Grade 5: *Credo*: I Believe
22 Week Parish Curriculum

**THEME:** A thorough study of the articles of the Creed as the basic elements of our Catholic Faith, with a special emphasis on careful understanding of definitions through the words of the Gospels, the prophets, and the prayers of the Church.

**Weeks 1-7**
- **Part I: God, the Father of All**
  - Chapters 1-10: The Old Testament, and mankind’s participation in and loss of God’s life.

**Weeks 8-17**
- **Part II: God the Son, the Redeemer**
  - Chapters 11-22: The fulfillment of God’s plan in Christ, true God and true man.

**Weeks 18-22**
- **Part III: God the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier**
  - Chapters 23-30: Our call to holiness and witness in the Church.

**AIM:** To help fifth-grade students acquire a solid knowledge of God and his Church through understanding the Creed we profess, and distinguishing the truths of our Faith from errors that lead away from the love of God.
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Part I: God, the Father of All

**Week 1. Faith / Creed**

Ch. 1: I Believe
- Faith is a supernatural gift from God.
- God reveals himself through creation, Scripture, tradition, and perfectly in Jesus Christ.
- God gives man the grace he needs to accept the gift of faith.
- The Creed is a summary of the beliefs of the Catholic Faith.

**Week 2: Trinity / Creator**

Ch. 2: The Trinity
- Man can know by reason that God exists.
- God is transcendent, holy, almighty, omniscient, eternal, unchanging, and omnipresent.
- God is one in three Divine Persons.
- The Trinity is a mystery that must be accepted in faith.

Ch. 3: Creator of Heaven and Earth
- God is the Creator of all that is seen and unseen.
- God, in his providence, cares for and upholds the created world.
- God alone is uncreated.
- Man must be a good steward of creation.

**Week 3: Angels**

Ch. 4: Realm of the Angels
- Angels are intelligent creatures who are pure spirits created by God.
- Angels are God’s messengers.
- God tested the angels, and those who chose not to follow God are called demons.
- Angels are active in the world, and each person is given a guardian angel.

**Week 4: Man / The Fall**

Ch. 5: Made in His Image
- Man is created body and soul by God, in the image of God.
- Adam and Eve are created in original justice and given grace.

Ch. 6: The Fall from Grace
- God tested Adam and Eve.
- Adam and Eve committed original sin thereby loosing God’s gifts of grace and original justice.
- Concupiscence is an effect of original sin.
- The gates of heaven were closed due to original sin.
- God promised a Savior and Jesus is the fulfillment of this promise.
- God allows suffering and brings good out of it.

**Week 5: Abraham / Isaac / Jacob & Esau / Joseph**

Ch. 7: The Chosen People
- God chose a special people to be his own and to prepare for the coming of the Savior.
- God tested Abraham and Abraham responded in faith.
- God promised that the Savior would come from Abraham’s descendants.
- Esau sold his birthright and Jacob tricked Isaac for the blessing that belonged to Esau.
- Joseph was sold into slavery and eventually all of Israel ended up in Egypt.
Week 6: Moses / Passover / Ten Commandments / Kings of Israel

Ch. 8: Moses Leads God’s People
   a. God called Moses to free his people.
   b. Moses asked Pharaoh to free God’s people.
   c. God sent ten plagues upon Egypt as a sign of his power.
   d. The tenth plague was the death of the firstborn.
   e. The Israelites celebrated the Passover, which protected them from the tenth plague.
   f. The Israelites fled Egypt and God saved them by opening the Red Sea.

Ch. 9: The Forming of God’s People
   a. The Israelites complained and God provided manna, quail, and water for his people.
   b. God established a covenant with the Israelites at Mt. Sinai.
   c. God gave Moses the Ten Commandments.
   d. God gave the Israelites an earthly king.

Week 7: Prophets / Isaiah / Jeremiah

Ch. 10: The Words of the Prophets
   a. The prophets spoke God’s words to the Israelites and called on them to be faithful to their covenant.
   b. The prophets helped the Israelites to prepare for the coming of the Savior.
   c. Isaiah and Jeremiah were two of these prophets.
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Week 8: John the Baptist / Jesus
Ch. 11: In the Fullness of Time
   a. Elizabeth and Zechariah were blessed in their old age with their child, John the Baptist.
   b. Gabriel announced to Mary that she was chosen to be the mother of the Savior.
   c. Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth.
   d. Mary was conceived without original sin and her soul was filled with grace as a special gift from God.

Week 9: Nativity / Incarnation / Magi / Holy Family
Ch. 12: Born in the City of David
   a. An angel came to Joseph to tell him to take Mary as his wife and that she has conceived by the Holy Spirit.
   b. Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
   c. Jesus is both God and man.
   d. The Magi came to give homage to Jesus
   e. The flight into Egypt.

Ch. 13: The Holy Family
   a. Jesus’ early life is called ‘hidden’ because we do not know much about it.
   b. The Holy Family followed and obeyed the laws of the Jewish religion.
   c. The Holy Family is a model for all families.

Week 10: Baptism of Jesus / Parables / Twelve Apostles
Ch. 14: The Kingdom of Heaven
   a. Jesus began his public ministry at age thirty with his baptism in the Jordan.
   b. Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray for forty days.
   c. Jesus was tempted by the devil.
   d. Jesus taught with parables.
   e. Jesus chose twelve apostles.

Week 11: Messiah / Miracles / Transfiguration
Ch. 15: The Father and I Are One
   a. Jesus is the Messiah.
   b. Jesus is both human and divine.
   c. Jesus performs many miracles.
   d. Jesus revealed his divinity in the Transfiguration.

Week 12: Forgiveness
Ch. 16: Your Sins Are Forgiven
   a. Only God can forgive sins.
   b. Jesus heals people physically and spiritually.
   c. Jesus leads many to conversion.
   d. We are called to forgive others, even our enemies.

Week 13: True God and True Man
Ch. 17: True God and True Man
   a. Jesus is both true God and true man.
   b. Jesus is a Divine Person.
   c. The union of God and man in Jesus is called the hypostatic union.
   d. Jesus is our model and the mediator between God and man.
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Week 14: Accepting Jesus
Ch. 18: Rejected by the Proud
   a. Many people do not accept the truth spoken by Jesus.
   b. When we commit sin, we turn away from God.

Week 15: The Father’s Will
Ch. 19: The Acceptance of the Father’s Will
   a. Jesus knew and proclaimed that he will suffer and die.
   b. Jesus gives himself to us in the Holy Eucharist.
   c. Jesus accepted the will of the Father and was obedient unto death on the Cross.

Week 16: Crucifixion / Resurrection
Ch. 20: The Perfect Sacrifice
   a. Jesus is the perfect sacrifice.
   b. Jesus opened heaven and redeemed man.
   c. Jesus was sacrificed once for all on the Cross.
   d. The Sacrifice of the Mass is the same as the Sacrifice of the Cross.
   e. The Mass is the greatest form of worship.

Ch. 21: He Is Risen
   a. Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday.
   b. Jesus appeared to people after the Resurrection.
   c. We hope for the resurrection of our bodies at the end of time.
   d. In Baptism, we die with Christ and rise with him, sharing in his life by grace.

Week 17: Forgiveness of Sins / Great Commission / Ascension
Ch. 22: Jesus Sends the Apostles
   a. Jesus commissioned the apostles to continue his work through the Church.
   b. Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Penance, giving the apostles the power to forgive sins.
   c. Jesus made Peter the visible head of the Church.
   d. Jesus sent his apostles to baptize and teach all nations.
   e. Jesus ascended into heaven.
Week 18: Holy Spirit / Pentecost / Communion of Saints

Ch. 23: The Giver of Life
   a. The Holy Spirit descended upon Mary and the apostles in the upper room on Pentecost.
   b. The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity.
   c. The Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son.
   d. The Holy Spirit fills our souls at Baptism and pours out his gifts at Confirmation.

Ch. 24: The Mystical Body
   a. Jesus founded the Catholic Church.
   b. Jesus built the Church upon Peter.
   c. Jesus promised to keep the teachings of his Church free from error.
   d. The communion of saints includes souls on earth, in purgatory, and in heaven.

Week 19: Catholic Church / Precepts of the Church

Ch. 25: The Identity of the Church
   a. The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

Ch. 26: The Church Rules
   a. The Church is human and divine.
   b. The Church has a hierarchy of authority.
   c. We must follow the precepts of the Church.

Week 20: Revelation / Magisterium / Evangelization / Seven Sacraments

Ch. 27: Teach All Nations
   a. Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to the Church to preserve her from error.
   b. The Church has the duty of preaching the good news to all nations and all peoples.

Ch. 28: Called to Holiness
   a. There are seven sacraments instituted by Christ.
   b. Jesus gives us the sacraments as a sure way of receiving his grace.

Week 21: Blessed Virgin Mary

Ch. 29: The Mother of God in Our Lives
   a. Jesus gave Mary to us to be our mother and model.
   b. Mary is the New Eve.
   c. Mary was assumed bodily into heaven.
   d. Mary intercedes for us.

Week 22: Death / Particular Judgment / Heaven / Purgatory / Hell / General Judgment / Resurrection

Ch. 30: Unto Everlasting Life
   a. Each of us will die, be individually judged, and will receive our eternal reward.
   b. If we are in a state of grace, but not completely perfect, we enter a state of purification called purgatory.
   c. Jesus will return at the end of time to judge all men.
   d. At the end of time, our souls will be reunited with our bodies at the resurrection.