

St. John Neumann Youth Faith Formation - 2021-2022
Grades 1, 3, 4, and 5 Lessons
A Family of Faith: The Profession of Faith

April – Lessons for Home Study

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Lesson</u>
Before beginning lessons with your child(ren)	Parent video	View parent video for March at: https://vimeo.com/channels/1730471 (Note: this will be posted on the first of the month)
Before beginning lessons with your child(ren)	Parent reading	Read the background to the chapter on pages 264-268 of the <i>Parents' Guide</i> .
Throughout month	Complete chapter at home	Lessons 12 and 13 in the March Chapter in the purple <i>A Family of Faith</i> books
Sunday, April 24, 2022, 5pm	Family Mass and Potluck	Register for our Family Mass and Potluck at: www.sjnstcharles.org/events-registrations/ .
By 4/29/2022	Monthly Reflection Due	Visit this link with your child to complete the reflection: https://forms.gle/NqsQSiUT92EMHsms7 .

Note: Therese will no longer be working at the parish as of 2/11/2022. For youth faith formation questions and concerns, please contact Kristi Loar, our faith formation coordinator, at kloar@sjnstcharles.org.

Prayers to Memorize throughout the Year: Sign of the Cross, the Lord’s Prayer, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Prayer to One’s Guardian Angel, Blessing Before a Meal, Act of Contrition, Apostles’ Creed.

Key Ideas for the Month

Key Ideas of our April Lessons: (see page 237)

- Lesson 12:
 - The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.
 - The Communion of Saints means that all the faithful – those in Heaven, in purgatory, and believers on earth – form one body.
- Lesson 13:
 - God forgives sin through the sacraments of Baptism, Penance and Reconciliation, and others, especially the Eucharist.
 - On the Last Day, Christ will raise the bodies of all people from the dead and reunite them with their souls.

- The word *amen* comes from the same Hebrew root as *believe*.
 - To work on all month:
 - Scripture verse of the month, saint of the month, Apostles' Creed memorization, Words to Know for the month, and Car Conversations.
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Lesson 12 Activities

Parents, choose two to three activities in this lesson to present to your children at home. Communicate the lesson's key ideas, listed above.

Activity 1: 'The Four Marks of the Church

Ages: All ages

Focus: The Church is one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic.

"Parent's Guide" pages: pages 173-174

"Children's Activity Book" pages: 143-145

Activity: Read an essay on the four marks of the Church with your children. Older children can complete the fill-in-the-blank exercise.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- The Church is one because she is unified in her origin, teaching, and governance.
 - The Church is holy because her founder and her mission are holy.
 - The Church is catholic in the sense of being universal: whole and complete.
 - The Church is apostolic because Christ founded the Church on the Apostles and governs her through their successors, the bishops.
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Activity 2: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic *Storybook Activity*

Ages: All ages

Focus: Review of the four marks of the Church

"Parent's Guide" pages: pages 216-219

"Children's Activity Book" pages: n/a

Activity: Develop a storybook page in which your children illustrate each of the marks of the Church.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- Communicate the key ideas on page 216 of the parents' guide.
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Activity 3: Communion of the Saints
Storybook Activity

Ages: All ages.

Focus: Living Christians, saints in Heaven, and souls in Purgatory are united by the Holy Spirit, and in the Eucharist.

“Parent’s Guide” pages: pages 221-222

“Children’s Activity Book” pages: page 126

Activity: Discuss how the family shares things in common with the Communion of Saints, and how the actions of one person impact others. Children will make a collage for the family storybook.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- There are three states of the Church, or the Communion of Saints: Christians living on earth, souls in purgatory, and saints in Heaven.
 - The Communion of Saints also means that all members of the Church are joined by the sacraments – especially the Eucharist.
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Activity 4: Three States of the Church

Ages: Ages 8 and up.

Focus: We are all on a journey to Heaven, and can help each other get there.

“Parent’s Guide” pages: page 223-225

“Children’s Activity Book” pages: page 146-147

Activity: Discuss with your child the idea of being on a journey of faith. This journey will likely include purgatory.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- We are on a journey of faith, with the destination being our true home, Heaven.
- On earth, the faithful are called the church Militant because we are still fighting the battle against the devil and working to bring the world to Christ.

- The souls in purgatory are called the church suffering because they are being purified so that they may enter Heaven.
 - The saints in Heaven are called the Church Triumphant because they are fully enjoying the fruit of the victory that Christ has won for them.
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Activity 5: Apostles' Creed Wrap-Up

Ages: All ages.

Focus: God wants everyone to turn away from sin and to live with Him forever in Heaven.

"Parent's Guide" pages: page 226-228

"Children's Activity Book" pages: page 149-150

Activity: Discuss the ideas in the "Apostles' Creed Wrap-Up Essay"

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- Only God can forgive sins. There is no sin so bad that God would not forgive us if we repent and ask His forgiveness.
 - On the Last Day, Christ will raise the bodies of all people from the dead and reunite them with their souls.
 - The secrets of every persons' heart, and the justice and mercy of God, will be made known to all at the Last Judgment.
 - In the moment of our death, we will be judged and enter Heaven (through purification and directly) or hell. This is called the particular judgement.
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Lesson 13 Activities

Parents, choose two to three activities in this lesson to present to your children at home.

Communicate the lesson's key ideas, listed above.

Activity 1: Forgiveness of Sins, Resurrection of the Body, and Life Everlasting

Ages: Ages 8 and up.

Focus: Scripture tells of the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

"Parent's Guide" pages: page 231

“Children’s Activity Book” pages: page 151-152

Activity: Help your older child match the quotes in the children’s book.

Activity 2: A New Heaven and a New Earth *Storybook Activity*

Ages: All ages.

Focus: At the end of time, God will dwell with His people once more.

“Parent’s Guide” pages: pages 232-233

“Children’s Activity Book” pages: 153

Activity: Create storybook pages that focus on God’s promise and our faith in His promise.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- God promised to usher in His Kingdom completely at the end of time.
- The description of the final Kingdom of God is found in the book of Revelation, chapter 21.

Bible Supplement:

- For grade 5, read Revelation chapter 20 in the *BreakThrough Bible* and complete “Study It! ... And a Beginning” on those pages.
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Activity 3: Amen! Creative Project

Ages: All ages.

Focus: Amen expresses God’s promise and our faith in His promise.

“Parent’s Guide” pages: pages 236

“Children’s Activity Book” pages: 156

Activity: Reflect on the meaning of the word amen. Children will create a drawing based on this reflection.

Key ideas to communicate to the children:

- The word *amen* comes from the same Hebrew root as believe. It is loosely translated to “so be it.”
- Concluding a prayer with *amen*, means we agree with what has been said.

Additional Activities for the Month

Explore the additional activities: Saint of the Month, Verse of the Month, Car Conversations, etc.