

**St. Francis Borgia Christian Formation Program  
2011-2012 High School Curriculum and Objectives**

**Grade 9-Wednesday**

**Curriculum:** St. Mary's Press: Total Catechesis, The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth\*  
The Catholic Youth Bible (NRSV)

**Objectives/Schedule:**

**11/01 Mass-Solemnity of All Saints 7PM**

**11/02 Models of Prayer (Chapter 31, P. 30)**

- The learner will understand the role of prayer in God's call to covenant.
- The learner will explore the notion of trust in God and reflect on the role of trust in her or his own prayer journey.

**Talk Points:** Read the Session Summary sheet and discuss the talk points with a family member.

**11/09 Forms of Prayer (Chapter 32 P. 314)/ New Roman Missal Translation Overview**

- The learner will be introduced to the Church's five traditional forms of prayer: blessing and adoration, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, and praise.
- The learner will gain an appreciation for how different forms of prayer connect to different times and situation in her or his life.

**Talk Points:** Read the Session Summary sheet and discuss the talk points with a family member.

**11/16 Catholic Prayers & Devotions (Chapter 35 P. 342, Prayers end of book)/Missal Translation**

- The learner will be reminded of the traditional prayers and devotions that are part of the Catholic heritage.
- The learner will gain an understanding of the value of familiar ritual and repetitive prayers and their association with Catholic Tradition.
- The learner will be offered opportunity to discover the ways that traditional prayers are a part of his or her family history.

**Talk Points:** Read the Session Summary sheet and discuss the talk points with a family member.

**11/30 Advent/Introduction to the Liturgy (Chapter 14 P. 134)**

- The learner will understand that the liturgy is the public, communal, and official worship of the Church.
- The learner will understand that in the liturgy God is at work bringing everyone to salvation.
- The learner will explore the truth that in the liturgy people experience the Holy Trinity at work, and that in the liturgy the mystery of the Holy Trinity is more deeply revealed.

**Talk Points:** Read the Session Summary sheet and discuss the talk points with a family member.

**12/07 Mass of Anticipation-Immaculate Conception-Holy Day of Obligation 7PM**

**01/04 The Liturgical Year (Chapter 14 P. 134)**

- The learner will see that the liturgies within each year celebrate God's saving power made real in the historical events of Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection and point toward the Parousia, the Second Coming of Christ.
- The learner will become acquainted with symbols, feasts, colors, and meanings associated with each of the six major divisions of the year: Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, the Triduum, and Easter.

**Talk Points:** Read the Session Summary sheet and discuss the talk points with a family member.

**01/11 Faith (Chapter 3, P. 32)**

- The learner will gain a better understanding of the Church's creeds.
- The learner will be prepared for a more meaningful recitation of the Nicene Creed during liturgy.

**Talk Points:** Read the Session Summary sheet and discuss the talk points with a family member.

**01/18 God Our Father/The Human Person (Chapter 4 P. 40, Chapter 5 P. 48)**

- The learner will recognize that people use various images to gain insight into the mystery of God.
- The learner will explore central images of God in the Scriptures and in Church Tradition.
- The learner will understand the key aspects of the Church's teaching on Creation.
- The learner will reflect on the goodness of God's creation and her or his own identity as a part of Creation.
- The learner will be introduced to the doctrine of original sin.

**Talk Points:** Read the Session Summary sheet and discuss the talk points with a family member.

**01/25 Jesus' Message and Mission (Chapter 7 P. 64)**

- The learner will understand the effectiveness of parables in Jesus' ministry and their use in communicating the Kingdom of God.
- The learner will probe the concept of the Reign of God and how it guided Jesus' mission.
- The learner will reflect on her or his own way of being and on goals for the future in light of Jesus' mission and invitation to enter the Kingdom.

**Talk Points:** Read the Session Summary sheet and discuss the talk points with a family member.

**02/22 Mass-Ash Wednesday 7:00PM**

**03/07 Lent/Introduction to the Sacraments/ Eucharist (Chapter 15 P. 145, Chapter 18, p. 172)**

- The learner will recognize signs, symbols, and rituals and their importance in sacraments.
- The learner will understand that the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life.
- The learner will be able to make concrete connections between the Eucharist and daily life.

**Talk Points:** Read the Session Summary sheet and discuss the talk points with a family member.

**03/14 The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick (Chapter 19 P. 183)**

- The learner will reflect on the steps a person goes through when receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation and will recognize the connections between the healing power of the sacrament and the injury of sin.
- The learner will be able to make connections between the sacrament and the sin and reparation that occur in daily life.
- The learner will understand the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick as a sacrament that brings spiritual and physical healing to people who are aging or who have a chronic illness as well as to those who face an imminent death.

**Talk Points:** Read the Session Summary sheet and discuss the talk points with a family member.

**03/21 The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation (Chapter 16 P. 154, Chapter 17 P. 164)  
Participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

- The learner will understand the many effects of Baptism.
- The learner will understand that Confirmation is about becoming a fully initiated Catholic.
- The learner will understand the symbols and ritual significance of these sacraments.

**Talk Points:** Read the Session Summary sheet and discuss the talk points with a family member.

**03/28 The Sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony (Chapter 20 P. 193)**

- The learner will recognize the connection between the rite of Holy Orders and the rite of Matrimony and lived life these calls, as well as characteristics unique to each sacrament.
- The learner will become more conscious of the everyday noise that can make it difficult for people to hear how God calls them.

**Talk Points:** Read the Session Summary sheet and discuss the talk points with a family member.

**04/18 Jesus' Death and Resurrection (Chapter 8 P. 74, Chapter 9 P. 83)**

- The learner will explore the Passion and death of Jesus and its profound meaning for all Christians.
- The learner will understand the Paschal mystery-particularly the mystery of Jesus' passage through death to new life.
- The learner will explore the story of the Resurrection and its significance both in the story of Jesus and in the faith journey of all Christians.
- The learner will explore the significance of Jesus' death and Resurrection for her or his own life.

**Talk Points:** Read the Session Summary sheet and discuss the talk points with a family member.

**04/25 Learning about LIFE: A Family-Based Program on Relationships and Abuse Prevention directed by St. Francis Borgia Staff**

- This session is designed to help adolescents in grades 9 and 10 and their parents to review (or to learn) some basic concepts concerning the four kinds of relationships that spell the acronym LIFE (Love, Infatuation, Friendship, Exploitation).

Sawyer, K. & Amidei, K. (2006). *Learning about Life*. Notre Dame, IN: Ave Maria Press.

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