

Confirmation Syllabus

10th Grade - Year 2

Classes Weekly at the Faith Formation Center

6:30-8:00 PM

Dates in White and Yellow - required class dates Dates in green recommended youth activities
Dates in blue Special Liturgical Dates and Holy Days

Date	Material Covered	Concepts
September 27 Parish Community Center (PCC)	Faith Formation Opening Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
October 4 CHOSEN Chapter 19	Brief Parent meeting to start the year Who is Mary? Meeting the Mather of God and Your Heavenly Family The message of Fatima at 100 years - and the Rosary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October is the Month of the Rosary and a Marian month • Catholics love Jesus' Mother • The Church has defined 4 essential beliefs about Mary • The saints are like stained glass letting Christ shine through • St. Louis de Montefort • The Fatima saints
October 7	Lifeline Mass at NET Center "Get Out of the Boat!" Kick-Off Mass with Fr. Nick VanDenBroeke Evening Program with Michael & Ali Hoffman	Every generation needs to be evangelized. EVERY ONE! God has NO grandchildren, He calls us each by name. The challenge is that most of the time He calls us, works us and brings us to Him... wait for it... through others. Others like YOU. When we look at the Saints we see that they are examples of a response to the calling in their lives to "Get out of the boat" and walk on the water with the Lord. And today God is calling THIS generation of disciples to be brave enough to "Get out of the boat" and be His hands, feet and voice for this generation! The Father and Daughter team, the dynamic duo of Michael and Ali Hoffman captivate their audiences to take ownership of their faith, ignite their hearts for Jesus and step out of their boats in confidence to be a greater impact for Christ in this world. Through humor, interaction and a focused message, your heart will be pumped, your brain will be equipped and your funny bone will be revved up! (<i>NET Ministries 2017</i>)
October 11 CHOSEN Chapter 10	Why tell my sins to a priest? (the Healing Power of Confession)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sin - What it is, its effects • God's law is freeing • Sin - mortal and venial • Nature of Sin - affects the person and the community • What is necessary to a Good Confession • St. Augustine of Hippo
October 18	No Class MEA Week	
October 25 CHOSEN Chapter 11	How does God help when it hurts? Anointing of the Sick and Redemptive Suffering All Saint's Day and All Soul's Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is suffering and Why does God allow it? • Understand the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick • Redemptive Suffering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Damien of Molokai - <i>Martyr of Charity</i>

October 28 Saturday Noon - 9:45 PM	Archdiocesan Youth Day 2016 "He has done GREAT things for me." Luke 1:49	Kick off the 2017 school year right by celebrating the truth and joy of our Catholic faith at Archdiocesan Youth Day. Experience the community of World Youth Day locally with other teens from around the archdiocese for a day of excitement and spiritual growth.
November 1 Wednesday	All Saints Day (Holy day)	Instituted as a Feast Day to honor all Saints - both known and unknown
November 4 Saturday	Gift Expo Youth Needed!	This event is a fundraiser for youth activities sponsored by the parish, especially the Catholic Heart Mission Trip Youth volunteers and a youth presence is a great asset to this event.
November 4 Saturday	Lifeline Mass at NET Center Praying the Mass Like Never Before (tickets are required) Mass and Evening Program with Fr. Mike Schmitz	While many people go to Mass every week, very few people know what it is to worship. Certainly, we show up and do our best to pay attention, but for too many of us this just means we watch closely. You have been given a gift that you have most likely left unused. This gift is unused because it is largely unknown. This presentation will uncover this unknown and unused gift, so that you can stop watching the Mass and start worshipping at Mass. Known for his passion, clarity and conviction, Fr. Mike Schmitz will inspire and challenge you as a Catholic disciple of Jesus! <i>(NET Ministries 2017)</i>
November 8 CHOSEN Chapter 12	Who is the Holy Spirit? Meeting the Third Person of the Trinity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Images of the Holy Spirit in Scripture • Understand that the Holy spirit is the soul of the Church • The Holy Spirit and the Blessed Trinity • The Holy spirit connects us to God in a bond of love • St. Joan of Arc
November 15 CHOSEN Chapter 13	What does the Holy Spirit do for me? Gifts for the Journey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifts of the Holy Spirit as tools for the faith journey • Charisms • Fruits of the Spirit • St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
November 22	No Class - Thanksgiving Break	Enjoy your Holiday with family and friends. Do not forget to thank God for the blessings in your life and to keep your heart filled with a spirit of gratitude.
November 27 Sunday	Advent Begins	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
November 29	Advent - Waiting and Longing	Classes meet at PCC
December 2	Lifeline Mass at NET Center Connor Flanagan in Concert (Tickets Required) Mass with Fr. Paul Shovelain	Following Mass, an amazing night lies ahead. In concert is Connor Flanagan . Connor is a dynamic, hip-hop Catholic recording artist known for his authentic stage presence and unique musical presentation! His very first full-length album "Close To You" landed in the topten iTunes Charts. Since its release Connor has been performing extensively throughout the U.S. and is featured at many Catholic youth events including the Steubenville Youth Conferences. Committed to

		writing music that resonates with the human experience, Connor's story telling abilities paired with his unique hip-hop vibe are what sets him apart and allows him to connect with young people: Check him out: www.connorflanaganmusic.com . (NET Ministries 2017)
December 6 CHOSEN Chapter 14	Why have I been Chosen? Sealed and Sent in Confirmation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation and its graces • Anointed for more • Confirmation is not an option, but a completion • St. Paul the Apostle
December 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A feast of the Conception of Mary began in the Eastern church in the 7th century. It came to the West in the 8th century and 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 13	Our Lady of Guadalupe Video?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversion and Value of Life
December 21	No Class (Christmas Vacation)	
December 25	Christmas (Holy Day of Obligation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrates the Birth of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the World
December 28	No Class (Christmas Vacation)	
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 3 Parish Community Center (PCC)	Catechist Appreciation No Class	Take a moment to say a prayer for your Catechists.
January 6	Lifeline Mass at NET Center Obey Your Thirst Mass and Evening Program with Fr. Emanuel Mansford, C.F.R.	<p>We often think of prayer as primarily asking God for something. We know we are supposed to pray every day and to make prayer an important part of our life. But if we're honest with ourselves, do we really know what prayer <i>is</i>? Do we know <i>how</i> to pray? Are we convinced that we <i>need</i> to pray?</p> <p>The truth is that our hearts deeply thirst for God. Our hearts deeply desire real intimacy with a real God. And only through a personal relationship with God found in prayer can our thirsty hearts be satisfied.</p> <p>Fr. Emmanuel Mansford, C.F.R., will speak with humor and passion about the mystery of coming to know God in prayer. A native of England, he currently lives in Harlem, NY, serving the poor and needy. He speaks to Catholic youth and young adults throughout the country at major Catholic conferences and parish missions (<i>NET Ministries 2017</i>)</p>
January 10 CHOSEN Chapter 15	Why do I have to go to Mass? Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass is about Worship • Receiving Jesus in the Eucharist is our greatest gift ... and privilege • Living the Mass • Blessed Miguel Pro - <i>Martyr</i>
January 17	The Gospel of Life Loving Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflections on valuing life in the Culture • The March for Life
January 24 CHOSEN Chapter 16	What does it mean to say I do? Marriage, a Sign of God's Love	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marriage is a Sacrament • Characteristics of the Sacrament of Marriage • Marriage is a lifelong commitment • Discerning the vocation of marriage • St. Elizabeth of Hungary
January 31 CHOSEN Chapter 17	Who's Calling? Holy Orders and Vocational Discernment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Share in the fundamental vocation of love • Christ established the priesthood to share in His ministry • Priest and religious celibacy is an offer Sacrifice for the greater good • All of us have a vocation • St. John Vianney

February 3	<p>Lifeline Mass at NET Center</p> <p>Follow Me (No, Jesus isn't talking about Instagram)</p> <p>Mass and Evening Program with Archbishop Bernard Hebda and Fr. David Blume</p>	<p>Have any of the following questions ever entered your mind: Does It's the most important invitation you'll ever receive in your life. It's the invitation of Jesus who says to you, "Follow Me." It's the very same invitation Jesus extended to his first disciples. They were leading very ordinary lives. All of that changed when they encountered Jesus and responded to His invitation to "Follow Me." And the world has never been the same.</p> <p>Without fail, through the centuries of the Church, countless thousands upon thousands of courageous Catholic young men and women have responded to that same invitation. For some, it is a call to live a holy, faithful life in marriage or the sacred consecrated single life. But for others, Jesus extends a special call, a call to those willing to boldly serve the Church as a priest or religious brother or sister. <i>(NET Ministries 2017)</i></p>
February 7	Lenten Lesson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stations of the Cross
February 14	Ash Wednesday	<p>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.</p>
February 21 CHOSEN Chapter 18	<p>Are you talking to me? Getting to Know God Through Prayer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning about God is not the same as knowing God God calls us first Formal and personal prayer Prayer can change your life St. Catherine of Siena
February 28	Created in the Image of God	Protecting Youth and Children Initiative
March 3	<p>Lifeline Mass at NET Center</p> <p>Catholic Marriage vs. the Secular Culture</p> <p>Mass with Fr. Michael Becker</p> <p>Evening Program with Nathan and Caroline Metzinger</p>	<p>In case you haven't noticed, the world's view of relationship between man and woman is a little different than the vision of Catholic marriage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give vs. Get: Why we aren't going to win if we don't know what game we are playing More is More vs. Less is More: Why God's math is better than ours Marriage Prep. vs. Wedding Prep: Why we don't plan to fail, we just fail to plan <p>On April 29th, 2000, an Australian Catholic musician married an American Catholic Air-Force brat...game on. Join Nathan and Caroline Metzinger eighteen years and six kids later as they reflect on the Church's vision for marriage through lessons learned as they strive to live a Catholic marriage in the midst of an increasingly secular culture. <i>(NET Ministries 2017)</i></p>
March 7	<p>No Class</p> <p><i>Centennial Spring Break</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enjoy yourself!

March 14 CHOSEN Chapter 20	What would Jesus do? The Beatitudes as a Path to True Happiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We were created with a desire for happiness Then Beatitudes point to true success and happiness The stories of saints are signpost pointing to heaven We were created to live the moral life St. Francis of Assisi
March 21	Holy Week Palm Sunday - the Triduum and Easter	•
March 25	Palm Sunday	
March 28	No Class - Holy Week	
March 29-31	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 1	EASTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Celebration of the Resurrection continues and will for the next 50 days
April 4 Coon Rapids	Feed My Starving Children	•
April 7	Lifeline Mass at NET Center Am I Saved? Mass and Evening Program with Bishop Andrew Cozzens	<p>Most of us have probably heard or have been challenged by some variation of these questions before:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you were to die right now, where would you spend eternity? Do you know with certainty that you will go to Heaven? Have you found salvation in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? <p>For sure the topic of salvation is very important. And since it deals with eternity – your eternity – it's <i>most</i> important.</p> <p>But what does it mean to be saved? Saved from what? Can anyone really know if they are saved? What is the Catholic understanding of salvation? (<i>NET Ministries 2017</i>)</p>

April 11 CHOSEN Chapter 21	Do I have what it takes? Building Virtue - Your Spiritual Workout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be happy, practice virtue • The virtuous life is not about feelings, but actions • There are four cardinal virtues on which all virtues "hinge" Prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude • There are three theological virtues oriented toward God Faith, hope, charity (love) • Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati
April 18 CHOSEN Chapter 23	How do I build the kingdom? Saying "Yes" to the mission of Christ and His Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The kingdom of God is now and yet to come • The Church is "missionary" by its very nature • We will be called to account for our actions or non actions for "the least of our brothers" • St. Philip Neri
April 25	<p style="text-align: center;">CATHOLIC FAIR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We pray that you have a Blessed and joyful summer!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure you're prepared for your Catholic Fair booth and to be of service during the evening as needed • An evening of fun and activities
May 2 CHOSEN Chapter 24	Where do I go from here? The Journey Continues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discipleship • The choice to follow Christ must be made not just once, but daily • God provides what we need to sustain our journey • We have been Chosen to become saints
May 5	RITE OF SENDING	<p>Blessing and Renewal of Baptismal Promises</p> <p>Project boards Ready for Display</p> <p>Dinner in your honor with sponsors and family.</p>
Sunday May 13	CONFIRMATION	2:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Paul