

CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

2011-2012 High School Curriculum

Faith, Knowledge, and Tradition

CCHS Mission

Catholic Central High School is a four-year co-educational high school committed to providing a Catholic based education. It offers a student of any race, religion, or ethnic origin the opportunity to develop and expand their abilities and creative talents in all aspects of their life. Catholic Central is committed to creating a strong academic curriculum and instilling life-long Christian values so a student can become a responsible and contributing member of our intellectual, spiritual, moral, emotional, social, and physical community.

CCHS Graduation Requirements-26 credits

Theology: 2.0 credits

- 2.5 credits - Class of 2010
- 2 - Theology 1- 4

- ½ - Elective

sacraments apply to the practice of the Catholic Faith. In addition, the sacraments as a sign of Christ living and loving within the Christian community will be studied. Emphasis will be placed on the institution of, the form, the matter, and effects of each sacrament.

THEOLOGY Courses

CATHOLIC CHRISTIANITY 1 #811

Freshman Requirement

1 Semester - 0.5 credit

This course prepares the student to come to a basic understanding of the call to holiness of all people. Students will study and practice different methods and forms of prayer, study the dogma of the Trinity and the practices of the apostolic, hierarchical church. The students will study the dogmas of our Blessed Mother, and her apparitions to develop Marian devotion. Students will be exposed to scripture through daily readings and practicing interpretation. All class work and study materials will introduce them to the role of the church and the basic teachings of the Catholic Church as presented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

CATHOLIC CHRISTIANITY 2 #812

Freshman Requirement

1 Semester - 0.5 credit

Pre-Requisite: Catholic Christianity 1

The second semester will focus on the necessity of sacraments in our lives, God's grace and its workings in our Church. Brief exposure to the Catholic Epistles and the Gospels, including the four evangelists' focus will be given. The second semester will focus on the sacramental life of the church and how these

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE #813

Sophomore Requirement

1 Semester - 0.5 credit

This course is an introduction to the word of God communicated to the Church through the Holy Scriptures. It examines key themes of our faith tradition to inspire academic and personal growth, using the Bible as a primary source. Students will learn critical tools needed to interpret the Bible in a Catholic context. They will also learn the value of the Jewish roots in Scripture and how they are fulfilled by the New Testament, as well as enrich our Catholic faith tradition. The course will provide the foundation and security necessary for students to be grounded in the Catholic tradition.

NEW TESTAMENT/CHURCH HISTORY #814

Sophomore Requirement

1 Semester - 0.5 credit

Pre-Requisite: Old Testament

This course will examine the life, ministry, and teachings of our Savior Jesus Christ, prophesied about in the Old Testament, using the Bible as the primary source. Students will recognize the establishment of the Catholic Church in the New Testament, as well as analyze the institution and development of Catholic Christian teachings through the

present day. Finally, students will study the progression of the Church through history and its role in global church-state relations.

THEOLOGY 3: SOCIAL JUSTICE #830

Junior Requirement

1 Semester - 0.5 credit

Students in this course will study current-day moral issues in light of the seven Catholic Social Teaching principles. The first principle, the Right to Life and Human Dignity, is the most important and the basis for every other principle. It is the first principle discussed, and will be studied in great detail. Afterwards, it will be followed by the other Catholic Social Teaching principles. Within each principle, students will learn about modern-day abuses and violations of our God-given rights, such as abortion, euthanasia, poverty, illegal immigration and war.

THEOLOGY 4: SPIRITUALITY & MORAL DECISION MAKING #824

Senior Elective

1 Semester- 0.5 credit

Students will learn how to develop plans for the future in the light of the Church's teaching and guidance. Studies of sainthood and conscience will be incorporated. Students will read and apply the topics of Catholic and Christian writers to our lives in the 21st century of our Church. Assigned outside reading will include C.S. Lewis, Peter Kreeft and other notable theologians.

THEOLOGY DISCUSSION #823

Senior Elective

1 Semester- 0.5 credit

Through student-centered discussions, students will develop the tools to research the answers to deep, moral and theological questions. In the discussions, they will learn to carefully articulate and defend the conclusions they have reached through extensive research, reflection and analysis. Through an apologetics-based approach, students will learn how to be defenders of the faith.

APOSTOLIC CHURCH #840

Junior/Senior Elective

1 Semester - 0.5 credit

This course will study the comprehensive history of the Catholic Church includes every major event in the Church's history from the life of her founder, Jesus Christ, to the present day. This course of study places the Church in her context throughout history and explains the role that the Church and her leaders have played in the shaping of history for better and worse. Students will engage the Catholic Faith through compelling and meaningful readings and practices. The course will cover the founding of the Church by Christ through the Apostolic Fathers and early Christians, heresies, the Crusades, the Inquisition, the Renaissance, the Protestant Reform, the Church in the 19th century and into the 20th and 21st century.

WORLD RELIGIONS #888

Junior/Senior Elective

1 Semester - 0.5 credit

This course will begin with a study of truth and its relevance to our lives. Through an in-depth differentiation between respect, tolerance and truth, students will learn to respect people of other faiths and their beliefs by coming to a thorough understanding of other religions, while also holding fast to the Truth of Catholic Christianity.