

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception
Youth Ministry

Sophomore: Sacrificial 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.



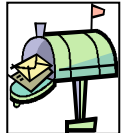
Action Reporter: Go around the group asking each about Actions.



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.



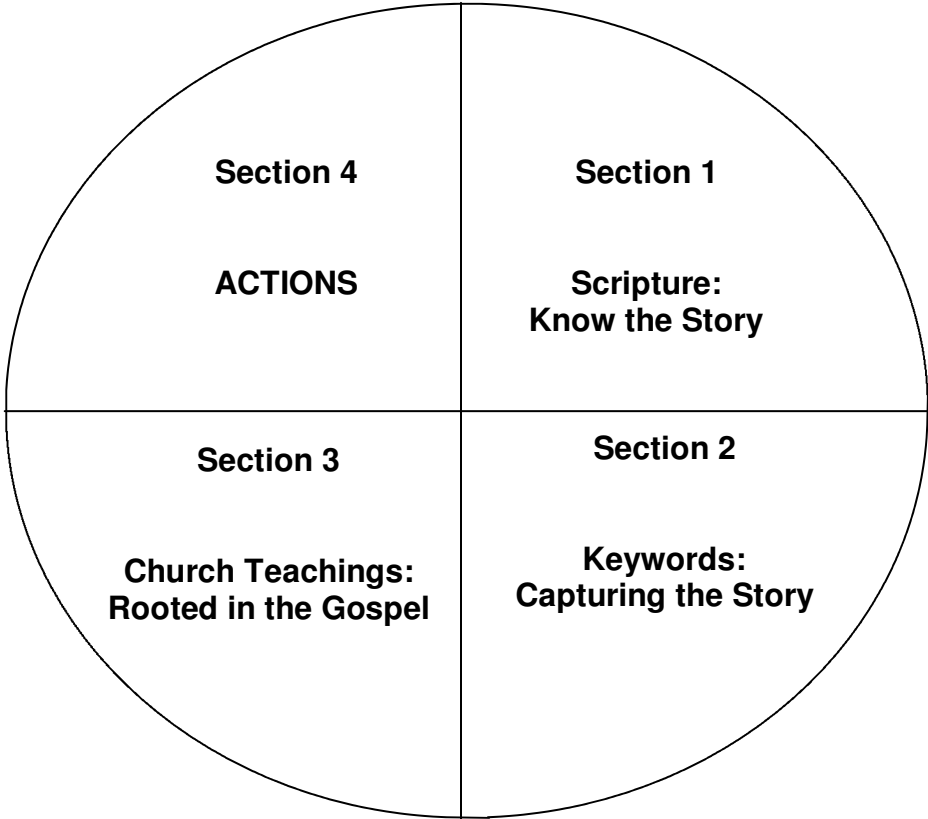
Snack/drink: Saint Mary provides snacks for Middle School youth. *High school faith group members may choose to take turns providing a snack.*



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.

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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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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.*

Sophomore ACTIONS October—December

Feeding the Hungry

Milton Community Action. The Milton churches work together in providing a local food pantry for those living in our community. The numbers of those in need of food assistance continues to rise in the challenging economy. Your faith group will be working with the food pantry.

October	Tour of the Milton Food Pantry and service project
November 20	Thanksgiving Baskets @ St. Mary—11:30 a.m.
December 16	<i>Christmas Baskets</i> Collect donations @ St. Mary—5:00 p.m.
December 17	<i>Christmas Baskets</i> Distribute donations @ St. Mary—9:45 a.m.

Clothing the Naked

M.O.M.E. Jolyn Stankus collects, hauls and sorts bags and boxes of donated clothing to help those in the Milton community. There was just an article in the Milton Courier about their ministry in the August 11th issue. Once per month they offer a clothing exchange at the Milton United Methodist Church 241 Northside Drive, Milton. MOME is open from 4:00—7:00 p.m. the second Saturday of each month in their church fellowship hall.

October	Meet Jolyn who began the Moms On a Mission Exchange (M.O.M.E.). Plan an event to collect donations for the November or December exchange.
November	Collect donations Assist with the November 11 set up or November 12 exchange
December	Deliver St. Mary donations for December 9 set up or December 10 exchange

Justice for All

We're Not In Milton Anymore. St. Mary is an active parish helping those in Janesville and a few hours north in Neopit, Wisconsin, near Green Bay.

October	Meet with Justice and Peace representative to learn about our Native American sister parish in Neopit, Wisconsin
November	Meet with a parish representative to learn about Rock Haven Nursing Care Facility and assist with the Giving Tree. Assist with the “Dollar Tree” for St. Anthony. Collection for Dismas—gift cards for teen whose parents are incarcerated.
December	Deliver the gifts from St. Mary to Rock Haven.

October: Plot to entrap Jesus

Opening Prayer:

Entering the Story:

Time Period Covered:
Where we are on the journey:
Opening Question:

Matthew (History) 26:1-5 and 26:14-16

Mark (Mission) 14:1-2 and 14:10-11

Luke (Family) 22:1-6

John (the Word– reflecting) 13:1-2 and 18:1-12

Matthew (History) Scripture Analysis

What is the focus of this reading?

Who are the characters?

What are the characters' impressions of Jesus?

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 who experienced betrayal from a friend in exchange for money or friendship or status...

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 does the plot of the chief priests and scribes affect the mission of Jesus Christ?

Personal Reflection

Have you ever felt like you needed to stop something from happening...but timing was crucial?

Who are the characters in your story?

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 are the characters' impressions of Jesus?

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

Personal Reflection

Relate this story to your life who experienced that little voice of the devil on your shoulder telling you to "just do it" and on the other shoulder the angel telling you to "think it thru."

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 - reflecting) Scripture Analysis

What is the focus of this reading?

Who are the characters?

Reflecting back...how does John express the conspiracy of Judas setting up Jesus?

Personal Reflection

John was there with Jesus and the apostles during this time. Recall a time when something big in your life happened...and you look back and think...if only I had...things might have been different.

Who are the characters in your story?

What did you learn about yourself from the experience?

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



Section 2

Identify the words to capture the story and its meaning:

I Am HE	Passover Festival	Betrayal	Garden	Pieces of Silver	Lanterns
Satan	Malchus	Arrested Jesus	Caiaphas	Kidron Valley	Judas Iscariot

1. The one who lead Judas to the betrayal.
2. A Jewish festival celebrating the Exodus of the Jews from the Egyptians.
3. Surname of Joseph at the time of the preaching of John the Baptist and during the trial of Jesus.
4. One of the 12 apostles betrayed Jesus.
5. Judas was given 30 of these by the chief priest—Judas returned the them after realizing that he had been used.
6. Jesus' response to those questioning him at the arrest.
7. The guard whose ear was cut off by Peter.
8. Soldiers of Rome and Jewish police did this
9. Peter also did this...and realized when the cock crowed three times
10. Where the arrest took place
11. Jesus prayed here for strength.
12. The light that led the soldiers to Jesus—Judas led them.

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U	M	L	L	A	A	S	I	L	A	I	N	N	A	A	H	O
S	R	N	A	T	A	S	A	D	E	E	L	S	V	E	N	J
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J	F	G	H	R	J	D	A	J	K	E	T	A	O	S	A	E
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A	A	S	S	F	G	H	L	O	E	E	S	T	A	B	T	S
I	S	S	F	H	J	T	U	R	E	R	A	D	D	T	N	U
M	A	L	C	H	U	S	I	P	P	O	T	R	U	A	A	Y
P	K	I	D	R	O	N	V	A	L	L	E	Y	J	B	L	G

Rooted in the Gospel

Devil: The name given to the personification of evil. Usually identified as one of the fallen angels who tries to lead others into evil. [CCC, &391-395]

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]

Lent: A penitential season of the Church year during which we prepare for the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday (a total of 40 days).

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

Morality: Living a life of love for God and acting in consideration of God's commandments and the Church's teachings. [CCC, &1699-1867]

Obsession: A psychological illness in which a person has an involuntary and irrational preoccupation with some object or person. Often lessons one's moral culpability for an action.

Prudence: One of the cardinal virtues which enables us to choose what's right. [CCC, &1805-1806]

Satan: A term for the devil. [CCC, &391-395]

November: Crowds

Opening Prayer:

Entering the Story:

Time Period Covered:

Where we are on the journey:

Opening Question:

Matthew (History) 7:28; 19:2; 22:33

Mark (Mission) 2:13; 6:55

Luke (Family) 8:42. 23:4

John (the Word– reflecting) 7:12

Matthew (History) Scripture Analysis

What is the focus of these verses?

Who are the characters?

What message on an historical level, did the Gospel writer want you to get out these passages about the life of Jesus?

Personal Reflection

Have you ever felt like you were always surrounded by people who wanted something from you? Share an experience.

Who were 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 these verses?

Who are the characters?

What is Jesus' impression of the characters?

What are the characters' impressions of Jesus?

What message did the Gospel writer want you to get out of these verses?

Personal Reflection

Have you ever been part of a *flash mob* or seen one?

Share your story.

Who were the characters?

What did you learn about yourself from the experience?

How could you use a *flash mob* to share the Good News and help others?



Luke (Family) Scripture Analysis

What is the focus of these verses?

Who are the characters?

What are the characters' impressions of Jesus in the first reading?

What are the characters' impressions of Jesus in the second reading?

What messages did Luke want you to get from each reading (focus on family)?

Personal Reflection

Have you ever been close to losing a loved one or experiencing the death of someone close to you? Share your story.

Who were 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 this verse?

Who are the characters?

What are the characters' impressions of Jesus?

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

Personal Reflection

Have you ever questioned the motives of someone you know of...but are not really friends...that gets a lot of attention because they are doing really good things? Share your story.

Who were the characters?

Did you doubt their sincerity? Where they a fake?

What did you learn about yourself from the experience?

How could you use this experience to share the Good News and help others?



Action

What do you do in your daily life that shows God you are his follower?

Have you ever been sick or know someone who was so sick and you were extremely worried?

Did you pray? Did prayer give you comfort or more angst?

Visiting the sick. What's the deal with the constant theme of healing the sick?

Who are the crowds of today and how do we reach them with the message of Jesus?

1. To his apostles, the disciples, crowds and those in authority.
2. A person who has the power to issue decisions of law for another person.
3. A small water vehicle used for travel.
4. Jesus went to this place after preaching to the crowds—there Jesus prayed.
5. John7:12-13

boat

authority

conflict

Jesus preached

desert

Q	A	Z	Z	X	S	W	E	D	C	V	F	D
W	E	R	T	Y	U	I	O	C	P	L	E	K
A	S	T	A	O	B	D	O	F	G	H	J	K
L	Z	X	C	V	B	N	B	N	C	M	A	Q
W	S	X	E	D	F	R	F	A	V	B	G	T
Y	H	N	N	L	U	J	E	U	A	D	F	G
H	J	K	I	V	B	R	N	T	M	Q	A	W
S	X	C	C	D	P	D	E	H	R	F	V	B
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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.

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.]

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]

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.

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]

Pastoral Ministry: The ministry which involves tending to the spiritual needs of the people of a parish. Includes the educational ministry, ministry to the sick, etc.

Repentance: Sorrow for sins and a turning toward God; another word for *conversion*. One of the major themes in Sacred Scripture.

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

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]

Witness: To attest to the truth of something. As disciples of Christ, we are called to witness to the truth of the gospel in all we do.

December: Time

Opening Prayer:

Entering the Story:

Time Period Covered:

Where we are on the journey:

Opening Question:

Matthew (History) 1:1-25

Mark (Mission) 1:15

Luke (Family) 9:14-15; 13:35

John (the Word– reflecting) 6:66; 7:8; 19:1-30

Acts 1:1-15

Matthew (History) Scripture Analysis

What is the timing focus of this story?

Who are the characters?

What message on an historical level, did the Gospel writer want you to get out these passages about the life of Jesus?

Personal Reflection

Mary at about 14 years old became pregnant. The drama was not so much about Mary's age...girls back then married very young. The scandal would have been that she was an unwed mother.

Share an experience of yours or someone you know.

Who were 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 verse?

What message did the Gospel writer want you to get out of these verses?

Personal Reflection

Write a sentence announcing your purpose in the world ... as of today.

How will you share the Good News and help others?



Luke (Family) Scripture Analysis

What is the timing focus of these verses?

Who are the characters?

What message on an “family” level, did the Gospel writer want you to get out these passages about the life of Jesus?

Personal Reflection

Timing in a regular day can be catastrophic when you wake up late because your alarm didn't go off. Share an experience of yours or someone you know.

Who were 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?

What does timing have to do with the outcome of the last passage?

What message did the Gospel writer want you to get out of these verses?

Personal Reflection

Share an end of life story.

Who are the characters?

What did you learn about yourself from the experience?

How will you share the Good News and help others?

Acts Scripture Analysis

What is the timing of this passage?

Who are the characters?

What does timing have to do with the start of a new religion?

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

Personal Reflection

Share an experience about a new beginning in your life or someone you know.

Who are the characters?

What did you learn about yourself from the experience?

How will you share the Good News to help others?

Key Words: **Time**
Prayer **Signs**

Rooted in the Gospel

Advent: The period of time (approximately four weeks in length) before Christmas; a time of preparation during which we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

Annunciation: The appearance of the Archangel Gabriel to Mary to announce that she was to be the mother of God. [see Luke 1:26-38]

Bethlehem: City in Israel where Jesus was born. [see Luke 2:1-7]

Christmas: The celebration of the birth of Christ as a human person. Also called the Incarnation. [see Matthew 1:18-12; Luke 2:1-19]

Cross: The instrument by which Christ died for our salvation. Commonly used by the Romans to execute criminals at the time of Christ. [CCC, &616-618]

Crucifix: A cross that has a depiction of the crucified body of Christ on it. Please note the difference between a cross and a crucifix.

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]

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]

Epiphany: A term that means *manifestation*. Usually refers to the manifestation or revelation of Jesus to the magi or kings after his birth. Traditionally celebrated on January 6. Now celebrated on the first Sunday of the New Year. [see Mt. 2:1-12]

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

Immanuel: One of the many titles given to Christ. It means *God is with us*.

Joseph: The foster father of Jesus; the husband of Mary. [Mt. 1:1-25; Luke 2:7]

Lent: A penitential season of the Church year during which we prepare for the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday (a total of 40 days).

Last Supper: The final meal Jesus shared with his apostles, where he instituted the Eucharist in telling his apostles to “do this in memory of me.” [see the narrative of the Last Supper in Matthew 26:20-29; Mark 14:17-25; Luke 22:15-20]

Magi: The three kings (also called astrologers or wise men) who came to Bethlehem in search of the infant Jesus. The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates this event. [see the story in Matthew 2:1-12]

Marriage: The sacrament of the Church by which a man and a woman commit themselves

Mary: The mother of Jesus, and mother of the Church. [see CCC *Subject Index* for many references to this topic]

Messiah: A name attributed to Jesus because he came to save all people. [CCC, &711-716]

Nazareth: A small village in Israel where Jesus grew up and lived until the beginning of his public ministry. [Luke 2:51-52]

Pentecost: The event of the coming of the Spirit upon the apostles. The beginning of the age of the Church. [see Acts 2:1-13; CCC, &731-741]

Pilate: Procurator of Judea from 25-35 A.D. when Jesus was crucified. The officer who pronounced the sentence of death on Jesus. [see John 18:28) 19:16]

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]

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

Scandal: Being an occasion of sin for others by our own words or deeds. [CCC, &2284-2287]

Virgin Birth: Our belief that Mary conceived and gave birth to Jesus, yet remained a virgin. [CCC, &496-507]