

9th & 10th GRADE BLOCK CHOICES 2024-25 *(ver 8.12.24)*

The Elements of these sessions will include small group discussion, videos, activities, instruction, service, prayer, testimonials, etc.

PLEASE NOTE: EACH TEEN MUST CHOOSE A TOTAL OF FIVE OF THE BLOCKS LISTED. *The first FOUR blocks (in red) are REQUIRED to be completed by the end of 10th grade.* So, **IF YOU ARE IN 9th GRADE** you only need to complete TWO of these required blocks this year PLUS THREE other blocks (*electives*). **IF YOU ARE IN 10th GRADE** you must complete ALL FOUR of the required blocks PLUS ONE other block (*electives*). (*Exception: If you have already completed Eucharist, Creed and/or Case for a Creator blocks, you only need to complete the required blocks you have not completed, plus electives to total FIVE blocks*). **IF YOU ARE CONFUSED, DON'T WORRY! THIS WILL ALL BE EXPLAINED IN DETAIL AT THE PARENT/TEEN MEETINGS.**

BREAKING OPEN THE CREED (Required) - Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of Heaven & earth and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord? How so? Do you know what "consubstantial with the Father" means? This block will help you understand the words you are saying when you pray the Creed and what they mean in today's world.

A CASE for a CREATOR & A CASE for CHRIST (Required) - Discussions on the existence of GOD and that JESUS is not only a real person, but the SON OF GOD. What is the evidence ... why should we believe?

EUCCHARIST: GOD'S GIFT OF SELF (Required) - Learn to understand the Eucharist in a deeper way. This block will reflect on the meaning of Eucharist using scripture, videos, activities, and connecting service & justice. Of course, Eucharist is receiving Communion at Mass today...but it is also a meal...you will learn about who Jesus dined with, the miracle of feeding five thousand and what that means today. Then discover why the Eucharist is the "source & summit" (*summit means highest point*) of our Catholic faith.

WHO IS THIS HOLY SPIRIT ANYWAY? (Required-10th Grade) Learn about the third person of the Holy Trinity. Discover what the Holy Spirit has to do with each of us today. We will also explore what the Holy Spirit has to do with creation, Jesus' life, Confirmation... and more.

ADVENT-THE MESSIAH IS COMING: Waiting in Joyful Hope - Using the main characters in the Advent/Christmas story, we will explore the season of Advent, the role that Mary, Joseph, and John the Baptist play in these stories & its meaning for us.

We will share Jesus in our world through a class project and/or by caroling at a nursing home or to shut ins. (*If you choose this block, you must attend but singing is optional*).

HEAVEN, HELL & IMAGES of GOD - Heaven is a big deal because you are an eternal being. Hell is a big deal because you are an eternal being. Allow Scripture, Literature, Art & Movies to bring you to a deeper understanding of life, death, afterlife, and how our image of God shapes us.

LOOK AT LENT: We Journey to the Cross - Lent is a season that leads us to the Cross of Jesus. Learn about Jesus being tempted in the desert, the Last Supper, his betrayal, trial & death. Lent is also a season of prayer, fasting & almsgiving... what does that mean and how can participation in those actions change us?

NEW FOLLOWING JESUS - Learn about the Apostles (and disciples) that walked with Jesus during his life on earth. Learn some of their stories as they walked with Jesus and witnessed his miracles, suffering, death & resurrection. Also learn about some of the Saints and modern-day faithful followers of Jesus. We will also discuss what it means for US to be followers today.

NEW- WHAT I REALLY WANT TO KNOW... Are there things that you don't understand about your Catholic faith, the bible, the teachings or Traditions of the Church? In this block **YOU NEED TO COME PREPARED TO ASK THE QUESTIONS on the first week.** We will try to answer all your questions as best we can by consulting pastors or having guest speakers if needed during the next 2 weeks.

NEW- DISCIPLESHIP NIGHTS - *(Only offered at the Seton Center on the Lourdes Campus)* **Join us for one month as a block** but you can come every month (or when it fits into your schedule) if you want to continue sharing faith, fellowship & fun on these youth ministry nights. **Note: Offered on 3 Mondays each month and you must attend all 3 Mondays of the month you choose as a block.**

ONE DAY OPTIONS (Next Page) WILL COUNT AS A WHOLE BLOCK

“ALL- IN- ONE -DAY” BLOCKS

100. Movie: GREATER - Sunday, Oct. 20: 1 - 4:30+ (plus Mass)
Our Lady of the Rosary... All MUST attend 5pm Mass

Watch & discuss how scripture & faith connects to
this true story. [Scan QR for trailer.](#)



101. Movie: FR. STU -Saturday, Oct 26: Noon-3:30+ (plus Mass)
Seton Center @ Lourdes Campus...

All MUST attend 4pm Mass

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this true story. [Scan QR for trailer.](#)



102. DCYC (Diocesan event) - Nov. 23

103. CALLED TO SERVE - event with area priests - Sun Mar 2: 1-4:30

Our Lady of the Rosary... All MUST attend 5pm Mass Following
Mass there is a pizza dinner social with college students who will share
how they continue to live out their faith as young adults (*informal*).

Area Pastors will share testimonies of their call to priesthood and some
of the other ministries they serve... ie. Jail Ministry, Community Social
Justice and/or Vocations (including marriage, remaining single, priesthood
and more).

YOU will have an opportunity to have discussions and ask questions of each of
the priests and their ministries.

See next page for more ONE DAY options

*****The block below (Two dates to choose from) is designed for those that want to “go deeper” in their faith. Be prepared to actively participate in activities and prayer.**

104 Many Ways to Pray -Sat. Jan 25: Noon-3:30+ (plus 4pm Mass)

Seton Center @ Lourdes Campus All MUST attend 4pm Mass

Discover, explore and experience different ways of praying... using visuals, music, silence and more. This option will offer the opportunity to spend a day reflecting upon and learning ways to deepen your faith. Be prepared to participate in activities, small group discussions & prayer.

105 Many Ways to Pray-Sun. Mar. 23: 1-4:30+ (plus 5pm Mass)

Our Lady of the Rosary All MUST attend 5pm Mass

Discover, explore and experience different ways of praying... using visuals, music, silence and more. This option will offer the opportunity to spend a day reflecting upon and learning ways to deepen your faith. Be prepared to participate in activities, small group discussions & prayer.

OTHER COURSE IDEAS (some were used in the past)

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JESUS' RADICAL STORIES - Discover the forgotten radical nature and teachings of Jesus. Using parables, scripture stories, and other resources, you will see how Jesus and his message transformed folks 2,000 years ago and why his message still radically transforms those who embrace Him and His message today.

? NEW - "HEROS" of the Bible - Discover and discuss important people of the old testament...such as Abraham, Moses, King David, Solomon and more.

LIVING STATIONS - IN THE PAST... This block counted both as a block and a service. Participants in this block will re-enact the Stations of the Cross (suffering & death of Jesus). Rehearsals will be determined with those that sign up so that we can work around teen schedules (especially the school musicals). The actual presentation place and date will be determined. Participation will include different roles (i.e. cast, singers/musicians, readers, dancers, setup & take down personnel).