



Collaborative Curriculum Map 2007-2008


Gesu Catholic School

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<i>Content</i>	<i>Skills</i>	<i>Assessment</i>	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Resources</i>	<i>Catholic Identity</i>
<p>God Gives Us Life and Love (Week 1, 4 Weeks)</p>	<p>God is the Giver of Gifts</p> <p>Jesus is God's Best Gift</p> <p>Jesus Lives in His Church</p> <p>God Gives Us Life and Love</p>	<p>Students will discover the gifts of God's love.</p> <p>Students will express gratitude in prayer.</p> <p>Students will reflect on our power as human beings.</p> <p>Students will realize that people are more important than plants and animals.</p> <p>Students will trust in our Heavenly Father's care.</p> <p>Students will show respect for the dignity of each person.</p> <p>Students will know that Jesus shows the Father's love by dying and rising to give us new life.</p> <p>Students will understand the significance of the Sign of the Cross.</p> <p>Students will identify the disciples and themselves as members of the Church.</p> <p>Students will desire to follow Jesus more closely.</p>	<p>Students will illustrate God's gifts through a variety of projects including bulletin boards and banners.</p> <p>Students will experience God's gifts during a nature walk.</p> <p>Students will design a ladder of creation.</p> <p>Students will experience different forms of prayer including psalms and songs.</p> <p>Students will plant seeds to observe growth of new life.</p> <p>Students will practice making the Sign of the Cross.</p> <p>Students will participate in a prayer service and Book Blessing Ceremony.</p>	<p>Christ Our Life Series</p> <p>Scripture References</p> <p>HiGod1 and 2</p>	

Jesus Calls Us to Give Ourselves in Love

 (Week 5, 4 Weeks)


Jesus shows us how to love God Our Father
 Jesus shows us how to love others
 We give the gift of love to others
 Jesus calls us to give ourselves in love

Students will know the first great law: love God
 Students will desire to imitate Jesus' love for the Father by praying, speaking about God with love and celebrating the Lord's Day
 Students will know the new commandment of Jesus: love others
 Students will desire to imitate Jesus' love for others and show respect for life by obeying those who care for them, by being pure in their thoughts and actions, by being honest and truthful, and by demonstrating kindness to all living things

Students will role-play situations that encourage them to live God's Laws of Love.
 Students will participate in prayer services celebrating God's Laws of Love.
 Students will participate in discussions of how to apply the commandments in their daily lives.
 Students will listen to stories of Saints who modeled the Laws of Love during their lives.
 Students will construct a Laws of Love booklet to illustrate the commandments.

Christ Our Life Series
 Scripture References
 Lives of the Saints books and videos
 Laws of Love booklet

Jesus Gives Us the Gift of Peace

 (Week 9, 7 Weeks)

Our friend Jesus forgives us
 Jesus leads us to His peace
 The spirit of Jesus helps us
 We meet Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation
 We become better persons
 Jesus gives us the gift of peace


Students will realize that Jesus chooses us to be His friends.
 Students will desire to do what Jesus wants.
 Students will understand the importance of reconciliation in friendship.
 Students will gain a deeper understanding of the spirit of reconciliation through stories from the Bible.
 Students will be willing to admit failures and

Students will role-play situations that encourage them to demonstrate sorrow and forgiveness.
 Students will participate in prayer services celebrating God's friendship and forgiveness.
 Students will participate in discussions of the meaning of the rite of Reconciliation in their daily lives.
 Students will

apologize.
 Students will define sin as saying no to God and to His love. Students will understand that accidents, mistakes, and temptations are not sins. Students will appreciate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as Jesus' gift for peace and spiritual growth. Students will realize that Jesus forgives us through a priest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Students will know that the presence of the Holy Spirit is manifested by peace, love, and joy. Students will know how to examine their conscience with the help of the Holy Spirit. Students will become familiar with and participate in each part of the rite of Sacrament of Reconciliation. Students will desire to praise and thank God for the gift of forgiveness.

listen to stories of Saints who modeled the Laws of Love during their lives. Students will practice and receive the rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Advent and Christmas

 (Week 16, 1 Week)

Advent as a Time to Prepare our Hearts for Jesus Christmas as

The students will know how they can prepare for the coming of Jesus
 The students will

The students will listen to Scripture stories about the birth of Jesus and the Epiphany

Teacher manual
 Records
 Videos

<p>a Celebration of the Birth of Jesus Epiphany as A Time to Worship Jesus</p>	<p>desire to prepare for Christ's coming through prayer, penance and good deeds The students will appreciate the love of God our Father, given to us in His Son, Jesus The students will share the Good News of Jesus' birth with others through words and acts of love The students will understand that God calls them to proclaim that Jesus cam to save all people</p>	<p>The students will discuss ways to prepare for the coming of Jesus and share God's love with others The students will role play Gospel stories The students will illustrate scenes of the Nativity and Epiphany The students will make gifts for family members as a sign of God's love The students will view a video of the Nativity</p>
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Jesus Gives Us the Gift of Himself
 (Week 17, 12 Weeks)

<p>Jesus Promised the Gift of Himself We Celebrate God's Love at Mass Jesus Invites Us We Listen to God and Pray We Prepare Our Gifts Jesus Offers Himself We Receive the Bread of Life Jesus Gives Us the Gift of Himself</p>	<p>The student will desire to respond to Jeus' invitation to share the Living Bread, Holy Communion The students will know how Jesus promised us the Holy Eucharist The students will know that Jesus comes in Holy Communion to help us follow Him The students will make a commitment to prepare for Holy Communion The students will be acquainted with the history of the Passover The students will know that Jesus gave us the eucharist at the Last Supper The students will understand the</p>	<p>The students will listen to and relate Scripture stories to parts of the Mass The students will role play various parts of the Mass The students will participate in prayer services related to the Last Supper and various parts of the Liturgy The students will create visual reminders of the Eucharist from clay, paper and other materials The students will practice all the parts of the Mass The students will sing songs to prepare for the reception of the Eucharist The students will</p>	<p>Christ out Life Series Scripture Religious CD's and records</p>
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meaning of
Christ's perfect
sacrifice, the
Mass
The students will
desire to offer
themselves as
a gift to the
Father at Mass
The students will
know the roles of
the community
and the different
ministries at
Mass
The students will
realize the
importance of
participating in
the Mass
The students will
know and
understand the
meaning of each
of the various
parts of the Mass
The students will
know and be able
to offer proper
responses during
the Liturgy of the
Word and the
Liturgy of the
Eucharist
The students will
desire to listen to
God's Word at
Mass
The students will
know that bread
and wine are
signs of our lives
and of all God's
gifts
The children will
perceive the
Mass as a
banquet to praise
and thank the
Father
The students will
understand and
experience the
meaning of
gestures used
during the
prayers at Mass
The students will
understand that
nourished by one
Bread we form

write prayers in
connection with
parts of the
Mass
The students will
view videos that
explain the
Liturgy of the
Word and the
Liturgy of the
Eucharist

one body
 The students will
 intend to treat
 others as
 brothers and
 sisters in Christ
 The students will
 know ways to
 prepare for
 Communion
 The students will
 practice receiving
 Communion
 The students will
 desire to receive
 Jesus
 The students will
 know what to say
 to Jesus in
 thanksgiving
 after receiving
 Holy Communion
 The students will
 appreciate the
 Blessed
 Sacrament

***Lent: A
 Time for
 Loving
 Sacrifice***
 (Week
 29, 1 Week)

Lent: A Time
 for Loving
 Sacrifice

The students will
 view Lent as a
 time to prepare
 for the Easter
 Triduum by
 following Christ's
 way of sacrificial
 love
 The students will
 experience
 wonder at Jesus'
 great love for us
 The students will
 resolve to make
 Lent a time of
 special prayer
 and sacrifice

The students will
 experience
 Scripture stories
 related to the
 passion and
 death of Jesus
 The students will
 participate in a
 play about the
 death of Jesus
 The students will
 think of ways
 they can grow
 closer to Jesus
 during Lent
 through prayer,
 penance and
 almsgiving
 The students will
 be made aware
 of the meaning
 Palm Sunday,
 Holy Thursday
 and Good Friday
 Liturgies and
 desire to

Christ Our
 Life Series
 Scripture
 Religious
 Songs
 Religious
 videos

participate in them with their families
The students will view videos in connection with Lent and Holy Week

***Easter:
Jesus is Risen***
 (Week 30, 2 Weeks)

We Rejoice Because Jesus Rose From the Dead

The students will have a better understanding of how Jesus is with them as their risen Lord
The students will appreciate the peace and joy that Jesus gives to those who truly seek Him
The students will desire to bring peace and joy to others by their kind words and actions

The students will listen to Scripture readings of the Easter story
The students will participate in discussions of the meaning of the Resurrection of Jesus in their lives
The students illustrate ways to bring Jesus peace and joy to others by their kind words and actions
The students will view a video about the Resurrection of Jesus

Christ Our Life Series
Scripture
Religious music
Religious videos

The Church Celebrates God's Care
 (Week 32, 3 Weeks)

We Are One in the Church
Mary, the Mother of the Church
The Church Celebrates God's Love

The students will know that they belong to the Body of Christ, the Church
The students will appreciate the Eucharist as a means to living the Christian commitment
The students will understand that all Church members, priests, deacons,

The students will recognize various roles in Church ministry
The students will become aware of various ways they can begin to serve God's people
The students will listen to stories of saints who exemplified the Christian Catholic life

Christ Our Life Series
Religious music
Pictures and videos of the lives of Saints

religious, married people and single people are called to share God's love as Jesus did
 The students will desire to bring Jesus' love to others
 The students will realize that Holy Communion revitalizes us to be good Christians

View videos of the lives of saints showing various ministries in the Church

Pentecost: Jesus Gives Us His Spirit
 (Week 35, 1 Week)

Jesus Sends His Spirit at Pentecost

The students will recall that the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles on Pentecost
 The students will remember that they received the Holy Spirit when they were baptized
 The students will appreciate how the Holy Spirit can transform their lives
 The students will listen and pray to the Holy Spirit

The students will listen to the Scripture story of Pentecost
 The students will name ways the Holy Spirit can be with them in their lives
 The students will ask the Holy Spirit to bring them a particular gift they need

Christ our Life Series
 Scripture Religious music

Mary, Mother of the Church Cares for Us
 (Week 36, 2 Weeks)

Mary, Mother of the Church, cares For Us

The students will recognize Mary's role as intercessor
 The students will be encouraged to turn to Mary for help
 The students will recognize that the best way to honor Mary is to imitate her
 The students will


The students will read and dramatize the story of the Wedding Feast at Cana
 The students will learn and reflect upon the joyful mysteries of the rosary
 The students will receive a rosary and learn how to

Scripture Christ Our Life Series
 Rosaries Pictures Video of one of the Mysteries of the Rosary

know the
outstanding
virtues of Mary
The students will
decide to model
their lives after
Mary's faith and
love
The students will
learn ways to
honor Mary
The students will
learn how to pray
the Rosary in
honor of Mary

pray it

Missions:
The
Church
Brings
People to
Jesus

 (Week
38, 1 Week)

Missionaries
Spread God's
Word of Love
The Church
Shares Jesus'
Love and
Care

The students will
be more aware of
the needs of our
brothers and
sisters in the
world
The students will
have a
missionary spirit
and desire to
spread the gospel
The students will
know how to help
the missions
The students will
become more
sensitive to
victims who
suffer from
unjust structures
The students will
desire to
experience the
growth that
comes from
helping others

The students will
learn about St.
Therese as the
patroness of the
missions
The students will
brainstorm ways
to help less
fortunate
peoples
The students will
be encouraged
to participate in
mission
activities
sponsored by
the school and
parish

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