

**Confirmation Syllabus**  
**10th Grade - Year 2**  
**Classes Weekly at the Faith Formation Center**  
*6:30-8:00 PM*

*Dates in White and Yellow - required class dates      Dates in green recommended youth activities*  
*Dates in blue Special Liturgical Dates and Holy Days*

Date	Material Covered	Concepts
September 26	<p style="text-align: center;">5:45 PM Parish Community Center(PCC)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>KICKOFF!</b> <b>Family and Parish Faith Night</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pizza 5:45 PM - Hospitality Hall</li> <li>• Family / Parish Event + Meet and Greet / Rally</li> </ul>
October 3	Brief Parent and Sponsor meeting to start the year	
October 6	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lifeline Mass at NET Center</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>The Lie, the Fear, &amp; the Fall</i></b></p>	<p>Since mankind's first fall, we've all been battling sin in the depths of our wandering hearts. It seems that no matter how hard we try we keep finding ourselves falling back into its company.</p> <p>But what is it at the core of sin that keeps calling out to us? What was it in the Garden of Eden that pulled on the hearts of Adam and Eve in such a way that it could cause them to turn from the God who loved them?</p> <p>Join us as we let the truth of the Gospel shed light onto these questions. If we're willing, the love of Jesus will bring healing to the wounds of Eden that we find in our own hearts.</p> <p><b>Fr. Eric Lundgren</b> is the Pastor of Saints Joachim and Anne Catholic Church in Shakopee, MN. His on-fire faith is engaging and contagious!</p> <p><b>David Calavitta</b> hails from California. He's a passionate Catholic speaker in love with Christ and His Church. David is a popular national speaker at major Catholic youth conferences. He served with NET Ministries and now is now Director of Design &amp; Marketing for LifeTeen International. <i>NET Ministries 2018)</i></p>
October 10	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lesson 19 - Who is Mary?</b> Meeting the Mother of God and Your Heavenly Family The message of Fatima at 100 years - and the Rosary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• October is the Month of the Rosary and a Marian month</li> <li>• Catholics love Jesus' Mother</li> <li>• The Church has defined 4 essential beliefs about Mary</li> <li>• The saints are like stained glass letting Christ shine through</li> <li>• St. Louis de Montefort</li> <li>• The Fatima Saints</li> </ul>
October 17	<b>No Class MEA Week</b>	
October 24	Protecting Youth and Children <b><i>Created in the Image of God</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandated course focusing on helping children to make good and safe choices and knowing how to get help when needed</li> <li>• Children are reminded that they and all of God's children are created in His image and need to see themselves and others as special, and deserving of respect, in all parts of their lives.</li> </ul>

November 1 Thursday	<b>All Saints Day</b> (Holy day)	Instituted as a Feast Day to honor all Saints - both known and unknown
November 3	<b>Gift Expo</b> <b>Youth Needed!</b>	This event is a fundraiser for youth activities sponsored by the parish, especially the Catholic Heart Mission Trip Youth volunteers and a youth presence is a great asset to this event.
November 3	<b>Lifeline Mass at NET Center</b>  <b>Praying the Mass Like Never Before</b>  <b><i>What Defines You?</i></b>  Mass and Evening Program with Fr. Mike Schmitz	Whether it's our reputation as the smartest person in the class or office, or a signature beard that makes us look like Chuck Norris, we all have something distinct that helps define us.  In the end, though, when everything else fades away, there's only one part of our identity that matters.  Join over a thousand young people and discover what that 'part' is for you.  <b>Fr. Michael Schmitz</b> is the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry in the Diocese of Duluth. His passion for Jesus and his love for the Church are evident through his unique gift of anointed teaching and preaching. His message inspires and challenges listeners to deeper faith. He reaches tens of thousands through conferences and his highly popular video presentations on "Ascension Presents." <i>NET Ministries 2018</i> )
November 7	<b>Lesson 12 - Who is the Holy Spirit?</b> Meeting the Third Person of the Trinity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Images of the Holy Spirit in Scripture</li> <li>• Understand that the Holy spirit is the soul of the Church</li> <li>• The Holy Spirit and the Blessed Trinity</li> <li>• The Holy spirit connects us to God in a bond of love</li> <li>• St. Joan of Arc</li> </ul>
November 14	<b>Lesson 13 - What does the Holy Spirit do for me?</b> Gifts for the Journey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gifts of the Holy Spirit as tools for the faith journey</li> <li>• Charisms</li> <li>• Fruits of the Spirit</li> <li>• St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</li> </ul>
November 21	<b>No Class -</b> <b>Thanksgiving Break</b>	<b>Enjoy your Holiday with family and friends. Do not forget to thank God for the blessings in your life and to keep your heart filled with a spirit of gratitude.</b>
November 28	<b>Lesson - 14 Why have I been Chosen?</b> Sealed and Sent in Confirmation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmation and its graces</li> <li>• Anointed for more</li> <li>• Confirmation is not an option, but a completion</li> <li>• St. Paul the Apostle</li> </ul>
December 1	<b>Lifeline Mass at NET Center</b>  <b><i>Tony Melendez in Concert!</i></b>	<b>Tony Melendez</b> may have been born without arms but that has not stopped him from singing, playing the guitar, and sharing the faith with Catholic young people. He was born without arms as a result of his mother taking the prescription drug thalidomide. Growing up, Tony began playing and singing in the Los Angeles area. His life was changed forever when he performed for Pope John Paul II (now, a Saint) at World Youth Day before a live audience of thousands and a TV audience of millions. It was there at WYD that John Paul II told him, "My wish for you is to continue giving this hope to all the people." Since then Tony has traveled throughout the United States and 40 foreign countries, 200 dioceses, World Youth Days, the Vatican, NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference), "March For Life" Rallies, and made countless TV appearance on all major networks. <i>NET Ministries 2018</i> )

December 2	<b>Advent Begins</b>	During Advent, we prepare our hearts for the Word who brought light into darkness. It is a particularly fitting time to welcome the light of God's forgiveness into the dark places of our sinful lives by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Excerpted from <b>How to Celebrate Christmas as a Catholic</b> , Inc copyright © 2005, Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division, Our Sunday Visitor, Inc
December 5 (PCC)	<b>Advent Family Event (First Week of Advent)</b>	Celebrating Advent
December 8	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A feast of the Conception of Mary began in the Eastern church in the 7th century. It came to the West in the 8th century and in the 11th Century it received the name, the Immaculate Conception. In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal church</li> <li>• In 1854 Pius IX issued the infallible statement: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race was preserved free from all stain of original sin."</li> <li>• This privilege of Mary derives from God's having chosen her as Mother of the Savior; thus she received the benefits of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception. This great gift to Mary, an ordinary human being just like us, was fitting because she was destined to be the Mother of God. The purity and holiness of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a model for all Christians</li> </ul>
December 9	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Light the first and second candle on your Advent wreath.	How are you preparing your heart for Jesus?
December 12	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Video</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conversion and Value of Life</li> </ul>
December 16	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> Light the first, second & <b>third</b> candle on your Advent wreath.	<b>The pink candle represents JOY the Joy we receive at the birth of Jesus!</b>
December 19	Christmas Celebration and lesson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God sends a Savior!</li> </ul>
December 23	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>Light the last Advent Candle</b> ( <i>all four are now lit</i> ) <i>We look forward to the birth of Our Lord, Jesus!</i>
December 25	Christmas ( Holy Day of Obligation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebrates the Birth of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the World</li> </ul>
December 26	<b>No Class (Christmas Vacation)</b>	
January 1	<b>New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. Calling Mary "mother of God" is the highest honor we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace" This solemnity, falling on New Year's Day, is also designated the World Day of Peace (David Bennett 8/15/2008 . Church Year. Net )</li> <li>• one of the oldest feasts of the Church, it was changed to this date following Vatican II, by Pope Paul VI in 1974</li> </ul>

January 2	Catechist Appreciation No Class	Take a moment to say a prayer for your Catechists.
January 5	<p>Lifeline Mass at NET Center</p> <p><b>Men's and Women's Evening Sessions</b></p> <p>Self Mastery and Social Media <i>(Women's Breakout Session with Kalley Yanta)</i></p> <p>No Guts, No Glory <i>(Men's Breakout Session with Pat Millea)</i></p>	<p><b>Self Mastery and Social Media (Women's Breakout Session with Kalley Yanta)</b> What role does social media play in your life? How much time do you spend each day on Snapchat and Instagram? Have you ever felt insecure after looking at friends' social media posts? Have you seen images online that you can't seem to erase from your memory but would like to?</p> <p>You will discover the powerful effect that social media use is having on interpersonal communication, incidences of depression and anxiety, insomnia, and self esteem. This presentation will help you identify whether you are in control of your social media use or if it has gotten out of control. Kalley will also offer guidance on how to achieve balance and why staying rooted in the Catholic faith is critical in today's hi-tech culture.</p> <p><b>No Guts, No Glory (Men's Breakout Session with Pat Millea)</b> Blessed is the man who perseveres in temptation, for when he has been approved he will receive the crown of life that he promised to those who love him. (James 1:12)</p> <p>You, a man of God, are called to greatness! And we know through our own human experience that true greatness only comes through courageous perseverance in the face of trials. So embrace the struggle, push through with the strength of the Holy Spirit, and receive the crown of life! . <i>NET Ministries 2018)</i></p>
January 9 Welcome Back!	Lesson 15 - Why do I have to go to Mass? Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass is about Worship</li> <li>• Receiving Jesus in the Eucharist is our greatest gift ... and privilege</li> <li>• Living the Mass</li> <li>• Blessed Miguel Pro - <i>Martyr</i></li> </ul>
January 16	The Gospel of Life Loving Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflections on valuing life in the Culture</li> <li>• The March for Life</li> </ul>
January 23	Lesson 16 - What does it mean to say I do? Marriage, a Sign of God's Love	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marriage is a Sacrament</li> <li>• Characteristics of the Sacrament of Marriage</li> <li>• Marriage is a lifelong commitment</li> <li>• Discerning the vocation of marriage</li> <li>• St. Elizabeth of Hungary</li> </ul>
January 30	Lesson 17 - Who's Calling? Holy Orders and Vocational Discernment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Share in the fundamental vocation of love</li> <li>• Christ established the priesthood to share in His ministry</li> <li>• Priest and religious celibacy is an offer Sacrifice for the greater good</li> <li>• All of us have a vocation</li> <li>• St. John Vianney</li> </ul>
February 2	<p>Lifeline Mass at NET Center</p> <p><b>The Call of a Lifetime</b></p>	<p>The time is now as the modern world awaits the emergence of a handful of spiritual heroes and heroines who will serve the Church as priests, religious sisters, and religious brothers. These young men and women are specially called to be witnesses of hope to a world in desperate need of the Good News!</p> <p>The question is not <i>will</i> God raise up great women and men for this mission. The question is <i>who</i> will God raise up? And the answer is: those you least expect.</p>

		Archbishop Bernard Hebda of Saint Paul & Minneapolis will be with us for this great event. Fr. David Blume, Vocations Director, will be joined by a dynamic team of Religious Sisters and Brothers for this blessed evening. <i>NET Ministries 2018</i>
February 6 Coon Rapids	<b>Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)</b>	Bus \$10.00/ to the Anoka - Feed My Starving Children, we are looking for help with parent supervision
February 13	<b>Lesson 18 - Are you talking to me?</b> Getting to Know God Through Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning about God is not the same as knowing God</li> <li>• God calls us first</li> <li>• Formal and personal prayer</li> <li>• Prayer can change your life</li> <li>• St. Catherine of Siena</li> </ul>
February 20	<b>Lesson 20 - What would Jesus do?</b> The Beatitudes as a Path to True Happiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We were created with a desire for happiness</li> <li>• Then Beatitudes point to true success and happiness</li> <li>• The stories of saints are signpost pointing to heaven</li> <li>• We were created to live the moral life</li> <li>• St. Francis of Assisi</li> </ul>
February 27	<b>Lesson 21 - Do I have what it takes?</b> Building Virtue - Your Spiritual Workout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be happy, practice virtue</li> <li>• The virtuous life is not about feelings, but actions</li> <li>• There are four cardinal virtues on which all virtues "hinge" Prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude</li> <li>• There are three theological virtues oriented toward God Faith, hope, charity (love)</li> <li>• Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati</li> </ul>
March 2	<b>Lifeline Mass at NET Center</b>  <b><i>Love is Bigger</i></b>	<p>Is the Catholic Church really small-minded about gender and sexuality? Do we really know the whole story? In a world of stereotypes and labels, God invites us to a bigger sense of who we really are. Jesus invites us to a love that is bigger and more beautiful than we can possibly imagine.</p> <p>Anna Carter, founder of Eden Invitation, will share her testimony of chaste, abundant life with same sex desires in the Catholic Church.</p> <p>Come with an open mind and an open heart to discover the power of Christian teaching on identity. Walk away with a fuller understanding of what Jesus said in Matthew 19 ("in the beginning it was not so") and how not only does "the beginning" illuminate the Church's teaching on sexuality and gender, it's also a powerful expression of God's love for His children. <i>NET Ministries 2018</i></p>
March 6	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Family Faith Night  <i>at the Parish Center</i>	Beginning of Lent - 40 days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving - a time of penance and conversion, for cleaning out the old in our lives that hinders our relationship with Jesus Christ. It begins on this day with a signing with ashes and a call to turn from sin and live the Gospel. We are called to perform some actions that will be transformative as we approach Easter - both spiritually and physically, so that we may become more like Christ.
March 13	<b>No Class</b> <i>Centennial Spring Break</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoy yourself!</li> </ul>
March 20	<b>Lesson 22 - "Why Wait?"</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God created us as sexual beings, and chastity is the path to authentic love</li> <li>• The world often confuse lust with love</li> <li>• The Church's teachings on sexuality are often misunderstood and misrepresented.</li> <li>• While sexual sin has serious consequences, God's grace is available for those who want to experience authentic love and joy.</li> </ul>

March 27	<b>Lesson 23 - How do I build the kingdom?</b> Saying "Yes" to the mission of Christ and His Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The kingdom of God is now and yet to come</li> <li>The Church is "missionary" by its very nature</li> <li>We will be called to account for our actions or non actions for "the least of our brothers"</li> <li>St. Philip Neri</li> </ul>
April 3	<b>Lesson 24 - Where do I go from here?</b> The Journey Continues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discipleship</li> <li>The choice to follow Christ must be made not just once, but daily</li> <li>God provides what we need to sustain our journey</li> <li>We have been Chosen to become saints</li> </ul>
April 6	<b>Lifeline Mass at NET Center</b>  <b>At Whose Altar Do You Worship?</b>	<p>Our idols are the things we love, serve, and obey. They are what occupy our time, attention, and affection. Who or what holds your heart? St. Augustine puts it this way: "Everyone loves something...the question is 'what to love?'" This presentation will reveal the secret "god" that we serve.</p> <p><b>Bishop Andrew Cozzens</b> of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis is our very special guest! He is a gifted speaker who reaches the minds and hearts of young people through his great stories, relevant message and inspiring witness. <i>NET Ministries 2018</i></p>
April 10	Catholic Fair Display Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmation and Eighth grade students are responsible to help man game booths - Sign up for booth and shifts tonight!</li> </ul>
April 14	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<p>Palm Sunday commemorates the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-9), when palm branches were placed in his path, before his arrest on Holy Thursday and his crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent.</p> <p>In ancient times, palm branches symbolized goodness and victory. . . Again at the end of the Bible, people from every nation raise palm branches to honor Jesus (Revelation 7:9). <a href="http://www.catholic.org/clife/lent/palmsunday.php">http://www.catholic.org/clife/lent/palmsunday.php</a></p>
April 17	No Class - Holy Week	
April 18 - 20 The Triduum	<b>Holy Thursday -</b> <b>Good Friday - Passion and Death of Jesus</b> <b>Holy Saturday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Triduum</li> <li>Institution of the ordained Priesthood, and the Eucharist</li> <li>Passion and Death of Jesus</li> <li><b>Easter Vigil - the Church begins to Celebrate the Light of the Resurrection</b></li> </ul>
April 21	<b>EASTER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Celebration of the Resurrection continues and will for the next 50 days</li> </ul>
Apr. 24 PCC	<b>CATHOLIC FAIR</b>  <b>We pray that you have a Blessed and joyful summer!</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make sure you're prepared for your Catholic Fair booth and to be of service during the evening as needed</li> <li>An evening of fun and activities</li> </ul>
May 8	<b>PRE CONFIRMATION WRAP UP</b>	
May 11 Saturday	<b>RITE OF SENDING</b> <b>4:30 MASS AT PARISH CENTER</b>	<b>Blessing and Renewal of Baptismal Promises</b> <b>Project boards Ready for Display</b> <b>Dinner in your honor with sponsors and family.</b>
May 19 Sunday	<b>CONFIRMATION</b>	<b>2:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Paul</b>