

MS Crew 2018-19 Topic Schedule

Date	Topic	Verse of the Week	YouCat Reference	Catechism Reference
Sept. 19	Family Prayer Service & Adoration, 6-6:30 p.m. / Material Pick up, 6:30-7 p.m.			
Sept. 26	Beloved: Who Am I & Why Are We Here?	John 1:12	58, 286-287	355-357, 1730-1731
Oct. 3	Ignition: What is the Holy Spirit's Mission?	John 14:26	114-116, 118-120	702-706, 731-741, 2670-2672
Oct. 10	Kindling: What is the Church?	1 Cor. 12:27	121-128	751-752, 758-768, 770-797, 2786-2793
Oct. 17	No MS Crew—MEA			
Oct. 24	Everlasting: What does "One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church" mean?	Matt. 28:19-20	129, 132-134,137	813-815, 823-862
Oct. 31	No MS Crew-Halloween (Note: Nov. 1 is All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation; Mass times are 6:45 a.m., 9 a.m., and 6 p.m.)			
Nov. 7	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Rom. 5:8 (not on memorization list)	225-239	1420-1498
Nov. 14	Family Service Event: Operation Christmas Child (more information to come as the event approaches)			
Nov. 21	No MS Crew—Happy Thanksgiving!			
Nov. 28	Life in the Fire: How is the Church Structured?	Matt. 16:18	138, 140, 142-144, 150-151	871-872, 875-879, 888-896, 976-983
Dec. 5	Oxygen: What's a Vocation?	Jer. 29:11	145	914-929
Dec. 12	Fire Inside: What Does It Mean to Call Mary Our Mother?	Luke 2:19	146-149	963-969, 971, 2673-2679
Dec. 19	Temples of the Holy Spirit: What Does This Mean?	1 Cor. 3:16-17 (not on memorization list)	280, 386, 459-460, 464	1699-1715, 2284-2287, 2493-2499
Dec. 26	No MS Crew—Merry Christmas!			
Jan. 2	No MS Crew—Merry Christmas!			

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Jan. 9	The Waters: What's the Meaning of Baptism & Where's It Found in Scripture?	Rom. 8:16-17	87, 194-204	535-537, 1212-1225, 1229-1274, 2767-2772
Jan. 16	Fire Fall: What's the Meaning of Confirmation & Where's It Found in Scripture?	Is. 11:2	120, 205-207	695-696, 731-741, 1285-1321
Jan. 23	Source and Summit: What's So Important about Mass?	John 6:35	208-223	1324, 1333-1334, 1337-1384, 1391-1397, 1400-1405
Jan. 30	Family Service Event: BIZAA (more information to come as the event approaches)			
Feb. 6th	Behold: What's Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Why Does It Matter?	Rev. 7:11-12	218, 498	1183, 1378-1381, 2691
Feb. 13	Road Map: How Do I Know Right from Wrong?	John 10:10	287, 291-292	1730-1732, 1749-1756
Feb. 20	Build Up or Break Down: Virtue or Vice?	Gal. 5:22-23	299-311, 315-320	1803-1832, 1849-1869, 2656-2658, 2822-2827
Feb. 27	Boundaries: How Do We Make the Right Decisions?	Matt. 5:17	333-336	1949-1974
Mar. 6	No MS Crew: Ash Wednesday Masses, 5:30 & 7 p.m.			
Mar. 13	Passion Play Rehearsal Viewing! New, exciting opportunity this year!	Matt. 26:41 (not on memorization list)	71-112	512-682
Mar. 20	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Rom. 5:8 (not on memorization list)	225-239	1420-1498
Mar. 27	No MS Crew—Spring Break			
April 3	No MS Crew—Spring Break			
Apr. 10	Power Up: What's Grace & What's It Have to Do with Me?	Rom. 6:8	337-346	1987-2016, 2030-2041
Apr. 17	No MS Crew—Holy Week			
Apr. 24	Now What? How Do I Build My Relationship with Christ This Summer?	James 4:8 (not on memorization list)	N/A	N/A
May 1	Closing Mass, 6 p.m.			

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Explanation of Chart

“Topic”:

Using the Edge three-year curriculum as a starting point, we address the major teachings of the Catholic faith over the course of a three-year period. We spend time in each part of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (see below) every year so that after three years with MS Crew, middle schoolers will have a solid overview of our creed, sacraments & liturgy, Christian morality, and Christian prayer.

“Verse of the Week”

What It Is: Each time we meet for a regular session, middle schoolers will be encouraged to memorize a Scripture verse that coincides with the topic of the week. The Scripture verse of the week can be found on the above chart, in the weekly parent emails, or on the bookmark given to the middle schoolers at the first session.

- Purpose: Scripture is essential to our Catholic faith, yet often Catholics are seen as knowing little about Scripture, let alone where specific verses are in the Bible. As such, we want to help our middle schoolers become more familiar with the Bible and help them realize the value of having the Word of God dwelling in their minds and hearts.
- How It Works: There will be a short amount of time during the Activity Rotation each week for middle schoolers to recite verses to their small group leaders. Small group leaders will keep track of how many verses have been successfully memorized and report to Ashley, who will award the prizes at the end of the year. To be counted as “memorized” middle schoolers must be able to recite the verse *and* citation to their small group leader without any promptings.
- Incentives:
 - Middle schoolers who successfully memorize **5** of the 15 verses will receive a piece of candy at the end of the year.
 - Middle schoolers who successfully memorize **10** of the 15 verses will receive a king-sized candy bar.
 - Middle schoolers who successfully memorize **14** of the 15 verses will be given a king-sized candy bar *and* a voucher for a free movie & snack voucher at Mann theaters.

What is the “YouCat Reference”?

Each middle schooler receives a YouCat during their first year with MS Crew. The YouCat lays out the teachings of the Catechism of the Catholic Church in youth-friendly terms by using a question-answer format. The citations given in the chart above are *question* numbers, *not* page numbers. We encourage you and your middle schoolers to look up the citations together to dive more deeply into the topics discussed at MS Crew each week.

What is the “Catechism Reference”?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a summary of the official teachings of the Catholic Church organized in four parts: part one explains our profession of faith (Apostle’s Creed); part two explains the celebration of the Christian Mystery (the Sacred Liturgy, especially the sacraments); part three explains how life in Christ looks (morality); and part four discusses Christian prayer. The numbers listed in the chart above are *paragraph* numbers (bolded in the catechism), *not* page numbers, and these citations coincide with the topic of the week. While the language may be a bit challenging for your middle schooler, it provides excellent background for parents. Don’t have a catechism? You can access it online!