

Confirmation Prep

7th Grade Schedule of Topics 2020



*In light of the restrictions placed on schools and parishes, and for the safety of all, we are starting with a 100% virtual/electronic program. We are using *Decision Point* by (Dynamic Catholic) as the curriculum. Parents/teens can get a FREE kit (you only pay a small postage fee)—DVD's, student journal (w/e-book) and leader's guide by **contacting Dynamic Catholic at 1-859-980-7900. Call and ask for your FREE copy of Decision**

Point! The idea is for parents, using the monthly guide below, to watch the DVD's and reflect on the topics and using the Leader's Guide have conversations around the topics with their teens. We will provide support along the way. We will be in contact and re-evaluate after Thanksgiving.

Month	Decision Point (Dynamic Catholic)	Guide
		Follow Along w/your Student and Leader's Guide
September	<p>Session One: Life is Choices Introduction: Navigation</p> <p>1.1 Our choices define us, each one builds on the others.</p> <p>1.2 The best way to live was given to us by God.</p> <p>1.3 We are created in God's image and are called to live a holy life.</p> <p>1.4 Called to not go along with the culture if the culture is not in line with Jesus' teachings</p> <p>1.5 Choosing life.</p>	<p>Watch the segments of the DVD's and follow along in the student guide. Parents can follow along in the leader's guide and use this, along with the DVD's to create conversations with their teen.</p> <p>This is the time to think about the Works of Mercy (as it relates to service and the service logs); research this.</p> <p>Also the idea of a just society. Look up the Principles of Catholic Social Teaching for broader perspective, for example, <i>Human Dignity</i> and <i>Care of the Earth</i>.</p> <p>October 4 is "Respect Life Sunday."</p>
October	<p>Session Two: What's holding you back? Introduction: What are you doing?</p> <p>2.1 Sometimes we desire the wrong things because we think those things will make us happy.</p> <p>2.2 Our culture promotes individualism, hedonism, and other "isms". God offers goodness, truth, and beauty.</p> <p>2.3 There are universal truths/commandments.</p> <p>2.4 What is in your life that could turn on you? Life takes courage to overcome fear and have hope.</p> <p>2.5 Building an altar for God (cave of the heart).</p>	<p>Research Sacraments of Healing, especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a Saturday afternoon. Prepare yourself before.</p> <p>Think about helping others and something that you could do for service. Make a plan and do something.</p> <p>Spend some time in prayer, talking with God. What do you want to say to God? Think of God as a good friend that you can trust—God is there to help guide you to be your best self and guide you to do the right thing.</p>

<p>November</p>	<p>Session 3: The Jesus Question</p> <p>3.1 Who is Jesus? Redeemer</p> <p>3.2 Sin is the rejection of God's goodness.</p> <p>3.3 Jesus was a radical.</p> <p>3.4 Our need for grace.</p> <p>3.5 Following Jesus is the biggest decision of your life.</p>	<p>Who is Jesus to you? What does the church say about Jesus? What difference does Jesus make in your life and in the life of the world?</p>
<p>December</p>	<p>Session Four: The Prayer Process</p> <p>Introduction: Four Questions that we all need to answer.</p> <p>4.1 Prayer helps you discover God's will (plan) for your life. Happiness comes from doing God's will.</p> <p>4.2 Are you truly happy? Is something missing? Ask 'God, what do you think I should do?'</p> <p>4.3 Making prayer a habit. The challenges of prayer.</p> <p>4.4 Guided Reflection</p> <p>4.5 Jesus sets the example to pray.</p>	<p>Explore the different types of prayer available. Which of these can work for you, your personality, how you find and speak with God.</p>
<p>January</p>	<p>Session Five: The Bible</p> <p>Introduction: Delve into the layers of Scripture. The Word of God has the power to transform lives.</p> <p>5.1 Word of God transforms our lives; a guidebook for life's journey.</p> <p>5.2 Introduction to the Bible Revelations, Trinity (another Mystery of the Church); Paschal Mystery.</p>	<p>Look up next Sunday's readings. This is what we as Catholics are praying (reflecting on) during every Mass throughout the world. We "listen" to what God is saying to us today, our times.</p> <p>Think about how the "God-Story" (capital "S") and your personal "story" (small "s") are connected, how God' presence, direction and influence are guiding your life. It could make all the difference in the world!</p>

	<p>5.3 How to read the Bible. Emphasis the need to pray before starting to read. Ask God to help you listen to what he is saying.</p> <p>5.4 Habits have a compounding impact on our lives.</p> <p>5.5 This session is a starting point to start the habit of reading the Bible and being led by the Bible.</p>	<p>Start by reading a little bit of one of St. Paul's letters, or a story/section from one of the three Gospels—Matthew, Mark or Luke.</p>
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