

# Sample Spring Season

*Here's how the spring season might look:*

Nongathered and Connections	Youth Gatherings
<p><b>What the Church is celebrating:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lent</li> <li>• Triduum</li> <li>• Easter</li> </ul> <p><b>Holiday connections:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memorial Day (fourth Monday in May)</li> </ul> <p><b>School connections:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sponsor a baccalaureate Mass for youth who are graduating.</li> </ul> <p><b>Family connections:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send season-at-a-glance youth ministry schedule to parents.</li> </ul> <p><b>Parish connections:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post bulletin updates and announcements.</li> </ul> <p><b>Youth outreach:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Altar society sends birthday cards to young people.</li> <li>• Send out monthly newsletter.</li> </ul> <p><b>Service opportunities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assemble Easter baskets and deliver to homeless shelter for families.</li> </ul>	<p><b>March</b>  <b>Weekly meetings (Wednesday, 6:30–8:30 p.m.)</b>            Week 1: "Simplicity or Stuff—Which Will You Choose?" (<i>Justice and Service</i>)            Week 2: "Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation" (catechesis: <i>Liturgy and Sacraments</i>)            Week 3: "Jesus' Death" (catechesis: <i>The Creed</i>)            Week 4: "Triduum Participation: Watch and Pray" (<i>Prayer and Worship</i>)            Week 5: "The Eucharist" (catechesis: <i>Liturgy and the Sacraments</i>)</p> <p><b>Special gatherings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Return to Me: Reconciliation Service" (<i>Prayer and Worship</i>)</li> <li>• Leadership development: "Leading Group Discussions" (<i>Youth Leadership Development</i>)</li> </ul>
	<p><b>April</b>  <b>Weekly meetings (Wednesday, 6:30–8:30 p.m.)</b>            Week 1: "The Holy Spirit" (catechesis: <i>The Creed</i>)            Week 2: "The Mission of the Catholic Church" (catechesis: <i>The Creed</i>)            Week 3: "The Organization of the Catholic Church" (catechesis: <i>The Creed</i>)            Week 4: "Who Am I?" (<i>Community Life</i>)            Week 5: "The Importance of Community" (<i>Community Life</i>)</p> <p><b>Special gatherings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retreat: "Come and Follow Me" (<i>Evangelization</i>)</li> <li>• Leadership development: "Giving a Witness Talk" (<i>Youth Leadership Development</i>)</li> </ul>
	<p><b>May</b>  <b>Weekly Meetings (Wednesday, 6:30–8:30 p.m.)</b>            Week 1: "Traditional Prayer" (catechesis: <i>Christian Prayer</i>)            Week 2: "Praying for Mothers and Fathers" (<i>Prayer and Worship</i>)            Week 3: "Faith in the Real World: Faith and Life" (<i>Evangelization</i>)            Week 4: "Faith" (catechesis: <i>The Creed</i>)            Week 5: Movie night (theme: God's power): <i>Bruce Almighty</i> (PG-13)</p> <p><b>Special gatherings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leadership development: "Knowing Adults" (<i>Youth Leadership Development</i>)</li> </ul>