  
3rd Grade   
Learning goals for this year

**Bible & Scripture**

* Understands Bible divisions: Old Testament and New Testament
* Can tell the difference between Old and New Testament Bible stories
* Can retell Bible stories, and recite one or more scripture verse(s)

**Creed – What we believe**

* Understands the Trinity relationships: God the Father, God the Redeemer, God the Holy Spirit
* Understands what a saint is
* Can identify Catholic Church leaders

**Mass & Sacraments – How we celebrate**

* Can identify and participate in basic Catholic traditions; mass, Ash Wednesday, parish celebrations
* Can name and understands the liturgical seasons, and their colors
* Can name and identify the divisions of Mass: liturgy of the Word, liturgy of the Eucharist
* Can name, and has basic understanding of, the 7 sacraments
* Understands the use of Catholic symbols during the mass, and as supplement to prayer

**Values – How we live**

* Understands the gift of grace
* Understands the meaning of sin, forgiveness & penance
* Identifies the Ten Commandments
* Has basic understanding of corporal and spiritual works of mercy
* Demonstrates Christian values in words and actions, and care for God’s creations

**Prayer – How we pray**

* Can make, and recite the words to, the Sign of the Cross
* Can recite the Glory Be, Angel of God, Hail Mary prayer, Our Father, and Act of Contrition prayers
* Can participate in free form prayer, offer intentions (for what else/whom else shall we pray)

*Guidelines provided by the Rockford Catholic Diocese. Learn more at* [*https://www.ceorockford.org/religious-educationyouth-ministry/*](https://www.ceorockford.org/religious-educationyouth-ministry/)  
3rd Grade – A Family of Faith  
Lesson focus by month

**SEPTEMBER: Getting Started**

*Bible & Scripture*

* Bible basics
* Jesus the Christ
* Parables that Jesus told

**OCTOBER: Getting to Heaven**

*Journey with Jesus  
Saint: Margaret Mary Alacoque  
Saint: All Saints & Communion of Saints*

* Heaven is Our Final Destination
* God’s Plan For Us
* Signs & Symbols & Saints

**NOVEMBER: Grace and Holiness**

*God’s gift of free will  
Saint: Martin De Porres*

* Making choices
* Sanctifying Grace
* Liturgical Year

**DECEMBER: Christian Values**

*Living a moral life  
Saint: Lucy*

* Cardinal and Theological Virtues
* Advent and Christmas

**JANUARY: God and Church**

*We are children of God  
Saint: Elizabeth Ann Seton*

* First Three Commandments
* Fourth Commandment and Domestic Church
* The Great Commandment

**FEBRUARY: God’s Laws**

*Living faithful to the truth  
Saint: Paul Miki and Companions*

* Fifth and Sixth Commandments
* Ash Wednesday and Lent
* Seventh through Tenth Commandments

**MARCH: Acts of Kindness**

*What it means to be happy  
Saint: Katherine Drexel*

* Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy
* A New Commandment
* First through Fourth Beatitudes

**APRIL: Christ and Community**

*Our mission in the world  
Saint: Mark*

* Easter and Pentacost
* Fifth Through Eighth Beatitudes
* Social Justice and Christian Discipleship

**St. John Neumann – Youth Faith Formation**  
A Family of Faith – Volume 3: Life in Christ  
 *A Family of Faith: Catechesis for the Whole Family at* [*https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/familyoffaithvol3supplements*](https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/familyoffaithvol3supplements)