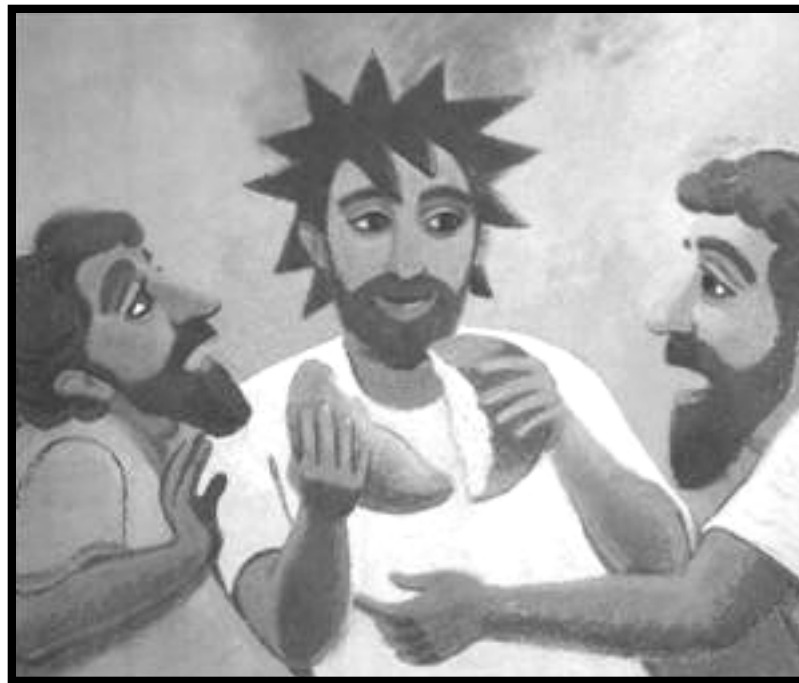


Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception
Youth Ministry

Junior: Risen Jesus



To live as He Lived
To love as He Loved
To serve as He Served

Youth Ministry
2011-2012

Milton, Wisconsin

Youth Tasks

Phone Tree: Call to remind group members of monthly gatherings.



Faith group host/hostess: Welcome your faith group as they arrive and take attendance.



Timekeeper: Keep track of the time of during the gathering helping the facilitators to share all of the content received at the in-service.



Opening prayer: A traditional or personal prayer you say to begin the gathering.



Read Scripture Passage: Read the Gospel.



Photographer: Take a group picture of your faith group and other activities throughout the year. Email monthly photos to sabrinae@centurytel.net.



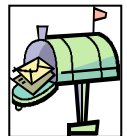
Action Reporter: Go around the group asking each about Actions.



Closing Prayer/Intentions: A traditional or personal closing prayer with intentions from group members.



Creative Communication: Create a greeting for group members unable to attend or those with special prayer needs.



Message for the bulletin/website: Email to sabrinae@centurytel.net – something you or group has learned or done this month.



Snack/drink: Saint Mary provides snacks for Middle School youth. *High school faith group members may choose to take turns providing a snack.*

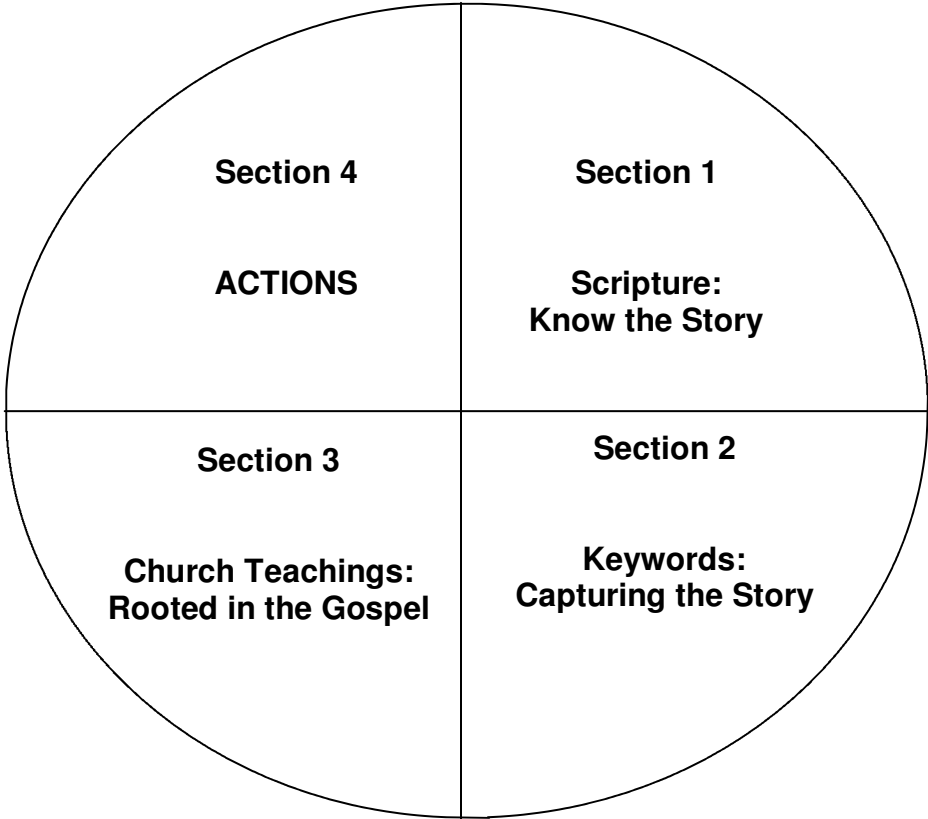


Youth may choose to keep one task or change throughout the year.



FAITH GROUP GATHERING BREAKDOWN

This is the general breakdown of each faith group gathering. Each month, the Youth Ministry Leaders in-service provides leaders with the content for each area. The leaders present the content and facilitate each of the sections.



Scripture Study Approach for All Biblical Stories

Scripture Analysis

What is the focus of this reading?

Who are the characters?

Give a descriptive nickname to each character.

What is Jesus' impression of each of the characters?

What are the characters' impressions of Jesus?

What message did the Gospel writers want you to get out of their story?

Personal Reflection

Relate this story to your life or someone you know.

Who are the characters in your life?

What did you learn about yourself from the experience?

How is God using you to share the Good News and help others?



PART OF MASS

PRESENT TEXT FOR PEOPLE

NEW TEXT FOR PEOPLE

Greeting

Priest: The Lord be with you.
*People: **And also with you.***

Priest: The Lord be with you.
*People: **And with your spirit.***

Penitential Act (Form A)

I confess to almighty God, and to you,
my brothers and sisters,
that I have **sinned**
through my own fault, in my
thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done, and in what I
have failed to do;
and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have **greatly** sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-
Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Penitential Act (Form B)

*Priest: **Lord, we have sinned against***
you:
Lord, have mercy.
*People: **Lord, have mercy.***
*Priest: **Lord, show us your mercy***
and love.
People: And grant us your salvation.

*Priest: **Have mercy on us, O Lord.***
*People: **For we have sinned against***
you.
*Priest: **Show us, O Lord, your***
mercy.
People: And grant us your salvation.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and **peace**
to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, **only Son of the Fa-**
ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father: **receive our prayer.**
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest,
and **on earth peace to people of good**
will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great
glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, **Only Begotten**
Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, **have mercy on us.**
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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PRESENT TEXT FOR PEOPLE

NEW TEXT FOR PEOPLE

Dialogue at
the Gospel

Deacon (or Priest): A reading from the
Holy Gospel according to N.
People: Glory to you, Lord.

Deacon (or Priest): A reading from the
Holy Gospel according to N.
People: Glory to you, **O** Lord.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, **the** Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all **that is seen and unseen.**
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
one in Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by **the power of** the Holy Spirit
he was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he **suffered, died,** and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in **fulfillment** of the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life, who proceeds
from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified. **He** has spo-
ken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection
of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all **things visible and invisible.**
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only **Begotten** Son of God,
born of the Father **before all ages.**
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
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.
For our sake
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he **suffered death** and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in **accordance** with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life, who proceeds
from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection
of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PART OF MASS**PRESENT TEXT FOR PEOPLE****NEW TEXT FOR PEOPLE**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived **by the power of the Holy Spirit** and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended **to the dead**.
 On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come **again** to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and **the** life everlasting. Amen.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived **by** the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended **into hell**;
 on the third day he rose again **from the dead**;
 he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of **God** the Father **almighty**;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to Prayer

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his **holy** Church.

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.
*People: **And also with you.*** *Priest: Lift up your hearts.*
People: We lift them up to the Lord. *Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
*People: **It is right to give him*** thanks and praise.

Priest: The Lord be with you.
*People: **And with your spirit.*** *Priest: Lift up your hearts.*
People: We lift them up to the Lord. *Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
*People: **It is right and just.***

Preface Acclamation

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

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PRESENT TEXT FOR PEOPLE

NEW TEXT FOR PEOPLE

Mystery of Faith

*Priest: Let us proclaim
the mystery of faith: People:
A – Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.
or B – Dying you destroyed our
death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.
or C – When we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death,
Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.
or D – Lord, by your cross
and resurrection,
you have set us free.
You are the Savior of the World.*

*Priest: The mystery of faith.
People:
A – We proclaim your Death, O
Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.
or B – When we eat this Bread
and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death,
O Lord,
until you come again.
or C – Save us, Savior of the
world,
for by your Cross
and Resurrection,
you have set us free.*

Sign of Peace

*Priest: The peace of the Lord
be with you always. People: And
also with you.*

*Priest: The peace of the Lord
be with you always. People: And
with your spirit.*

Invitation to Communion

*Priest: This is the Lamb of God
who takes away
the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called
to his supper.
All: Lord, I am not worthy
to receive you,
but only say the word
and I shall be healed.*

*Priest: Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away
the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called
to the supper of the Lamb.
All: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my
roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.*

Concluding Rites

*Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.*

*Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.*

Junior

WE are Church

October 16	Fun Run
October 17	Bazaar
November 19	Advent Adventure
December 13	Live Nativity
December 14	Live Nativity

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Life Stages

October	Life begins at Conception—Chelsea Shields Teens4Life
November	Career Choices—Military and the Faith
December	Stumbling blocks living the Faith

Mentors of the Faith

October—December	Child Care during 10:30 a.m. Mass
October—December	Preschool during 10:30 a.m. Mass
October—December	Elementary Faith Formation—Tues. or Wed. classes

Living the Faith

October: Risen Jesus

Opening Prayer:

Entering the Story:

Time Period Covered:

Where we are on the journey:

Opening Question:

Matthew (History) 28:1-15
Mark (Mission) 15:42-47; 16:1-8
Luke (Family) 23:50-52; 24:1-12
John (the Word—reflection) 19:38-42

Matthew (History) Scripture Analysis

What is the focus of this reading?

Who are the characters?

What historic message did the Gospel writer want you to get out of this passage?

Personal Reflection

Relate this story (lost-then-found) to your life or someone you know.

Who are the characters in your life?

What did you learn about yourself from the experience?

How is God using you to share the Good News and help others?

Mark (Mission) Scripture Analysis

What is the focus of this reading?

Who are the characters?

How did this passage (Joseph) fit into the mission of Jesus Christ?

Personal Reflection

Share an experience of losing a loved one.

Who are the characters?

What did you learn about yourself from the experience?

How is God using you to share the Good News and help others?



Luke (Family) Scripture Analysis

What is the focus of this reading?

Who are the characters?

What message did the Gospel writer want you to get out of this passage?

Personal Reflection

Relate this story to your life or someone you know.

Who are the Josephs in your life?

What did you learn about yourself from the experience?

How is God using you to share the Good News and help others?

John (the Word—reflection) Scripture Analysis

What is the focus of this reading?

Who are the characters?

How did this passage (Joseph) fit into the mission of Jesus Christ?

Personal Reflection

Share an experience.

Who are the characters?

What did you learn about yourself from the experience?

How is God using you to share the Good News and help others?

Identify the keywords to capture the story and its meaning on the next page:

Mary Magdalene

Joseph of Arimathea

Spices and ointments

Stone

Clothing White as snow

Angels

Do Not Be Afraid

Run to the tomb

First day of the week

Ascended to the Father

1. The angels who appeared to the women in the tomb dressed in these clothes.
2. Donated the burial place for Jesus.
3. Jesus, after he spent many days among the people, _____ to the _____ in Heaven.
4. Preparations for the burial of Jesus.
5. Do not be afraid—I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified—for he was raised...go tell the disciples.
6. One of the women who came to the tomb and found it empty.
7. Appeared to the women in the tomb.
8. Words of the angels to the women who came to the tomb to anoint Jesus.
9. Before the Resurrection, Saturday was the day of praise to God...after the resurrection it was on Sunday.
10. Used to close the burial place of Jesus
11. What the apostles did after hearing from the women that Jesus had risen from the dead.

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Rooted in the Gospel

Divinity of Christ: The belief that the person Jesus Christ was truly God or divine. [CCC, &464-483]

Eternity: The concept of an infinite or unending time-span; Catholics believe that a part of the human person) usually called the *soul*) will live on for all eternity. [CCC, &1020-1060]

Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Seven in number, these gifts are received with the coming of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. They are: wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence, wonder & awe. {CCC, &1831

Holy Spirit: The third person of the Blessed Trinity. [see CCC, *Subject Index*, for many references to this topic]

Lord: The title given to Jesus after his resurrection from the dead. “Jesus is Lord” means that Jesus is supreme over all, is divine, and all-powerful. [CCC, &446-451]

Peter: One of the twelve apostles to whom Jesus entrusted the key leadership position; usually called the first pope. [CCC, &552-553]

Pope: The head of the Roman Catholic Church; also called the Vicar of Christ, the Bishop of Rome and the Successor of Peter. Has jurisdiction over the whole Church throughout the world. [Canons 331-335]

Redemption: The act of being saved. We are redeemed by the suffering and death of Christ on the Cross and his resurrection. [CCC, &571, 573, 601, 669, 1069]

Resurrection: Our belief that Jesus rose from the dead, and that our destiny is the same; one of the basic and most important doctrines of our faith. [CCC, &647-655]

November: Risen Jesus Among the People

Opening Prayer:

Entering the Story:

Time Period Covered:

Where we are on the journey:

Opening Question:

Matthew (History) 28:1-4; 28:4-7

Mark (Mission) 16:12-13; 16:14; 16:15-16

Luke (Family) 24:13-53

John (the Word—reflection) 20:19-23; 20:24-29; 20:30-31

Matthew (History) Scripture Analysis

What is the focus of this reading?

Who are the characters?

What historic message did the Gospel writer want you to get out of this passage?

Personal Reflection

Relate this story to your life or someone you know or a movie/book.

Who are the characters in your life?

What did you learn about yourself from the experience/movie/book?

How is God using you to share the Good News and help others?

Mark (Mission) Scripture Analysis

What is the focus of these passages?

Who are the characters?

How do these passages fit into the mission of Jesus Christ?

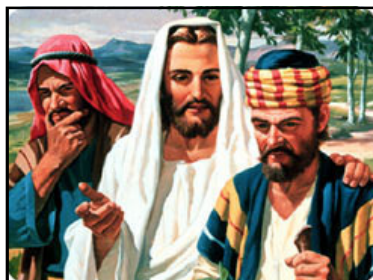
Personal Reflection

Share an experience of Jesus being truly present in your life when you were feeling alone.

Who are the characters?

What did you learn about yourself from the experience?

How is God using you to share the Good News and help others?



Luke (Family) Scripture Analysis

What is the focus of this reading?

Who are the characters?

What message of “family” did the Gospel writer want you to get out of this passage?

Personal Reflection

Relate this story to your life or someone you know.

When did you go thru a challenging experience... pray for guidance and feel that God was present...walking with you the whole journey?

Who are the characters in your life?

What did you learn about yourself from the experience?

How is God using you to share the Good News and help others?

John (the Word—reflection) Scripture Analysis

What is the focus of these passages?

Who are the characters?

How do these passages fit into the mission of Jesus Christ?

Personal Reflection

Share an experience of losing a friend (to a boy/girl friend; group; drugs...). You felt really sad, maybe even mad...but really lonely, because you miss spending time and being with them. Later, something happens and you and your friend are reunited again. At first you can't believe it...but eventually you become the best of friends again.

Who are the characters?

What did you learn about yourself from the experience?

How is God using you to share the Good News and help others?



Thomas Locked Doors Mary Magdeline

Stone Emmaus Earthquake My Lord My God

- _____ Saw Jesus at the Tomb after the Resurrection of Jesus.
- _____ Happened at the Tomb of Jesus at the time of the Resurrection.
- _____ Was opened—done by angel at the time of Jesus' Resurrection
- _____ The miracle of Jesus on this road.
- _____ The upper room was secured by the apostles to help prevent the Romans coming to arrest them. Jesus appeared to the apostles.
- _____ He did not believe Jesus rose until Jesus came into the upper room. This happened days after Jesus appeared to the other apostles.
- _____ Words of Thomas that expressed his belief in the resurrected Jesus

Rooted in the Gospel

Apostolic Activity: Any good work which helps to spread the gospel and build up the kingdom of God here on earth.

Attending Mass on Sunday: The Catholic's way of fulfilling the third commandment: "Keep holy the Lord's Day." For us, the Lord's Day is Sunday, which is the day of the Lord's resurrection. Attending mass on Sunday has always been a serious obligation on the part of Catholics, which means that we miss mass only for the most serious of reasons, for example, illness. [Canons 1246-1248; CCC, &2042, 2180-2183]

Communion: Usually refers to the Sacrament of the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Jesus; also refers to that part of the Mass when the Eucharist is received by the faithful. [CCC, &1331; 1391-1401]

Community: A group of people united by their belief in God while at the same time being as diverse as their many gifts from God. They strive to live and work for the love of God and their neighbor.

Deism: The belief that God exists. [CCC, &285]

Easter: The day that celebrates the Lord's resurrection from the dead; the most important liturgical celebration of the church year. The date of Easter changes each year, and is observed on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox. [CCC, &638-639, 1170]

Easter Duty: The responsibility of Catholics to receive Holy Communion at least once during the Easter Season. [Canon 920] *Did you make your Easter duty this year?*

Faith: Belief; taking something on the word of someone else; usually refers to our belief in God, and our belief in what the Catholic Church teaches. [see CCC *Subject Index* for many references to this topic]

Host: The bread that has become the Body of Christ at the consecration of the mass.

Mercy: a virtue which bestows forgiveness upon one who has offended us. [CCC, &1829, 2447]

Peace: A state of harmony in the midst of daily life. [CCC, &2304-2305]

Reconciliation: The process of re-establishing a broken relationship. Re-establishing our relationship with God and with the Church is accomplished and celebrated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation which is often called the Sacrament of Penance.

Sabbath: The seventh day of the Jewish week, Saturday. For Christians, *Sabbath* is a term that has come to mean *Sunday*, the day of the Lord's Resurrection and a holy day of obligation. [CCC, &345-348, 2175]

Sacrifice: The act of offering something up to God. Refers especially to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. [CCC, &613-618, 2099, 2100]

Savior: A name given to Jesus because he has saved us from sin and death.

Stigmata: The imprint of the wounds of Jesus upon another person's hands and feet. St. Francis of Assisi is said to have had the stigmata.

December: Gift of Pentecost "A"

Opening Prayer:

Entering the Story:

Time Period Covered:

Where we are on the journey:

Opening Question:

Acts of the Apostles...written by Luke

Acts Chapter One: Judaic Successors Scripture Analysis

What is the focus of this reading?

How does this passage affect the succession of the mission of Jesus Christ?

Personal Reflection

Relate this story (taking responsibility of choosing someone to join your group) to your life or someone you know.

Who are the characters in your life?

What did you learn about yourself from the experience?

How is God using you to share the Good News and help others?

Acts Chapter Two: The Coming of the Spirit Scripture Analysis

At this time, the Apostles thought the Message was only for the Jewish followers. So if a Gentile was Converted, he/she had to become a Jew by Religion.

What is the focus of this reading?

Who are the characters?

How did this passage fit into the mission of Jesus Christ and the Apostles?

Personal Reflection

Share an experience of feeling lost...then suddenly you feel an overwhelming sense of peace within your soul.

Who are the characters?

What did you learn about yourself from the experience?

How is God using you to share the Good News and help others?

Acts Chapter Three: 1-26 Scripture Analysis

Healings by the Apostles proved Jesus' followers had Power.

What is the focus of this reading?

How does this passage affect the succession of the mission of Jesus Christ?

Personal Reflection

Relate this story (helping someone who is always passed over) to your life or someone you know.

Who are the characters in your life?

What did you learn about yourself from the experience?

How is God using you to share the Good News and help others?

Acts Chapter 5: Persecution Scripture Analysis

What is the focus of this reading?

Who are the characters?

How did this passage fit into the mission of Jesus Christ and the Apostles?

Personal Reflection

Share an experience of turning away from God because of greed which turns out bad.

Who are the characters?

What did you learn about yourself from the experience?

How is God using you to share the Good News and help others?

Acts Chapter 7: Stephen's Discourses...First Martyr

What is the focus of this reading?

Who are the Characters?

What were their beliefs?

Who was their strength?

Acts Chapter 8: A Severe Persecution

What is the focus of this reading?

Who are the Characters?

What were their beliefs?

Who was their strength?

Acts Chapter 9: Saul Conversion

What is the focus of this reading?

Who are the Characters?

What were their beliefs?

Who was their strength?



ACTIONS

Who persecutes the Church Today?

What can we do?

Who has persecuted the Church in the 20th Century?

How do we each persecute Jesus today?

PRAYER

How should we direct our prayer for the Church?

Who are our helpers?

True Follower

Prayer
Prayer
Power Spirit
Persecution
Weakness

Rooted in the Gospel

Apostle: A Greek word meaning *one who is sent*. Usually refers to one of the twelve specially chosen disciples of Jesus. Can also refer to those who effectively preach the gospel or give witness to it by their lives. [CCC, &857-879]

Ascension: The celebration of the return of the risen Jesus to heaven to be seated at the right hand of the Father. Formerly celebrated on the 40th day after Easter; now celebrated on the 7th Sunday of Easter. [CCC, &659-667]

Bible: The divinely revealed Word of God in the words of human authors. Consists of 72 books: 45 in the Old Testament, 27 in the New Testament. There are many English translations available. The translation approved for use in the Catholic liturgy is the Revised New American Bible.

Christ: One of the most common titles given to Jesus. It is a Greek translation of the Hebrew word *messiah*, which means *the anointed one*. [CCC, &436-440]

Conversion: The act of turning toward God and away from sin or evil. Celebrated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Confirmation: One of the seven sacraments, in which the Holy Spirit comes upon the recipients in a special way to strengthen them and assist them to live faithfully as disciples of Christ. In the Diocese of Madison, Confirmation is usually offered to those who have reached their junior year in high school. [CCC, &1285-1321; Canons 879-896]

Death: That point in the journey of a person's life when life leaves the person's *body*, but continues on in some other way. We usually speak of the *soul* as that part of our life that continues on. [CCC, &1020-1060]

Devotion: The attitude of honor, respect, awe and love of God, and the openness to follow God's plan for an individual. [CCC, &1647-1676]

Evangelist: From the Greek word which means *one who announces the good news*; can refer to anyone who preaches the gospel, but usually refers to the four writers of the gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. [See the first four books of the N.T.]

Gentile: A term used to refer to all people who are not Jewish.

Good News: Another word for *gospel*; the gospel is considered *good news* because it is the announcement of salvation for us.

Jews: The descendants of Abraham; Jesus was a Jew.

Judaism: The historical, cultural, social and religious context of the Jewish people.

Justice & Peace: Usually refers to special committees in a diocese or parish whose task it is to develop an awareness of situations that are not just (according to the message of the gospel). These groups strive to bring peace (harmony with the message of the gospel) to these situations. An example: we strive to bring justice to people who are not treated fairly and with dignity. When this is achieved, peace can reside within them. [CCC, &1807]

Life-Purpose: The special unique purpose for which God created us and for which we were born into the world. [CCC, &27-30]

Martyr: A person who has died for the faith. There were many martyrs in the early Church during the era of the great persecutions, but there are still martyrs today in various places throughout the world. [CCC, &2473-2474]

Miracle: an extraordinary and unexplainable event which is seen as the result of the direct intervention of God.

Mission: A term that refers primarily to the work Christ came to earth to accomplish, i.e. that salvation of humankind, a work carried on by the Church today. It also refers in a special way to the work of proclaiming the gospel done by evangelizers in areas of the world that have not heard about Christ. [CCC, &849-856]

Paul: An especially powerful evangelizer in the early Church. Read his letters in the Bible. Read the story of his conversion in Acts 9:1-31.

Service: Ministering to God or to other people in their need. All Christians are called to serve their neighbor after the model of Jesus as Servant. [CCC, &555, 580, 601, 608, 615]

Soul: The spiritual principle in the human person. [CCC, &362-368]

Temptation: An urge to sin. {CCC, &1865}

Trinity: The central mystery of the Christian faith which describes our belief in one God as Three Persons: Father, Son, Spirit. [CCC, &232-267, 2205]