

## CATHOLIC CONNECTIONS

### YEAR 2 - Morality and Prayer; The Sacraments

YEAR 1 - The Old Testament, the Trinity, and the Mission of Christ; The New Testament, the Church

*Classes Meet at Centerville Elementary 6:30 - 7:45 PM*

Date <i>(Catechist Edition)</i>	Material Covered <i>(Student Book)</i>	Concepts
<b>September 27</b> Parish Community Center (PCC)	<b>Faith Formation Opening Mass</b> <i>Followed by meet and greet catechists, book pick up and ice cream social</i>	
<b>October 4</b> <i>Christian Morality and Prayer</i>  <b>Chapter 37</b> The Bible :The Old Law and the New Law	<b>The Bible :The Old Law and the New Law</b> Chapter 37 (pg 406-415)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examination of how the Old Law is fulfilled in the New Law of Love</li> <li>• Exploration of the Beatitudes and how they are lived in our lives</li> </ul>
<b>October 11</b> <i>Christian Morality and Prayer</i>  <b>Chapter 38</b> Living the Moral Life  <b>Chapter 39</b> Moral Decision Making	<b>Living the Moral Life</b> Chapter 38 (416-425)  <b>Moral Decision Making</b> Chapter 39 (426-437)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The natural law is part of our human nature that gives us an ability to know through human reason what is good.</li> <li>• Examination of the gift of free will and how it enables us to freely choose to love God or turn away from him in sin.</li> <li>• Exploration of the theological and cardinal virtues and how they help us to do the right thing</li> <li>• Exploration of the role of conscience in making good moral decisions</li> <li>• Understand the factors that determine the morality of an act</li> <li>• Examination of the seven deadly sins and how they are a basis for other sins</li> </ul>
<b>October 18</b>	<b>NO CLASS</b>	<b>MEA</b>
<b>October 25</b> <i>Christian Morality and Prayer</i>  <b>Chapter 40</b> Honoring God  <b>Chapter 41</b> Honoring Family	<b>Honoring God</b> Chapter 40 (438-447)  <b>Honoring Family</b> Chapter 41 (448-457)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploration of how the first three Commandments call us to honor God</li> <li>• Youth will reflect on the importance of God in their lives</li> <li>• Examination of the Fourth Commandment teaching of honoring our parents and living in a family</li> <li>• Exploration of the duties of parents toward children and responsibilities of children to respect and obey their parents</li> <li>• Reflect on how Jesus modeled God' loving care for us</li> </ul>
<b>November 1</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>All Saints Day</b> <b>Holy Day of Obligation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instituted as a Feast Day to honor all Saints - known and unknown</li> </ul>
<b>November 8</b>	<b>Created in the Image of God</b>	<b>Protecting Youth and Children Initiative</b>

<p><b>November 15</b> <i>Christian Morality and Prayer</i> <b>Chapter 42</b> Respecting Life</p> <p><b>Chapter 43</b> Respecting Truth and Property</p>	<p><b>Respecting Life</b> Chapter 42 (458-467)</p> <p><b>Respecting Truth and Property</b> Chapter 43 (468-477)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore, Understand and Reflect on the Fifth Commandment - "You shall not kill"</li> <li>• Explore and reflect on the seventh and eighth and tenth Commandments</li> </ul>
<p><b>November 22</b></p>	<p><b>NO CLASS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>THANKSGIVING BREAK</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>November 29</b></p>	<p><b>Advent - Waiting and Longing</b></p>	<p>Family Event at the Parish Community Center</p>
<p><b>December 6</b> <i>Christian Morality and Prayer</i> <b>Chapter 44</b> Respecting Sexuality</p>	<p><b>Respecting Sexuality</b> Chapter 44 (478-489)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore and Reflect on the Sixth and Ninth Commandments</li> </ul>
<p><b>December 8</b> Thursday</p>	<p><b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b> Holy Day</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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."</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>December 13</b> <i>Christian Morality and Prayer</i> <b>Chapter 45</b> Working for Justice</p>	<p><b>Working for Justice</b> Chapter 45 (490 -502)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examination of The Church's Social teaching</li> <li>• Learn the distinction between acts of charity and works of Social Justice</li> </ul>
<p><b>December 20</b></p>	<p><b>No Class (Christmas Break)</b></p>	
<p><b>December 25</b></p>	<p><b>Christmas</b> ( Holy Day of Obligation)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebrates the Birth of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the World</li> </ul>
<p><b>December 27</b></p>	<p><b>No Class (Christmas Break)</b></p>	

<p>January 1</p>	<p>New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 )</li> <li>one of the oldest feasts of the Church, it was changed to this date following Vatican II, by Pope Paul VI in 1974</li> </ul>
<p>January 3</p>	<p>No Class (Catechist Appreciation)</p>	
<p>January 10</p> <p><i>Christian Morality and Prayer</i></p> <p><b>Chapter 46</b> The Bible: Models of Prayer</p>	<p>The Bible: Models of Prayer Chapter 46 (504-513)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore how King David, the Virgin Mary and Jesus serve as role models in showing us how to pray</li> <li>Examine why Catholics pray to Mary</li> <li>Reflect on what they can learn from praying Biblical prayers</li> </ul>
<p>January 17</p> <p><i>Christian Morality and Prayer</i></p> <p><b>Chapter 47</b> Prayer: Conversation with God</p> <p><b>Chapter 48</b> Tuning in to God</p>	<p>Prayer: Conversation with God Chapter 47 (514-523)</p> <p>Tuning in to God Chapter 48 (524-533)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exploration of how prayer is essential to our relationship with God and is an ongoing conversation with God</li> <li>Examine Scripture and see how people have been talking to God throughout history</li> <li>Understand that persistence in prayer even when difficult will help us grow closer to God</li> <li>Exploration of ways to pray and reasons to pray</li> <li>Reflect on how we learn to pray and community prayer</li> </ul>
<p>January 24</p> <p><i>Christian Morality and Prayer</i></p> <p><i>Christian Morality and Prayer</i></p> <p><b>Chapter 49</b> The Lord's Prayer: The Perfect Prayer</p> <p><b>Chapter 50</b> The Lord's Prayer: A Prayer For All Time</p>	<p>The Lord's Prayer: The Perfect Prayer Chapter 49 (534-543)</p> <p>The Lord's Prayer: A Prayer for All Time Chapter 50 (544-553)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore the meaning and the greatness of the Lord's Prayer</li> <li>Discover or rediscover the meaning of God as Father and their own value as children of God</li> <li>Exploration of the meaning of the seven petitions of the Lord's prayer</li> </ul>
<p>January 31</p> <p><i>The New Testament, the Church, and the Sacraments</i></p> <p><b>Chapter 26</b> The Bible: Worshipping God</p> <p><b>Chapter 27</b> Introduction to Liturgy</p>	<p>The Bible: Worshipping God Chapter 26 (276-285)</p> <p>Introduction to Liturgy Chapter 27 (286-297)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exploration of the elements necessary for worship and how liturgy developed in the Bible</li> <li>Explore how Jesus' Last Supper fulfills the forms of worship found in the Old Testament</li> <li>Understand that the liturgy is the communal, public, official worship of the Church</li> <li>Reflect on the symbolic nature of liturgy</li> <li>Exploration of the liturgical calendar and its significance</li> </ul>

<b>February 7</b> <b>Chapter 28</b> Sacraments: Celebrating Christ's Presence	<b>Sacraments: Celebrating Christ's Presence</b> Chapter 28 (298-307)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the Sacraments are and expression of God's complete love for us.</li> <li>• Understand that through the Sacraments the gift of God's grace transforms us.</li> </ul>
<b>February 14</b>	<b>NO CLASS – Ash Wednesday</b> <b>Mass 7:00 PM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth.</li> <li>• "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.</li> </ul>
<b>February 21</b> St. Genevieve Church	<b>Reconciliation Grade 7</b>	<b>Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>Stories of forgiveness and God's merciful love.</b>
<b>February 28</b> <i>The New Testament, the Church, and the Sacraments</i>  Chapters 29-32 Eucharist	<b>Eucharist</b> Chapters 29-32 (308-351)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eucharist as the Heart of the Liturgy</li> <li>• Eucharist - Liturgy of the Word</li> <li>• Gifts, Eucharistic Prayer</li> <li>• Communion and Sending Forth</li> </ul>
<b>March 7</b>	<b>NO CLASS</b>	<b>(Spring Break Centennial)</b>
<b>March 14</b> <i>The New Testament, the Church, and the Sacraments</i>  <b>Chapter 33</b> The Sacrament of Baptism <b>Chapter 34</b> The Sacrament of Confirmation	<b>The Sacrament of Baptism</b> Chapter 33  <b>The Sacrament of Confirmation</b> Chapter 34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploration of the meaning of Baptism</li> <li>• Examination the essential elements of the Rite of Baptism</li> <li>• Recognize that Baptism makes us member of the Church</li> <li>• Reflection on the use of Sacred Chrism as the anointing oil of the Holy Spirit</li> <li>• Exploration of the essential parts of the Rite of Confirmation</li> </ul>
<b>March 21</b>  <i>The New Testament, the Church, and the Sacraments</i>  <b>Chapter 35</b> The Sacraments of Healing	<b>The Sacraments of Healing</b> Chapter 35 (376-389)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploration of the Sacraments of Penance and Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick</li> <li>• Reflect on our need for healing and forgiveness</li> </ul>
<b>March 25</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	Palm Sunday commemorates the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-9), when palm branches were placed in his path, before his arrest on Holy Thursday and his crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent. In ancient times, palm branches symbolized goodness and victory. . . Again at the end of the Bible, people from every nation raise palm branches to honor Jesus (Revelation 7:9) <a href="http://www.catholic.org/clife/lent/palmsunday.php">http://www.catholic.org/clife/lent/palmsunday.php</a>

March 28	<b>EASTER WEEK – No Class</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul>
March 29-31	Holy Thursday - Good Friday - Passion and Death of Jesus Holy Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Triduum</li> <li>Institution of the ordained Priesthood, and the Eucharist</li> <li>Passion and Death of Jesus</li> <li><b>Easter Vigil - the Church begins to Celebrate the Light of the Resurrection</b></li> </ul>
April 1	<b>EASTER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and the Easter celebration continues for the next 50 days</li> </ul>
April 4 Coon Rapids	<b>Feed My Starving Children</b> Meet at the Parish Center at 5:00 PM to return approximately 8:00 PM	FMSC - Coon Rapids
April 11 <i>The New Testament, the Church, and the Sacraments</i>  Chapter 36 The Sacrament of Matrimony and Holy Orders	<b>The Sacrament of Matrimony and Holy Orders</b> Chapter 36 (390-404)	Exploration Matrimony and Holy Orders as Sacraments of Service
April 18	Catholic Fair Prep (Discipleship)	Reflect on the Theme of Discipleship in this year's class work
April 25	<b>Catholic Fair</b> PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER	God Bless You! Have a great evening!