

## August

- 8/22/25 - 8/24/25 – Parish Camping Trip

## September – Created & Called

- 9/12/25 – Kick-off BBQ – Fun
- 9/13/25 – OnFire
- 9/19/25 – Formation: Made for More
  - What does it mean to be made in God's image and likeness? Explore Genesis 1, Psalm 139, and the personal call to holiness and mission.
    - Bonus angle: Introduce vocational language: What are you made for? A life of service and love.
- 9/20/25 – 9/21/25 – Fundraiser
- 9/26/25 – Guest speaker: Ana Maria- Finding the Young Jesus in You
- 9/27/25 – Service Project- Setting up for Parish Family Day
  - Setting up tables and chairs
  - Setting up decorations
  - 3 pm start time
- 9/28/25 – Parish Family Day

## October – The Problem of Sin and the Promise of Redemption

- 10/3/25 – FUN
- 10/10/25 – Formation: The Fall and the Rescue Plan
  - Why do we suffer and sin? Unpack Genesis 3 and Romans 5. Jesus is the answer, not just a moral coach.
- 10/11/25 – 10/12/25 – Fundraiser
- 10/17/25 – Small Group Night: “Sin, Shame, Healing”
  - Focus: Personal application: How do shame and sin keep us from God? What does true healing look like?
- 10/19/25 – Parish Lunch
- 10/24/25 – Small Group Night: “Faith Playlist”
  - Activity:
    - Students create a “faith playlist” of 3–5 songs (real or imaginary) that describe their relationship with God or their faith journey.
    - Design a cover for it on paper or poster boards.
      - Sharing Prompt: Which song is most “you” right now? Why?
  - Mini Reflection: "Our faith journey has different seasons — and God wants to be part of all of them."

- **10/31/25 – No Class**

## November – Jesus: Who He Is and Why He Matters

- **11/1/25 – Service – All Saints Day**
- **11/7/25 – 11/9/25 – Youth Retreat**
- **11/14/25 – Formation: Who Do You Say That I Am?**
  - Explore Peter's confession in Matthew 16:13–20. Was Jesus just a good guy or truly God?
- **11/15 – 11/16/25 – Fundraiser**
- **11/21/25 – Service Project**
- **11/24/25 – 11/28/25 – THANKSGIVING – NO CLASS**

## December – God With Us

- **12/5/25 – Formation: The Grace of the Wait**
  - Look at the long wait for the Messiah and how Advent invites us to be patient with hope.
    - Key texts: Isaiah 9, Luke 1. God always keeps His promises, but not always on our timeline.
- **12/12/25 – Guest Speaker – What Mary Teaches Us About Trust**
- **12/13/25 – 12/14/25 – Fundraiser**
- **12/19/25 – Service Project – Parish Christmas Concert**
  - Make decorations
  - Help set up
- **12/20/25 – Parish Concert**
- **12/26/25 – WINTER BREAK**

## January – Life in the Spirit

- **1/2/26 – WINTER BREAK (PAUSD)**
- **1/9/26 – Fun – Ice Skating**
- **1/16/26 – Formation: Who is the Holy Spirit?**
  - A session on encountering the third person of the Trinity: how He speaks, leads, and empowers.
    - Key texts: Acts 2, John 14–16
- **1/18/26 – Parish Lunch (St Thomas Aquinas themed)**
  - Hispanic Bible Study
  - Activity: Loteria
- **1/23/26 – Small Group Night: Recognizing God's Voice**

- How do we know when it's the Holy Spirit and not just our own thoughts?
- Key Scriptures:
  - John 10:27 (My sheep hear my voice) 1 Kings 19:11-13
- Activities:
  - Listening prayer exercise: Guided quiet time with reflective questions
  - Yes or No discernment game
- **1/24/26 – 1/25/26 – Fundraiser**
- **1/30/26 – Guest speaker (St. Thomas Aquinas) – Faith Seeks Understanding: How the Spirit Speaks Through Study**

## February – The Battle Within

- **2/6/26 – Service Project**
- **2/13/26 – Formation: Temptation & Resistance**
  - Jesus in the desert (Matthew 4). Spiritual warfare, self-control, and relying on God's Word.
- **2/15/26 – Parish Lunch**
- **2/18/26 – Ash Wednesday**
- **2/20/26 – Formation: Guarding Your Heart**
  - A practical look at Ephesians 6: how to recognize the lies and distractions (false idols) that pull us away from God, and how to spiritually protect ourselves with faith, prayer, and truth. We'll explore the "armor of God" as tools for living with courage, peace, and purpose in a world full of noise and pressure.
    - An optional second session for a deeper dive into spiritual warfare
- **2/21/26 – 2/22/26 – Fundraiser**
- **2/27/26 – Guest speaker – Fighting the Lies with Truth**

## March – Forgiveness & Healing

- **3/1/26 – 4/12/26 – Confirmation Interviews**
- **3/28/26 – Confirmation Retreat**
- **3/6/26 – Formation: The God Who Runs to You**
  - The Prodigal Son (Luke 15). God's mercy isn't earned, it's received
- **3/13/26 – Small Group Night: How do I forgive others(and myself)?**
  - Focus: Dive into practical forgiveness. It's not easy, but it frees us
  - Key Scripture:
    - Matthew 18:21-22(How many times should I forgive) and Ephesians 4:32
- **3/15/26 – Parish Lunch**

- Youth Group parents
- Activity: Pillow drive
  - Write encouraging notes on one side of the pillow
- **3/20/26 – Service Project**
- **3/21/26 – 3/22/26 – Fundraiser**
  - Lent: Passion Sunday
- **3/27/26 – Formation: Confession: Why Bother?**
  - What is the sacrament of reconciliation and why does it matter today? Real healing, not just guilt relief.

## April – The Church & My Mission

- **4/3/26 – Good Friday**
- **4/4/26 – Holy Saturday**
- **4/5/26 – Easter Sunday**
- **4/10/26 – Fun**
- **4/17/26 – Formation: Why Church?**
  - Acts 2 & 1 Corinthians 12. The Church is not a building or a priesthood-only club; it's your spiritual family and mission base.
- **4/18/26- Confirmation rehearsal**
  - Help set up chairs, tables, and decorations
- **4/19/26 – Confirmation**
  - TBD
- **4/19/26 – Parish Lunch**
  - TBD
- **4/24/26 – Small Group Night: My Next Mission**
  - Focus: Reflect on what comes next after Confirmation or after a year of faith formation; how do we live mission beyond youth group?
- **4/25/26 – 4/26/26 – Fundraiser**

## May – Living with Heaven in Mind(Virgin Mary's Month)

- **5/1/26 – Formation: Why Mary? Why Not Just Jesus?**
  - Understand why Catholics honor Mary and how she leads us closer to Jesus.
  - Key Scriptures:
    - Luke 1:26–38 (Annunciation), John 2:1–5 (Wedding at Cana), John 19:26–27 (Mary as our mother).
- **5/8/26 – Formation: Why Be a Saint? Isn't "Good Enough" Enough?**
  - The universal call to holiness and why mediocrity isn't our goal.

- Key Scriptures:
  - Matthew 5:48 (“Be perfect as your Father is perfect”), Hebrews 12:14.
- **5/15/26 – Formation: Heaven, Hell & Purgatory — What's Next?**
  - Go deeper into what the Church actually teaches about the afterlife.
  - Key points:
    - What is Heaven really like?
    - What does eternal communion with God mean?
    - Why would a loving God allow Hell? (freedom, love, and justice)
    - What is Purgatory, and why is it hopeful?
  - Scriptures & references:
    - CCC 1020–1060, Matthew 25:31–46, John 14:2.
- **5/17/26 – Parish Lunch**
  - TBD
- **5/22/26 – Service Project**
- **5/23/26 – 5/24/26 – Fundraiser**
- **5/24/26 – Pentecost**
- **5/29/26 – Celebration & Commissioning Night: “Saint Olympics” + Year-End Wrap-Up**
  - Focus: Celebrate a year of growth, courage, and community, while sending students out on mission and involving them in shaping what comes next.
  - Part 1: Saint Olympics (Celebration + Faith in Action)
    - Fun, active challenges inspired by the virtues and lives of the saints!
    - Virtue Relay:
      - Stations like “Forgiveness Jump,” “Kindness Carry,” “Bravery Balance,” and more.
      - Saint Trivia Gauntlet: Teams answer questions about saints to advance through a silly obstacle course.
    - Team Spirit: Encourage costumes, team cheers, or banners themed around favorite saints!
  - Part 2: Reflection & Planning
    - Invite students into the process of looking back and dreaming forward.
    - Evaluation Wall: Stations or posters where students write:
      - “My favorite night was...”
      - “One thing I learned this year...”
      - “Next year, I want to talk more about...”
    - Vision Board Table: Students decorate cards with one hope, goal, or prayer intention for next year.
    - Leader Feedback Cards: Volunteers jot down ideas, feedback, and takeaways from the year.
  - Part 3: Closing Commissioning

- Medal Blessing:
  - Give each student a “Saint in Training” medal or small cross necklace.
- Prayer of Sending Forth: Thank God for the year, pray over students as they enter summer, and ask the intercession of the saints for their continued journey.

## **June**

- **6/5/26 – END OF THE YEAR PARTY**
- **6/9/26 – 6/13/26 – DYP?**
- **6/26/26 – 7/3/26 – Mission Trip**