

ST. MICHAEL CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR 2009-2010

Unless otherwise noted, all classes are scheduled from 9:15 AM to 10:50 AM.

Things to save this year: Change for Holy Childhood Association [Advent], pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

September

- 13: **Opening Session Family Mass at 9 AM** for all. Immediately following Mass, students go to their classrooms and parents go to the West Room for opening day meeting followed by Open House to meet the catechists in the children's classrooms. Class ends at 11:00 AM.
- 20: Class 9:15 – 10:50
- 27: Class 9:15 – 10:50

October

- 4: Class 9:15 – 10:50 [Classes are encouraged to pray the rosary in their classroom or the 3rd floor chapel with or without parents.]
- 11: **NO CLASS – Columbus Day Weekend/Chicago Marathon**
- 18: **SPECIAL: ART CLASSES WITH JOANNA DOWLING**
Classes will be staggered today.
- 9:15 AM: Levels 1 & 2 [Students should go to the West Room.]
- 9:15 AM: Levels 3 & 4 [Students should go to the 1st Floor Dining Room.]
- 10:00 AM: Levels 5 & 6 [Students should attend 9 AM Mass and come directly to the Parish Center West Room after Mass.]
- 10:30 AM: Levels 7 & 8 [Students should attend 9 AM Mass and then go directly to the Parish Center Chapel.]
- 25: Class 9:15 – 10:50

November **SPECIAL FOCUS: Learning about our Saints**

- 1: **Family Mass at 9 AM. Levels 3 & 4 will prepare the liturgy.**
All children asked to dress like one of our Catholic Saints.
Rite of Enrollment for First Communion Children. Class ends at 11:00 AM.
- 7: **Optional Field Trip to Art Institute. 11 AM start time. You must be signed up in advance to attend.**
- 8: Class 9:15 – 10:50
- 15: Class 9:15 – 10:50
- 22: Class 9:15 – 10:50
- 29: **NO CLASS—Thanksgiving Break**

December **SPECIAL PROJECT: HOLY CHILDHOOD MISSIONS.** *We will collect for children around the world who are hungry and/or in need of medical attention.*

- 6: Class 9:15 – 10:50
- 13: Class 9:15 – 10:50
- 20: **Family Mass at 9 AM. Levels 5 & 6 will prepare the liturgy.**
Following Mass, students go to their classrooms. Class ends at 11:00 AM..
- 27: **NO CLASS—Christmas Break**

January

- 3: **NO CLASS—New Year's Break**
- 10: **Special: Parent-Catechist Conferences. NO REGULAR CLASSES.**
- 17: **No Class – Martin Luther King Weekend**
- 24: Class 9:15 – 10:50
- 31: Class 9:15 – 10:50
Special: First Reconciliation Retreat Day—Level 2. Begins at 9 AM Mass and ends at Noon.

February

- 7: **Family Mass at 9 AM. Levels 7 & 8 will prepare the liturgy. Special Rite of Enrollment for Level 7 students. [Students should ask their sponsors to attend, if at all possible.]**
Following Mass, a meeting for parents of Level 7 will meet in the parish center. Other grade levels to their classrooms with dismissal at 11 AM.
- 14: Class 9:15 – 10:50
- 17: **Ash Wednesday.** *Please make every effort to attend one of our Masses at St. Michael and receive your ashes to begin your Lenten journey.*
- 21: **Family Learning Day.**
- 27: **Special: First Reconciliation for Level 2 at 11 AM.**
- 28: Class 9:15 – 10:50

March

SPECIAL: Living as Disciples of Jesus. *A trip to the Art Institute, art projects, and writing assignments will highlight this month for different levels. Information will be given at the Parent Catechist Conferences in January.*

- 7: **Family Mass at 9 AM. Level 1 with additional help as needed will prepare the liturgy.**
Immediately following Mass, students go to their classrooms. Class ends at 11 AM.
- 14: Class 9:15 – 10:50
- 21: Class 9:15 – 10:50 Levels 1-4: Class presentations Times to be announced.
- 28: Class 9:15 – 10:50 Levels 5-8: Class presentations Times to be announced.

April

- 1-4: **Triduum.**
Levels 7 & 8 required to attend Holy Thursday.
Please celebrate as a Family our high holy days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday.
- 11: Class 9:15 – 10:50: Testing for all levels.
- 18: Class 9:15 – 10:50 for all Levels except 2 and older students preparing for First Eucharist.
Special: First Communion Retreat Day for all students receiving their First Communion. Day begins at 9 AM Mass and concludes about 2:30 PM.
- 25: Family Learning Day **Special: First Communion Day at 11 AM Mass.**

May

- 2: **This is the last class of the year.**
Class begins at 10 AM today. All are required to attend our closing **Family Mass at 11 AM** **Levels 2 & 8 will prepare the liturgy.** with May Crowning. All students who received First Eucharist are asked to wear their First Communion clothes for this special event and serve as honor guard for the crowning of Mary.

Final dates to be determined: Confirmation Retreat Day, Confirmation Vigil with sponsors and parents, and Confirmation.