



Religion 4
Diocese of Greensburg Curriculum

Unit	Content	Skills
Liturgical Year Concepts: Ordinary Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ordinary time embraces the teachings of the Old Testament to better prepare us for accepting Christ in our life.• Liturgical Seasons and corresponding time-line• Ordinary time• Advent• Christmas• Lent• Easter	The students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate an understanding of the Liturgical Season and their colors• Prepare and participate in liturgy• Distinguish between Ordinary and Ordinary Time
The Church and The Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baptismal Font• Holy Water Font• Tabernacle• Altar• Monstrance• Confessional• Sacred vessels used during Mass• Vestments worn by the priest• Precepts of the church-which are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life.• 4 parts of the Mass• Paschal Mystery• Eucharistic Adoration• Vocations(single life, married life, and religious life)• Leaders of the church• Priests and Deacons• Assembly• Lay ministers of the church (lectors, cantors, Eucharistic ministers....)• State of Grace	The students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify the sacred vessels used during Mass• Recognize the physical aspects of the church• Identify the priest's vestments• Know the 4 parts of the Mass• Write their own intercessory prayer or petitions• List the components of the Paschal Mystery• Determine the relationship between the Paschal Mystery and the Mass• Know that God calls you to a certain life (vocation)• Identify and practice the precepts of the Church• Understand the hierarchy of the leaders of the Catholic church• Recognize that the church is a community of believers• Know the titles of the lay ministers• Understand that Holy Communion helps us love the poor• Know that we should receive Holy Communion at least once a year (during the Easter season), only in a state of grace, and daily if possible

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<p>The Trinity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God the Father • God the Son • God the Holy Spirit • Holy Trinity • 1st Commandment • Covenant • Miracles of Jesus • Parables • Jesus is human and divine • Reign of God • Prayer to the Holy Spirit • Incarnation 	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the persons of the Holy Trinity • Recite the 1st Commandment • Interpret the 1st Commandment in your own words • Define the covenant of Abraham • Recognize that the Holy Spirit guides the church and people of God • Appreciate the gift of God's creation • Learn and recite the prayer to the Holy Spirit • Identify the meaning of advocate • Understand that Jesus is 100 percent human and divine • Identify that Jesus is the Second Person of the Holy Trinity • Recognize and retell stories about the miracles of Jesus • Act out the parables of Jesus • Paraphrase parables in their own words
<p>Beatitudes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beatitudes • Sermon on the Mount • Kingdom of God • Disciples - who are disciples? 	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize that the Beatitudes show us how to live as followers of Jesus • Recite the eight Beatitudes and their meanings • Identify ways to live out the Beatitudes as a disciples of Jesus • Recognize how we can make the Kingdom of God grow • Identify that the Beatitudes are part of Jesus' teachings on how to be perfectly happy

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<p>Ten Commandments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Two Great Commandments • The New Commandment • The Greatest Commandment sums up all the teachings of the 10 Commandments • The commandments tells us ways to love God and others • Ten Commandments <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before 2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. 3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's day. 4. Honor your father and mother 5. You shall not kill 6. You shall not commit adultery 7. You shall not steal 8. You shall not commit false witness against your neighbor 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods • Human Dignity(bullying) • Mount Sinai • Moses • Israelites • Covenant • Egypt • Pharaoh • Slavery • Plagues • Passover 	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recite the 10 Commandments • Recognize Commandments 1-3 are about loving God • Recognize that Commandments 4-10 are loving others and ourselves • Give examples of ways to stand up to bullies • Locate the biblical references for the Great Commandment • Identify people and places in relationship to the 10 Commandments • Recognize the 10th plague as the Angel of Death • Compare the Passover with the death of Jesus • Discuss the ways to show that you love God, yourself and others • Identify the Two Great Commandments as "Love God" and "Love your neighbor as yourself" • Recognize the New Commandment as "Love one another as Jesus loves us"

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<p>Liturgical Year Concepts: Advent/Christmas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liturgical Season of Advent • Advent Wreath • Birth of Christ • 4 weeks of Advent-Hope, Peace, Joy and Love • Jesse Tree • Epiphany • Annunciation 	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate an understanding of the Liturgical Season and their colors • Retell, in their own words, the Scripture stories surrounding the birth of Christ and the arrival of the Magi • Recognize the symbols and meanings of the Advent wreath • Paraphrase the meanings of the Jesse tree symbols • Prepare and participate in liturgy • Recognize that the Jesse Tree is the family tree of Jesus • Understand through the "Epiphany" that Jesus is a gift for all people and is a celebration of the arrival of the Magi
<p>Holy Days of Obligation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Solemnity of All Saints' Day - November 1 • The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - December 8 • The Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ - December 25 • The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - January 1 • The Solemnity of the Ascension - Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter • The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 15 	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate and understand the meaning in the All Saints' Day Mass. • Retell the story of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. • Retell the story of the Nativity of the Lord and understand the true meaning of Christmas. • Understand the importance of Mary's role in God's plan for mankind. • Retell the story of Jesus Ascension into Heaven. • Understand that Mary was so special to God that she was taken to Heaven both body and soul. • Understand that Pentecost and Easter are Holy days that are celebrated on Sundays

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<p>Celebrating Reconciliation (Advent/Lent)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sacrament of Reconciliation • Reason for Penance • Confession • God's Forgiveness • Absolution • Penitent • Examination of Conscience • Free Will • Act of Contrition • Sin(mortal, venial, original) • Role of the priest during confession 	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorize the Act of Contrition. • Explain how to examine our conscience. • Review the steps in making a confession. • Explain the meaning of penance. • Distinguish between mortal, venial, and original sin. • Show forgiveness(words and actions). • Demonstrate an understanding of the formation of conscience by their actions in decision making, responsibility, and treatment of others. • Accept why God gave us the gift of grace and free will. • Understand the selfishness of sin and its effect on others. • Explain the role of the priest in confession
<p>Liturgical Year Concepts: Lent/Easter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liturgical Season: Lent /Easter • Ash Wednesday • 40 days of Lent • Holy Week • Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday • Easter Triduum • Stations of the Cross • Easter Vigil • Pentecost • Ascension • 50 days of Easter 	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate an understanding of the Liturgical Season and their colors • Demonstrate an understanding of the events of the Easter Triduum and the Resurrection • Dramatize the Stations of the Cross • Apply the 3 practices of Lent(fasting, prayer, and almsgiving) • Discover the significance of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles on Pentecost • Prepare and participate in liturgy

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<p>Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy</p>	<p>The students will know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporal Works of Mercy • Spiritual Works of Mercy • How to differentiate between the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy • The Corporal Works of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Feed the hungry * Give drink to the thirsty * Clothe the naked * Shelter the homeless * Care for the sick * Visit the imprisoned * Bury the dead • The Spiritual Works of Mercy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share knowledge • Give advice to those who need it • Comfort the suffering • Be patient with others • Forgive those who hurt you • Give correction to those who need it • Pray for the living and dead • 	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give examples of the Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy • Recite the Corporal Works of Mercy • Recite the Spiritual Works of Mercy
<p>Pentecost</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebration of Pentecost • Holy Spirit • Advocate • Gifts of the Holy Spirit-Wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, counsel, piety and fear of the Lord 	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retell the Scriptural story of Pentecost • Understand that Pentecost is the beginning of the Church • Realize that the Holy Spirit is an advocate • List the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit • Recite the Prayer to the Holy Spirit

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<p>Sacraments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation • Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick • Sacraments at the Communion of Service: Matrimony and Holy Orders • Sacraments and Grace 	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have an understanding of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation • Have an understanding of the Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick • Have an understanding of the Sacraments at the Communion of Service: Matrimony and Holy Orders • Recognize and understand the actions and symbols of the Seven Sacraments • Name the Seven Sacraments • Define a sacrament as a sign instituted by Christ to give grace
<p>Virtue</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtue • Cardinal Virtues • Theological Virtues • Vice • Charity 	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the meaning of virtue and vice • Identify charity as self-giving love • Know the three Theological Virtues - Faith, Hope, and Charity (love) • Know the four Cardinal Virtues - Prudence, Justice, Fortitude, and Temperance • Understand which virtues are received through the sacraments
<p>Saints</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebration of Saints: St. Francis, St. Joseph, St. Nicholas, St. Paul, St. Blaise, and St. Patrick • Mary is the Queen of the Saints • Saints and Relics 	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the significance of the saints and their lives • Paraphrase the stories of the saints • Explain the need for role models in their lives • Identify common characteristics of the saints • Participate in the celebration for saints' feast day • Know that a relic relates to a saint • Participate in a May Crowning ceremony

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<p>Scripture</p>	<p>Scripture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible • Old Testament • New Testament • Scripture stories (Annunciation, Birth of Christ, Ascension) • Prophet • 4 Gospels and the 4 Gospel writers 	<p>The students will be able to: Define scripture as sacred writings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locate the book, chapter, and verse in the Bible • Distinguish between the Old and the New Testament • Paraphrase the Bible verses • Identify prophets that are named in the Bible • Identify the differences in the four Gospels. For example, the Passion and the birth of Jesus
<p>Prayers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign of the Cross • Guardian Angels Prayer • The Lord's Prayer • Hail Mary • Glory Be • Act of Contrition • Apostles Creed • Five forms of prayer (Praise, Adoration, Petition, Intercession, and Thanksgiving) • Types of prayer - personal and communal • Mysteries of the Rosary • Hail Holy Queen • Vocation Prayer • Prayer to St. Michael 	<p>The students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recite the following prayers: Guardian Angels Prayer, The Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Act of Contrition, Apostles' Creed • Know the Four forms of prayer (Praise, Adoration, Petition, Intercession, and Thanksgiving) • Define an intercessor • Participate in Communal prayer (as a class) • Create Personal prayers • Pray the rosary • Recite the Hail Holy Queen • Recognize the importance of praying for vocations