

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade MS Crew 2017-18 Schedule

Date	Topic	Description	Scripture Verse of the Week	YouCat References
Sept. 20	MS Crew Kick-Off	Attend Mass with your 8 <sup>th</sup> grader at 5:30 pm. Then bring your 8 <sup>th</sup> grader to meet their small group leader and get their Bible and YouCat in the gym afterward.		
Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Intro to MS Crew 11:45-12:15pm	Meeting for all parents new to MS Crew to introduce HNOJ's approach to MS Crew		
Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Black and White	Do my decisions really matter?	John 10:10	#s 286-287, 291-292
Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Road Map	Why did God give us free will? How do my decisions impact my eternity?	Deut. 30:19	#s 286-287, 291-292
Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Build up or Break Down	What is virtue and why does it matter? What is the difference between venial and mortal sin? Why should I bother avoiding sin?	Gal. 5:22-23	#s 299-309, 315-320, 521
Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>	No MS Crew	MEA		
Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Boundaries	Why does God give us so many rules? Do laws hinder or help us?	Gal. 5:14	#s 333-336
Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup>	All Saints Day	Holy Day of Obligation Mass & Small Group	1 John 3:1	#s 146-147
Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Confession	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Isaiah 1:18	#s 225-239
Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Operation Christmas Child	Family Event		
Nov. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	No MS Crew	Thanksgiving		
Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Power Up!	What is grace and where does it come from? What does it mean to receive God's grace?	Rom. 6:8	#s 337-341
Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Working Together	What is my role in society as an 8 <sup>th</sup> grader? How do my personal decisions impact society?	Luke 12:31	#s 321-326, 328
Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Stand By or Stand Up	What does the Bible say about cyberbullying? Does God care how I act online? How do I help my friends who are making dangerous choices online?	Matthew 7:12	#s 280, 386, 460
Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>	No MS Crew	Christmas Break		
Dec. 27 <sup>th</sup>	No MS Crew	Christmas Break		
Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Unto Us a Child Is Born	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Psalms 95:6	#s 76, 485
Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup>	My Neighbor	What does it mean that every person has dignity? How can I be in solidarity with others at school, home, on my sports teams, etc.?	Matt. 25:40	#s 329-332
Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Dangerous	Is holiness for me? What impact does a life of holiness have on the world?	John 15:4	# 454
Jan. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Suit Up ~ Vocations in the Church: Ordained and Consecrated Life	Can a person really be happy as a priest, brother or sister? Why does God call some to the ordained or consecrated life?	1 Sam. 3:10	#s 249-259

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Jan. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Holy Name Against Hunger	Family Event		
Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>	The Greatest Commandment	What does it look like to love the Lord with our heart, mind, soul? Why would Jesus say this is the greatest commandment? How does this lead to a happy life?	Matt. 22:37-38	#s 348, 352-355, 359, 362-365
Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>	No MS Crew	Ash Wednesday—join us for Mass at 5pm or 6:30pm		
Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Chastity Talk for Parents and Teens	What is chastity and why does it matter? Join us for a parent-teen talk by dynamic Catholic speaker, David Rinaldi, at 6:15 pm. A special Q/A Session for parents follows from 7:05-7:30pm while MS teens are in small group.	1 Cor. 6:19	#400-412
Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Love Your Neighbor as Yourself, Part 1: Loving Myself	What does it mean to love myself? How does realizing my dignity as a child of God empower me to resist peer pressure and to stand up when others are disrespecting me in any way? Who are my adult advocates?	Matt. 22:39	367, 487
Mar. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Confession	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Romans 5:8	#s 225-239
Mar. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Love Your Neighbor as Yourself, Part 2: Loving My Neighbor	What does it mean to love my neighbor? Who <i>is</i> my neighbor? How do I love my friends, classmates and even my enemies?	Galatians 5:14	367, 487
Mar. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Choosing the Virtuous Life, Part 1: Integrity—Standing Your Ground	What does it mean to be a person of integrity? Why does being a person of integrity lead me to greater happiness?	Proverbs 10:9	452-456
Mar. 28 <sup>th</sup>	No MS Crew	Spring Break		
Apr. 4 <sup>th</sup>	No MS Crew	Spring Break		
Apr. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Choosing the Virtuous Life, Part 2: Friendship Matters	What does it mean to <i>be</i> a good friend? What does it mean to <i>have</i> a good friend? What power do our friends have over us? What does God intend friendships to look like? What do I do when I know my friends are leading me away from who I am called to be?	John 15:13	367, 452-457, 487
Apr. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Choosing the Virtuous Life, Part 3: Infused with Power—Why Prayer and Sacraments Are Essential	If I don't <i>feel</i> any different when I pray, go to Mass, or go to Reconciliation, then why are they so essential? How can I find the meaning in these experiences that the Church says are so necessary?	Matt. 26:41	166-169, 172-173, 187, 211, 219, 221 227-239; 469-470, 490-498
Apr. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Transition	What does it look like to follow Christ in high school? What are ways to maintain who I am amidst the peer pressure I will experience in high school?	Romans 12:2	#s 279, 281
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Closing Mass	6pm		

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**Scripture Verses of the Week:** Each week, 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be challenged to memorize a verse from the Bible that pertains to the topic of the week. While this is certainly not required, there will be opportunities to win prizes for the successful memorization of verses!

**YouCat References:** In addition to a Bible, 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be given a YouCat (if they do not already have one), which is the Catechism of the Catholic Church written in youth-friendly question-answer format. Each MS Crew session will incorporate part of the YouCat. You and your 8<sup>th</sup> grader are encouraged to read the YouCat references each week. (Note: #s refer to the question number *not* the page number)