

Sample Winter Season

Here's how the winter season might look:

Nongathered and Connections	Youth Gatherings
<p>What the Church is celebrating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advent • Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12) • Christmas (December 25) <p>Holiday connections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Luther King Jr. Day (third Monday in January) <p>School connections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer a study night with tutors for students preparing for midterm exams; have snacks available. <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. • Help with children's Christmas pageant. <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"> • Provide free child care (with fun activities for children) while parents do Christmas shopping. • Collect socks, gloves, and toiletries for local shelters. 	<p>December Weekly meetings (Wednesday, 6:30–8:30 p.m.) Week 1: "Jesus Christ: True God and True Man" (catechesis: <i>The Creed</i>) Week 2: "Praying with Our Lady of Guadalupe" (<i>Prayer and Worship</i>) Week 3: "Jesus' Message and Mission" (catechesis: <i>The Creed</i>) Week 4: (skip due to Christmas) Week 5: Open-gym night: volleyball</p> <p>Special gatherings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice skating and Christmas party • Leadership development: "Prayer Models" (catechesis: <i>Christian Prayer</i>) <p>January Weekly meetings (Wednesday, 6:30–8:30 p.m.) Week 1: "The Liturgical Year" (catechesis: <i>Liturgy and the Sacraments</i>) Week 2: "All Are Welcome" (<i>Community Life</i>) Week 3: "The Good News: Created in God's Love" (<i>Evangelization</i>) Week 4: "Racism: Our Response" (<i>Justice and Service</i>) Week 5: Movie night (theme: racism): <i>Men of Honor</i> (R)</p> <p>Special gatherings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecumenical event: "Sharing Our Faith: An Ecumenical Event" (<i>Community Life</i>) • Leadership development: "Negotiating Skills" (<i>Youth Leadership Development</i>) and "Trust" (<i>Community Life</i>) <p>February Weekly meetings (Wednesday, 6:30–8:30 p.m.) Week 1: "Faith and Friendship" (<i>Pastoral Care</i>) Week 2: "Dating Relationships" (<i>Pastoral Care</i>) Week 3: "Sexuality and Spirituality" (<i>Pastoral Care</i>) Week 4: "Respecting Sexuality" (catechesis: <i>Christian Morality</i>) Week 5: Movie night (theme: dating): <i>Can't Hardly Wait</i> (PG-13)</p> <p>Special gatherings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership development: "Unexpected Leaders of the Bible" (<i>Youth Leadership Development</i>)