

Year Two of a two year suggested schedule: Sessions 7-24 of “Chosen”; T-3 Acts of the Apostles Bible Study

Year Two: Preparation for Confirmation

August A retreat(s) can be at the beginning, in November during Lent, and/or before Confirmation. Go to ConfirmationStudy.com. Content can be divided into 1, 1 day retreat or 3, 1 day retreats or 1, 3 day retreat etc.

September

Gathering with parents and-confirmand: Bishop Callahan’s words of encouragement, schedule, service hours, saint project etc.

The Truth: Catechumenate (Explain sacramental living and the power to answer the call)

Rite of Welcoming from the Diocese of La Crosse

Session 1 Begin with a few icebreakers from Session 1 of “Chosen”
“Where am I going” (A Look at the Last Things – Lesson 7 from “Chosen”
Note: replace the video clips from “Chosen” with Episode 10 of Fr. Barron’s Catholicism Project: World without End, the Last Things (51 minutes with 6 parts: Elusive Realities, The Last Things, Beginning with Dante, Purgatory, Angels and Devils, Heaven. Discussion questions from the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization or use “Chosen” workbook)

Session 2 Begin class with 10 minutes of quiet prayer
“How do I get there?”(The Power and Purpose of the Sacraments – Lesson 8 Chosen

October

Session 3 Begin class with 10 minutes of quiet prayer “When did my journey begin?” (Baptism, Your Initiation into God’s Family - Lesson 9 from “Chosen”)

Session 4 Begin class with 10 minutes of quiet prayer
“Why tell my sins to a priest?” (The Healing Power of Confession – Session 10)

Session 5 Begin class with 10 minutes of quiet prayer
“How does God help when it hurts?” (Anointing of the Sick and Redemptive Suffering – Lesson 11 from “Chosen”)

Session 6 Begin class with 10 minutes of quiet prayer: pray silently with a prayer of the Mass.
“Why do I have to go to Mass?” (Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist – Lesson 15)

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November Possible time for a retreat (downloadable resource)

Session 7 "Are you talking to me?" (Getting to know God through Prayer – Lesson 18)
Segment 1 Time of quiet prayer – provide a prompt

Session 8 "Are you talking to me?" (Getting to know God through Prayer – Lesson 18)
Segment 2 Time of quiet prayer – provide a prompt

Session 9 "Are you talking to me?" (Getting to know God through Prayer – Lesson 18)
Segment 3 Time of quiet prayer – provide a prompt

December

Session 10 Penance Service

Session 11 "Who is the Holy Spirit?" (Meeting the Third Person of the Trinity-Lesson 12)
Note: Replace the DVD clips with a Presentation by Msgr. Joseph Hirsch on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit on DVD (70 minutes) available from the Office of Cat. & Evangelization or Youth and Young Adult Ministry. If necessary, show 35 minutes in Session 13 and 35 minutes in Session 14 along with the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Session 12 "What does the Holy Spirit do for me?" (Gifts for the Journey – Lesson 13)
Note: Replace the DVD clips with The Fruits of the Holy Spirit by Fr. Robert Barron based on Galatians 5:22. Fr. Barron explains that seeing the fruits of the Holy Spirit in our lives is how we know we are on the right track.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1INut0Gi09Q> (12 minutes) See also Luke 6:43-45. You can know what kind of person someone is by who they are and what they have done - the fruit of their life. Use "Chosen" workbook for discussion.

January

Session 13 "Why have I been *Chosen*?" (Sealed and Sent in Confirmation – Lesson 14)

Session 14 "What does it mean to say, 'I do'?" (Marriage, a Sign of God's Love – Lesson 16)

Session 15 "Who's calling?" (Holy Orders and Vocational Discernment – Lesson 17)

Session 16 "Who is Mary?" (Meeting the Mother of God and Your Heavenly Family – Lesson 19)

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February

The Life: Discipleship (Final preparation for a life of discipleship)

- Session 17 Mass for Ash Wednesday – February 18, 2015
- Session 18 "What would Jesus do?" (The Beatitudes as a Path to True Happiness – Lesson 20
Note: Replace the DVD clips with Episode 2, part 1 Catholicism Study Program by Fr. Robert Barron (first 23 min.) Use "Chosen" workbook for discussion or discussion questions from Office of Catechesis and Evangelization.
- Session 19 Stations of the Cross
- Session 20 T3: Acts The Keys and the Sword by Mark Hart, Session 1 (30 min. DVD)
Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles following Pentecost, their Confirmation

March

Possible time for a retreat (downloadable resource)

- Session 21 T3: Acts Session 2
- Session 22 T3: Acts Session 3
- Session 23 T3: Acts Session 4
- Session 24 Penance Service

April

April 5, 2015 Easter

- Session 25 Do I have what it takes?" (Building Virtue – Your Spiritual Workout – Lesson 21)
Diocesan Virtue Program also available:
http://www.dioceseoflacrosse.com/ministry_resources/catechesis/
- Session 26 "Why wait?" (God's Plan for Love and Sex – Lesson 22 from "Chosen")
- Session 27 "How do I build the Kingdom?" (Saying "Yes to the Mission of Christ and His Church – Lesson 23)
Pre-Confirmation Interviews (downloadable resource)
- Session 28 "Where do I go from here?" (The Journey Continues – Lesson 24 from "Chosen")

May

- Session 29 Possible Confirmation Retreat, Rehearsal and Rite of Confirmation
**Consider showing Lesson 14 and 18 again before the young people are confirmed.