

SAINT JOSEPH					
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Month & Overarching Question	Content	Essential Questions	Books & Materials	Essential Questions	
SEPTEMBER					
<i>How do people best cooperate</i>	Community and Country <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rules and responsibilities as good citizens Qualities of a good leader Voting (Student council elections) Symbols of our country 	How can I be a good citizen? What are my rights as an American citizen? How do laws help a community run? How does the government give communities what they need? What makes a good leader? What are the symbols of my country?	My World - Pearson	Catholic Identity: How does God lead me in my life? Who are the leaders of the Catholic Church? How do the leaders of the Catholic Church help the Catholic community?	SS.2.CS.6, SS.2.CS.7
OCTOBER					
<i>How do people get what they need?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs and wants Producing and consuming Goods and services Taxes Making choices about money Supply and demand 	What is the difference between a need and a want? How do I make good choices? Why do people produce and consume goods? What are the services in my community? How does trading help us to get the things we need? Why do people save money?	My World - Pearson	How do I make good choices? How can I contribute to those in need?	SS.2.CS.8, SS.2.CS.9
NOVEMBER					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veteran's Day Thanksgiving Native American cultures America's early settlers America is a growing nation 	What are the different types of Native American cultures? What were the first colonies in North America? Where did immigrants come from and why did they settle here?	My World - Pearson	How can we give thanks for the blessings God has given to us?	SS.2.10
DECEMBER					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> American heroes People who make a difference in the lives of others Christmas traditions around the world 	Who are some people who made a difference in the lives of others? How is Christmas celebrated in different countries around the world?	My World - Pearson	How have saints made a difference in the lives of others?	SS.2.CS. 7, SS.2.8
JANUARY					
<i>What is the world like?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continents and oceans Borders of the United States Map Keys Directions Major rivers Major mountain ranges Landforms Martin Luther King Jr. 	How do I talk about location? How do I use maps to locate places and things? How is earth shown on a globe and a world map? How do I identify different kinds of lands and water?	My World - Pearson	How did Jesus teach peace like Martin Luther King Jr.?	SS.2.CS.4, SS.2.CS.5, SS.2.1, SS.2.2, SS.2.3, SS.2.4, SS.2.5, SS.2.6
FEBRUARY					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban, Rural, and Suburban-Communities Abraham Lincoln George Washington 	How do people change their environment? What are different types of communities? What environment do I live in? How did Lincoln and Washington help to change our country?	My World - Pearson	How did Jesus treat everyone equally?	SS 2. 10
MARCH					

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<i>How is culture shared?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning about the past Customs in our country Immigrants and Pioneers 	What type of language, music, food, and art do cultures share? How do different cultures make our country special? Why are national holidays important? How is America's culture passed on and shared through stories? What is the difference between primary and secondary sources?	My World - Pearson	What are Catholic customs and traditions we share?	SS.2.CS.2, SS.2.7, SS.2.8, SS.2.9
APRIL					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weather and Climate Our environment Earth's resources Moving ideas, people, and things 	How do different kinds of weather effect different kinds of animals and plants? How do people change their environment? How do I identify, use, and conserve resources? How are people, things, and ideas moved?	My World - Pearson	Story of Noah's Ark	SS.2.7
MAY					
<i>How does life change throughout history?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life: then and now Timelines Communication and technology 	What types of histories do people and communities have? How has technology changed the way people live?	My World - Pearson	What are the important events in Jesus' life? (timeline)	SS.2.CS.3
JUNE					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorial Day Flag Day July 4th 	What are important holidays in our country? Why are national holidays meaningful?	My World - Pearson	Whi is it important to celebrate Catholic holidays?	SS.2.CS.1