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2026-2027 Syllabus

PERIOD OF INQUIRY - "Exploring our Catholic Faith"		
September 22		Inquiry
September 29		Inquiry for those not here September 22
October 6	Chapter 1 & 2	Revelation & Faith
October 13		Fall Break - No Class
October 20	Chapter 3	God
October 27	Chapter 4	Jesus
November 3	Chapter 5	The Holy Spirit
November 10	Chapter 6 & 7	The Bible & The Church
November 17	Chapter 8	Mary
November 24		Presentation of Advent/Advent Traditions
PERIOD OF CATECHUMENATE		
November 29 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	10:00 am Mass	Rite of Catechumens/Welcoming <i>"Breaking Open the Word"</i>
December 1	Chapter 9	The Future
December 6	10:00 am Mass	<i>"Breaking Open the Word"</i>
December 8	Chapters 10 & 11	Grace & Human Life
December 13	10:00 am Mass	<i>"Breaking Open the Word"</i>
December 15		Advent Penance Service – No Class
December 20	10:00 am Mass	<i>"Breaking Open the Word"</i>
December 22	Chapters 12 & 13	Morality & Personal Conscience
December 29		Christmas Break – No Class
January 5		Christmas Break – No Class
January 10	10:00 am Mass	<i>"Breaking Open the Word"</i>
January 12	Chapter 14	Sin
January 17	10:00 am Mass	<i>"Breaking Open the Word"</i>
January 19	Chapter 15	Sacraments in General
January 24	10:00 am Mass	<i>"Breaking Open the Word"</i>
January 26	Chapters 16 & 17	Lay Ministry & Family of the Church
January 31	10:00 am Mass	<i>"Breaking Open the Word"</i>
February 2	Chapters 18 & 19	<i>Baptism & Confirmation</i>
February 7	10:00 am Mass	<i>"Breaking Open the Word"</i>
February 9	Presentation	Preparations for Lent/Lenten Traditions

February 10	Ash Wednesday	Lent Begins (Masses 6:30 am & 8:30 am, as well as, 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm) <i>"Breaking Open the Word"</i>
PERIOD OF ENLIGHTENMENT/PURIFICATION		
February 14 First Sunday of Lent	10:00 am Mass	1 st Rite of Catechumens <i>"Breaking Open the Word"</i>
February 16	Chapter 20	Eucharist
February 21 Second Sunday of Lent	10:00 am Mass	<i>"Breaking Open the Word"</i>
February 21, 22, & 23		No Class – Forty Hours
February 28 Third Sunday of Lent	10:00 am Mass	First Scrutiny <i>"Breaking Open the Word"</i>
March 1	10:00 am Mass	<i>"Breaking Open the Word"</i>
March 2	Chapter 21 & 22	Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick
March 7 Fourth Sunday of Lent	5:30 pm Mass (Saturday Evening)	Second Scrutiny <i>"Breaking Open the Word"</i>
March 9	Chapter 23 & 24	Marriage & Holy Orders
March 14 Fifth Sunday of Lent	12:00 pm Mass (Noon)	Third Scrutiny <i>"Breaking Open the Word"</i>
March 16		Lenten Penance Service – No Class
March 21	10:00 am Mass	<i>"Breaking Open the Word"</i>
March 23	Meet in the Chapel	<i>Run-through for Easter Vigil</i>
March 25 - Holy Thursday	7:00 pm Mass	Mass of the Lord's Supper
March 26 - Good Friday	1:30 PM 7:00 pm	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion Tenebrae Prayer Service
March 27 - Holy Saturday	8:00 pm Mass	Vigil Mass of Easter
March 28 - Easter Sunday		Masses are 6:30 am, 8:00 am, 10:00 am, & 12:00 pm

Those who are to be baptized will attend Sunday's *"Breaking Open the Word"* as well as the Scrutinies on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent.

Those who are already baptized in another Christian faith and who are professing their faith in the Catholic Church may attend the *"Breaking Open the Word"* sessions which take place immediately after the homily at Mass.

For those who are already baptized Catholic and who are in OCIA for the completion of their sacraments, they remain in the church and do not go to *"Breaking Open the Word"* in order to complete their obligation to attend Mass.