

CATHOLIC CONNECTIONS

Year 1 - God, Revelation and Faith, Jesus the Christ, The Holy Spirit and the Church

Year 2 - Liturgy and Sacraments, Christian Morality and Justice, Prayer

Date	Material Covered	Concepts
October 7	Welcome, Revelation, Scripture and Tradition Chapter 1 (pg 16 - 23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understand how God reveals himself to us • Scriptures and Tradition • sharing the faith
October 14	NO CLASS	MEA
October 21	God the Father Chapter 2 (24 - 32) The Holy Trinity Chapter 3 (33 - 41)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God is mystery • God is Truth and Love • God is the Father of Jesus Christ • identify the Trinity • statement of faith in one, true God • reflecting the love found in the community of the Trinity • St. Patrick
October 28	Cemetery Tour The Saints Chapter 21 (235 -239) End Things, Heaven and Hell Chapter 20 (218 - 227)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • who are the saints? communion of saints • What are heaven and hell • love and refusal to love • St. Catherine of Sienna
November 1	Sunday - All Saints Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instituted as a Feast Day to honor all Saints - known and unknown
November 2	Monday - All Soul's Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a day of prayer and commemoration of all the faithful departed especially a time to pray for all souls in purgatory
November 4	Creation Chapter 4 (42 - 51)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • our place in God's plan and creation • human choice to follow or disobey God • God at work today • God's truth • St. Francis of Assisi
November 11	"LIVE IT" - HuGS for the Homeless Spaghetti Dinner for the parish. Collect hats, mittens, gloves and socks to take to homeless shelter and for community needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All humans are created in the image of God. • We all have a duty to reach out to and care for those in need.
November 18	The Human Person Chapter 5 (52 - 61)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In God's image • Original sin • members of the Body of Christ
November 25	NO CLASS	THANKSGIVING BREAK
November 29	Advent Begins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During Advent, we prepare our hearts for the Word who brought light into darkness. It is a particularly fitting time to welcome the light of God's forgiveness into the dark places of our sinful lives by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Excerpted from How to Celebrate Christmas as a Catholic, copyright © 2005, Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division, Our Sunday Visitor, Inc

December 2	God's Plan for Salvation Chapter 6 (62 - 69) Mary Chapter 21 (228 - 234)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God guides us • God has always guided his people • God's people are not perfect, but God works with and through them • Mary's "yes" • Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation (Mass 7:00 PM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A feast of the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern church in the 7th century. It came to the West in the 8th century. In the 11th Century it received the name, the Immaculate Conception. In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal church • In 1854 Pius IX issued 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 the Mother of God. The purity and holiness of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a model for all Christians
December 9	Activity	
December 16	Faith: Responding to God Chapter 7 (70 - 81) The Birth of Jesus Chapter 10 (108 - 115)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • faith is a gift from God • Belief, trust, participation, response to truth of revelation • Blessed Mother Theresa • experiencing and understanding Christmas Saint Nicolas of Myra
December 23 & 30	NO CLASS - Christmas Break	Enjoy your holiday and remember the reason for the season
December 25	Christmas (Holy Day of Obligation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrates the Birth of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the World
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 6	The Gospels Chapter 8 (84 - 95)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understanding the richness of the Gospels and how the perspective of each adds to our understanding of the truth of Jesus Christ and guidance of the Holy Spirit
January 13	Jesus Christ, True God and True Man Chapter 9 (96 -107)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fully Man, fully God • understand how our Catholic faith through Scripture, Tradition, sacraments, and prayer helps us to know and love Jesus Christ • Saint Joseph
January 20	Jesus Teaches Chapter 11 (116 - 127)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus teaches us • how do we apply his teaching • parables
January 27	NO CLASS - Catechist	

	<i>Appreciation</i>	
February 3	SAFE AND SACRED PLACES	Protecting Children and Youth Initiative - Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis
February 10	Jesus Heals Chapter 12 (128 - 139)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ heals bringing Christ's healing to others
February 17	NO CLASS - ASH WEDNESDAY Mass 7:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning of Lent - 40 days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving - a time of penance and conversion, for cleaning out the old in our lives that hinders our relationship with Jesus Christ. It begins on this day with a signing with ashes and a call to turn from sin and live the Gospel. We are called to perform some actions that will be transformative as we approach Easter - both spiritually and physically, so that we may become more like Christ.
February 24	The Death of Jesus Chapter 13 (149 - 151)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • know and understand the events of the passion and death of Jesus Christ • sacrifice in our lives • thankfulness for Christ's sacrifice and desire to offer our lives • St. Dismas
March 3	The Resurrection of Jesus Chapter 14 (152 - 161)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resurrection and appearances to followers • significance of resurrection to humanity • meaning of resurrection to us • St. Mary Magdalene
March 10	The Holy Spirit Chapter 15 (164 - 173)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breath of God • Holy Spirit has always been present with the Father and the Son • visible action of the Holy Spirit • St. John the Evangelist
March 17	Grace and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit Chapter 16 (174 - 183)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's life within us • Grace makes it possible for us to live as Christians • gifts of the Holy Spirit
March 24	Pentecost and the Early Church Chapter 17 (184 - 193)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coming of the Holy Spirit central to spread of Christianity and life of the early Church
March 28	Palm Sunday	•
March 31	NO CLASS - EASTER WEEK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare your hearts to celebrate the holiest time of the year by attending Holy Week Masses and Services
April 1-3	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 4	EASTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Celebration of the Resurrection continues and will for the next 50 days
April 7	The Mission of the Church Chapter 18 (194 -205)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • differences between the Church and other communities • everyone is called to be part of the Church • images that increase our understanding of the mystery of the Church • St. Josephine Bakhita
April 14	The Structure of the Church Chapter 19 (206 - 217)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • roles of ordained, consecrated and laity • contributions of baptized believers
April 21	Catholic Fair Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare display for Catholic Fair
April 28	CATHOLIC FAIR - PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER	