in Christ , pgs. K4 & K5 + Chapter 8 (Jesus Teaches Love); Mark 10:13-16	
	Grade 2: Alive in Christ , pgs. K4 & K5 + Chapter 5 (God the Son); John 6:3-13	
	Grade 3: Alive in Christ , pgs. K4 thru K6 + Chapter 3 (Families Teach Love); Mark 10: 46-52	
	Grade 4: Alive in Christ , pgs. K1, K2 & K4 + Chapter 8 (Love God and Neighbor); Matt 5: 43-48	
	Grade 5: Alive in Christ , Chp.7 (Living Image of Christ) & Chp.9 (Celebrating the Paschal Mystery); Luke 10:25-37	
OCTOBER 7/8 (Week 4)	EQ 2: What does Jesus Christ teach you about God?	Refer to the Week 4 Lesson outline sent via email and on the Catechist webpage at https://stlaurence.org/the-catechist . Teach like Jesus did! Jesus was THE consummate teacher who used a variety of methods in His teaching such as illustrations, parables, questions & discussion, lectures, debates and object lessons to communicate His message in a way that connected to His audience. He met his learners where they were at in terms of their understanding and connected their lived experiences to spiritual truths.
	Grade 1: Alive in Christ , Chapter 1: pg.47-52 (Created by God), Chapter 2: pg.57-58 & 60 (God's Gifts For Us), Chapter 3: pg.68-69 (Made to Care) and Chapter 4: pg. 84-85 (The Holy Trinity)	
	Grade 2: Alive in Christ , pg. K1-K3,Chapter 1: pg.53-58(God's Gifts) and Chapter 6: pg. 108-111(God the HS); Gen 1:31	
	Grade 3: Alive in Christ ,pg.K2&K3,Chp.1:pg. 53-58(The Creator's Work),Chp.4:pg. 87-92(The Holy Trinity);Gen 1:26-31	
	Grade 4: Alive in Christ , Chapter 1(God's Providence),Chapter 2: pg. 64-65(God is Faithful) and pg. K5&K6;Genesis 1: 1-	
	Grade 5: Alive in Christ ,pg.K1-K3 + Chapter 1(God's Plan for All Creation);Gen 1:1-2:4,Col 1:15-19,Jn 10:27-30,Jn14:15-31	
OCTOBER 14/15	*NO CCE CLASSES -- FBISD FALL BREAK*	Have fun with your families!
OCTOBER 21/22 (Week 5)	Unit #1 Review / Evaluate for Understanding: Who is Jesus Christ?	Use this time to complete unfinished lessons, review the Unit material and check for understanding. Refer to previous Lesson Plans in this Unit.
OCTOBER 23 (Thursday)	CATECHIST FORMATION/SOCIAL	AMC Rooms 200/202 6-8pm
Unit (BIG IDEA) #2: How do we get to know and love Jesus Christ?		
OCTOBER 28/29 (Week 6)	EQ 1: How does praying help me to know and love Jesus Christ? (Part 1)	Refer to the Week 6 Lesson outline sent via email and on the Catechist webpage at https://stlaurence.org/the-catechist . Check out the Common Prayers and Formulas By Age handout on the Catechist website. Incorporate these into your opening and closing prayer time each week. Share with the children a favorite prayer of yours or have them write one of their own. Announce Fall Service Project
	Grade 1: Alive in Christ , Chapter 9 (Jesus Teaches Us to Pray); Matt 6:9-13	
	Grade 2: Alive in Christ , Chapter 15 (Ways to Pray); Matt 6:9-13	
	Grade 3: Alive in Christ , Chapter 6 (Pray Always); Matt 6:9-13	
	Grade 4: Alive in Christ , Chp. 6: pg. 114 (Making Good Choices), Chp. 7: pg. 126 (The Beatitudes) + review pgs.324 - 330 (We Pray); Luke 22: 39-46 and Matt 6:9-13	
	Grade 5: Alive in Christ , pg. 9-11 (Ordinary Time - Queen of the Holy Rosary) + review pg. 324-330 (We Pray); Luke 22: 39-46 and Matt 6:9-13, 1 Thess 5:16-18, Phil 4:6	
NOVEMBER 4/5 (Week 7)	EQ 1: How does praying (the Rosary) help me to know and love Jesus Christ? (Part 2)	Grades 1-5 will pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary together at the beginning of CCE in Marian Hall (approx. 30 minutes - rosaries will be provided). For the remainder of time in class, refer to the Week 7 Lesson outline sent via email and on the Catechist webpage at https://stlaurence.org/the-catechist .
	Grade 1: Alive in Christ , pg. 9-11 (Ordinary Time - Mary's Birthday); Chapter 10: pg. 154-155 (Responding to God); pg. 305-307 (We Believe-Mary Mother of God and Honoring Mary) and pg. 303 (the Apostles' Creed)	
	Grade 2: Alive in Christ , pg. 9-11 (Ordinary Time - Mother of Mercy); Chapter 5 (review): pg. 98-99 (Son of God); pg. 320 (Sacramentals) and pg. 308 (the Apostles' Creed)	
	Grade 3: Alive in Christ , Chapter 3 (review) pg. 74-75 (Families Teach Love), pg. 330 (The Rosary) and pg. 312 (the Apostles' Creed)	
	Grade 4: Alive in Christ , pg. 9-11 (Ordinary Time - Sorrowful Mother); Chapter 11: pg. 168 (Models of Virtue) , pg.330 (Praying With the Saints) and pg. 310 (the Apostles' Creed)	
	Grade 5: Alive in Christ , review pg. 9-11 (Ordinary Time - Queen of the Holy Rosary); Chapter 12: pg. 178-180 (Lives of Holiness) and pg. 310 (the Apostle's Creed)	
NOVEMBER 11/12	CCE MASS (in the Church) -- Attend on Tuesday @ 6:00 pm OR Wednesday @ 6:30pm (NO CCE CLASSES in the AMC; At least one parent MUST stay with their child(ren); Drop Fall Service Projects in the Narthex)	Parents must remain with students @ Mass. Fall Service Projects due TODAY in narthex of the Church.

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NOVEMBER 18/19 (Week 8)	<i>EQ 2: How does going to Mass help me know and love Jesus Christ?</i>	Refer to the Week 8 Lesson outline sent via email and on the Catechist webpage at https://stlaurence.org/the-catechist . Review and practice Mass responses from the Common Prayers and Formulas By Age handout on the Catechist webpage.
	Grade 1: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 19 (We Give Thanks); Luke 22:19-20	
	Grade 2: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 16 (Gather to Worship); Luke 22:19-20	
	Grade 3: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 5 (The Church Celebrates);Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:14-20, Matt 26:26-30	
	Grade 4: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 9: pg. 142-145 (Honoring God) & Chapter 17: pg. 236-239 (The Seven Sacraments); Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:14-20, Matt 26:26-30	
	Grade 5: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 5 (Prayer & Worship) & Chapter 16 (Gathered as One); Mark 14:22-24, Luke22:14-20 & Matt 26:26-30	
NOVEMBER 25/26	*NO CCE CLASSES -- THANKSGIVING BREAK*	Have a blessed Thanksgiving!
NOVEMBER 30	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Display your Advent Wreaths as we count the weeks until Jesus' Coming.
DECEMBER 2/3 (Week 9)	Liturgical Lesson - ADVENT	Refer to the Week 9 Lesson outline sent via email and on the Catechist webpage at https://stlaurence.org/the-catechist . Discuss with your learners how they can each prepare their 'stables' for Jesus' arrival at Christmas by 'cleaning out' their minds, hearts, homes and family activities of any unnecessary secular distractions.
	<i>EQ: Why and how do Catholic Christians celebrate the Season of Advent?</i>	
	Grade 1: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Waiting for Jesus (pg.19-22)	
	Grade 2: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Change Our Hearts (pg.19-24)	
	Grade 3: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Our Lady of Guadalupe (pg.19-22)	
	Grade 4: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Prepare for Jesus (pg.15-20)	
	Grade 5: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Get Ready! (pg.15-18)	
DECEMBER 9/10 (Week 10)	<i>EQ 3: How do the Sacraments help me to know and love Jesus Christ?</i>	Refer to the Week 10 Lesson outline sent via email and on the Catechist webpage at https://stlaurence.org/the-catechist . Have the children bring a photo of their Baptisms and/or their First Holy Eucharist and discuss why those celebrations were so important to them and their families.
	Grade 1: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 17 (Holy Signs) and Chp. 18: pg. 238-242 (We Are Welcomed); Matt 3:13-17	
	Grade 2: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 10 (The Sacraments); Matt 3:13-17	
	Grade 3: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 16 (Sacraments of Initiation); Matt 3:13-17	
	Grade 4: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chp.17 (The Seven Sacraments); Gen 1:9-11, Exodus 14:21-31, Mark 1:1-6, Exodus 17:1-7	
	Grade 5: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 3 (Signs of God's Presence); Matt 3:13-17 and Acts 8: 14-25	
DECEMBER 16/17 (Week 11)	Liturgical Lesson - CHRISTMAS	Refer to the Week 11 Lesson outline sent via email and on the Catechist webpage at https://stlaurence.org/the-catechist . The Season of Christmas the Church celebrates only begins on Christmas Day and continues until we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord two weeks later. Challenge the kids to not remove their home holiday decorations on December 26th, but rather leave them up for the 12 days of Christmas!
	<i>EQ: Why and how do Catholic Christians celebrate the Season of Christmas?</i>	
	Grade 1: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , The Light of Christ (pg.23-26)	
	Grade 2: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Glory to God (pg.25-30)	
	Grade 3: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Glory to God (pg.23-28)	
	Grade 4: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , God's Greatest Gift (pg.21-24)	
	Grade 5: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Season of Love (pg.19-24)	
DEC 18 thru JAN 12	*NO CLASSES - CHRISTMAS / NEW YEARS HOLIDAYS*	Enjoy your time off!
Unit (BIG IDEA) #3: How does Jesus Christ teach us to live a moral life?		
JANUARY 13/14 (Week 12)	<i>EQ 1: How do God's commands (rules) guide my life?</i>	Refer to the Week 12 Lesson outline sent via email and on the Catechist webpage at https://stlaurence.org/the-catechist . Teach the 'Catholic' Ten Commandments song at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=27&v=h1OLKOUtodg
	Grade 1: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 14, pg.195 & 198 (Making Choices) and pg. 318-319; Mark 12:28-34	
	Grade 2: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 7 (God's Commandments); Mark 12:28-34	
	Grade 3: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , pgs. 320-321, Chpt 3, pg. 78 (Families Teach Love) and Chpt 13, pg. 193 (Choose Love); Mark 12:28-34 and Exodus 20:1-17	
	Grade 4: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chp.3 (God's Commandments) & Chp. 7 (Beatitudes); Mark 12:28-34, Ex 3:1-17, Ex 20:1-17, Matt 5:3-10	
	Grade 5: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 6 (A Life of Virtue); Mark 12:28-34,Ex 3:1-17,Ex 20:1-17,Matt 5:3-10	
JANUARY 20/21 (Week 13)	<i>EQ 2: Why and how does Jesus Christ want me to make good choices?</i>	Refer to the Week 13 Lesson outline sent via email and on the Catechist webpage at https://stlaurence.org/the-catechist . Practice the Catholic Ten Commandments Song from last week and discuss how God's 'rules' protect us and help us to make good choices.
	Grade 1: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 14 (Making Choices); Genesis 2:1-6	
	Grade 2: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 8 (Choose to Do Good); Genesis 2:1-6	
	Grade 3: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 15 (Help with Choices); Gen 2:1-6 and Acts 9:1-10	
	Grade 4: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 6 (Making Good Choices); Luke 10:30-37 and Genesis 2-3:13	
	Grade 5: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 13 (Evil in the World); Gen 2-3:13, Luke 10:25-27	
JANUARY 27/28 (Week 14)	<i>EQ 3: Why and how does Jesus Christ expect me to love and respect myself and others? (Part 1)</i>	Refer to the Week 14 Lesson outline sent via email and on the Catechist webpage at https://stlaurence.org/the-catechist for the Kinder thru 5th Grade-Level Circle of Grace Lessons. Have your class discuss practical ways that they can love themselves and others.
	Grade 1: Circle of Grace Lesson: Your Circle of Grace and Others, Parts 1 & 2	
	Grade 2: Circle of Grace Lesson: Being Safe in Your Circle of Grace, Parts 1 & 2	
	Grade 3: Circle of Grace Lesson: Sacredness & Boundaries, Parts 1 & 2	
	Grade 4: Circle of Grace Lesson: Social Media & Our Circle of Grace + AIC, Chp 4 (In God's Image)	
	Grade 5: Circle of Grace Lesson: Coping with Stress and Pressure	
FEBRUARY 3/4 (Week 15)	<i>EQ 3: Why and how does Jesus Christ expect me to love and respect myself and others? (Part 2)</i>	Refer to the Week 15 Lesson outline sent via email and on the Catechist webpage at https://stlaurence.org/the-catechist for the individual Kinder thru 5th Grade level Dignity of the Human Person Lesson links.
	Grade 1: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , pgs. 288-289 and Dignity of Human Person 1st Grade Lesson: Fr. A. Tolton Story	
	Grade 2: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , pgs. 294-295 and Dignity of Human Person 2nd Grade Lesson: What is a Person?	
	Grade 3: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , pgs. 294-295 and Dignity of Human Person 3rd Grade Lesson: How Do We Respect Human Dignity?	
	Grade 4: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 14 (Respect Life) + pgs. 294-295 and Dignity of the Human Person 4th Grade Lesson: Beatitudes Show Us True Happiness	
	Grade 5: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , pgs. 294-295 and Dignity of the Human Person Grade 5 Lesson: Implicit Bias and the Unity of the Body of Christ	

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FEBRUARY 10/11 (Week 16)	Liturgical Lesson - ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT	Refer to the Week 16 Lesson outline sent via email and on the Catechist webpage at https://stlaurence.org/the-catechist . Remember: Lent is characterized by acts of prayer, service and almsgiving. Brainstorm about family Lenten service projects the children can do at home. Spring Lenten Service Projects announced.
	EQ: <i>Why and how do Catholic Christians celebrate the Season of Lent?</i>	
	Grade 1: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Time for Change (pgs. 27-32)	
	Grade 2: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Teach Me Your Ways (pgs. 31-36)	
	Grade 3: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Time for Change (pgs. 29-34)	
	Grade 4: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , A Time To Pray (pgs. 25-30)	
	Grade 5: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Time for Change (pgs. 25-28)	
FEBRUARY 17/18	*NO CCE CLASSES - ASH WEDNESDAY*	Attend an Ash Wednesday service or Mass with your family!
FEBRUARY 17TH	Catechist & Volunteer 'Fat Tuesday' Celebration (NO CCE Classes)	AMC Rooms 200/202 6-8pm
FEBRUARY 24/25 (Week 17)	Unit 3 Review/Evaluate for Understanding: <i>How does Jesus Christ teach us to live a moral life?</i>	Use this time to complete unfinished lessons, review the Unit material and check for understanding. Refer to previous Lesson Plans in this Unit.
Unit (BIG IDEA) #4: <i>How are we called to become missionary disciples of Jesus Christ?</i>		
MARCH 3/4 (Week 18)	EQ 1: <i>Why and how am I called to follow Jesus Christ?</i>	Refer to the Week 18 Lesson outline sent via email and on the Catechist webpage at https://stlaurence.org/the-catechist .
	Grade 1: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 10 (<i>Responding to God</i>); 1 Samuel 3: 3-10	
	Grade 2: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 20 (<i>Go Forth!</i>); Matthew 28: 16-20	
	Grade 3: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chp.12 (<i>Catholic and Apostolic</i>) and Chp. 20 (<i>The Work of the Church</i>); Matthew 10:5-14	
	Grade 4: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 10 (<i>Called to Serve</i>) and Chapter 11 (<i>Models of Virtue</i>); Matthew 4:18-22	
	Grade 5: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chp. 19 (<i>The Call to Serve</i>) and Chp. 12 (<i>Lives of Holiness</i>); John 12:26, 13:4-5, 12:15	
MARCH 10/11 (Week 19)	EQ 2: <i>How do I follow Jesus Christ? (Part 1)</i>	Refer to the Week 19 Lesson outline sent via email and on the Catechist webpage at https://stlaurence.org/the-catechist . Spring Lenten Service Projects due.
	Grade 1: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 13 (<i>Disciples Serve</i>) & Chapter 12 (<i>Friends of God</i>); John 13: 2-17	
	Grade 2: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 14 (<i>Share the Good News</i>); Mark 16: 15-16	
	Grade 3: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 9 (<i>The Body of Christ</i>) and Chapter 14 (<i>Live in the Light</i>); Matt 25:31-40	
	Grade 4: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 20 (<i>The Church in the World</i>) and Chapter 19 (<i>A Generous Spirit</i>); Matt 28:16-20	
	Grade 5: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Chapter 21 (<i>Bring the Good News</i>); Matthew 28:16-20	
MARCH 17/18	*NO CCE CLASSES - SPRING BREAK*	Enjoy time with your families!
MARCH 24/25 (Week 20)	Liturgical Lesson - HOLY WEEK	Pray Stations of the Cross together in Marian Hall at beginning of CCE session (approx. 30 minutes) Refer to the Week 20 Lesson outline sent via email and on the Catechist webpage at https://stlaurence.org/the-catechist for the remainder of the class session.
	EQ: <i>Why and how do Catholic Christians celebrate Holy Week?</i>	
	Grade 1: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Holy Week (pgs. 33-36)	
	Grade 2: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , The Three Days (pgs. 37-42)	
	Grade 3: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Holy Week (pgs. 35-38)	
	Grade 4: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Easter Triduum (pgs. 31-36)	
	Grade 5: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Triduum (pgs. 29-32)	
MAR/APRIL 31/1	*NO CLASSES -- HOLY WEEK*	Attend at least one Triduum service together as a family.
APRIL 7/8 (Week 21)	Liturgical Lesson - EASTER	Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! Refer to the Week 21 Lesson outline sent via email and on the Catechist webpage at https://stlaurence.org/the-catechist . 5th graders visited by Youth Minister about moving to EDGE.
	EQ: <i>Why and how do Catholic Christians celebration the Season of Easter?</i>	
	Grade 1: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , He Is Risen (pgs. 37-40)	
	Grade 2: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , We Rejoice (pgs. 43-46)	
	Grade 3: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , Holy, Holy, Holy (pgs. 39-44)	
	Grade 4: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , He Lives (pgs. 37-42)	
	Grade 5: <i>Alive in Christ</i> , He Lives (pgs. 33-38)	
APRIL 14/15 (Week 22)	EQ 2: <i>How do I follow Jesus Christ? (Part 2 - VOCATIONS)</i>	Refer to the Week 22 Lesson outline sent via email and on the Catechist webpage at https://stlaurence.org/the-catechist for the links to the grade-level Vocations lessons.
	Grade 1: Grade 1 Vocations Lesson: God Loves Me and I Love God	
	Grade 2: Grade 2 Vocations Lesson: Belonging to God's Family	
	Grade 3: Grade 3 Vocations Lesson: <i>Using Our Gifts and Talents to Give Glory to God and to Help Others</i>	
	Grade 4: Grade 4 Vocations Lesson: <i>Signs of a Vocation - Following Jesus</i>	
	Grade 5: Grade 5 Vocations Lesson: <i>Service in the Church plus Alive in Christ</i> , pg. 335	
APRIL 21/22 (Week 23)	Unit 4 Review/Evaluation for Understanding: <i>How are we called to become missionary disciples of Jesus Christ?</i>	Use this time to complete unfinished lessons, review the Unit material and check for understanding. Refer to previous Lesson Plans in this Unit. Grade 5 will present the Blessed Carlo lesson found on the Catechist webpage.
	Grade 5 Unit 4 Review: Blessed Carlo Acutis Lesson Plan Outline	
APRIL 28/29 (Week 24) FINAL CLASS	May Crowning, Faith Formation Fair & Class Celebrations (optional)	May Crowning Ceremony at the beginning of CCE in Marian Hall (approx. 20 min).