

Saint Mary Faith Formation

3rd Grade



Chapter 8

We Are the Church

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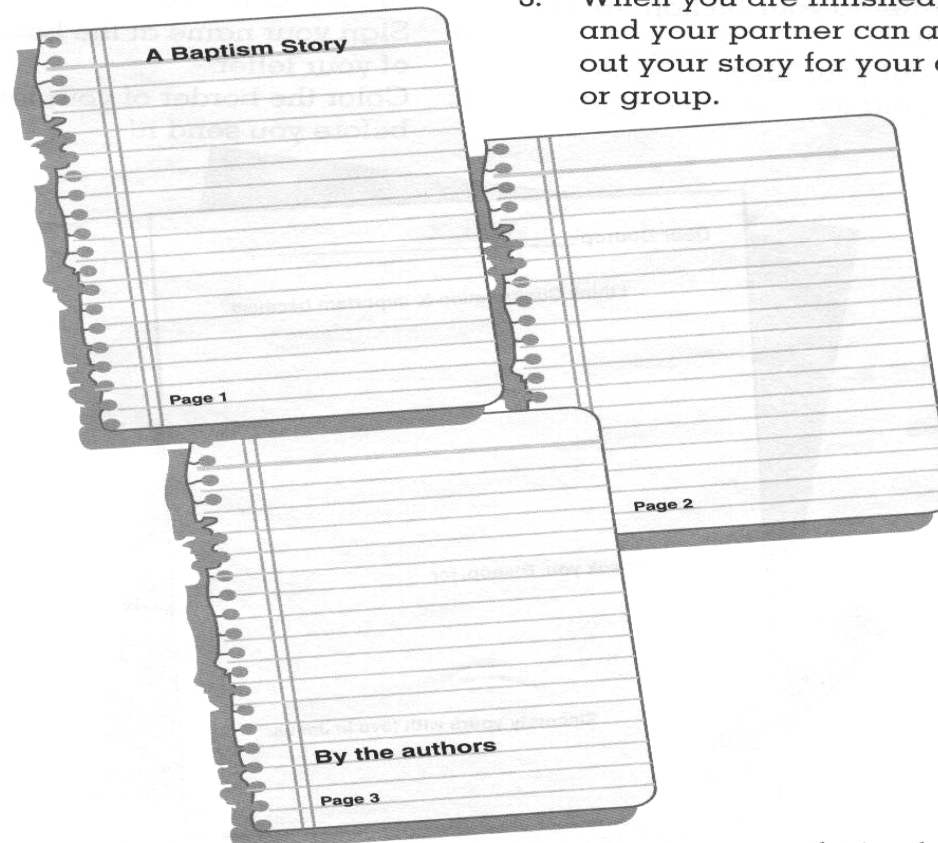
Major Points: The Church is the People of God. We as people of the Church are called to worship God once a week & to hear the Word of God & to care for His people. A parish is one unit of the world-wide Church. Baptism is the first Sacrament we receive in the Church. A sacrament is God's help to live as He lived. Confirmation is a sacrament we receive—the gift of the Holy Spirit within us.

I Write a Story About Becoming a Christian

Every day, people become Christians. The Church baptizes them and asks them to follow Jesus.

You can write a short story about the sacrament of Baptism.

1. Choose a partner to work with. Write your story together. Tell about a baby or a child or a grown-up being baptized.
2. Write your ideas for your story on the space below. Print your names at the bottom, too.
3. When you are finished, you and your partner can act out your story for your class or group.



I Write a Letter to the Bishop

Every parish belongs to a group of parishes. We call this group a diocese. A bishop is the head of a diocese. He is the minister of the sacrament of Confirmation.

Write a letter to your bishop about Confirmation.

1. Find out your bishop's name from your teacher or catechist.
2. Tell your bishop why you think Confirmation is important.
3. Explain to your bishop why you want to be confirmed someday. If you are already confirmed, tell why you are glad to be a confirmed Christian.
4. Thank your bishop for all he does to help the Church grow in faith and love.
5. Sign your name at the bottom of your letter.
6. Color the border of your letter before you send it!



We Are the Church

Faith Vocabulary

Circle the word or phrase that completes each sentence.

1. The _____ is the People of God.

Church

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2. We are welcomed into the church community through the sacraments of _____.

Healing

Initiation

3. _____ is the sacrament in which we are joined to Christ, members of the Church, and followers of Jesus.

Confirmation

Baptism

4. _____ is the sacrament in which people receive and celebrate the strengthening of the gift of the Holy Spirit within them.

Confirmation

Baptism

Remembering Our Faith

Read each sentence. Circle yes if it is true. Circle no if it is not true.

Rewrite the untrue sentences as true sentences.

5. The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Eucharist, and Reconciliation. Yes No

6. We can read about the early Church in the Acts of the Apostles. Yes No

7. At Confirmation, a lighted candle is given to remind us to follow Jesus, the Light of the World. Yes No

8. The usual minister of Confirmation is a bishop. Yes No

Understanding Our Faith

Complete the following sentences.

9. The sacrament of Baptism helps us to follow Jesus by _____

10. The sacrament of Confirmation helps us to follow Jesus by _____

Living Our Faith

Draw a picture to show how our Church is a living follower of Jesus today. Title your picture.



Chapter 8 Diocesan Standards

Sacraments: Baptism and Confirmation are Sacraments of initiation.



Notes from your Catechists...

Have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Lukas and Mrs. Dillon-Angelakis- Tuesday 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Lornson and Mrs. Kaiser- Wednesday 4:00 p.m.

Mrs. Olsen and Mrs. Herrington- Wednesday 4:00 p.m.

Mrs. Kolak— Wednesday 5:45 p.m.

(page 87) Design a card for someone who will be receiving one of the Sacraments of Initiation. Tell the person why you think this is such a wonderful thing.

