

MCFD LESSON SYNOPSES FOR EIGHTH GRADE

Week of 9/22/19:

Students will learn that Jesus suffered, died, and rose from the dead as an act of love for them. They will also learn that the Father and the Son sent the Holy Spirit for the life of the Church, which continues Jesus' mission in the world, and that Christ remains with them in the Word of God, the People of God, and most especially in the Eucharist.

Week of 9/29/19:

Students will learn that the Church was born on Pentecost through the power of the Holy Spirit. They will also learn that Christ entrusted the mission of His Church to the apostles and that the Church is to manifest herself to the world and bring all men to Christ, and that the Holy Spirit empowered the apostles and will empower them with many graces and gifts in order to fulfill Christ's mission and bring the good news to all.

Week of 10/6/19:

Students will learn that Jesus Christ fulfilled His mission on earth for all men in all times. He established the Church to continue the work of His mission and to communicate His grace to all men, especially through the sacraments. Students will be able to explain how the Church is one, holy, catholic and apostolic.

Week of 10/13/19:

Students will learn that Christ teaches us through the Church and that they are to uphold the deposit of faith.

Week of 10/27/19:

Students will learn that the Church has the authority from Christ to govern and to protect the truth. They will also learn that true freedom is found in being able to choose the truth of Christ. They will understand the difference between doctrine and discipline, and will be able to explain their obligations of obedience with respect to both.

Week of 11/3/19:

Students will learn that the Church has the mission of evangelizing the world and that the hierarchy has an important role in that mission. They will be familiar with the Sacrament of Holy Orders and the roles of ordained men in the governance of the Church.

Week of 11/10/19:

Students will learn that they are initiated into the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation; they are thereby given the graces and the responsibilities of full membership. They will also learn that Christ is the source of all grace and that He dispenses His grace through the Church and specifically through the sacraments.

Week of 11/17/19:

Students will learn that the Mass is the greatest form of worship, and to follow the life of Christ throughout the liturgical year. They will also learn the basic elements and guiding spirit of each liturgical season: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and Ordinary Time.

Week of 12/1/19:

Students will learn that Mary has an important role in salvation history and that all that she does leads us to her Son. They will also learn that Mary was given many privileges; she is the perfect model of grace and is a powerful intercessor of prayer.

Week of 12/8/19:

Students will learn that they have a responsibility to all members of the Church on earth. The responsibility should be carried out in the works of mercy.

Week of 12/15/19:

Students will learn that through the power of the Holy Spirit the Church has prevailed through challenges and persecutions. They will know the importance of the apostles, martyrs, Fathers and Doctors of the Church, and monasticism in the first thousand years of the Church.

Week of 12/22/19:

Students will learn that through the protection of the Holy Spirit the Church continues to prevail and grow in holiness. They will also learn about some of the many saints that God has raised to defend and protect the Church during times of turmoil, as well as some of the current threats to the Church and the Faith.

Week of 1/5/20:

Students will learn that the Roman Catholic Church is universal, or for all. The fullness of the Faith is found in her. They will also learn that through ecumenism they can have hope for the restoration of unity among all Christians.

Week of 1/12/20:

Students will learn that through Baptism they are all called to holiness and need to strive to overcome major obstacles in their path to holiness, and that they are called to evangelization.

Week of 1/19/20:

Students will learn that virtue is formed by habit and that we can strengthen our virtue through prayer and action. They will also learn that living a virtuous life can help us in our pursuit of holiness.

Week of 1/26/20:

Students will learn that Beatitude is the state of happiness of those who live the Christian life. They will also learn that they are called to express their love for Christ and others through the corporal and spiritual works of Mercy.

Week of 2/9/20:

Students will learn that God has a plan for every person, that He calls each of them to a vocation, and that it is profoundly important that they discern God's will in their lives. They will also learn that their vocation allows them to follow Christ most perfectly on earth and that they are to seek holiness in the state of life that God calls them to live.

Week of 2/16/20:

Students will learn that most people are called to serve God in the world as laity and they are called to develop a strong spiritual life, uniting themselves with Christ through prayer, work and the sacraments. They will also learn that the laity serve God in the world by bringing the good news to all people they encounter and to bring Christian justice and charity to the world.

Week of 2/23/20:

Students will know that Christ's grace is essential to a successful marriage, and that the Holy Trinity is a community of love. They will also learn that marriage and the family require self-giving love.

Week of 3/1/20:

Students will learn that promoting the common good should also protect and promote the dignity of the human being. They will also learn that they should promote patriotism and pray for their country.

Week of 3/15/20:

Students will develop a moral conscience and learn that they must form their consciences through knowing God's law. They will learn that they are obliged to follow their consciences. They will have a basic knowledge of all the laws that govern our lives.

Week of 3/22/20:

Students will learn that God is the author of all life, he gives life, and he alone has the authority to take life away. Life is shown to be a blessing from God, it is sacred. They will learn that they have a responsibility to care for the underprivileged. They will also learn that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that true peace is found in Him.

Week of 3/29/20:

Students will learn that as Christians they are called to be united with Christ and the two principal means of doing this are prayer and the sacraments. They will also learn that the Mass is the supreme act of worship.

Week of 4/5/20:

Students will learn to appreciate their need for grace and that Jesus won grace for them through His death and Resurrection. They will also learn that through the Holy Eucharist they become one with Christ and are transformed in Him through the grace received.

Week of 4/19/20:

Students will learn that God has a plan for each of them to be one with Him in heaven, and that He provides that which is necessary for their salvation. They are to respond in love. They will also learn that God asks for faith and obedience and that He mercifully sent His Son so that we might have eternal life.

Week of 4/26/20:

Students will learn that God's plan is a plan of love, one in which they are called to fully respond and in which they will be judged according to their response. They will also learn that their hope for heaven is found in the merciful love of God.