

St. Rose Religious Education: 2nd Grade Curriculum 2009/2010
Text Used: "Finding God - Our Response to God's Gifts"

Class Dates

Chapter/Lesson

Faith Focus

Additional Activity

September

3	New Catechist Meeting 7pm. Gathering Hall		
12	Catechist Gathering 8am - 12pm		Gathering begins with Mass, Virtus recertification, General Meeting, and Grade Level Meeting. All class material handed out.
12-13	Catechetical Commissioning		Catechists commissioned and blessed during all Masses this weekend.
12-16	Catechist Calls to Students' Families		Please call each family to introduce yourself and let them know their room assignment. Invite them to the Parent's meeting in the Gathering Hall on the first day of class, finishing in the classroom. Review the Program Overview (PO3-PO40) and "The Effective Catechist" (EC1-EC24) in "Finding God" catechist guide
20	Catholic Forum - Fr. John Waiss "Celebration of Marriage and Family" 4pm, Church and Gathering Hall.		
20-23	Classes Begin - Session 1 God Creates Us	God created the world to show us how much He loves us. Memory Verse: "Everything that God made is good. We are thankful for all that God has given us." adapted from 1 Timothy 4:4	Distribute texts to students. Discuss class expectations with students. Prayer: Glory Be to the Father. Bible: Genesis 1:1-31 and 1 Timothy 4:4. Parents arrive for last 15 minutes. Page 10 in children's books for parents.
20-23	Parent Meeting in Gathering Hall		Discussion of new 2009-2010 Catechetical theme. Parents go to classrooms for the last 15 minutes of class.
24	Virtus Training		6:30pm - 9:00pm 38 Church Hill, upstairs classroom
26-27	Christ Renews His Parish Retreat for Men		Catechists and Parents encouraged to attend.
27, 28 (no class), 29,30	Session 2 - God Gives Us Jesus	Jesus is the Son of God who comes to save us. Memory Verse: "I will be with you always, until the end of the world!" adapted from Matthew 28:20.	Point out page 18 in children's books; this is intended for the parents to read. Bible: Matthew 1:18-24 and Matthew 28:20.
28	Religious Ed 101 7pm St. Rose School Gathering Hall		Informative session for parents of all new Religious Education students. All parents of new students required to attend.

October

3	Blessing of the Animals		9:00 AM at stable behind Religious Education Office
3	Children's Liturgy		5:30 PM Mass in Church
4	Animals in the Kingdom of God		Presentation by Jim Knox for all Sunday Religious Education students. Report to Gathering Hall, pick up from classrooms.

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4-7	Session 3 - God is our Father (Monday class does Session 2 and 3)	We call Jesus the Son of God because he reveals to us his loving Father. Memory Verse: "Trust in the Power of God. Place all your cares in His hands because He cares for you." adapted from 1 Peter 5:6-7.	Bible: Matthew 6:25-34 and 1 Peter 5:6-7. Page 26 in children's books for parents.
12	Sacramental Parent's Night 7:00pm - 8:15 pm in Church		Sacraments - What are they, what do they do and why are they important to me? Father Sabak presents this popular topic - All parents and catechists to attend.
11-14	Assessments of Grade One	The purpose of the assessment is to ascertain knowledge from last year's program.	Correct assessments and make note of any general areas to work on. Send corrected assessments home to parents.
15	Adult Formation 7pm. Msgr. Conroy Room		"A Conversation with non-Catholic members of the St. Rose Family" with Deacon Tom Curran.
17,18	Christ Renews His Parish Retreat for Women		Retreat: All parents and catechists encouraged to attend.
18-21	Session 4 - God's Life for Us	All good things we do and the good decisions we make come from the Holy Spirit. Memory Verse: "You will be my light to the ends of the earth so that all people may be saved." adapted from Isaiah 49:6.	Bible: Luke 2:25-32 and Isaiah 49:6. Point out page 34 in children's books for parents.
24	Instructional/Enrollment Mass 10:00am - Noon		PARTICIPATION REQUIRED. Students and parents sit with class. Attendance taken. Materials for first Reconciliation/Communion will be distributed to families.
25	Catholic Forum 12:00 pm Church and Gathering Hall		Peter Keefe - The Grandeur of the Catholic Church
25-28	Session 5 - Review Units 1-4	God Loves Us	Bible: Genesis 1:9. Consider quiz game based on Blackline Master 13 - Unit 1 (page 349 and 350 in Catechist Guide).

November

1,2, 3(no class - Election Day) and 4	Session 6 - Jesus is Faithful	With God's help, we can follow the Commandments and live in peace with one another. Memory Verse: "Honor your mother and father so that you may live a long life." adapted from Exodus 20:12.	Display poster of the Ten Commandments and review during class. Bible: Luke 2:41-52 and Exodus 20:12. Point out page 50 in children's books for parents.
8-11 (class in session Veteran's Day)	Session 7 - Jesus Saves Us (Tuesday class does Sessions 6 and 7)	Jesus is the model for the love and goodness in our lives. Memory Verse: "The eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf will be opened." adapted from Isaiah 35:5.	Bible: Luke 7:18-22 and Isaiah 35:5. Point out page 58 in children's books for parents.

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14	Children's Liturgy		5:30 PM Mass in Church
15	Catholic Forum 4pm. Church and Gathering Hall		Fr. Reggie Norman - "From Heathen to Priest - A Personal Journey".
15-18	Session 8 - Jesus Calls Us to Love	Jesus calls us to the Kingdom of God. Memory Verse: "Jesus traveled through Galilee. He taught people, shared God's message, and cured those who were sick." adapted from Matthew 4:23.	Bible: Luke 14:16-23 and Matthew 4:23. Point out page 66 in children's books for parents.
19	2nd Grade Catechist Meeting		7:00pm - 8:00pm 38 Church Hill (Religious Ed offices) upstairs loft
22-24, 25 (no class- Thanksgiving)	Session 9 - Jesus Cares for Us	The parable of the lost sheep shows God's loving concern for us. Memory Verse: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11.	Bible: Matthew 18:10-14 and John 10:11. Point out page 74 in children's books for parents.
29, 30	Session 10 - Review of Units 6-9	Jesus Loves Us	Beginning of Advent (11/29). Consider using Advent lesson plan in Seasonal Sessions section of Catechist Guide (pp. 203-206). Bible: Psalm 100:3. Consider using quiz for Unit 2, found in Blackline Masters, pp. 363 and 364.

December

1,2	Session 10 - Review of Units 6-9 (Wednesday class does Session 9 and 10)	Jesus Loves Us	Beginning of Advent (11/29). Consider using Advent lesson plan in Seasonal Sessions section of Catechist Guide (pp. 203-206). Bible: Psalm 100:3. Consider using quiz for Unit 2, found in Blackline Masters, pp. 363 and 364.
3	Catechist Gathering - Pray, Shop and Party. 7:00pm in Church then to Gathering Hall		Mass followed by Reception and Shopping
6-9	Session 11 - We Worship God	The Sacraments help us to worship God in a special way. Memory Verse: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, and kindness." adapted from Galatians 5:22.	Bible: John 15:1-6 and Galatians 5:22. Point out page 90 in children's book for parents.
12	Children's Liturgy	Advent	5:30 Mass in Church
12	Live Navity		6:30 pm, following Mass, at stable behind Religious Ed office. Snow date: 12/13 immediately following 12pm. Mass
13	Catholic Forum		Advent Talk with Deacon Don 4pm. Church, then Gathering Hall

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13-16	Session 12 - Celebrating Reconciliation	When we celebrate the Sacrament of Penance we are reconciled with God and others. Memory Verse: "Sell what you have and give to those who do not have much. Your treasure is with the Lord. No thief can steal that from you." adapted from Luke 12:33.	Bible: Luke 19:2-9 and Luke 12:33. Use poster of the Act of Contrition and begin reviewing it during class and in future classes. Consider reviewing the Christmas and Epiphany lesson on page 207 of catechist guide. Point out page 98 in children's book for parents.
20-23	Advent Masses during class with families		Sunday students: 9:15 and 10:45 in Gathering Hall. Monday-Wednesday 4:15 classes in church. Sign in; students and parents sit with class.
24-31	No Classes - Christmas Holiday		Merry Christmas and May God Bless you with a Healthy and Happy New Year!

January

3-6	Reconciliation Preparation		During Class Time. Students and Parents sit with class in Gathering Hall.
9	Children's Liturgy		5:30 Mass
10-13	Session 13 - The Sacrament of Penance	In the Sacrament of Penance, our sins are forgiven. Memory Verse: "The people are given knowledge that they are saved because their sins have been forgiven." adapted from Luke 1:77.	Bible: Mark 2:1-12 and Luke 1:77. Use poster of the Act of Contrition for review. Consider using Blackline Masters 35 "The Sacrament of Penance" (page 373 in catechist guide) to review what happens during the Sacrament. Point out page 106 in children's book for parents.
14	Parent and Catechist Reconciliation Prep Night		7pm. In the Gathering Hall. What parents each year ask for - a one-on-one night with Fr. Jim Sabak. Required for 2nd grade parents and catechists, but others are welcome to attend this popular talk.
17 and 18 (no class), 19 and 20	Session 14: Mary Shows Us the Way	Mary is the great example of what it means to obey God. Memory Verse: "Mary remembered all these things and kept them always in her heart." adapted from Luke 2:19.	Bible: Luke 1:39-55 and Luke: 2:19. Consider discussing how to pray the Rosary. Point out page 114 in children's book for parents.
21	Catechist Meeting		7pm in Gathering Hall. Classroom management Part I, learning styles and hands-on activities.
24-27	Session 15: Review of Units 11-14 (Sunday and Monday class does Session 14 and 15)	All Are Welcome	Consider using quiz in Blackline Masters, page 377 in catechist guide. Review Act of Contrition. Remind students and parents of First Reconciliation schedule.
30	Sacrament of First Reconciliation		9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon. Assigned sessions per handouts provided at 10/24 Instructional/Enrollment Mass

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February

1/31, 2/1-3	Session 16: New Life in Jesus	When we receive the Sacraments of Initiation, we receive new life in Jesus. Memory Verse: "The Spirit says, "Come." Whoever is thirsty may come forward and receive life-giving water." adapted from Revelation 22:17.	Bible: Acts of the Apostles 2:38 and Revelation 22:17. Point out page 130 in children's book for parents. Review pages 250-256 on Mass and Communion in the back of children's book.
4	2nd Grade Catechist Meeting		7:00pm - 8:00pm 38 Church Hill (Religious Ed offices) upstairs loft.
6	Children's Liturgy		5:30 Mass
7-10	Session 17: Jesus Loves The Church	One way we can see God's love in the world is the way we celebrate the Eucharist. Memory Verse: "Jesus' followers came together to learn, to pray, and to break bread." adapted from Acts of the Apostles 2:42.	Bible: Luke 24:13-31 and Acts of the Apostles 2:42. Point out page 138 in children's books for parents.
14 and 15 (no class), 16 (note that class on 17th includes a 30 min. Prayer Service)	Session 18: Gathering for Mass	When we gather for Mass we hear the Word of God. Memory Verse: "The word of the Lord will last forever." adapted from Psalm 119:89.	Bible: 2 Timothy 3:14-17 and Psalm 119:89. Point out page 146 in children's book for parents.
17	Lent Begins		Ash Wednesday Prayer Service 4:15 Classes. Parents sit with students in Church with class. Pick up from classrooms. Wednesday classes only.
18	Catechist Meeting		7pm. In Church - Catechist Stations of the Cross and "Catholic Traditions and Doctrine" Q&A with Msgr. Bob
21-24	Lenten Almsgiving Lessons - Review Lenten lesson on pages 211-214 in catechist guide. (Sunday and Monday classes also do Session 18)		During class time with Pam Arsenault in classrooms
22-24 (Monday - Wednesday)	Confessions		2nd graders go to confession if time is available - our grade will be the last called.

March

2/28-3/3	Session 19: Celebrating the Eucharist	Celebrating the Eucharist is central to Christian Life. Memory Verse "Jesus sacrificed himself for our sins. He is with God forever." adapted from Hebrews 10:12.	Bible: Luke 22:14-20 and Hebrews 10:12. Use Posters Parts 1 and 2 of "We Celebrate the Mass" to begin review of Mass. Point out page 154 in children's books for parents. Distribute Last Supper prayer cards.
6-10	Parish Retreat		See Bulletin for details
7-10	Session 20: Review of Units 16-19	Meeting Jesus	Consider using Blackline Master Quiz on page 391 of the catechist guide.

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8	Parish Retreat - Sacraments		7 pm. In Church. For all parents and catechists of second graders.
13	Children's Liturgy - Scout Mass		5:30 pm in Church
(Note: Daylight Savings Begins 3/14!) 14-17	Session 21: Being Like Jesus	Jesus shows us how to love through his words and deeds. Memory Verse "Blessed are people who show mercy. God will have mercy on them." adapted from Matthew 5:7.	Bible: Luke 10:25-37 and Matthew 5:7. Use Poster Part 2 of "We Celebrate the Mass" to review the Mass. Point out page 170 in children's books for parents.
18	Catechist Meeting		7pm. In Gathering Hall - "Engage every child in your class - the Multiple Intelligence Theory and Classroom Management - Part 2"
21-24	Student First Communion Prep		During All Classes. Parents and students meet in Gathering Hall with classes. Distribution of "Butterfly" materials for First Communion ceremonies.
25	Parent and Catechist First Communion Prep		7pm-9pm in Gathering Hall. "The Meaning Behind our Catholic Rituals, Symbols and Customs". Father Jim Sabak
28-31	Session 22: We Share God's Life	God helps us follow our conscience so we can be truly free and happy. Memory Verse: "Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." adapted from John 14:6.	Bible: Deuteronomy 30:16-18 and John 14:6. Use Poster Part 1 of "We Celebrate the Mass". Consider reviewing Holy Week and Easter lessons found on pages 215-222 in catechist guide. Point out page 178 in children's books for parents. Practice receiving communion and prayers.
31	2nd Grade Catechist Meeting		7:00pm - 8:00pm. 38 Church Hill (Religious Ed. Offices) Upstairs

April

2	Good Friday - Children's Stations of the Cross		12pm. Gathering Hall. All families are invited. Veneration of the Cross - Immediately following Stations.
4 (no classes), 5-7	Session 23: Following Jesus	We can be like Jesus by treating others fairly and with justice. Memory Verse: "Love God with all your heart, soul and mind. Love your neighbor as yourself. This is the greatest commandment." adapted from Matthew 22:37-38.	Bible: Matthew 5:1-10 and Matthew 22:37-38. Point out page 186 in children's books for parents.
5-7	Religious Education Registration 2010-2011		In Gathering Hall during class times. "Off duty" catechists needed to help!
8	Catechist Rehearsal for First Communion		3:45pm - 4:45pm in Church.
10	Children's Liturgy - Butterfly Weekend		5:30 pm in Church.
10-11	Butterfly Weekend		Butterflies collected at all Masses this weekend. Catechists needed to collect and organize butterflies at each Mass.
11	Religious Education Registration 2010-2011		In Gathering Hall 8:30am-1:30pm. "Off duty" catechists needed to help!

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11-14	Session 24: Making Choices	God wants us to respect one another's good name and property. Memory Verse: "If you want to be happy, do not say bad things or tell lies. Always be peaceful with one another, and do not sin." adapted from Psalm 34:12-15.	Bible: Peter 3:10-12 and Psalm 34:12-15. Use Poster Part II of "We Celebrate the Mass". Point out page 194 in children's books for parents. Practice receiving communion/prayers.
18-21	No Classes - Spring Break		
25-28	Session 25: Review of Units 21-24	Living Like Jesus	Note: Please see First Communion Rehearsal Schedule. If your class is not in rehearsal this week, it is still in session. Consider using Blackline Master Quiz on page 405 of the catechist guide. Practice receiving communion/prayers.
26,27	First Communion Rehearsal for May 1 Ceremonies	April 26 for 10:00AM ceremony and April 27 for 1:00 PM ceremony.	4:15-5:00pm students only; 5:00pm-5:45pm parents and students. Report to church. Dates and times assigned by class session and distributed at Enrollment Mass on October 24, 2009.
30	First Communion Rehearsal for Gift Bearers and Readers		4:15pm-5:00pm for 10:00AM ceremony; 5:00pm - 5:45pm for 1:00PM ceremony. Report directly to church.

May

1	First Communion Ceremonies		10:00AM and 1:00PM. Ceremonies assigned by class.
2	Religious Education Registration 2010-2011		In Religious Ed. Offices 8:30am-1:30pm.
2	End of Year Masses for Sunday Students		During class times in Gathering Hall. All family members invited.
3,4,5	Session 25: Review of Units 21-24	Living Like Jesus	Note: Please see First Communion Rehearsal Schedule. If your class is not in rehearsal this week, it is still in session. Consider using Blackline Master Quiz on page 405 of the catechist guide. Practice receiving communion/prayers.
3,4	First Communion Rehearsal for May 8 Ceremonies	May 3 for 10:00AM ceremony and May 4 for 1:00 PM ceremony.	4:15-5:00pm students only; 5:00pm-5:45pm parents and students. Report to church. Dates and times assigned by class session and distributed at Enrollment Mass on October 24, 2009.
7	First Communion Rehearsal for Gift Bearers and Readers		4:15pm-5:00pm for 10:00AM ceremony; 5:00pm - 5:45pm for 1:00PM ceremony. Report directly to church.
8	First Communion Ceremonies		10:00AM and 1:00PM. Ceremonies assigned by class.
10-12	End of Year Mass and Reception		4:15pm - 5:15pm in Gathering Hall. Sit with class. All families invited.
24	End of Year Educational Ministry Gathering		6:30pm in Church. Mass followed by dinner in Gathering Hall for catechists, coordinators and other educational ministers.

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