

SAINT JOSEPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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				Essential Questions	History and Geography	Civics and Government	Economics	Ancient China	North America
SEPTEMBER									
	-Map features, such as a key, scale, intermediate directions -Intermediate directions -Latitude and longitude -Four map types: physical, political, product/resource, and climate -Major physical features of the U.S.	How can we use map types and features to learn more about the United States? What are some of the major land forms in our country?	<i>Our Country and its Regions: Volume 1</i>	How can we recognize the beauty and diversity of God's creation in our geography?	1,2	1 4.8, 4.9, 4.12			
OCTOBER									
	-Natural versus manmade resources -Scarcity of resources -How supply and demand affect price	-What are natural resources and examples found in the U.S.? -How do buyers and sellers affect supply and demand of resources?	<i>Our Country and its Regions: Volume 1</i>	-How can we be stewards of God's creation? -How can we help those who have limited access to resources?	6,7,8				
NOVEMBER									
	-Major monuments and memorials in Washington, D.C., including Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials, Library of Congress, White House, Smithsonian Museums, Capital, Washington Monument, National Archives, Arlington National Cemetery, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial, Mount	What can we learn about our country's history through Washington, D.C.'s monuments and memorials?	<i>Our Country and its Regions: Volume 1</i>	-What places do we have as Catholics to remember our faith? -How does our country's capital compare to the Vatican?	3	4.13			
DECEMBER									
	Overview of the 5 regions of the U.S. Northeast Region: -states, capitals, major cities -geographic features -climate -economy and natural resources -the influence of immigration on the region	-What is a region, and where are the regions of the U.S.? -What states are a part of the Northeast region? -How does learning about the Northeast's geography and history help us understand its culture?	<i>Our Country and its Regions: Volumes 1 and 2</i>	-Who are the patron saints of this region? -What important places to our faith can be found in this region?		4.8, 4.9, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12, 4.14, 4.15, 4.16			
JANUARY									
	Immigration to the Northeast -Push & pull factors -Ellis Island -Family immigration interview -Citizenship and its rights and responsibilities	-Why have people immigrated to the Northeast? -What was the purpose of Ellis Island and what was a typical inspection process like? -How does my family's history compare to other immigrant stories?	<i>Our Country and its Regions: Volumes 1 and 2</i>	How can we help welcome people who are new to our area?	3 4,5	4.15, 4.16			
FEBRUARY									
	Southeast Region: -states, capitals, major cities -geographic features -climate -economy and natural resources -the influence of immigration on the region	-Which states are a part of the Southeast region? -How does learning about the Southeast's geography and history help us understand its culture? -How does the Southeast region compare to other regions?	<i>Our Country and its Regions: Volumes 1 and 2</i>	-Who are the patron saints of this region? -What important places to our faith can be found in this region?	4,5	4.8, 4.9, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12, 4.14, 4.15			
MARCH									
	Midwest Region: -states, capitals, major cities -geographic features -climate -economy and natural resources -the influence of immigration on the region	-Which states are a part of the Midwest region? -How does learning about the Midwest's geography and history help us understand its culture? -How does the Midwest region compare to other regions?	<i>Our Country and its Regions: Volumes 1 and 2</i>	-Who are the patron saints of this region? -What important places to our faith can be found in this region?	4,5	4.8, 4.9, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12, 4.14, 4.15			
APRIL									
	Southwest Region: -states, capitals, major cities -geographic features -climate -economy and natural resources -the influence of immigration on the region	-Which states are a part of the Southwest region? -How does learning about the Southwest's geography and history help us understand its culture? -How does the Southwest region compare to other regions? -Why is it important to have national	<i>Our Country and its Regions: Volumes 1 and 2</i>	-Who are the patron saints of this region? -What important places to our faith can be found in this region? -How do geographical names reflect this region's Catholic history?	4,5	4.8, 4.9, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12, 4.14, 4.15			

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MAY														
	West Region: -states, capitals, major cities -geographic features -climate -economy and natural resources	-Which states are a part of the West? --How does learning about the West's geography and history help us understand its culture? -How does the West compare to other	<i>Our Country and its Regions: Volumes 1 and 2</i>	-Who are the patron saints of this region? -What important places to our faith can be found in this region?	4,5							4.8, 4.9, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12, 4.14, 4.15		
JUNE														
	Culminating activities reviewing the U.S. regions Canada: -Provinces and major cities -Climate, major physical features, and major natural resources	-How does dividing our country into regions help us better understand the similarities and differences of its states? -What are the different provinces and major cities in Canada? -How is Canada's geography similar / different to that of the United States?	<i>Our Country and its Regions: Volumes 1 and 2</i>	-Who are prominent Canadian saints and what can we learn from them? -What important places to our faith can be found in this country?								4.17, 4.18, 4.19, 4.20, 4.21, 4.22		