


STM Religious Education Calendar 2009-2010

CLASS TIMES: Elementary: 3:45-4:45 or 6:15-7:15
Middle School: 7:30-9:00
High School: 7:30- 9:00


Call the Religious Ed Office at 692-6941 if your child will be absent


September 2 **Opening Session:** Mass for all parents & students @ 7 PM
Confirmation interviews: 2:40- 4:30; 8:20-9:00
9 *No Class for Students: Catechist Meeting @ 7 PM (Social Hall)*
16 Class
(Sat-Sun.) 19-20 Catechist Commissioning at all 3 masses
23 Class
30 Class


October 7 Class (*Rosary in the church for Grades 3-5*)
14 Class
 (Sun.) 18 **Confirmation Rehearsal @ 10:00 AM Confirmation Mass @ 1:30 PM (11th Gr.)**
21 Class
28 *Family Night & home-based catechesis (see over) / Catechist Formation @ 7 PM*


November 4 Class
(Sun.) 8 **Confirmation Parent & Student Mtg. @ 7 PM (10th Grade)**
11 Class (*Confessions: Grade 4 & 9*)
 18 Class (*Confessions: Grade 9*)
25 *No Class Happy Thanksgiving!*


December 2 Class
9 Class
Advent  16 *No Class Elementary Christmas Program @ 7 P.M*
23 *No Class Merry Christmas!*
30 *No Class Christmas Break!*

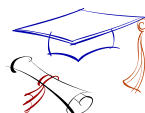
January 6 Class for grades 1-5, Large group event grades 6-12 from 7:00-9:00 PM
(Sun.) 10 **First Reconciliation Parent Meeting @ 1:30 PM (2nd Grade)**
 13 Class
20 Class
27 *Family Night & home-based catechesis (see over) / Catechist Formation @ 7 PM*

February 3 Class (*Confessions: Grade 10*)
 10 Class
17 *No Class ASH WEDNESDAY MASS (Attend Mass with your family)*
24 Class (*Confessions: Grade 5 & 10*)

March 3 Class (*Confessions: Grade 3*)
Lent (Sun.) 7 **First Communion Parent Mtg. & Student Retreat @ 1:15 PM**
Sacrament of First Reconciliation @ 2:00 PM (parent & child)
 10 Class for grades 1-5; Large group event for grades 6-12 from 7:00-9:00 pm
17 Class (*Stations of the Cross: Grades 3-5*) (*Confessions: Grades 11 & 12*)
24 Class (**10th Grade attends Chrism Mass at Cathedral**)
31 *Attend Living Stations with your family @ 7 PM HOLY WEEK*

April Sun 4 **Easter**
7 Class
 14 Class (*Confessions grades 6-8*)
21 Class
(Sun.) 25 **First Communion @ 11:00 Mass**
28 Last Class

May (Sun.) 1/2 **Crowning of Mary (1st Grade)**
 5 **Closing Mass @ 6:30** (parents and students) **Ice Cream Social & Games after.**
(Sun.) 9 **Graduation Mass @ 11 AM Mass**



FAMILY NIGHT & HOME-BASED CATECHESIS

We have two Family Nights scheduled into the Religious Education calendar this year. On these nights, kids and parents will not come to the church for dinner and class, but will instead have time at home for a family meal and discussion of the upcoming Sunday's readings.

For catechists: you will not be teaching class that night, but instead will attend a retreat and formation night at the church especially for you. This is an opportunity for catechists and youth volunteers to deepen your faith and your ability to share that faith with our youth.

Parents are the primary educators of their children. "Parents and guardians, as well as families, are the most influential agents of catechesis for their children. They catechize primarily by the witness of their Christian lives and by their love for the faith." (Summary of the National Directory for Catechesis *by US Catholic Conference of Bishops*)

Please use this time to strengthen the bond of your family. In our busy culture, we need to schedule a family night once in a while too. Plan a nice meal, begin with prayer, reflect on the Word of God by reading the following Sunday readings (see below), and follow up with a discussion or activity to review the key points. You may wish to finish your family night with some fun and play a game.

October 28th: Read the scriptures for Sun., Nov. 1st, Feast of All Saints

First Reading: Revelation 7: 2-4; 9-14 **Second Reading:** 1 John 3: 1-3 **Gospel:** Matthew 5: 1-12a

1. In the Old Testament, we are given the Ten Commandments. Why are they important to us today? How are the Beatitudes different from the Ten Commandments? Why are they important to us today?
2. Why are the Beatitudes, in a sense, more difficult to follow than the Ten Commandments, especially in a world that values money, power, and possessions above all else?
3. Give examples of real people who exemplify one or more of the Beatitudes. What makes this person a hero even though he or she is not a famous athlete or movie star?
4. Great athletes and famous music or movie stars are rewarded with money and fame. How are those who live the Beatitudes rewarded during their lifetimes here on earth?

All Saints Day

Today we celebrate the saints, the saints we know and saints that "the world does not recognize." What is a saint? Someone once said that a saint "does ordinary things in an extraordinary way." Can you think of someone you know who has some of the qualities of a saint? Can people become saints even if they are not "perfect"? (What might the sacrament of Reconciliation have to do with becoming a saint?)

You might like to get to know a saint by researching one of the saints the Church remembers during the Church year. Consult the [Lives of the Saints](#) and the [Liturgical Year](#) calendar on www.webelieveweb.com. Ask: What in my life is similar to the life of this saint? What can this saint teach me about following Christ?

More resources for All Saints/ All Souls & Halloween at: <http://www.catholicmom.com/halloween.htm>

January 27th: Read the scriptures for Sun., Jan. 31 (4th Sunday, Ordinary Time; Year C)

First reading: Jeremiah 1: 4-5; 17-19 **Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 **Gospel:** Luke 4: 21-30

1. This Sunday's Gospel tells us "no prophet is accepted in his hometown." Ask your family members, or a close friend, about a time that they felt most unappreciated by those closest to them.
2. The second reading talks about the meaning of love. What is true love? Go through a typical day in your life in your mind. What opportunities for love do you find? Name as many as you can. For example, "I could wish a good morning to the bus driver," or, "I could let another driver in as we merge," or, "I could wait for my little sister to finish what she is trying to say."
3. Have you ever felt like "giving up"? How can you remember to be like Jeremiah and Jesus? What do you know that will help you not to give up?
4. When the people of Nazareth had no faith in Jesus, Jesus could not work any miracles. Share together places in your own lives, either individually or as a family where weak faith prevents Jesus from working in your lives. What steps can you take to allow Jesus to enter? What can you do to help one another develop a stronger faith?

More Resources:

<http://www.cyberfaith.com/> -- Great reflections, questions and activities for young people

<http://www.faithfirst.com/html/family/gospRef/gospRef.php> -- Gospel reflections for families