

WORD *of* LIFE

The Word of Life curriculum responds to the 2020 *Directory for Catechesis* and its call to help Christians “give a complete meaning to their existence, educating them in a mentality of faith in keeping with the Gospel” (*Directory*, no. 77). Responding to the needs of contemporary culture and modern man requires an “evangelizing catechesis.” This catechesis centers on an initial proclamation of the gospel message. What makes Word of Life unique and impactful is its approach to the “formation of a Christian mentality” (*Directory*, no. 71) and how it creates “a coherent doctrinal vision that can be used as a reference in life” (*Directory*, no. 80).



ST KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION HANDBOOK 2025-2026

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St. Katharine Drexel Faith Formation 2025-2026 CALENDAR

Grades 1-7

8/27: Catechist Planning Day

AUGUST 2025						
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2/4: Session 16: Parent Child Session
 "Spiritus: Eucharistic Family Night"
 2/11: Session 17
 2/18: Session 18: Ash Weds Mass
 2/25: Middle School Evening Retreat
 2/25: Session 19

9/10: Registration Day – Parent/Child
 9/17: Session 1
 9/24: Session 2

SEPTEMBER 2025						
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3/4: Session 20
 3/11: **NO CLASS**- Confirmation
 3/18: **NO CLASS** – Spring Break
 3/25: Session 21

10/1: Session 3 – Parent/Child
Session
 10/8: Session 4
 10/15: Session 5
 10/18: Catechist Training - Horicon
 10/22: **NO CLASS** – Sac. Parent Mtg
 10/29: Session 6

OCTOBER 2025						
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4/1: Session 22 – Holy Week
 Shadow Way of the Cross
 4/2: Holy Thursday
 4/3: Good Friday
 4/4: Easter Vigil
 4/5: Easter Sunday
 4/8: Session 23
 4/12: First Communion Retreat
 4/15: Session 24 – Last Session
 4/22: First Communion Practice
 4/25-26: First Communion Weekend
 4/29: Last Session Sacrament Class

11/1-2 Confirmation Retreat
 11/5 Session 7
 11/12: Session 8
 11/16: First Reconciliation Retreat
 11/19: **NO CLASS** First
 Reconciliation
 11.26: **NO CLASS** - Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER 2025						
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MAY 2026						
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5/2: Walk with Mary- Green Bay to
 Champion Wi.

12/3: Session 9
 12/10: Session 10
 12/17: Session 11
 12/24: No Class - Christmas Eve
 12/31: No Class – New Year's Eve

DECEMBER 2025						
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JUNE 2026						
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June 7-12: Totus Tuus 2026
 Details in January 2026 from Spiritus

January 7: Session 12
 January 14: Session 13
 January 21: Session 14
 January 28: Session 15

JANUARY 2026						
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KEY:
Yellow: No Class
Purple: Reconciliation Families
Blue: Eucharist Families Only
Green: Class

Faith Formation 2025-2026 Grades K-7

SESSION TYPES AND LOCATIONS

Age Specific Sessions: Sessions just for the kids that are facilitated by a parent helper or catechist

Family Sessions: These are sessions where one parent/grandparent is expected to attend with their child(ren) as a *family*. Activities may include whole family activities or mixed sessions where the kids join their parents after a presentation.

Mass Sessions: On Ash Wednesday, families are expected to attend Mass together. The Mass will be no longer than a regularly scheduled class session.

Class Locations:

First Year: St. Cecilia's Room

Sacraments: Church Narthex

Grade 3: Music Room

Grade 4: Health Room 203

Grade 5/6: Cafeteria

Grades 7: Catacombs

Sacrament Catch Up- Year 2: Teacher's Lunch Room.

Where is everything?

St. Cecilia's Room and the Narthex are in our church building. They can be accessed **through the church door next to the dumpsters.**

The Catacombs, Cafeteria, Music Room and Teacher's Lunch Room are located on the lower level of the school. These rooms can be accessed **through the church door next to the dumpsters**, then walking through the gym and taking a right in the hallway.

The Health Room is located just one floor above the gym. It can be accessed through the gym, then taking a left and walking up one flight of stairs after entering **through the church door next to the dumpsters.**

PARKING AND LOCATIONS

Parking: Parking is available behind the school and church.



Drop off and Pick up:

DROP OFF: For each Formation Session, doors will open at 5:45pm. **NEW this year: We will have just one door open for faith formation families. This will be the church door next to the dumpsters.** Families for grades K-4 should walk their children to their room location. Students grades 5-7 walk directly to your assigned rooms.

PICK UP: After all sessions students will be exiting through the inner courtyard (playground equipment). Older siblings (grade 8 and up) may pick up their siblings from the inner courtyard as well. For safety reasons, no child will be allowed to walk into the parking lot unaccompanied by an adult or older sibling.

Please pick your child(ren) up on time (7:30pm). If children are in the classroom after 7:45, they will be escorted to the school cafeteria by their catechist for pick up. Our catechists are volunteers so timely pick up is appreciated.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

Parish Website:

Our parish website is www.stkatharinedrexeld.org. We have a formation tab which you can click on and get general information including the google site link. When you click on the Formation tab, you also get a drop down menu for K-7 Formation. This will have more specific information to the grade levels as needed.

Facebook Page:

If you have a facebook account, please "like" our page. Our page is: St. Katharine Drexel Parish Beaver Dam WI The web address is:

https://www.facebook.com/parishcenterandLFF/?modal=admin_todo_tour

Or click on the facebook icon from www.stkatharinedrexeld.org

Email:

Please make sure we have a current e-mail on file and check your email regularly. If your email has changed, send the parish office the new one via hessp@stkds.com so we can update our database. We use email extensively for updates and grade specific information.

Flocknote:

Please make sure you have a current phone number on file with us. We will use texts to communicate important information periodically.

Policies of the St. Katharine Drexel Faith Formation Program

ENROLLMENT

The Catholic Lifelong Faith Formation Program of Beaver Dam is available to the children and youth of St. Katharine Drexel Parish. Sacramental program is a family based program in which one parent/adult attends with his/her family for each session.

Parents, belonging to other parishes in the area wishing to send their son(s)/daughter(s) to the St. Katharine Drexel Beaver Dam Formation Program, should obtain prior written permission from their parish pastor.

FEES

The registration fees for the 2025-2026 school year are as follows:

Grades K through 10.....\$35.00 one child
\$70.00 two or more children (\$7.00/month for 10 months)

There is an additional fee of \$30.00 for those students receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation. You do not have to write an additional check for 30.00 if you have more than two children.

Flexible payment options are provided by contacting the parish office at 920.887.2082. A family will not be denied faith formation based on inability to pay tuition, however they will be expected to contribute in other non-financial ways to the overall program. For a list of volunteer ministries, please see the registration packet. Extra registration packets are at the Parish Center and the back of church.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE.

For each Formation Session, doors will open at 6:00pm. **NEW this year:** We will have just one door open for faith formation families. This will be the **church door next to the dumpsters**. Families of children grades K-4 should walk their children up to their assigned rooms. Pick up your child(ren) from the inner courtyard door. Older siblings (grade 8 and up) may pick up their siblings from their classroom. For safety reasons, no child(ren) will be allowed to walk into the parking lot unaccompanied by an adult or older sibling.

Please pick your child(ren) at 7:30pm. Our catechists are volunteers so timely pick up is appreciated.

ATTENDANCE POLICY (**Please read carefully**)

All class sessions will have attendance taken. Attendance is important.

If your child(ren) are absent, please contact the faith formation office email address at faithformation@stkds.com. There is online access for Word of Life textbooks for grades 1 and 3-7. This information will be available at the first night of class. Chapter topics by grade level and weekly sessions are listed in the back of this handbook.

CODE OF BEHAVIOR

All due consideration and understanding will be given to normal growth and development of the children and youth by their catechists in handling regular classroom discipline. However, rudeness to teaching staff or to other students, offensive language damage to school or parish property, etc. will be considered inappropriate behavior and will be corrected. Respect for school and church property will be upheld.

CELL PHONE USAGE

NO CELL PHONES OR IPODS. Unless we are using them for a class activity, if a student is seen using their cell phone or iPod during class time, it will be taken away and held by the facilitator until the end of class.

DRESS CODE

Religious Education is just as important as regular day school. In order to have a quality learning environment, we ask that each child be dressed in neat, clean and appropriate clothing.

BUILDING RULES/EXPECTATIONS

- I. Students are expected to stay within their assigned space. Bathroom breaks are to be taken before after class.
- II. Recycling of materials: Any extra materials/handouts used in class should be placed in the blue recycle bins for paper only. Other extra supplies/materials should be deposited in the gray wastebaskets. At the close of each session, all materials on the floor should be picked up and placed in the appropriate trash receptacle.
- III. Personal Behavior: Each student is expected to maintain a level of respect between the volunteer catechist and him/herself. This means, that in addition to the rules set above, students are to act in the following ways:
 - a. Participation: When the teacher is talking, students should listen and not talk out of turn. If called upon for an answer, they should raise their hand and not “yell all at once” the right answer. That can be extremely distracting for fellow participants and the catechist.
 - b. Small Group Discussion: There will be some sessions, during which discussion among peers is encouraged as long as it relates to the topic given by the teacher.
 - c. Respect for property: All desks, furniture, lockers, smartboards, computers, etc. are property of St. Katharine Drexel Parish and should be not be tampered with in any way or form (writing on desks, turning on of computers without permission, writing on lockers, etc is considered inappropriate).
 - d. Throwing of objects: The throwing or passing of any object during session time will NOT be tolerated, especially if it is damaging to school/parish property. Students engaging in this behavior will immediately be removed from the classroom.
 - e. Bathroom breaks should be done before or after class. Students are to remain in their assigned areas during class time.
 - f. Catechist Rules: Each catechist will establish a set of room expectations as appropriate for the age level being instructed.

Repeated failure to abide by our established Code of Behavior will result in consequences as established below.

The following consequences will be established based on neglect of any or all of the above rules:

- a) The first time a student is disruptive the student will receive a verbal warning from the catechist
- b) A second disruption will result in a conference between the student and director
- c) A third disruption will result in a conference with the student, director and parent
- d) Any further disruptions will result in mandatory parent attendance in the student's classroom.



PREPARATION FOR THE RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENTS

All children and teens wishing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, or Confirmation, must be enrolled in a formation program for a minimum of two consecutive years before they can receive a sacrament for the first time. Home school parents will need to contact the formation office two years prior to their desire for receiving the sacrament.

The Office of Religious Education of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee states:

“It is mandatory for parents of children receiving the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation for the first time, or Confirmation, to participate in programs which will be provided by the parish for the purpose of better supporting their children in the participation of the sacrament.” There will be required classes for parents/guardians before Eucharist and Reconciliation. Please consult the calendar for information as to dates, places, etc. Parents/guardians will be notified by letter of any related information not found in the calendar.

All parents/guardians will be notified as to when and where the classes will meet prior to the scheduled times. Children, of parents who choose not to attend these classes, will be unable to participate in these sacraments at the scheduled time.

Those parents/guardians who feel that they cannot fulfill their responsibility in supporting their children in the sacramental life of a Catholic, may be asked to postpone participation of their children in those sacraments until they personally seek counsel with the pastor and are more prepared to guide the development of their child’s spiritual life by their own Christian example.

PRAYERS

For memorization of prayers, it is important to establish a partnership between parents and their young children. For grades K-7, basic Catholic prayers to be memorized are: Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory to Be. For grades 3-7, memorize Apostles Creed, Act of Contrition and the Ten Commandments. Middle school teens will begin to learn how to pray with Scripture. Please use morning or evening time to reinforce with your child those basic prayers.

CANCELLATION OF CLASSES

Weather related cancellations will be announced via WBEV or email. If school is cancelled due to weather, we will cancel classes. If you are in doubt, please feel free to call the Parish Center

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First Grade Outline

DATE	PARENT NOTES	TOPICS
9/10 Opening Day!	First Day of Class Registration and Meet the teachers	Ice Breaker Activities Expectations Parent Child Take Home Conversation
9/17 Class 1		Chapter 1: God is Love Chapter 2 Our Father in Heaven
9/24 Class 2		Chapter 3: Knowing and Loving God Chapter 4: The Gift of God's Creation
10/1 Class 3	Family Session	The Ten Commandments
10/8 Class 4		Chapter 5: Made in God's Image Chapter 6: The Fall and the Promise of the Savior
10/15 Class 5		Chapter 7: Noah
10/22	Sacrament Parent Meeting – No Class Session	No Class
10/29 Class 6		Chapter 8: Our Father in Faith
11/5 Class 7		Chapter 9: God Frees His People
11/12 Class 8		Chapter 10: God Takes Care of His People
11/19	First Reconciliation – NO CLASSES	No class
11/26	Thanksgiving Break	NO CLASS - THANKSGIVING
12/3 Class 9		Chapter 11: The Gift of the Ten Commandments
12/10 Class 10		Chapter 12: Mary Says Yes Advent
12/17 Class 11		Chapter 13: Jesus Our Savior is Born Christmas
12/24	No Class: Christmas Break	No Class: Christmas Break
12/31	No Class: Solemnity of Mary and New Year's Day	No Class: Solemnity of Mary and New Year's Day
1/7 Class 12	Circle of Grace: Archdiocesan Safeguarding Curriculum	Circle of Grace

DATE	PARENT NOTES	TOPICS
1/14 Class 13		Chapter 14: The Baptism of Jesus and Our Baptism
1/21 Class 14		Chapter 15: Jesus' Miracles Show Us He is Good
1/28 Class 15		Chapter 16: The Last Supper and The Crucifixion
2/4 Class 16	Family Session:	Spiritus: Eucharistic Family Night
2/11 Class 17		Chapter 20: We Go to Mass Lent
2/18 Class 18	Ash Wednesday -- All Grades Mass	Ash Wednesday. Families come to Mass at 6:30pm
2/25 Class 19		Chapter 17: Jesus is Alive
3/4 Class 20		Chapter 19: We belong to the Church
3/11	No Session –Confirmation	No Session
3/18	No Session – Spring Break	No Session – Spring Break
3/25 Class 21		Chapter 18: Come Holy Spirit
4/1 Class 22	Stations of the Cross – Shadow Way Parents are invited to join the class.	Stations of the Cross in Gym.
4/5	Easter Sunday	Easter Sunday
4/8 Class 23		Chapter 21: We receive the Sacraments Easter
4/15 Class 24	Last Class Session for program except for Sacrament Class.	Chapter 22: Jesus Leads us to Heaven

Sacrament Year – Outline – Parent(s) Need to attend each class

DATE	PARENT NOTES	SACRAMENT TOPICS
9/10 Opening Day!	First Day of Class Registration and Meet the teachers	
9/17 Class 1		Session 1: God is our Loving Father
9/24 Class 2		Session 2: God Reveals His Saving Plan
10/1 Class 3	Family Session	Ten Commandments
10/8 Class 4		Session 3: Jesus Comes to Save Us
10/15 Class 5		Session 4: The Church Continues
10/22	Parent Sacrament Meeting for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion Sacrament parents only	Sacrament Parent Meeting No Class With Kids K-7
10/29 Class 6		Session 5: Life in Christ
11/5 Class 7		Session 6: The Sacrament of Reconciliation
11/12 Class 8		Session 7: Celebrating Reconciliation
11/16 Sunday	First Reconciliation Retreat 4-5:30pm	First Reconciliation Retreat 4-5:30pm
11/19	First Reconciliation	First Reconciliation
11/26	Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break
12/3 Class 9		Our Reconciliation Experience/Advent/ Feast Days of Christmas Intro to Mass Book
12/10 Class 10		We learn about Mass Book Activities
12/17 Class 11		Christmas Activities
12/24	No Class: Christmas Break	Christmas Break
12/31	No Class: Solemnity of Mary and New Year's Day	Christmas Break
1/7 Class 12	Circle of Grace - Archdiocesan Safeguarding curriculum	Circle of Grace
1/14 Class 13		Session 1: Preparing the way for Christ

1/21 Class 14		Session 2: Last Supper
1/28 Class 15		Session 3: Death and Resurrection of our Lord
2/4 Class 16	Parent/Child Night – Spiritus Adoration Evening	All classes will meet in the church
2/11 Class 17		Session 4: The Sacrament of the Eucharist
2/18 Class 18	Ash Wednesday Class	Ash Wednesday Mass, 6:30pm
2/25 Class 19		Session 5: Receiving Holy Communion
3/4 Class 20		Session 6: Liturgy of the Mass
3/11	No Class – Confirmation	NO CLASS
3/18	No Class – Spring Break	No Class – Spring Break
3/25 Class 21		Session 7: Liturgy of the Word
4/1 Class 22	Holy Week Class – Shadow Way of the Cross	
4/8 Class 23		Session 8: Liturgy of the Eucharist
4/12 Sunday	First Communion Retreat	First Communion Retreat
4/15 Class 24 Last Class Grades K-7		Session 9: Elements of the Mass
4/22	First Communion Practice	
4/25-26	First Communion	
4/29 Class 25	Last Class For Sacraments	Last Class for Sacrament Class – Special Celebration and Reflection Night!

Third Grade Outline

DATE	PARENT NOTES	TOPICS
9/10 Opening Day!	First Day of Class Registration and Meet the teachers	Ice Breaker Activities Expectations
9/17 Class 1		Chapter 1: The invitation to Communion Chapter 2: God is Love
9/24 Class 2		Chapter 3: Creation, God's Gift of Love Chapter 4: The Human Person
10/1 Class 3	Family Session	The Commandments
10/8 Class 4		Chapter 5: God's Promise of a Savior Chapter 6: God's Chosen People
10/15 Class 5		Chapter 7: God's Faithfulness and our Unfaithfulness Chapter 8: The Savior has Come, The Incarnate of Jesus
10/22	Sacrament Parent Meeting – No Class Session	No Class
10/29 Class 6		Chapter 9: Jesus and the Kingdom of God Chapter 10: The Paschal of Mystery: Proof of God's Love
11/5 Class 7		Chapter 11: The Coming of the Holy Spirit
11/12 Class 8		Chapter 12: The Church Draws Us to God
11/19	First Reconciliation – NO CLASSES	No class
11/26	Thanksgiving Break	NO CLASS - THANKSGIVING
12/3 Class 9		Chapter 13: We Worship in the Liturgy and the Sacraments.
12/10 Class 10		Chapter 14: The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation
12/17 Class 11		Chapters Advent and Christmas
12/24	No Class: Christmas Break	No Class: Christmas Break
12/31	No Class: Solemnity of Mary and New Year's Day	No Class: Solemnity of Mary and New Year's Day
1/7 Class 12	Circle of Grace: Archdiocesan Safeguarding Curriculum	Circle of Grace

DATE	PARENT NOTES	TOPICS
1/14 Class 13		Chapter 15: The Sacraments of Healing
1/21 Class 14		Chapter 16: The Sacraments at the Service of Communion
1/28 Class 15		Chapter 17: The Eucharist Sacrifice
2/4 Class 16	Family Session	Spiritus: Eucharistic Family Night
2/11 Class 17		Chapter 18: What We See and Do at Mass
2/18 Class 18	Ash Wednesday -- All Grades Mass	Ash Wednesday. Families come to Mass at 6:30pm
2/25 Class 19		Chapter 19: God's Laws Guide Us to Holiness Lent
3/4 Class 20		Chapter 20: Making Virtuous Choices
3/11	No Session –Confirmation	No Session - Confirmation
3/18	No Session – Spring Break	No Session – Spring Break
3/25 Class 21		Chapter 21: Our Life in Christ
4/1 Class 22	Stations of the Cross – Shadow Way Parents are invited to join the class.	Stations of the Cross in Gym.
4/5	Easter Sunday	Easter Sunday
4/8 Class 23		Chapter 22: Our Life of Prayer Chapter 23: Call to Love and Serve Others
4/15 Class 24	Last Class Session for program except for Sacrament Class.	Chapter 24: God Gathers His People Review and Evaluation of the Year

Fourth Grade Outline

DATE	PARENT NOTES	TOPICS
9/10 Opening Day!	First Day of Class Registration and Meet the teachers	Ice Breaker Activities Expectations
9/17 Class 1		Chapter 1: God's Loving Plan Chapter 2: Faith Reason, and the Eternal Law
9/24 Class 2		Chapter 3: The life of Virtue Chapter 4: Fortitude to live the truth
10/1 Class 3	Family Session	The Commandments
10/8 Class 4		Chapter 5: There is one God Chapter 6: God the Father, Creator of Heaven and Earth
10/15 Class 5		Chapter 7: God Makes Promises to His People Chapter 8: God Reveals His Name
10/22	Sacrament Parent Meeting – No Class Session	No Class
10/29 Class 6		Chapter 10: The Word became Flesh Chapter 11: Jesus Leads us to our Supernatural End
11/5 Class 7		Chapter 12: Grace Leads to Beatitude
11/12 Class 8		Chapter 13: We celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Christ
11/19	First Reconciliation – NO CLASSES	No class
11/26	Thanksgiving Break	NO CLASS - THANKSGIVING
12/3 Class 9		Chapter 14: Jesus Continues His Mission after His Death
12/10 Class 10		Chapter 15: I believe in the Holy Spirit
12/17 Class 11		Advent Christmas, Epiphany, Saints of the Season,
12/24	No Class: Christmas Break	No Class: Christmas Break
12/31	No Class: Solemnity of Mary and New Year's Day	No Class: Solemnity of Mary and New Year's Day
1/7 Class 12	Circle of Grace: Archdiocesan Safeguarding Curriculum	Circle of Grace curriculum
1/14 Class 13		Chapter 16: The Holy Spirit's Mission is to Make us like God
1/21 Class 14		Chapter 17: The Holy Spirit Dwells in Us Through the Sacraments

DATE	PARENT NOTES	TOPICS
1/28 Class 15		Chapter 18: The Holy Spirit Inspires Us in Prayer Chapter 19: The Holy Spirit Dwells in the Catholic Church
2/4 Class 16	Family Session	Family Session: Spiritus: Eucharistic Family Night
2/11 Class 17		Chapter 20: The four Marks of the True Church Chapter: Lent
2/18 Class 18	Ash Wednesday -- All Grades Mass	Ash Wednesday. Families come to Mass at 6:30pm
2/25 Class 19		Chapter 21: The Communion of Saints
3/4 Class 20		Chapter 22: Suffering and Death and Resurrection of the Body
3/11	No Session –Confirmation	No Session - Confirmation
3/18	No Session – Spring Break	No Session – Spring Break
3/25 Class 21		Chapter 23: I believe in Life Everlasting
4/1 Class 22	Stations of the Cross – Shadow Way Parents are invited to join the class.	Stations of the Cross in Gym.
4/5	Easter Sunday	Easter Sunday
4/8 Class 23		Chapter 24: Jesus will Judge the Living and the Dead
4/15 Class 24	Last Class Session for program except for Sacrament Class.	Chapter: Easter Review and Evaluation of the Year

Fifth/Sixth Grade Outline (5th grade textbook this year, 6th grade textbook 2026-2027)

DATE	PARENT NOTES	TOPICS
9/10 Opening Day!	First Day of Class Registration and Meet the teachers	Ice Breaker Activities Expectations
9/17 Class 1		Chapter 1: God creates, Orders and Adorns Chapter 2: Our Response of Love to God is Just
9/24 Class 2		Chapter 3: Mary lives with Justice and Obedience Chapter 4: The Word of God made Present among Us
10/1 Class 3	Family Session	The Commandments
10/8 Class 4		Chapter 5: God Enters Time and Space Chapter 6: The Holy Family
10/15 Class 5		Chapter 7: God Prepares water for the Grace of Baptism Chapter 8: Christ Sanctifies the waters of Baptism
10/22	Sacrament Parent Meeting – No Class Session	No Class
10/29 Class 6		Chapter 9: Jesus is Obedient and Conquers] Chapter 10: God Makes us New Creations
11/5 Class 7		Chapter 11: God Gives us Power and Strength
11/12 Class 8		Chapter 12: Jesus elevates the Dignity of Marriage
11/19	First Reconciliation – NO CLASSES	No class
11/26	Thanksgiving Break	NO CLASS - THANKSGIVING
12/3 Class 9		Chapter 13: Jesus is the New Temple
12/10 Class 10		Chapter 14: Jesus is the Bread of Life
12/17 Class 11		Advent- Christmas, Epiphany, Saints of the Season,
12/24	No Class: Christmas Break	No Class: Christmas Break
12/31	No Class: Solemnity of Mary and New Year's Day	No Class: Solemnity of Mary and New Year's Day
1/7 Class 12	Circle of Grace: Archdiocesan Safeguarding Curriculum	Circle of Grace curriculum
1/14 Class 13		Chapter 15: God Works through our Priests

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1/21 Class 14		Chapter 16: God Strengthens and Heals us
1/28 Class 15		Chapter 17: Jesus' Apostles Share in God's Work
2/4 Class 16	Family Session	Spiritus: Eucharistic Family Night
2/11 Class 17		Chapter 18: Jesus Establishes a Memorial of His Paschal Mystery
2/18 Class 18	Ash Wednesday -- All Grades Mass	Ash Wednesday. Families come to Mass at 6:30pm
2/25 Class 19	Grade 5 meets as usual 6:15-7:30pm Grade 6 Spiritus Retreat 6:00-8:00pm	Lent
3/4 Class 20		Chapter 19: Jesus' Perfect Sacrifice
3/11	No Session –Confirmation	No Session
3/18	No Session – Spring Break	No Session – Spring Break
3/25 Class 21		Chapter 20: The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
4/1 Class 22	Stations of the Cross – Shadow Way Parents are invited to join the class.	Stations of the Cross in Gym.
4/5	Easter Sunday	Easter Sunday
4/8 Class 23		Chapter 21: Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension Chapter 22: The Universal Sacrament of Salvation
4/15 Class 24	Last Class Session for program except for Sacrament Class.	Review and Evaluation of the Year Easter

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DATE	PARENT NOTES	TOPICS
9/10 Opening Day!	First Day of Class Registration and Meet the teachers	Ice Breaker Activities Expectations
9/17 Class 1		Chapter 1: The Call to Discipleship Chapter 2: The Challenge of Discipleship
9/24 Class 2		Chapter 3: The Quest for Happiness Chapter 4: Becoming Free
10/1 Class 3	Family Session	The Commandments
10/8 Class 4		Chapter 5: The Law Written on Our Hearts Chapter 6: God's Love Poured into our Hearts
10/15 Class 5		Chapter 7: Uniting our Hearts to God
10/22	Sacrament Parent Meeting – No Class Session	No Class
10/29 Class 6		Chapter 8: The Voice of God in Our Hearts
11/5 Class 7		Chapter 9 The Armor of God
11/12 Class 8		Chapter 10: The Shield of Faith
11/19	First Reconciliation – NO CLASSES	No class
11/26	Thanksgiving Break	NO CLASS - THANKSGIVING
12/3 Class 9		Chapter 11: The Flaming Darts of the Evil One
12/10 Class 10		Chapter 12: Made for Love Advent
12/17 Class 11		Advent- Christmas, Epiphany, Chapter: Solemnity of All Saints
12/24	No Class: Christmas Break	No Class: Christmas Break
12/31	No Class: Solemnity of Mary and New Year's Day	No Class: Solemnity of Mary and New Year's Day
1/7 Class 12	Circle of Grace: Archdiocesan Safeguarding Curriculum	Circle of Grace curriculum
1/14 Class 13		Chapter 13: Loving our Neighbor
1/21 Class 14		Chapter 14: Giving Ourselves in Love

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1/28 Class 15		Chapter 15: Loving Family and Society
2/4 Class 16	Family Session:	Spiritus: Eucharistic Family Night
2/11 Class 17		Chapter 16: Embracing the Cross
2/18 Class 18	Ash Wednesday -- All Grades Mass	Ash Wednesday. Families come to Mass at 6:30pm
2/25 Class 19	Time is from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Parish Center	Spiritus Retreat for Grades 6,7, and 8
3/4 Class 20		Chapter Solemnity of Saint Joseph
3/11	No Session –Confirmation	No Session
3/18	No Session – Spring Break	No Session – Spring Break
3/25 Class 21		Chapter 17: Rising to New Life
4/1 Class 22	Stations of the Cross – Shadow Way Parents are invited to join the class.	Stations of the Cross in Gym.
4/5	Easter Sunday	Easter Sunday
4/8 Class 23		Chapter 18: Our Fellowship in Christ
4/15 Class 24	Last Class Session for program except for Sacrament Class.	Review and Evaluation of the Year