

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 Hybrid Classes**

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Lesson</u>
Sunday, 4/3/2022 or Wednesday, 4/6/2022	Children only class	Parents, please drop off and pick up your child from the classroom. Parents of grade 1, 3, 4, and 5 children will not meet this month.  Lesson 12 in the April Chapter in the purple <i>A Family of Faith</i> books.
Before beginning lessons with your child(ren)	Parent video	View parent video for April at: <a href="https://vimeo.com/channels/1730471">https://vimeo.com/channels/1730471</a> (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	Lesson 13 in the April 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: <a href="http://www.sjnstcharles.org/events-registrations/">www.sjnstcharles.org/events-registrations/</a> .
By 4/29/2022	Monthly Reflection Due	Visit this link with your child to complete the reflection: <a href="https://forms.gle/NqsQSiUT92EMHsms7">https://forms.gle/NqsQSiUT92EMHsms7</a> .

*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](mailto: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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## Onsite Classroom - Lesson 12

### **Catechists and Children, complete in class:**

Grades 1 through 5: Goal is to communicate the lesson's Key Ideas using age-appropriate activities.

**Meet your children in the classroom.** Parents will drop off and pick up in the classroom. You will have the full 75 minutes for class.

**Opening Prayer in Classroom** – Procession to set up prayer table if you choose to do this; end with the Apostles Creed (5 min).

### **Activity 1: The Four Marks of the Church (15 min):**

- Review the part of the Apostles' Creed where the four marks are prayed.
- Read together the essay on the four marks of the Church with the children or summarize the reading for younger children.
- Convert the fill-in-the-blank exercise on page 145 in the children's book into a competition. Divide the class into at least two teams. Write each question on the board. Have the teams quietly discuss the question and write their team answer on a sheet of paper. Then all teams reveal their answers. Award points for answering correctly. Give out prizes from Miss Kristi's prize box.

### **Activity 1 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.

### **Activity 2: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic - Storybook Activity (10 min)**

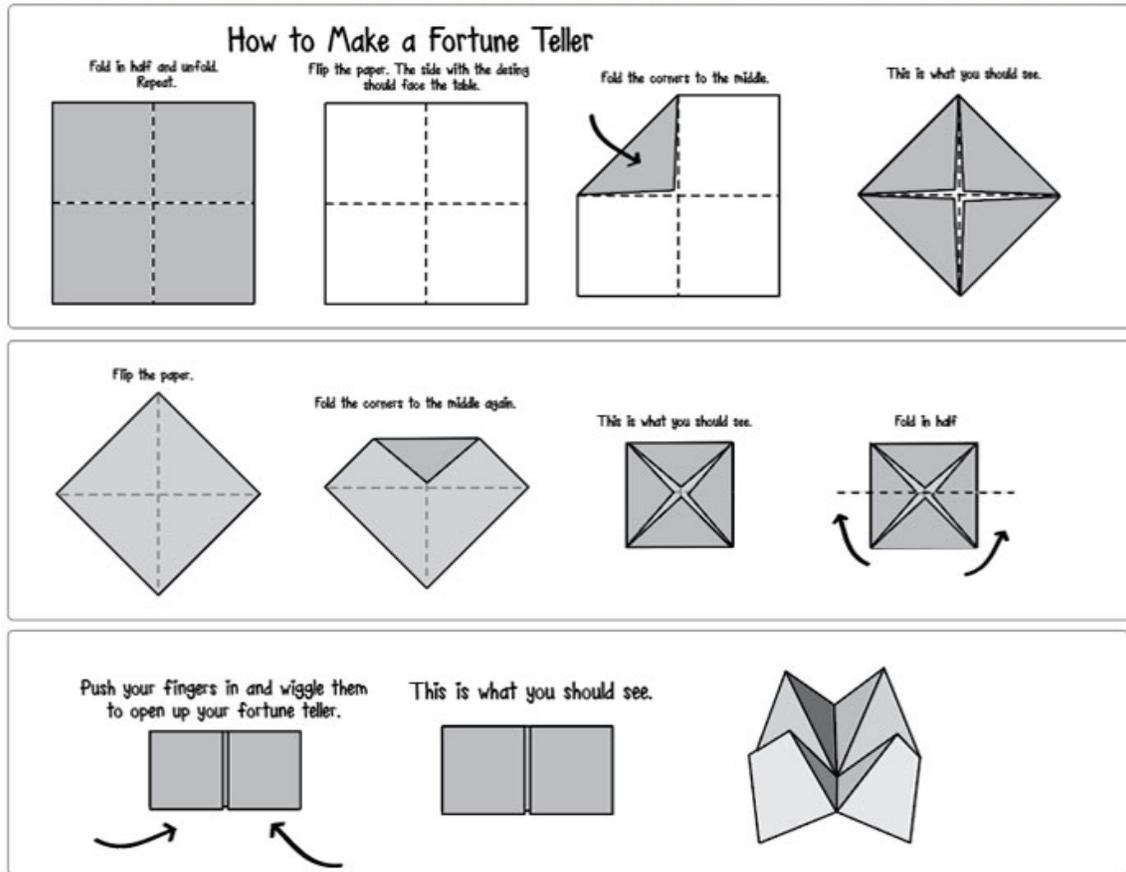
- Using copies of page 219 from the parent’s guide, assist the children in developing a storybook page for their family storybook at home. The children will illustrate each mark of the Church.

**Activity 2: Key ideas to communicate to the children:**

- Communicate the key ideas on page 216 of the parents’ guide.

**Supplement Activity: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic – “Fortune Teller” (20 min)**

- Guide each child in making a “fortune teller” that they decorate to correspond to the four marks of the church.
- Have the mark the outside of each flap with one of the marks.
- On the inside of each flap, have the children write a phrase or draw a picture that helps them remember the meaning of the mark.
- For younger students, you might want to have everything pre-folded.



**Activity 4: Three States of the Church (15 min):**

- Read with the children the essay on page 146 of the children’s book. Summarize the material for younger students.

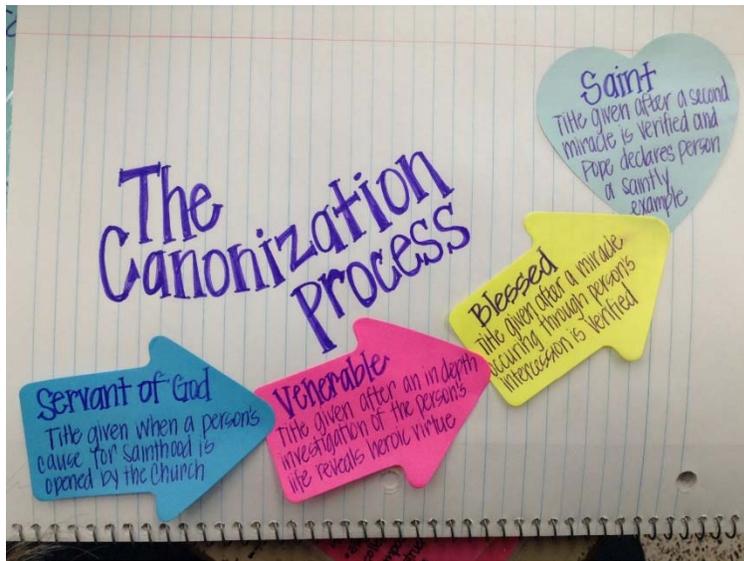
- Walk through the questions on page 147 of the children’s book.
- Complete the optional activity “Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Church” on page 225 of the parents’ guide and page 148 of the children’s book.

**Activity 4 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.

**Supplement Activity: How Does a Person Become Named a Saint? (15 min)**

- Watch the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lUGRdpRJWYA&t=2s>.
- Work with the children to complete the “Canonization Process” handout, which will look, when completed like the photo below.



**Supplies for 4/3/2022 and 4/6/2022**

- Copies of parents’ guide page 219 (one for each student – copied onto white card stock that is hole-punched so that children can add the page to their family storybook at home)
- Paper for “fortune teller” (one for each student) and art materials in your supply bin
- Extra copies of pages 146-148 in case children did not bring their book



## Home – Last Half of Lesson 12

### **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 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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## Home - 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.

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### **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.

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## Additional Activities for the Month

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