

UNIT THEME	WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE	HOW CATHOLICS WORSHIP	HOW CATHOLICS LIVE	HOW CATHOLICS PRAY
<p>UNIT 1 THE MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION The Gospel accounts of Jesus' birth and early life give us clues to his true identity as the Son of God. These stories also help us understand the holiness to which we are called as God's children.</p>	<p>1. The Birth of Our Savior God loved us so much that he sent his Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins. SCRIPTURE STORY The Birth of Jesus RESPOND STORY Mary and the Women of the Bible PRAYER CELEBRATION Halleluia!</p>	<p>2. God with Us The Sacrament of Baptism gives us a new identity as members of the Body of Christ. WORSHIP Celebrating Baptism RESPOND STORY Saint Josephine Bakhita PRAYER CELEBRATION Renewal of Baptismal Promises</p>	<p>3. Jesus! Son of God, Son of Man The gift of conscience helps us realize our goal of striving to be Christlike—of living as Jesus did. SCRIPTURE STORY The Boy Jesus in the Temple RESPOND STORY Blessed Bernard Lichtenberg PRAYER CELEBRATION Loving Choices</p>	<p>4. Jesus, One with God in Prayer Prayer transforms us. It helps us to “put on” the mind, the will, and the heart of Jesus. SCRIPTURE STORY The Temptation of Jesus RESPOND STORY Josh's Prayer PRAYER CELEBRATION In God's Presence</p>
<p>UNIT 2 THE MEANING OF THE KINGDOM Jesus taught us about our relationship with God and revealed the Kingdom of God. We are called to spread the Gospel by living the values of God's Kingdom.</p>	<p>5. The Kingdom of God The parables of Jesus teach us about God's Kingdom and how to prepare for its coming. SCRIPTURE STORY Parables of the Kingdom RESPOND STORY The Turnaround Team PRAYER CELEBRATION Doing the Work of God's Kingdom</p>	<p>6. Servants of the Kingdom God calls every member of the Church to Christian service, according to his or her vocation. WORSHIP A Marriage Blessing RESPOND STORY Pope John Paul II PRAYER CELEBRATION Called to Serve</p>	<p>7. Justice in the Kingdom of Earth God gives us the grace to be signs of his Kingdom on earth by working for peace and justice. SCRIPTURE STORY Loving Your Neighbor RESPOND STORY Anne Frank PRAYER CELEBRATION Lord, Teach Us Love and Mercy</p>	<p>8. A Prayer for the Kingdom Praying the Lord's Prayer can help us reflect on God's glory and recognize God's Kingdom among us. SCRIPTURE STORY The Sermon on the Mount RESPOND STORY Saint Peter, the Rock PRAYER CELEBRATION In the Words That Jesus Taught Us</p>
<p>UNIT 3 THE CHRISTIAN LIFE Jesus made it clear to his followers that they were to model their lives after his. Our call to discipleship involves putting the Gospel first in our lives.</p>	<p>9. Living in Christ's Service As disciples we are called to serve others with the humility and love of Jesus. In this way, we grow in virtue. SCRIPTURE STORY Giving Alms RESPOND STORY Saint Francis of Assisi PRAYER CELEBRATION In Giving We Receive</p>	<p>10. Jesus, Our Eucharist Throughout the universal Church, the Eucharist is the center of Christian life. WORSHIP Eucharistic Prayer RESPOND STORY Saint Paul PRAYER CELEBRATION A Prayer of Adoration</p>	<p>11. Living in Christ's Love What makes the morality of true disciples come alive is our ability to imitate the love of Jesus Christ. SCRIPTURE STORY The Conditions of Discipleship RESPOND STORY Dorothy Day PRAYER CELEBRATION Becoming True Disciples of Jesus</p>	<p>12. A Prayer for Christ's Healing Through prayer, Christ's healing presence works to transform us. Faith in God can result in miracles. SCRIPTURE STORY The Raising of Lazarus RESPOND STORY Saint Pio of Pietrelcina PRAYER CELEBRATION Touched by Jesus' Mercy and Love</p>

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<p>UNIT 4 THE PASCHAL MYSTERY Begun with the events celebrated in the Easter Triduum, our salvation in Christ was made complete by the coming of the Holy Spirit, which we celebrate with the Feast of Pentecost.</p>	<p>13. Jesus' Persecution The Passion and death of Jesus reveal the extent of God's great and unconditional love for us. SCRIPTURE STORY Jesus Prepares for His Sacrifice in Jerusalem RESPOND STORY Saint Joan of Arc PRAYER CELEBRATION The Way of the Cross</p>	<p>14. Jesus' Passion Participation in the Easter Triduum liturgies can lead to sincere contrition and spiritual renewal. WORSHIP Remembering the Passion of Our Lord RESPOND STORY Saint John the Apostle PRAYER CELEBRATION Jesus: A Brother, a Friend</p>	<p>15. The Resurrection and the Call to Discipleship Christian morality is only possible in partnership with Christ and with other members of the Church. SCRIPTURE STORY The Empty Tomb RESPOND STORY Saint Paul Miki PRAYER CELEBRATION "I Am with You Always"</p>	<p>16. Pentecost The Holy Spirit empowers us in the same way the disciples were empowered on Pentecost. SCRIPTURE STORY The Coming of the Spirit RESPOND STORY Reflecting on the Holy Spirit PRAYER CELEBRATION Come, Holy Spirit!</p>
<p>UNIT 5 THE GOOD NEWS The first Christians, filled with the Holy Spirit, spread the Gospel message throughout their world. The same Spirit calls us to be witnesses of the message of Christ in our world today.</p>	<p>17. The Early Church: People of Pentecost The Church continues the missionary work of Christ. SCRIPTURE STORY A Letter from Paul to the Corinthians RESPOND STORY Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton PRAYER CELEBRATION The Commissioning of the Disciples</p>	<p>18. The Church Today: Confirmed Believers Confirmation increases and deepens baptismal grace, uniting us more closely with Christ and the Church. WORSHIP Rite of Confirmation RESPOND STORY Inspired to Serve PRAYER CELEBRATION Prayer to the Holy Spirit</p>	<p>19. Spreading the Gospel True Christian love is the basis of morality and begins in the family. SCRIPTURE STORY The Way of Love RESPOND STORY Sojourner Truth PRAYER CELEBRATION The Blessings of God's Love</p>	<p>20. A Prayer for the Guidance of the Holy Spirit At the heart of all prayer resides the Holy Spirit, who sustains and inspires us. SCRIPTURE STORY Vision of Heavenly Worship RESPOND STORY Mother Catherine McAuley PRAYER CELEBRATION Our Prayers for Guidance</p>