

Concord-Carlisle Faith Formation

2025-2026 Venture Scope and Sequence

Grades 5-6

Objective: By the end of the year your students should:

- Become more conscious and active participants in the liturgy.
- Recognize how God reveals Himself to us through Sacred Scripture.
- Develop the skill to look up and locate a passage in the Bible by book, chapter, and verse.

Prayer Goals

- **5th Grade:**
 - Know the *Gloria*, the *Sorrowful Mysteries* of the Rosary, the *Act of Love*, and all prayers taught in Grades 1–4.
 - Stretch goal: Recite the *Apostles' Creed*.
- **6th Grade:**
 - Know the *Glorious Mysteries* of the Rosary, the *Act of Hope*, and all prayers taught in Grades 1–5.
 - Stretch goal: Recite part of the *Nicene Creed*.

Tips for Catechists

- Begin and end every class with prayer.
- Develop a **weekly prayer routine** that is consistent and engaging.
- Use **teamwork**: alternate Sundays with 5th graders leading prayer one week and 6th graders the next.
- Encourage **creativity**: students can incorporate music, art, poetry, or scripture into prayer. If they play instruments, let them bring them.
- Foster **community**: teach them to pray for one another.
- When reading the Word of God, **read directly from the Bible**
- Provide space for **sharing**: let them discuss how Scripture speaks to their lives.
- Always take their questions seriously. If you don't know the answer, be honest—tell them you'll research it and follow up.

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LITURGICAL YEAR			DOCTRINAL CONTENT			Reminders & Lesson Notes
	Date/Sunday	Sunday Gospel	Catholic Faith Word	Doctrinal Concept	Catechism Handbook Themes	
ORDINARY TIME	Oct. 5-6, 2025	1. Note to Catechists: Today, disregard the formal lesson. Focus instead on: • Building community among the students • Enthroning the Bible as the center of our faith formation sessions				
	27 th Sunday Ordinary	2. Community-Building Activity: <i>Birthday Line Up</i> • Objective: Students work together to organize themselves in order of their birthdays (month and day only). How to Play: 1. Explain the Goal: Everyone must line up in order of their birthday, starting from January 1 through December 31. 2. Clarify the Rules: ○ Use month and day only (not the year). ○ If two people share the same birthday, they stand side by side.				

		- o This is a silent challenge: no talking allowed, only hand signals. - o If the classroom is too small, move to the hallway. - o When finished, check as a group: each student introduces themselves by first name, last name, and birthday. 3. Debrief: - o Celebrate their teamwork. - o Point out fun discoveries: Who has the first birthday? The last? Who shares a birthday? And of those who share a birthday, who was born in the morning? 3. Creating the Prayer Space & Enthroning the Bible • Introduce: Now that we know each other by name, we can pray together. As 5th and 6th graders, the Word of God will be central to our time together in faith formation. Let's begin by enthroning the Bible. • Invite students into a prayer circle. • Choose 3 volunteers: 2 candle bearers and 1 Bible bearer. • Line them up outside the classroom. When music begins (Your Word is a Lamp), have them walk slowly into the room with the Bible elevated between the candles. - o If no music is available, lead the class in repeating: <i>"Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" (psalm 119:105)</i> <i>(Write on the board might be helpful.)</i> • As the Bible enters, all students should stand. • Once inside, the bearers stand by the prayer table, facing the class. • Bible Bearer proclaims the Word of God (Romans 1:16–17): • Bible Bearer: A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel. It is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: for Jew first, and then Greek. For in it is revealed the righteousness of God from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The one who is righteous by faith will live.'" • Bible Bearer: "The Word of the Lord." • All: "Thanks be to God." • The Bible is then placed on the prayer table between the two candles. 4. Opening Prayer (led by Catechist): Heavenly Father, you speak to us through Sacred Scripture. Open our eyes to see your goodness, our ears to hear your voice, and our hearts to receive your Word. May your Word give us wisdom, peace, and joy. In Jesus' name we pray. All: Amen. 5. Reflection Exercise Ask: What do you think it means for us today that the power of God is revealed in His Word, and that we should not be ashamed of His Word? Allow 2–3 students to share. 6. Setting Classroom Ground Rules • Frame as a Class Covenant: Just as we honor God's Word, we honor each other. • Ask: What are acceptable behaviors we should live by during our faith formation sessions? • Write their responses on a poster titled "Our Class Covenant." • Invite students to sign the covenant and place it near the prayer space. 7. Closing Prayer • Thank the students for their participation. • Return to the prayer circle near the enthroned Bible. • If time permits, invite students to offer one personal intention or thanksgiving.
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	• Lead them in repeating: Lord, we thank You for speaking to us through Your Word. Help us to listen to You this year and live what we learn. • End with the Sign of the Cross. 8. Distribute Materials & Dismiss • Assign each student a Bible for use in class throughout the year. • These Bibles remain in the classroom. • Distribute their Pflaum package and dismiss. Reminders for parents: • No session next week in honor of Indigenous Peoples'/Columbus Day weekend. The family is still invited to Mass. Parent Meeting: There will be a parent meeting on October 19th when we return from break.
Oct. 12, 2025 28th Sunday Ordinary	No Session in honor of Indigenous Peoples and Columbus Day
Oct. 19-20, 2025 29th Sunday Ordinary	Sunday Gospel: Luke 18:1–8---Jesus and the Persistent Widow Catholic Faith Word: Prayer Doctrinal Concept: Prayer Catechism Handbook Themes: Prayer, pgs. 39–42 Quick Note on the Lesson: The book does a great job describing prayer. Under <i>Prayer of Thanksgiving</i>, please spend time talking about the Mass the primary prayer. Teach the students that the #1 prayer of the Catholic faith is the Mass. The word Mass comes from the Latin Misa, meaning “to be sent.” The Mass itself encompasses all the other forms of prayer. Everything we do as Catholics should lead us to the Mass. The sacraments are celebrated in, through, and for the Mass—it is truly the source and summit of our faith. Most important, the Mass guides how we move and live in the world. At Mass we are sent to be Christ in and for the world. That is why it is so important that we never miss Mass. At the Liturgy, united as a family of faith and in communion with the Angels and Saints, we offer God our highest prayer of thanksgiving and praise and we are strengthened to go be Christ in the world. Reminders: Parent Meeting: Parents will join your class after their meeting with me. Make sure to warmly welcome them and include them in your concluding prayer. Family Mass and Family Faith Formation: Next week is our first Family Mass, which will be followed by our family faith formation session. Our very own 6th graders will lead this Mass in collaboration with the 3rd graders. Closing Prayer: Invite the students to form a circle by the prayer space and read one of the Psalms

		Or ask the parents to pray over their children (placing a hand on their shoulder and saying a short blessing).
Oct. 26-27, 2025 30th Sunday Ordinary		Family Mass followed by Family Faith Formation (3 & 6)
Nov. 2-3, 2025 All Souls' Day		Sunday Gospel: John 6:37–40---Jesus Promises Eternal Life Catholic Faith Word: Communion of Saints Doctrinal Concept: The Last Things: Heaven Catechism Handbook: Death and Resurrection, pg. 13; Prayer for the Dead, pg. 53 Notes on the Lesson: If time permits, you might want to introduce the students to 1 Corinthians 15:12–29. In this passage, St. Paul explains that because we believe in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we also believe that our brothers and sisters who have died will rise. Therefore, we remain in communion with them. The Church teaches about three states of the one family of God: • The Church Triumphant – all the Saints in heaven who have overcome the struggles of this life and are with God. • The Church Militant – we who are still on earth, striving to live faithfully through the struggles of this life. • The Church Suffering (in Purgatory) – our brothers and sisters who are being purified so they can see God face-to-face. Last week, we reflected on how the Mass is the #1 prayer of our faith. At every Mass, all three parts of the Church, the Saints in heaven, the faithful on earth, and the souls being purified—are united with us in worship. Reminder: Safety Day: Next Sunday is Safety Day. As part of class, we will provide a special lesson during the first 30 minutes on how children can keep themselves safe. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Ms. Noel.
Nov. 9-10, 2025 Lateran Basilica		Sunday Gospel: John 2:13–22----Cleansing of the Temple Catholic Faith Word: Assembly Doctrinal Concept: The Church Catechism Handbook Themes: Church, Mission of the Church, Marks of the Church, pgs. 11–13 Note on the Lesson: Pflaum does a wonderful job with this lesson. But still, this is a good opportunity to pray the Nicene Creed together, especially the part where we profess the four Marks or pillars of the Church: <i>“I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.”</i> Encourage the students to pray the Creed slowly and intentionally, pausing to reflect on these words. Invite them to meditate on what each of these Marks means for their own faith and life in the Church. Also, make sure you emphasize that the church is the people of God

		Reminder: After beginning class with prayer, please teach the Safe Environment Lesson before moving on to the main lesson for the week
Nov. 16-17, 2025 33rd Sunday Ordinary		Sunday Gospel: Luke 21:5–19---Jesus Gives Us Hope Catholic Faith Word: Hope Doctrinal Concept: God the Father Catechism Handbook Themes: Act of Hope, pg. 55 Note on the Lesson: Pflaum could have given you a bit more background on hope, so here is an expanded look! Opening Prayer: Tell the students that our topic today is hope. Jesus is our Hope. Begin by praying the Act of Hope together found on page 55 of their book. Ask the students: what is hope to you? When have you had to hope for something important? Hope in Scripture: The bible gives us the definition of hope. Let begin with the letter to the Hebrews. Can some read for me Hebrews 6:19? In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul gives us the characteristics of hope. Can another person read Romans 5:3-5? Hope as a Theological Virtue: The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that Hope is one of the theological virtues. There are three theological Virtues: Faith, Hope and Love. We read that in 1 Corinthians 13:13 Characteristics of hope: • Hope responds to our deep desire for happiness. • Hope keeps us from discouragement. • Hope sustains us during times of abandonment. • Hope opens our hearts to eternal joy. • Hope protects us from selfishness and leads us toward love. To be a Christian means to live in hope and to bring hope to others. Reflection: How will you live in hope today? How will you bring hope to others at home, in school, or among your friends? Who needs a word of hope from you right now? Closing Prayer: Have the students open their Bibles to Psalm 71:1-8, begin with the sign of the cross and have one student pray the psalm while the rest the class follow along. When the reader gets to verse 8, conclude with the Glory Be Reminders: Family Mass & Family Formation: Next week is Family Mass. Please plan to attend Mass together as a family. Immediately following, we will gather for Family Faith Formation. Thanksgiving Break: There will be no faith formation sessions on November 30th and December 1st for Thanksgiving. Wishing you and your families a very blessed and joyful holiday!
Nov. 23-24, 2025 Christ the King		Family Mass followed by Family Faith Formation

ADVENT-CHRISTMAS	Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2025 1st Sunday of Advent	Thanksgiving Break No Faith Formation Session
	Dec. 7-8, 2025 2nd Sunday of Advent	Sunday Gospel: Matthew 3:1–12 John the Baptist Prepares for Jesus Catholic Faith Word: Messiah Doctrinal Concept: Mary Catechism Handbook Themes: Immaculate Conception, pgs. 10–11; Feasts of Mary, pg. 17 Note on the Lesson: This is a good time to have the 5th graders begin session with one sorrowful Mystery and the 6th graders to conclude with one Glorious Mystery. You can also have them turn to Luke 1:46-55 to pray the Magnificat. More on Mary: • After praying the Rosary to start class, you can ask your students: When you pray the Hail Mary, what do you think about Mary? • Show an image of Mary (Our Lady of Guadalupe, Lourdes, Fatima, or another Marian image). • Ask: Why do you think the Church honors Mary so much? • Explain: The Church teaches special truths (doctrines) about Mary to help us understand her role in salvation history and in our faith as the mother of our Lord, Jesus. The Church also teaches about Mary to help us know greater truths about her Son, Jesus. 3. Teaching the Four Marian Doctrines: In the church there are 4 Marian Dogmas-or doctrines: 1. Mary, Mother of God (Theotokos) • Mary is the Mother of Jesus. Jesus is truly God and truly man. • Therefore, Mary is called Mother of God. • Ask: “Why is it important that Jesus is fully God and fully human?” 2. Immaculate Conception • From the very moment Mary was conceived in her mother’s womb, God kept her free from original sin. • This was to prepare her to be the Mother of Jesus, who is without original sin. • Ask: How do you think being without sin helped Mary say ‘yes’ to God? 3. Perpetual Virginity • Mary remained a virgin before, during, and after the birth of Jesus. • This shows her complete dedication to God. • Ask: What does this teach us about giving our lives to God? 4. Assumption of Mary • At the end of her life, Mary was taken body and soul into heaven. • This shows the promise of eternal life that we also hope for. • Ask: What does this tell us about how much God loves us? Conclude by pointing out to the children that December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and under this title, Mary is the Patron Saint of the United States. This means, tomorrow is a Holy Day of Obligation. We are called to attend Mass as if it was a Sunday.

Dec. 14-15, 2025 3rd Sunday of Advent	Sunday Gospel: Matthew 11:2–11---Jesus Is the Messiah Catholic Faith Word: Prophet Doctrinal Concept: Divine Revelation and Sacred Tradition Catechism Handbook Themes: Jesus Spoke to All Generations, pg. 7; Works of Mercy, pg. 5 Note on the Lesson: When introducing the word <i>prophet</i>, explain that it comes from the Greek word meaning “mouthpiece of God.” A prophet is one who speaks for God. To be a prophet, one must first be inspired by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has guided the Deposit of Faith, that is, everything God has revealed to us through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. Turn to page 7 of the handbook and read together the section on the Deposit of Faith. Emphasize • The Holy Spirit did not stop speaking when the last book of the Bible was written. • This is why we rely on both Scripture and Tradition to know God’s truth. Connect to Christmas: The Incarnation of Christ is the ultimate revelation of God. In two weeks we will be celebrating Christmas, the birth of Christ. When we celebrate Christmas, we celebrate more than a birthday. We celebrate a God of love who came into our world in the humility of a baby. Jesus took on human nature so that we might be lifted up to heaven and take on divine nature, meaning becoming holy like God. That’s the beauty of the Incarnation, God revealed in flesh, out of love. Encourage students: At Christmas Mass, when you see the manger scene, don’t think of it just as a baby’s birth, but as God revealing himself to us in love. Concluding Prayer: Pray the Nicene Creed together with reverence and intention. Encourage the students to listen closely to the words that describe Jesus: “Light from Light, true God from true God.” Reminders: Family Mass & Christmas Pageant: Next week is our Family Mass and the Christmas Pageant at 11:30am at St. Irene, followed by the Christmas Dinner. There will be no faith formation session that week. All should report to St. Irene at 11:30. Christmas and New Year’s Break: There will be no sessions on December 28th and 29th in observance of Christmas Encourage families to attend Christmas Mass on December 24th or 25th to celebrate the birth of Christ.
Dec. 21-22, 2025 4th Sunday of Advent	Family Mass and Christmas Pageant at St. Irene, followed by Christmas Dinner
Dec. 28-29, 2025 Holy Family	Christmas Break No Faith Formation Session

ORDINARY TIME		
	Jan. 4-5, 2026 Epiphany	Sunday Gospel: Luke 2:1–14 & Matthew 2:1–12 The Savior Is Born Catholic Faith Word: Magi Doctrinal Concept: God the Son Catechism Handbook Themes: Incarnation, Jesus the Savior, pg. 10 Note on the Lesson: Before we want on Christmas break we said, • The Incarnation is the ultimate revelation of God. • <i>Incarnate</i> means “to be made flesh.” • Open your Bible to John 1:1–14. • Ask them: What do you think John is saying in this passage? • Then explain that Jesus is the Word made flesh, the face of God. • If we want to know who God is, we look at Jesus: God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. • In today’s feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate Jesus who reveals the face and the love of God to every nation, represented in the Magi. Reflection: In what concrete ways can you reveal the face of God this week? Allow them time to share. Conclude: Pray the Nicene Creed but focus “<i>begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.</i>” Reminders: Family Mass & Family Formation: Next week is Family Mass. Please plan to attend Mass together as a family. Immediately following, we will gather for Family Faith Formation. Our very own 5th graders will lead this Mass in collaboration with Kindergarteners. MLK Day Break: There will be no faith formation sessions on January 18th & 19th in observance of MLK Day.
	Jan 11-12, 2026 Baptism of the Lord	Family Mass followed by Family Faith Formation (K & 5)
	Jan 18-19, 2026 2nd Sunday Ordinary	MLK Break No Faith Formation Session
	Jan 25-26, 2026 3rd Sunday Ordinary	Sunday Gospel: Matthew 4:12–23--- Jesus Calls the First Apostles Catholic Faith Word: Disciple Doctrinal Concept: Sacrament of Holy Orders Catechism Handbook Themes: Holy Orders, pgs. 24–25; Church Leaders, pg. 37 Reminders:

		Family Mass & Family Formation: Next week is Family Mass. Please plan to attend Mass together as a family. Immediately following, we will gather for Family Faith Formation . Our very own 1 st graders will be leading the Mass with help from the 8 th graders.
	Feb 1-2, 2026 4th Sunday Ordinary	Family Mass followed by Family Faith Formation
	Feb 8-9, 2026 5th Sunday Ordinary	Sunday Gospel: Matthew 5:13–16---Sermon on the Mount: Salt and Light Catholic Faith Word: Mission, Vocation Doctrinal Concept: Vocations Catechism Handbook Themes: Mission of the Church, pg. 12 Reminders: Presidents Day Break: There will be no faith formation sessions on January 15th & 16^h in observance of Presidents Day. Ash Wednesday: Please encourage families to join us for Ash Wednesday on February 18th as we begin our Lenten journey together.
	Feb 15-16, 2026 6th Sunday Ordinary	Presidents' Day Break No Faith Formation Session
LENT	Feb 22-23, 2026 1st Sunday of Lent	Sunday Gospel: Matthew 4:1–11 Jesus Is Tempted Catholic Faith Word: Conscience Doctrinal Concept: Commandments 1–3: Honoring God Catechism Handbook Themes: Relationship with God, pgs. 6–7; Moral Law and Conscience, pg. 30 Reminders: Family Mass & Family Formation: Next week is Family Mass . Please plan to attend Mass together as a family. Immediately after, we will gather for Family Faith Formation . Our 4th graders will be leading the liturgy, together with the 2nd graders .
	March 1, 2026 2nd Sunday of Lent	Family Mass followed by Family Faith Formation
	March 8, 2026 3rd Sunday of Lent	Sunday Gospel: John 4:5–42--- A Samaritan Woman Shares the Good News Catholic Faith Word: Samaritan, missionary Doctrinal Concept: Catholic Social Teaching Catechism Handbook Themes: Call to Family, Community, and Participation, pg. 51 Note on the Lesson: Emphasize to the students that our Catholic faith demands that we speak up for those without a voice. An encounter with Jesus means a transformation in how we encounter our neighbors. This is a good place to introduce them to Matthew 25 Follow the book, they have a good lesson on this.

	March 15, 2026 4th Sunday of Lent	Sunday Gospel: John 9:1–41--- Jesus Heals a Blind Man Catholic Faith Word: Original Sin, conversion Doctrinal Concept: Old Testament: Covenant with God Catechism Handbook Themes: Adam and Eve, pgs. 9–10
	March 22, 2026 5th Sunday of Lent	Sunday Gospel: John 11:1–45---Jesus Raises Lazarus Catholic Faith Word: Mercy Doctrinal Concept: The Works of Mercy Catechism Handbook Themes: Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, pgs. 50 & 64
	March 29, 2026 Palm/Passion Sunday	Sunday Gospel: Matthew 21:1–11 & 26:14-27:66--- Jesus’ Passion Catholic Word Faith: Paschal Mystery, Savior Doctrinal Concept: The Paschal Mystery Catechism Handbook Themes: Jesus the Savior, pgs. 9–10; Jesus Prayer, pg. 53 Reminders: Triduum: As we journey through Holy Week , invite families to join the parish for the Triduum liturgy beginning on Holy Thursday . Children Commemoration of the Passion: On Good Friday, April 3rd at 4:00 pm at St. Irene Church, we will offer a special commemoration of the Passion of Christ for children. Please encourage families to attend together. Easter Break: There will be no faith formation sessions on April 5th and 6th in observance of Easter Sunday. Encourage families to attend the Easter Vigil or an Easter Sunday Mass to celebrate the Resurrection.
	April 5, 2026 Easter Sunday	Easter Break No Faith Formation Session
EASTER	April 12, 2026 2nd Sunday of Easter	Sunday Gospel: John 20:1–9 & 20:19–31--- Jesus Is Risen Catholic Faith Word: Salvation Doctrinal Concept: Holy Days of Obligation P mission of the Church, pg. 12; Kingdom of God, pg. 61 Reminders: Patriots’ Day Break: There will be no sessions on April 19 th & 20 th in observance of Patriots Day.
	April 19, 2026 3rd Sunday of Easter	Patriots’ Day Break No Faith Formation Session
	April 26, 2026 4th Sunday of Easter	Sunday Gospel: John 10:1–10--- Jesus Is the Good Shepherd Catholic Faith Word: Liturgy of the Eucharist Doctrinal Concept: The Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist Catechism Handbook Themes: The Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist, pg. 48
	May 3, 2026 5th Sunday of Easter	Sunday Gospel: John 14:1–12--- Jesus Is the Way, Truth, and Life Catholic Faith Word: Revelation Doctrinal Concept: Commandments 4, 6, 7, 9, 10: Honoring Relationships Catechism Handbook Themes: Catholic Social Teaching, pg. 51; Common Good, pg. 32

		Reminders: Next week is our last session. It is also May Crowning following the 11:30am Mass at St. Irene.
May 10, 2026 6th Sunday of Easter		Sunday Gospel: John 14:15–21--- Jesus Promises to Send the Holy Spirit Catholic Faith Word: Advocate Doctrinal Concept: Sacrament of Confirmation Catechism Handbook Themes: Sacraments of Initiation: Confirmation, pgs. 19–21 Note to Catechist: This is our final session of the year. Feel free to include something fun and memorable with your children. I would skip the lesson altogether. Maybe play a review game to see what they have learned. Make sure you bless them for a great summer. Reminders: May Crowning will take place today following the 11:30 am Mass at St. Irene. Since it is also Mother’s Day , we will take this opportunity to honor both Mary, our heavenly mother , and our earthly mothers

The topics included in this Scope and Sequence chart are subject to minor changes, which will be reflected in the Teaching Guides throughout the catechetical year.

Thank you for your amazing and immeasurable work. God bless you abundantly!