

Sample Fall Season

Here's how the fall season might look:

Nongathered and Connections	Youth Gatherings
<p>What the Church is celebrating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catechetical Sunday (third Sunday in September) • World Youth Day (thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time) • All Saints' Day (November 1) <p>Holiday connections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halloween (October 31) • Thanksgiving (fourth Thursday in November) <p>School connections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult leaders volunteer to chaperone the home-coming dance. • Adult leaders attend sporting events in which youth are participating. <p>Family connections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send season-at-a-glance youth ministry schedule to parents. <p>Parish connections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post bulletin updates and announcements. • Staff a booth at parish fall festival. <p>Youth outreach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Altar society sends birthday cards to young people. • Send out monthly newsletter. <p>Service opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect baby items (bottles, blankets, clothes, diapers) and donate to local maternity home. • Collect and distribute Thanksgiving food baskets. 	<p>September Weekly meetings (Wednesday, 6:30–8:30 p.m.): Week 1: "Let's Get Started" (<i>Community Life</i>) Week 2: "Praying Together" (catechesis: <i>Christian Prayer</i>) Week 3: "I Call You Each by Name" (<i>Prayer and Worship</i>) Week 4: "The Forms of Prayer" (catechesis: <i>Christian Prayer</i>) Week 5: Open-gym night Special gatherings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth and adult leaders are commissioned on Catechetical Sunday. • Leadership development: Leaders should pick an appropriate topic from <i>Youth Leadership Development</i> <p>October Weekly meetings (Wednesday, 6:30–8:30 p.m.): Week 1: "Honoring Family" (catechesis: <i>Christian Morality</i>) Week 2: "Made in God's Image" (<i>Pastoral Care</i>) Week 3: "Respecting Life" (catechesis: <i>Christian Morality</i>) Week 4: "Naming and Claiming Gifts in Self and Others" (<i>Youth Leadership Development</i>) Week 5: Movie night (theme: moral character): <i>The Emperor's Clothes</i> (PG-13) Special gatherings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retreat day, using "Bread: Broken and Shared" (<i>Prayer and Worship</i>) and "Hunger Among Us" (<i>Justice and Service</i>) • Parish celebrates World Youth Day liturgy and hosts celebration of parish youth. • Youth ministry hosts Halloween event for children in the parish. • Leadership development: "Communication Skills" (<i>Youth Leadership Development</i>) <p>November Weekly meetings (Wednesday, 6:30–8:30 p.m.): Week 1: "The Last Things" (catechesis: <i>The Creed</i>) Week 2: "Introduction to Christian Morality" (catechesis: <i>Christian Morality</i>) Week 3: "Sources of Moral Truth" (catechesis: <i>Christian Morality</i>) Week 4: (skip due to Thanksgiving holiday) Week 5: "Praying During Advent" (<i>Prayer and Worship</i>) Special gatherings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership development: "Jesus on Leadership" (<i>Youth Leadership Development</i>) • National Catholic Youth Conference