

THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

Date	Material Covered	Concepts and Catechism Connections
September 28	Meet your catechist Celebration of Holy Mass and the beginning of the Faith Formation year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> meet your catechists and pick up your child's curriculum Gospel Angels -guardians and guides
October 5 <i>Catechist Overview</i>	Why Study Church History? The Roman World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the importance of history in knowing who we are and why Discover what the world was like under Roman rule and culture A brief overview of the Jewish History and Jewish people at the time of Jesus
October 12	Reconciliation at the Church Nicene Creed & New Roman Missal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the beauty of forgiveness and reconciliation always available to us. introduce changes to Mass and Liturgical responses (<i>changes take effect the first Sunday of Advent</i>)
October 19	NO CLASS	MEA
October 26 <i>Catechist Chapter 2</i>	Chapter 2 A Church of Converts: <i>Widening the Circle of Jesus' Followers</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pentecost Apostles and mission - Spiritual Life Important Writings Paul Testimony of martyr's
November 1	All Saint's Day – Holy Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Saint's Day was instituted to honor all the saints, known and unknown.
November 2 <i>Catechist Chapter 3</i>	Chapter 3 The Lasting Legacy of the Apostles: <i>Christian Communities and Scriptures</i> All Soul's Day / Saints and Intercessors / Purgatory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attraction of Christianity Small Christian communities Paul's travels / the Communities Testaments and letters Gospels Christianity as a new religion understand all Saint's and the Holy Soul's This is a day of prayer and commemoration of all the faithful departed especially those souls in purgatory
November 9 <i>Catechist Chapter 4</i>	Chapter 4 Gold Tested in Fire: <i>Courageous Faith and Clear Doctrine</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith amid persecution Church Structure turmoil in the empire Constantine Heresy
November 16 <i>Catechist Chapter 5</i>	Chapter 5 Building the City of God: <i>Holiness in the Wilderness, Leadership in the World</i> Thanksgiving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monasticism Ambrose and Augustine the Papacy

November 23	NO CLASS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ THANKSGIVING BREAK
November 30 <i>Catechist</i> <i>Chapter 6</i>	Chapter 6 Growth in a Crumbling Empire: <i>Spreading the Faith, Bringing Order to Chaos</i> Advent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian life • Political scene - East & West • Monasteries • Gregory the Great • Muslims
December 7 <i>Catechist</i> <i>Immaculate Conception</i> <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	Video	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary's Immaculate Conception • Mary's "YES" • Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 8 (Thursday)	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the eleventh century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the eighteenth century it became a feast of the universal Church. • In 1854 Pius IX gave the infallible statement: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin." • This privilege of Mary derives from God's having chosen her as Mother of the Savior; thus she received the benefits of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception. This great gift to Mary, an ordinary human being just like us, was fitting because she was destined to be Mother of God. The purity and holiness of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a model for all Christians.
December 14 <i>Catechist</i> <i>Chapter 7</i>	Chapter 7 The Challenge of Christendom: <i>Church and Empire in Tension</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The English • Church and State entangled • Feudal life • Other peoples become Christian • Conflicts
December 21	NO CLASS - Christmas Vacation	Enjoy the Holiday and remember the reason for the season
December 28	NO CLASS - Christmas Vacation	Christmas Break
January 1	New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. Calling Mary "mother of God" is the highest honor we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace" This solemnity, falling on New Year's Day, is also designated the World Day of Peace (David Bennett 8/15/2008 . Church Year. Net) • one of the oldest feasts of the Church, it was changed to this date following Vatican II, by Pope Paul VI in 1974
January 4 <i>Catechist</i> <i>Chapter 8</i>	Chapter 8 The High Middle Ages: <i>High Times, Low Times</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A New World - Growth of Nations and the Church • Architecture / Beauty • Universities • Split between East and West • Crusades • Heresy and Inquisition • Mendicant Friars

January 11 <i>Catechist</i> <i>Chapter 9</i>	Chapter 9 The Late Middle Ages: <i>Public Turmoil, Personal Piety</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Popes in Political Turmoil • Renaissance • ...in the Pews • Divisions • Widening East - West split
January 18 <i>Catechist</i> <i>Chapter 10</i>	Chapter 10 Revolt and Reform: <i>Divisions in the Body of Christ</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Luther • Other Protestant Movements • The Church of England • St. Ignatius and the Jesuits
January 25	NO CLASS – Catechist Appreciation	
February 1	Created in the Image of God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
February 8 <i>Catechist</i> <i>Chapter 11</i>	Chapter 11 A Missionary Church: <i>Carrying the Gospel Around the World</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latin America • Guadalupe • Asia - Japan, Philippines, China • Africa • Australia
February 15 <i>Catechist</i> <i>Chapter 12</i>	Chapter 12 The Age of "Isms": <i>Revolutionary Thinking Confronts the Church</i> <i>Mass /Adoration / Catholic Devotions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious Strife and War • New Styles of Religious Life • Rationalist and Scientific Thought • Individualism, Secularism, Nationalism - Revolution • Capitalism, Marxism, Darwinism
February 22	NO CLASS – Ash Wednesday Mass 7:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. • Our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. • "Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.
February 29	Stations of the Cross and Adoration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL CLASSES AT CHURCH
March 7 <i>Catechist</i> <i>Chapter 13</i>	Chapter 13 The Church in North America: <i>A Style of its Own</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission Territory - natives, Spanish, French • English colonies • A Distinctly American Church - Frontier, Immigrants, Black • Democratic Ideals
March 14	NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK	
March 21 <i>Catechist</i> <i>Chapter 14</i>	Chapter 14 World Church: <i>Anguish in an Era of World Wars</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pope St. Pius X - a beloved Pope • War • Disillusionment • Totalitarianism - Fascism, Nazism • Resistance • Cold War
March 28	Feed My Starving Children - Coon Rapids	
April 1	Palm Sunday	

April 4	EASTER WEEK – No Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare your hearts to celebrate the holiest time of the year by attending Holy Week Masses and Services ~ Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday
April 5 - 7	Holy Thursday - Good Friday - Passion and Death of Jesus Holy Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Triduum • Institution of the ordained Priesthood, and the Eucharist • Passion and Death of Jesus • Easter Vigil - the Church begins to Celebrate the Light of the Resurrection
April 8	EASTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Celebration of the Resurrection continues and will for the next 50 days
April 11 <i>Catechist Chapter 15</i>	Chapter 15 The Contemporary Church: <i>On a Pilgrimage into the Future</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pope John the XXIII • Pope Paul VI • John Paul II • Liturgy • Ecumenism • Church as Community, Servant, Herald, Body of Christ, Institution, Sacrament • Conclusion
April 18	Catholic Fair Prep	Classes will prepare their display for the Catholic Fair
April 25 PARISH COMMUNITY CTR	CATHOLIC FAIR	