

CURRICULUM CALENDAR 2019-2020 Year 2

Date	Sessions	Topic/Description	Hr & Place
9/30/19	Monthly Session	<p>Prayer Semester 3 Unit #1 <i>Communication with God</i>: This session will help the teens understand the basic definitions of prayer. In particular, this session will show the teens that the first step in prayer is recognizing that we are in a living and loving relationship with God. We will help the teens understand that God loves us and wants intimacy with us. We will give the teens an opportunity to respond to God and connect with Him in prayer through, silence, meditation and biblical journaling and <i>Lectio Divina</i>.</p>	7pm – 8:45pm in the Hall
10/20/19	Sponsor Session	<p>●Ritual – Affirming Confirmation Candidates-the next step toward completing their Sacrament of Confirmation</p>	4:30pm - in the Hall-continues 6:00pm Mass
10/28/19	Monthly Session	<p>Jesus and His Church Semester 3 Unit#2 <i>The Person of Jesus</i>: This session is a recap from the previous semester-it will help to go deeper into introducing the teens to Jesus, Who He is and What He can do for us. We will see that Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is the Lord of life, and all life centers around Him. He asks to be in relationship with him. We will also have an opportunity to be in front of the Blessed Sacrament</p>	7pm – 8:45pm in the Hall
11/1/19 To 11/3/19	Year 2 Retreat Group #A	<p>●A time away from our normal activities to spend time getting reacquainted with God, to examine the priorities of life and to make concrete and practical resolutions for improvement. Retreats can be a powerful step toward personal conversion. This retreat will take place in San Marcos Christian Camp.</p>	TBA
11/8/19 To 11/10/19	Year 2 Retreat Group #B	<p>●A time away from our normal activities to spend time getting reacquainted with God, to examine the priorities of life and to make concrete and practical resolutions for improvement. Retreats can be a powerful step toward personal conversion. This retreat will take place in San Marcos Christian Camp.</p>	TBA

12/9/19	Monthly Session	Jesus and His Church Semester 3 Unit#3: <i>The Kingdom of God:</i> Why should I care about what Jesus taught? What bearing does He have on my life today? Perhaps the most controversial element of Jesus' ministry was His teachings. Many religious leaders of His day were threatened by what He taught. Jesus' teachings on the Kingdom of God stand out above all His teachings. This session will look at what Jesus meant by the Kingdom of God and what demands this Kingdom places on us. We will discuss Jesus' role as the King in the Kingdom of God, and how we need to turn to Him as the One Who has been given all power and authority.	7pm – 8:45pm in the Hall
1/18/20	Pro-Life –Retreat Hall – TBA	●Mini retreat-our main focus will be centered on what it means to be Pro-Life as our Catholic faith asks of.	8:30pm – 4pm in the Hall
1/19/20	Prolife Walk Retreat and Prolife Walk (Service Project- Optional)	●We encourage families to participate in the Pro-Life Walk on Sunday 20th at the SM City Hall. Participants will walk to Planned Parenthood in the hopes to help shed some light on human dignity and most especially the dignity of children in the womb which very often do not have a voice to defend themselves. Some of our Parish Priests will be joining us in this walk. - This will count as a service project opportunity.	Ceremony starts at 2:00pm - 110 E Cook St SM City Hall. Walk is to Planned Parenthood 415 E Chapel St.
1/27/20	Monthly Session	Sacraments Semester 4 Unit #4 <i>Sacraments 101 & the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit:</i> This session will explain how Sacraments bring us into the family of God and give us a guaranteed encounter with His Grace, the sharing of His life. Each of the seven Sacraments of the Church will be briefly introduced.	
2/10/20	Monthly Session	Jesus and His Church Semester 4 Unit #5 <i>The Sufferings of Jesus:</i> The suffering and death of Jesus is the most dramatic event in human history. Humanly speaking, Jesus suffered as much as any other human has ever suffered. What makes His death so intriguing is that He is God, and that He willfully offered His life for our salvation. This session will examine the physical sufferings Jesus experienced during His Passion and death, helping the teens to understand that Jesus' entire motivation was love for each one of us	7pm – 8:45pm in the Hall

3/9/20	Monthly Session	<p>Discipleship in the Third Millennium Semester 4 Unit #6 Conversion & Reconciliation: In his document entitled, ‘The Mystery of the Incarnation’, Pope John Paul II outlines the essential elements of Christian discipleship. This meeting will help set the foundation for all discipleship, that in order to follow Christ we begin by repenting for our sins and believing in Him. If we do not admit we need Him, then we will not follow Him. We will help the teens examine the state of their spiritual lives and encourage them to use the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If possible, offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation to the teens at the end of your meeting.</p>	7pm – 8:45pm in the Hall
3/28/20	Transformation Stations – Open to the Community	Self-guided Stations of the Cross: A self-guided multi-sensory experience of the stations of the cross that includes a scripture passage, brief meditation or activity and prayer.	In the Hall: Open to the community from 10am – 5pm.
3/29/20	Transformation Stations – Open to the Community	Self-guided Stations of the Cross: A self-guided multi-sensory experience of the stations of the cross that includes a scripture passage, brief meditation or activity and prayer.	In the Hall: Open to the community from 10am – 5pm.
3/30/20	Monthly Session	<p>Jesus and His Church Semester 4 Unit #7 Commitment to Christ: “He who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me” <i>Matthew 10:38</i>. This session will begin to outline the cost each one of us has to make in following Jesus. In particular, we will show how a relationship with Jesus calls us to give up doing evil and grow in holiness, defining conversion for the teens. We will also examine the nature of commitment and the importance of making a daily commitment to Jesus.</p>	7pm – 8:45pm in the Hall
4/26/20	SPONSOR SESSION	<p>●Ritual – Affirming Confirmation Candidates-This ritual celebrates the Church community’s acceptance of the candidates as they enter into the final preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation</p>	4:30pm - in the Hall-continues 6:00pm Mass

4/27/19	Monthly Session	<p>Theology of the Body Semester 4 Unit #8 <i>God's Original Plan for Sex</i> Our session will help the teens understand God's original definition of love and His purpose for the body. We will see that love is to give oneself for the benefit of the other; love is a free decision a person makes. The body is a gift from God that makes visible what is invisible, namely our souls. The body is not an add-on to who we are, but a core part of our identity. Our bodies are the way we express ourselves to enter into communion with each other. We are destined in our souls and our bodies for eternity with God.</p>	7pm – 8:45pm in the Hall
5/11/20	Monthly Session	<p>The Creed Semester 4 Unit #9 <i>The Nicene Creed & the 4 Marks of the Church</i>: In this session the teens will explore the “Nicene Creed” as translated in the revised Roman Missal. They will participate in an activity that helps them connect this Creed directly to Scripture. They will discover the meaning of some of the wording and they will come to understand its origin and importance in the early Church. They will also reflect on the value of the creed in their lives and they will learn about the 4 Marks of the Church and their importance.</p>	7pm – 8:45pm in the Hall
TBA	Confirmation Confessions –Group #A	Confessions for Sponsors and Candidates	6pm – 7:30pm – In the Church
TBA	Confirmation Confessions –Group #B	Confessions for Sponsors and Candidates	6pm – 7:30pm – In the Church
TBA	Confirmation Rehearsal	Confirmation Mass Rehearsal	6pm – 7:30pm – In the Church
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