

GRADE 8

At the end of eighth grade youth will be able to:

Understand the Creed

Describe how God is revealed through Scripture

Explain man's role in relationship to God CCC 1-3
Explain man's desire for God CCC 27-30, 44
Explain God's revelation of Himself as one true God CCC 32-35, 47
Explain how God reveals Himself to us CCC 50-64, 68-72
Explain how God is revealed through Sacred Tradition CCC 84-87, 96-98
Explain how God is revealed through Scripture CCC 84-87, 96-98
Describe God's covenant with the human family CCC 64, 70
Tell covenant story of Noah CCC 56-58, 71
Tell covenant story of Abraham CCC 59-60, 72
Tell covenant story of Moses CCC 62-64, 72
Define faith CCC 150-165, 179
Define Trinity CCC 253-256, 261

God the Father

Describe God as truth and love CCC 214-221, 231
Describe the way God acts as loving parent CCC 270, 275-278
Tell the story of creation, fall and promise CCC 355, 385, 410-411
Tell how male and female were created in the image of God CCC 369, 373, 383
Tell how creation is God's gift of love CCC 295, 321
Describe the role of angels as servants and messengers CCC 329, 350
Tell how the world was created for the glory of God CCC 293-294

Describe how humans are co-creators with God

Describe how we become co-creators with God CCC 372

Jesus Christ

Tell stories of Jesus' birth, death and resurrection CCC 525-526, 571-655
Tell story of Jesus' ascension CCC 659-679
Tell stories of Jesus' parables CCC 546
Tell stories of Jesus' miracles CCC 547-550
Describe the beginning of Jesus' public life/ministry CCC 535-560
Describe how Jesus is still present to us CCC 737-741, 747
Define the meaning of Son of David CCC 437, 439
Define the meaning of Messiah CCC 436, 453

Describe how Jesus healed and forgave others CCC 517, 587-589, 594, 1507

Describe how and why Jesus suffered and died for us CCC 606-618, 623

Describe Jesus as model CCC 520, 561

Understand how Jesus fulfills the covenant and conquers death

Describe God's covenant with the human family CCC 64, 70

Explain how Jesus fulfills the covenant CCC 422-424, 452-453

Describe Jesus' life, death, resurrection as conquering death CCC 596, 618-623

Define Incarnation CCC 463-464, 483

Holy Spirit

Identify the Holy Spirit CCC 685

Describe the role of the Holy Spirit CCC 688

Describe the presence of the Holy Spirit at creation CCC 703-704

Describe the presence of the Holy Spirit at the Baptism of Jesus CCC 717-720

Understand the role of the Holy Spirit in Church today

Describe the presence of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost CCC 731-732

Describe the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church today CCC 737-749

Identify the Holy Spirit as unifier and sanctifier CCC 737-739, 747

Holy Catholic Church

Understand the role of pope, bishop, priest, deacon and the laity

Describe the Church as founded by Christ CCC 763, 766, 778-779

Identify Church as a hierarchical society CCC 871-892, 934-945

Explain the role of Pope, bishop, cardinal, priest, deacon, laity CCC 871-945

Recognizes Church as Body of Christ

Define Church as Body of Christ CCC 787-796, 805-807

Define Church as Temple of the Holy Spirit CCC 797-798, 809

Define Church as People of God CCC 781-782, 802-804

Name and explain the Four Marks of Church CCC 811-870, 866-869

Identify the way the Four Marks are visible CCC 771, 779

Explain the missionary nature of Church
CCC 830-856, 866-869
Explain Church as a sign of the Kingdom of God
CCC 769-780
Recognize major periods in the Bible and in the
history of the Catholic Church CCC 758-769

Mary

Understand the role of Mary in the Church today

Explain Mary as model of faith
CCC 494, 967-968
Define the Immaculate Conception
CCC 490-493, 508
Define Assumption CCC 966, 974
Define the Annunciation CCC 484, 490-494
Explain why we call Mary the Mother of All
CCC 963-970, 974-975
Name Mary as Mother of Jesus, Mother of God
CCC 466, 480-509
Explain Mary's role in the Church today
CCC 971

Communion of Saints

Explain communion of saints CCC 946-962
Define canonized saint CCC 828, 867
St. Maria Goretti,
St. Gianna Beretta Molla,
St. Dominic Savio,
St. Therese of Lisieux,
St. Thomas Aquinas,

Resurrection of the body and life eternal

Understand eternal life

Define eternal life CCC 1023
Define purgatory CCC 1030-1032, 1054
Define hell CCC 1033-1037, 1056-1058

Understand Scripture

Bible

Explain the Bible as a collection of books
CCC 105-108, 120
Explain the main divisions of the Bible
CCC 120-130
Name the books of the Old Testament
CCC 120
Inspiration CCC 105/Inerrancy CCC 120
Canon of the Bible CCC 120
Patriarchs
Abraham/Sarah – Genesis 12-25
Isaac/Rebecca – Genesis 24-28
Jacob/Rachel – Genesis 29-36, 45
Chosen People/Election CCC 1268
Exodus Narrative/Plagues CCC 130
Exodus 3-15; Exodus 7-11
Sinai Theophany CCC 62-64
Exodus 19

Covenant CCC 52-58
Exodus 19-24 29:9-30
Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Desert Wandering Numbers 1: 10:11;
35: 33-34
Ark of the Covenant Ex 25, 37
Deuteronomy 31:24-29
Joshua/Judges/Conquest of Canaan
Numbers 24:50-55
Joshua 1: 1-12, 24
Monarchy – Saul, David, Solomon
I & II Samuel
I & II Kings
Prophets – Elijah, Elisha
I Kings 17-19
Prophets – Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel
Isaiah 6-12
Jeremiah 1:4-19
Ezekiel 1: 1-3, 27

Name the books of the New Testament
CCC 120

Understand Worship and the Sacraments

Define sacrament CCC 774
Describe sacraments as a special kind of sign
CCC 1087, 1131
Describe sacrament as having specific rites
CCC 1134, 1140-1142
Define sacraments as holy actions giving strength
CCC 1076, 1116, 1123, 1133, 1151
Define sacrament remembering Jesus' presence
CCC 1088, 1084-1085, 1115, 1127
Describe how a sacrament fulfills a spiritual need
CCC 1114-1115, 1122-23, 1130-1134
Name the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church
CCC 1113, 1120
Name the three sacraments of initiation
CCC 1212, 1533
Name the two sacraments of healing CCC 1421
Name the two sacraments of vocation CCC 1534

Baptism

Identify Baptism as initiation into new life

Define the sacrament of Baptism
CCC 1213
Explain Baptism as initiation into new life
CCC 1214-1215, 1236, 1275-1277
Explain Baptism as a sacrament of welcome
CCC 1213, 1277
Name signs, rites, minister and effects of Baptism
CCC 1234-1244. 1256, 1284
Identify who is eligible to be baptized
CCC 1246-1249

Explain role of godparents, parents, parish in the celebration of Baptism
CCC 1253, 1255-56, 1277, 1279-1284
Discuss Baptism as entering into a relationship with God CCC 1265
Explain Baptism as being freed from sin through water and the Spirit CCC 1262-1266
Describe the responsibility of the baptized
CCC 1269-1271, 1273
Identify the Baptismal promises CCC 1237

Confirmation

Recognize responsibilities and effects of Confirmation

Define the sacrament of Confirmation CCC 1285
List and define the signs of Confirmation
CCC 1293-1296
Describe the specific rites of Confirmation
CCC 1297-1301
Describe the effects of Confirmation CCC 1302-1305
Describe the responsibility of the confirmed
CCC 1309-1311
Describe the responsibility of the confirmation sponsor CCC 1311
Explain who administers the sacrament of Confirmation CCC 1312-1314

Understand the gifts and fruits of Holy Spirit

Name the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit
CCC 1831-1832
Define Holy Chrism and explain its use
CCC 1297

Eucharist

Define the sacrament of Eucharist CCC 1322
Define Eucharist as memorial of Jesus' passion, death, resurrection CCC 1323
List and define the different names we use for Eucharist:
Lord's Supper CCC 1329
Breaking of bread CCC 1329
Eucharistic Assembly CCC 1329
Memorial CCC 1330
Holy Sacrifice CCC 1330
Holy Communion CCC 1331
Holy Mass CCC 1332
Understand Eucharist as a reminder of our unity with one another in Christ CCC 1324-1327
Explain/define the signs of Eucharist
CCC 1333-1336
Tell the story of the first Eucharist, Last Supper
CCC 1337-1344
Explain Eucharist as the new Passover Meal
CCC 1339
Describe Eucharist as a celebration
CCC 1345-1347

Define Eucharist as thanksgiving and praise to the Father CCC 1359-1361
Define Eucharist as sacrificial memorial of Christ and His Body CCC 1362-1372

Understand the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist (Adoration)

Understand Christ's presence in the Eucharist
CCC 1373-1381
Understand the Church as the proper place for the liturgical prayers of the Church community and for adoration of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament
CCC 2691, 2696

Actively participate at Mass

Understand who may receive Eucharist
CCC 1244, 1384-1390
Describe Eucharist as a celebration
CCC 1345-1347
Define Eucharist as thanksgiving and praise to the Father CCC 1359-1361
Understand how frequent Holy Communion helps keep us close to Jesus CCC 1391-1405
Explain parts of the Mass CCC 1345-1355
Explain gestures, vestments, vessels of the Mass
CCC 1189, 1145-1162
Explain why we kneel and genuflect or bow in Church CCC 1155
Show proper respect and reverence for the Blessed Sacrament
Name the colors for the Liturgical Seasons
CCC 1163-1171
List the visible signs evident in the physical Church
CCC 1182-1186

Penance and Reconciliation

Understand penance as conversion & forgiveness

Define Penance as a sacrament CCC 1423, 1442
Define Penance as the sacrament of conversion
CCC 1423, 1426-1432
Define Penance as the sacrament of Confession
CCC 1424
Define Penance as the sacrament of forgiveness
CCC 1424
Define Penance as the sacrament of Reconciliation
CCC 1423
Define the 3 forms of Penance in Christian life:
fasting, prayer, and almsgiving
CCC 1434-1439
Explain why people confess to a priest
CCC 1441-1442, 1455-1467
Describe the signs of Reconciliation
CCC 1449, 1480
Define the effects of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
CCC 1468-1470, 1496
Explain how the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated CCC 1480-1484

Tell the history of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
CCC 1447

Anointing of the Sick

Define Anointing of the Sick as a sacrament
CCC 1499

Explain who may receive this sacrament
CCC 1511-1515

Explain who ministers the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick CCC 1516

Explain how the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is celebrated CCC 1517-1519

Explain the effects of the celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
CCC 1520-1523

Define and explain Viaticum CCC 1524

Holy Orders

Define the Sacrament of Holy Orders
CCC 1536

List and explain the visible signs of Holy Orders
CCC 1538

Explain the history of Holy Orders CCC 1538

Describe the rites of the Sacrament of Holy Orders
CCC 1573, 1586-1589

Name the degrees of Holy Orders
CCC 1536-1554

Describe the role of bishop, priest, deacon
CCC 1555-1571

Explain who is eligible to receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders CCC 1577-1580

Define celibacy CCC 1579

Explain the effects of the Sacrament of Holy Orders
CCC 1581-1584

Matrimony

Define the Sacrament of Matrimony CCC 1601

Explain who is eligible to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony CCC 1609-1617

Describe the celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony CCC 1621-1632

Define divorce and its relationship to the Church
CCC 1639-1640, 1644

Describe the married couple as a sign of God's deep love CCC 1644-1647, 2360-2372

Define the family as the "domestic Church"
CCC 1655-1658, 1666

Sacramentals

Define the term sacramental CCC 1667

Define the characteristics and forms of sacramentals
CCC 1668-1673

Understand Morality

Beatitudes

Identify Beatitudes as the central proclamation of Jesus' teaching CCC 1716

Identify how Beatitudes reveal the meaning and goal of human acts CCC 1718-1729

Name the scripture source of the Beatitudes
CCC 1716

Matthew 5:1-12

Memorize the Beatitudes CCC 1716

Dignity of Human Being

Discuss the relationship between sin & penance

Define sin as making wrong choices

CCC 1730, 1849-50, 1868-69, 1872-76

Understand sin as a free and deliberate violation of moral law CCC 1849-1853, 1874

Understand the difference between venial and mortal sin CCC 1854-1864, 1871-1876

Name the three conditions for a sin to be mortal
CCC 1857-1859

Understand the relationship between sin and penance
CCC 1450-1460, 1490

Describe how original sin effects all nature
CCC 400-409, 418-419

Understand conscience CCC 177-1782, 1795

Understand the ways and means to develop a well-formed conscience CCC 1783-94, 1798

Understand virtue CCC 1803-1804, 1833

List and define the cardinal virtues
CCC 1805-1809, 1834-1838

List and define the theological virtues
CCC 1812-1829, 1840-1844

Integrates the virtues of charity, honesty, respect and chastity

Moral Law and Grace

Define grace as God's presence in us

CCC 1996-1997, 2017, 2023-2024

Identify grace as an effect of sacraments
CCC 1996-2005

Define sanctifying grace, actual grace and habitual grace CCC 1999-2000, 2023-2024

Identify the teaching authority (Magisterium) of the Church regarding moral laws
CCC 2032-2036, 2049

Define infallibility CCC 2035

Name the authentic teachers of the Church
CCC 2034, 2050-2051

Understand the six precepts of the Church
CCC 2041-2046, 2048

Greatest Commandment

Name the two great commandments
CCC 2055, 2083

Name scripture reference for the two greatest commandments CCC 2055
Matthew 22:37-40

Decalogue

Name the Ten Commandments
CCC 2051-2052
Identify scripture references for Decalogue
CCC 2057
Exodus 34:28
Identify God's self-revelation in teaching/laws
CCC 2058-2059
Understand the relationship of the commandments to
the covenant CCC2060-2063

First Commandment

Identify the first commandment CCC 2083
Define adoration/honor as it relates to God
CCC 2095-2097
Understand idolatry CCC2112-2113, 2141
Understand atheism CCC 2123-2126, 2140
Understand superstition CCC 2111, 2138

Second Commandment

Identify the second commandment CCC 2142
Identify what the second commandment prescribes
CCC 2142-2146
Understands blasphemy CCC 2148, 2162
Understands false oaths CCC 2150, 2163
Understands perjury CCC 2152, 2163

Third Commandment

Identify the third commandment
CCC 2168-2189
Describe the importance of going to Mass
CCC 2175-2186
Identify ways of keeping the Lord's Day holy
CCC 2180-2188
Name holy days of obligation CCC 2177

Fourth Commandment

Identify the fourth commandment CCC 2196, 2247
Define the primary obligation of the fourth
commandment CCC 2197
Identify the duties of children CCC 2214-2220
Identify the duties of parents CCC 2221-2231
Identify the duties of civil authority CCC 2235-2237
Identify the duties of citizens CCC 2238-2243

Fifth Commandment

Discuss and explain the Church's teachings about
murder, abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment
and suicide

Identify the fifth commandment CCC 2258
Explain why human life is sacred CCC 2258
Explain Church teachings on respect for health
CCC 2288-2291
Explain Church teachings on murder, abortion,
euthanasia and suicide CCC 2268-2283
Discuss Church teaching on capital punishment
CCC 2267

Describe the effects of anger and hatred
CCC 2302-2303
Describe the effects of scandal CCC 2284-2287
Define peace according to God's law
CCC 2304-2305
Define the strict conditions for legitimate defense by
the military force CCC 2309

Sixth Commandment

Identify the sixth commandment CCC 2331
Define chastity CCC 2338, 2348-2350, 2395

Explain God's plan for human sexuality
CCC 2331-2336

Seventh Commandment

Identify the seventh commandment CCC 2401, 2450
Explain what the seventh commandment requires
CCC 2451

Identify various forms of theft CCC2409-2414
Explain the moral obligation to take care of God's
creation CCC 2415-2418, 2356-2457

Catholic Social Teaching – 7 Themes
CCC 2419-2436

Life and Dignity of the Human Being
Call to Family, Community Participation
Rights/Responsibilities
Option for the Poor
Dignity of Work
Solidarity
Care for God's Creation

Explain the corporal & spiritual works of mercy

Name the spiritual and corporal works of mercy by
which we care for our neighbor CCC 2447

Eighth Commandment

Identify the eighth commandment CCC 2464, 2504
Define truth CCC 2467-2468
Name and define the various offenses against truth
CCC 2475-2487
Define martyrdom CCC 2473

Ninth Commandment

Identify the ninth commandment CC 2514, 2528
Understand purity CCC 2520
Understand modesty CCC 2521-2524

Tenth Commandment

Identify the tenth commandment CCC 2534
Identify when it becomes wrong to desire pleasant
things we do not have CCC 2535
Define greed CCC 2535-2537
Define avarice CCC 2535-2537
Define envy CCC 2538-2540

Teaching Safety: Empowering God's Children

Understand Prayer

Define prayer as a personal relationship with God
CCC 2559-2565

Prayer in Scripture

Give examples from the Old Testament in which God spoke to individuals and the individuals responded CCC 2566-2584

Explain how the Psalms are prayers which are both personal and communal CCC 2585-2589

Name various times and places in which Jesus prayed
CCC 2598-2606

Name several teachings of Jesus on how to pray
CCC 2607-2616

Explain specific phrases of the Our Father
CCC 2759-2865

Identify prayers of Mary in the New Testament
CCC 2617-2619

Prayer in the Church

Recognize different forms of prayer

Define/give examples of the basic forms of prayer: blessing, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, and praise CCC 2644-2649

Explain how the Holy Spirit in the Church, through tradition, teaches us to pray
CCC 2650-2652

Identify sources of prayer: Sacred Scripture, the liturgy of the Church CCC 2652-2662

Clarify roles in the way of prayer:

Prayer is primarily addressed to the Father
CCC 2680

Prayer can be addressed to the Son
CCC 2680

Holy Spirit is invoked as the Teacher of Prayer
CCC 2681

We pray in communion with the Virgin Mary
CCC 2682

We pray that the saints, as our guides, will intercede for us
CCC 2692

Name those within the Church who assist us in the practice of prayer: family, priests, deacon, religious, catechists, prayer groups
CCC 2685-2690

Understand prayers as communal expression: Eucharist, Sacred Scripture and Liturgy of the Hours

Identify sources of prayer: Sacred Scripture, the

liturgy of the Church CCC 2652-2662

Identify the Church as the proper place for the liturgical prayer of the Church community and for adoration of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament
CCC 2691, 2696

Understand prayer as personal expression: vocal, meditation, and contemplation

Identify the three major expressions of prayer in Christian tradition: vocal, meditation, contemplation CCC 2699-2719, 2721-2724

Know the liturgical and traditional prayers of the Church
CCC 2698

Sign of the Cross

Angel of God

Glory Be

Grace Before and After Meals

Hail Mary

Our Father

Act of Contrition (Traditional)

Hail Holy Queen

Come, Holy Spirit

Morning Offering

I Confess (Confiteor)

Nicene Creed

Holy, Holy, Holy

Lamb of God

Apostles Creed

Rosary

Angelus

Magnificat

Act of Contrition (Contemporary)

Act of Faith

Act of Hope

Act of Love

Experience:

Stations of the Cross

Divine Praises

Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Litany of the Saints

Latin Prayers: Kyrie eleison, Sanctus, Agnus Dei