

Nouvel Catholic Central High School
“Who is Jesus Christ?” Syllabus

Course Description:	<p>This class will dive into the essential Christian question: Who is Jesus Christ? To be Christian is to have faith in Christ and try to live as Christ lived and taught, but how would one do that without knowing more intimately who Jesus is? In order to develop an answer to that question students will learn about the Trinity, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Students will delve into the life and teachings of Christ and the nature of Christ as True God and True Man. Students will learn about how Jesus is the fullness of Revelation, and will have opportunities to contemplate ways to respond to God’s Revelation and apply our understanding of Jesus into our lives. Lastly, students will gain insight into the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.</p>
Major Course Goals:	<p>The primary goals and benchmarks come from the document <i>Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework: for the Development of Catechetical Materials for Young People of High School Age</i> published by the USCCB in 2008. Using these doctrinal goals provided by the bishop’s conference as the foundation this course will set out to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To understand and express how Jesus Christ is the fullness of Revelation. ▪ To understand and express the life and teachings of Jesus as found in the New Testament. ▪ To apply knowledge of the life and teaching of Jesus to personal and contemporary experiences. ▪ To comprehend and discern more carefully how to live out the Christian faith and apply Jesus’ teaching to modern times and struggles. ▪ To discern the mystery of Jesus as the 2nd person of the Trinity and how that affects our relationship with God. ▪ To develop a deeper understanding of God as a Trinity of Persons.
Course Assessment Plan:	<p><i>Assessment is constant and will take many forms in order to give a holistic sense of each student’s growth. All divisions are based on a point system and are approximate, with the exception of the final exam. All work, except the final exam, will be accepted late, with points deducted for tardiness.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grading Scale: Nouvel standard, see handbook. • Assignments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In Class Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May include worksheets, small projects, journal reflections, group discussions with notes, and other assignments. ▪ Work done in class will normally be due by the end of class.

- Any work not completed in the time allotted in class becomes the responsibility of the student to complete on his/her own time.
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- Homework
 - There will not be much homework in this class, primarily in-class work that may need to be completed at home as homework.
 - Homework is due by the due date.
 - LATE WORK: will be accepted, but with a penalty. A point will be taken off for each day an assignment is late. Handed in the same day, but not by the beginning of class, is not late, as long as the assignment is brought to me by the end of the school day.
 - EXTENSIONS: If you know ahead of time you will not get an assignment done on time for good reason, you may ask for an extension. Most extensions are for two days, but may be extended depending on circumstances. Extensions will be determined at my discretion.
- Quizzes
 - There will be a “pre-test” at the beginning of every chapter to assess the students’ knowledge of the chapter material. This will be collected and points will be given simply for taking the quiz.
- Notes Grade and Binder Check
 - In an effort to teach responsibility, each student will be given a “binder- grade” for keeping an organized binder.
 - There will also be given a grade for completeness of notes, as we will be taking notes on an almost-daily basis.
- Projects or Papers
 - Projects or papers may be given throughout the course.
 - There will be a clear rubric given, with plenty of time to work on each project or paper.
 - Late projects or papers will still be accepted; see “late work” portion of homework section.
- Tests
 - Tests will be given over each chapter.
 - Students will be given a study guide in preparation for these tests.
 - Time in class will be given to review.
- Final Exam

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A cumulative, in class exam will be given on the scheduled final date. ▪ A study guide will be given in advance and we will spend time in class reviewing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Extra Credit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Extra Credit may be given throughout the semester.
<p>Supplies and Materials Needed:</p>	<p><i>We have a classroom set of textbooks that students are welcome to check out. Each student is responsible for that textbook when checked out. All class textbooks are approved by the USCCB and the Diocese of Saginaw for use within the theological curriculum. Bibles are available for students to use in class, but are not provided to take home. Bibles may be found online (www.usccb.org), or arrangements can be made with Miss K for a hard copy to take home.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>The Blessed Trinity and Our Christian Vocation</i> ▪ <i>New American Bible</i> ▪ Other approved supplemental readings and media may be used. <p>In addition, your student should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Binder ▪ Loose leaf notebook paper ▪ A composition or spiral notebook ▪ Highlighters
<p>Instructional Philosophy:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Punctuality – It’s important to be on time and that means making an effort to not only be in the classroom by the bell, but to also have your notebook and class materials ready to go by the beginning of class. ▪ Missed Classes – If you’re not here a day or two or twelve you are responsible for finding out what you missed and making it up. You may talk to the teacher for any assigned work or handouts and classmates for in-class notes. ▪ If you know ahead of time of an absence, please let Miss K know. Your work should be submitted early or an extension should be requested. If you miss class on a due date due to illness or other unforeseen circumstances, turn your assignment in on your first day back or request an extension via email at your earliest convenience.
<p>Classroom Expectations:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students will be expected to participate in the classroom, maintain organized notes, be punctual with assignments and prepared for assessments as relates to this class.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See handout on expectations and classroom policies.
<p>Areas of Concentrated Study:</p>	<p><i>The class is divided up into six sections, each made up of several smaller topics which may be subject to change.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chapter 1: Faith and Revelation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This chapter highlights the human desire for God and the ways to reason God’s existence. It captures the limits of human reason and the need for Revelation. ▪ Chapter 2: Understanding the Trinity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This chapter highlights the attributes of God, specifically God as a Trinity of Persons. Students will learn the difference between “nature” and “person” and will also learn about the early Trinitarian heresies. ▪ Chapter 3: God the Father <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This chapter gives students an understanding of God the Father. We will delve into the creation story, and the fact that man is made in God’s image and likeness, lastly, touching on original sin. ▪ Chapter 4: The Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This chapter starts by covering the early life of Christ, and later highlights key points of Christ’s life and teachings. Students will be learning about the Paschal Mystery in detail. ▪ Chapter 5: Jesus Christ- True God and True Man <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This chapter highlights the humanity and divinity of Jesus Christ. Students will be delving into the mystery of redemption and Christ’s role in our salvation. ▪ Chapter 6: The Holy Spirit, Third Person of the Blessed Trinity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This chapter brings into focus the work of the Holy Spirit, from Pentecost to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Students will learn about the role of the Holy Spirit in their lives as well as prayer to the Holy Spirit. ▪ Chapter 7: The Blessed Virgin Mary: Mother of Jesus Christ, God the Son <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This chapter is an overview of the life of the Blessed Mother and her role in God’s plan of salvation. Students will be learning the Marian dogma and doctrine held by the Catholic Church.
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