

# Catechetical Curriculum

## *Liturgical Year*

### Grade Eight Key Concepts



**Legend:**

- K = *Knowledge of Faith*
- LE = *Liturgical Education*
- ME = *Moral Education*
- P = *Teaching to Pray*
- CL = *Education for Community Life*
- MI = *Missionary Life*

**ORDINARY TIME** (January/February, Summer, Fall)

- K Understands that being created in the image and likeness of God means being created to be a responsible member of a community  
Ephesians 1:15-23 – Church as Family
- K Understands how the Nicene Creed builds on the Apostles’ Creed to clarify the mystery of Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior
- LE Articulates elements of liturgy: Mass, sacraments, Liturgy of the Hours
- ME Identifies the theological and cardinal virtues
- CL Explores ways the church has responded to cultures and societal needs down through the ages
- CL Examines the role of the laity since Vatican II
- CL Identifies roles of members of church community: laity, clergy, etc.
- CL Realizes the importance of principles of Catholic Social Teaching
- Matthew 5:1-12 – Beatitudes
- CL Recognizes the need to vote with a moral conscience

**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS**



- CL Relates lives of saints, especially, Mary to personal journeys of faith  
Luke 1:46-56 – The Assumption of Mary  
Revelation 12:1 – The Coronation of Mary
- CL Relates lives of saints, especially, Mary to personal journeys of faith

**LENT**

- ME Articulates social justice issues with an understanding of Gospel values
- ME Recognizes social sin as the wrongdoings of a group  
Matthew 5:14-16 – Bushel Basket

- ME Identifies the seven capital sins as the root of all sin  
Matthew 5:43-44 – Love of Enemies  
1 Corinthians 13:1-7 – Call to live Law of Love
- ME Distinguishes between that which is moral and that which is legal
- ME Realizes the importance of principles of Catholic Social Teaching

### **EASTER (April – May)**

- K Understands God as relational through identity as Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47 – Early Christian Life  
Matthew 28:16-20 – Commissioning of Disciple
- K Appreciates the Paschal Mystery as a core doctrine of faith  
John 20:1-10 – The Resurrection from the Dead  
Matthew 28:16-20 – The Ascension
- P Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary
- CL Recognizes the role of the Holy Spirit in the work of the church  
Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 – The descent of the Holy Spirit  
Isaiah 11:1-5 – Gifts of the Holy Spirit  
Galatians 5:22-23 – Fruits of the Holy Spirit  
Luke 6:43-45 – A tree is known by its fruit



### **AT ALL TIMES**

- LE Associates sacraments with life experiences
- LE Articulates elements of liturgy: Mass, sacraments, Liturgy of the Hours
- ME Demonstrates moral decision making based on an informed conscience
- ME Realizes that Christian discipleship is counter cultural to society
- P Realizes that because they are the living Word of God, scriptures speak to us at every moment of our lives
  - Connects scripture to life issues
  - Appreciates use of Bible for daily prayer
- P Formulates a prayer service based on scripture
- P Appreciates need for silence in prayer
- CL Relates lives of saints, especially, Mary to personal journeys of faith
- MI Discern personal gifts and talents that can be used for the common good
- MI Identifies activities/ministries that involve youth
- MI Identifies persons whose lives exemplify the Law of Love (corporal and spiritual works of mercy)