

**ST. CHRISTINE'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**FIRST GRADE Curriculum Guide 2023 - 2024**

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**September 15 PARENT MEETING – Monday @ 7:00pm** Parish Hall

**WEEK OF**

**Sept 29**

**Chapter 1- God is Our Father** God created the world and all of its people. Everything God created is good.

**Activities:**

Getting acquainted activities;

Establish class rules;

St. Francis of Assisi story;

**Disciple activity – "Make it happen"** - think of the gifts God has given us.

Expand and have children draw what they are grateful for – good icebreaker.

(pg. 25). If weather permits go outside and look for God's gifts; use paper lunch bag to gather gifts or you can make a poster for the classroom of the gifts you've found.

**Oct 5**

**Welcome - Catechetical Sunday**

CCD Teacher Commissioning at 9:30 am Mass - all teachers and families are encouraged to attend the opening Mass of Faith Formation.

**October 12/13**

**No Sunday or Monday Classes – Columbus Day**

**October 15/16**

**Chapter 2 – We believe in the Blessed Trinity**

God send His own Son, Jesus to us. In the Blessed Trinity there are three persons in one God.

Prayers: practice the Sign of the Cross – this is prayer.

**Activity:**

Trinity Heart or make a Large Cross and explain Blessed Trinity.

Trinity Cross – use popsicles sticks and decorate with color or stickers.

- Discuss with the children the Tour of the church next week. Please feel free to go upstairs and ask them to come up with questions for next week. Look especially at the color GREEN for Ordinary Time.

**October 19**

***Grade 1 Special Mass at 9:30 am on Sunday. Please join us for this Mass.***

**October 20-23**

**Tour of the Church Sun, Mon, Wed and Thurs.**

**October 27-29**

**Group Lesson**

**Nov 3**

**Chapter 3 - Jesus Grew up in a Family.**

Jesus, like us, grew up in a family. Mary, as His Mother and Joseph as His father on earth. The Holy family loved God and prayed to Him as a family.

**Activities:**

Make a picture of your family or a collage of pictures of family activities.

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<b>November 4</b>	<b>No Class – Election Day</b>
<b>November 11</b>	<b>No Class Veterans Day</b>
<b>November 10/12</b>	<p><b>Chapter 5: Jesus teaches us about love</b>  Jesus teaches us to love God, to love ourselves and to love others. Jesus taught us about God's greatest commandment " You shall love the Lord, your God with all you heart and you should love your neighbor as yourself."</p> <p><b>Activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a Greatest Commandment Poster- decorate with pictures or drawings of things God has created and loves. (this a group activity)</li> <li>• The Good Neighbor Activity Sheet</li> <li>• Display and explain what a Bible is – (children's bibles are available in closet)</li> </ul>
<b>November 17-19</b>	<b>Group Lesson Children's Missionary</b>
<b>November 24</b>	<b>Thanksgiving week</b> – No Wednesday (11/26) classes (Classes meet on Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>December 1</b>	<p><b><i>First Week of Advent</i> – discuss meaning and colors</b></p> <p>Start to talk about Advent and new colors of the Liturgical season. Also the Advent season is when we get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas.</p> <p><b>Chapter 6 &amp; 7 – The Church Year and Ordinary Time</b></p> <p>We celebrate the life and teachings of Jesus in Ordinary time.</p>
<b>December 8</b>	<p><b>Whole Group Lesson – Holy Family</b></p> <p><i>(Second week of Advent)</i></p>
<b>December 15</b>	<p><b>Chapter 14 – Advent and Christmas</b>  <i>(Third week of Advent)</i></p> <p>Please collect any of the money for the Giving Tree. Invite the children to see the Tree upstairs in the Church.</p> <p><b>Activity:</b>  Christmas Tree Stars. The stars will be provided. The children write to Jesus a gift they would like to give Him. They will decorate the stars and they will be placed on the Christmas Tree that is displayed in the Hall at Christmas.</p> <p><b>Christmas Party</b></p>
<b>Dec 22 - Jan 1</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>

**January 5**

**Classes Resume**

**Chapter 8 – Jesus has many Followers**

We will learn about all the people who followed Jesus and what Jesus taught them. Or Page 68 - create a poster or individual drawing of how each child can be a follower of Jesus. Examples - helping others, praying for others, helping at home or coming to church. Think of a service that we could provide to others, make cards for the elderly, make some treats for the elderly.

**January 12**

**Chapter 16 and 17 - The Church celebrates the sacraments and our new members.**

God gave us His seven sacraments. These sacraments are a way to help us celebrate God's love and brings us closer to Him.

Our first sacrament is Baptism; we celebrate in Baptism becoming members of God's family.

Activity: Make a card for the families of the new Baptized children, welcoming them to St. Christine's Parish Family. Act of a baptism – tools are in Kindergarten classroom.

**January 19**

**Monday classes ~ Martin Luther King Holiday**

**January 20**

**Chapter 15 We Belong to a Parish Family**

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What is a Parish? We come together as God's family and as a community to pray, worship and live as God's parish family. We are a family, we are family of faith called a parish.

Prayers: Continue to practice Sign of Cross, Our Father and Hail Mary.

**Activity:**

Making Church cut out activity; or make a family tree

**January 26**

**Whole Group Lesson – Empowering God's Children**

**February 2**

**Chapter 19 – We celebrate God's Forgiveness**

God is always ready to forgive us when we sin. Jesus also asks us to always forgive others.

**Activity:**

Make it Happen – pg 169 (a forgiveness picture story)

Experiment : - Jesus washes away our sins

**Parable of the lost son craft**

**February 9**

**Chapter 22 – Jesus gives us the Eucharist**

Jesus shares with us a special meal each week at Mass. It was His "Last Supper". We introduce the children to the Eucharist in this chapter as a sharing of a meal.

**Activity:**

Make/decorate a placemat with the children using "Grace before meals" prayer and share a snack. (Placemat will be provided).

**February 16-18**

**Winter Break**

**February 18 – Ash Wednesday**

**February 23**

**Whole Group Lesson**

<b>March 2</b>	<b>Chapter 23 - We celebrate the Mass</b> We introduce with the children the Mass. <b>Activity:</b> <b>Parts of the Mass coloring page.</b> This is a great multi- week activity. You can go up to the church to review each part of the Mass or Make a poster of the things we see and hear at Mass.(use Project Disciple as a guide - a copy will be provided.)
<b>March 9</b>	<b>LENT</b> <b>Lent is a preparation of the celebration of Easter</b> Please make crosses for the Stations next week. Examples will be provided. Crosses will include story of the Stations of the Cross that will be glued to cross to be used next week. You can color them next week as an activity before the Stations or for a review after the stations next week.
<b>March 15</b>	<b>Grade One Family Mass at 9:30 AM all are invited</b>
<b>March 16-18</b>	<b>LENT- Stations of the Cross – during class time in Church</b>
<b>March 17</b>	<b>Chapter 20 – Lent</b> <b>Continue lesson on Lent – Lamb of God Sheep Craft</b>
<b>March 22</b>	<b>Grade One Family Mass at 9:30 AM all are invited</b>
<b>March 23</b>	<b>Chapter 21 – The Three Days</b> We call the “Three Days” the Triduum which is when we honor and celebrate Jesus’ dying and rising from the dead. The Church begins these special days on Holy Thursday and ends Easter Sunday morning. We call the “Three Days” the Triduum which is when we honor and celebrate Jesus’ dying and rising from the dead. The Church begins these special days on Holy Thursday and ends Easter Sunday morning.
<b>March 29</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
<b>March 30</b>	<b>Lesson on our Sacraments</b>
<b>April 6</b>	<b>Scavenger Hunt on Sacraments</b>
<b>April 12</b>	<b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – EASTER EGG Hunt at St Christine’s</b>
<b>April 13</b>	<b>Retreat on “ Serving Others” and “Why We Believe”</b>
<b>April 20</b>	<b>Easter – Spring Vacation</b>
<b>April 27</b>	<b>Field Day</b>
<b>May 4</b>	<b>Lesson on Our Lady, Mary</b>
<b>May 11</b>	<b>Last week of classes</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>Closing CCD Mass, May Procession and Reception 9:30 AM</b>