Memory Schedule 2026-2027

Week 1 | August 23–29, 2026

Verse: Psalm 90:1-2 ***(K-8)***

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Catechism 1st and 2nd Commandments

***The First Commandment*: You shall have no other gods.**

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

***Second Commandment:* You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.**

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Week 2 | August 30–September 5, 2026

Verse: Romans 1:16 ***(K-8)***

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Catechism 3rd and 4th Commandments

***The Third Commandment*: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

***The Fourth Commandment*: Honor your father and your mother.**

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

Week 3 | September 6–12, 2026

Verse: Mark 10:7-9 ***(K-8)***

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife,
8 and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two but one flesh.
9 What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.

Catechism 5th and 6th commandments:

***The Fifth Commandment:* You shall not murder.**

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

***The Sixth Commandment:* You shall not commit adultery.**

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Week 4 | September 13–19, 2026

Verse: Romans 13:10 ***(K-8)***

"Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

Catechism 7th and 8th Commandments:

The Seventh Commandment: **You shall not steal.**

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

The Eighth Commandment: **You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Week 5 | September 20–26, 2026

Verse: Luke 12:15 ***(K-8)***

"And he said to them, 'Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.'"

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Catechism 9th and 10th Commandments:

The Ninth Commandment: **You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

The Tenth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Week 6 | September 27–October 3, 2026

Verse: Romans 6:23: ***(K-8)***

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Grades 5-8

Catechism: The Close of the Commandments What does God say about all these commandments?

He says, "I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Ex. 20: 5–6)

What does this mean? God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

Week 7 | October 4–10, 2026

Verse: Psalm 19:1 ***(K-8)***

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork."

Grades 5-8

Catechism: First Article: Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.

Week 8 | October 11–17, 2026

Verse: 1 Timothy 1:15 ***(K-8)***

"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost."

Grades 5-8

Catechism: The First Article: Creation part 2

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Week 9 | October 18–24, 2026

Verse: Genesis 3:15 ***(K-8)***

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Grades 5-8

Catechism: The Second Article: Redemption part 1

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Week 10 | October 25–31, 2026

Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:21 ***(K-8)***

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

Grades 5-8

Catechism: The Second Article: Redemption part 2

What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Week 11 | November 1–7, 2026

Verse: John15:26 ***(K-8)***

“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.”

Grades 5-8

Catechism: The Third Article: Sanctification

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

Week 12 | November 8–14, 2026

Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:3 ***(K-8)***

"Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says 'Jesus is accursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit."

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Grades 5-8

Catechism: The Third Article: Sanctification

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my

sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

Week 13 | November 15–21, 2026

Verse: 2 Timothy 3:15 ***(K-8)***

"and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

Grades 5-8

Catechism: The Introduction- Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

The First Petition-Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean? God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy? God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

Week 14 | November 29–December 5, 2026

Verse: John 8:31-32 ***(K-8)***

He clarifies he is revealing the Father's truth, not his own authority, and that when he is "lifted up," they will understand his unity with the Father. Following this, many believe, and Jesus speaks on true discipleship, stating that abiding in his word leads to knowing the truth, which sets believers free.

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Grades 5-8

Catechism: The Second Petition- Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean? The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also. *How does God's kingdom come?* God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Grades 5-8

Catechism: The Third Petition-Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean? The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also. *How is God's will done?* God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let is kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die.

This is His good and gracious will.

Week 15 | December 6–12, 2026

Verse: Matthew 24:27,44 ***(K-8)***

"For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man."

"Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Grades 5-8

Catechism: The Fourth Petition-Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Week 16 | December 13–19, 2026

Verse: Galatians 5:17 ***(K-8)***

"For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do."

Grades 5-8

Catechism: The Fifth Petition-And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean? We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

The Sixth Petition-And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean? God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

Week 17 | January 3–9, 2027

Verse: John 15:7 ***(K-8)***

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

Grades 5-8

Catechism: The Seventh Petition-But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean? We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

The Conclusion-For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.* Amen.

What does this mean? This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”

Week 18 | January 10–16, 2027

Verse: John 3:5-6 ***(K-8)***

Jesus explains that entering God's kingdom requires birth of water and the Spirit, noting that flesh produces flesh while the Spirit produces spirit.

Grades 5-8

Catechism: What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God’s command and combined with God’s word.

Which is that word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matt. 28:19)

Second-What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:16)

Week 19 | January 17–23, 2027

Verse:2 Corinthians 5:17 ***(K-8)***

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

Grades 5-8

Catechism: Third-How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.” (Titus 3:5–8)

Week 20 | January 24–30, 2027

Verse: Luke 9:23 ***(K-8)***

[23] And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

Grades 5-8

Catechism: What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (Rom. 6:4)

Week 21 | January 31–February 6, 2027

Verse: Psalm 130:3-5 ***(K-8)***

3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? 4 But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared. 5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

Grades 5-8

Catechism: What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord’s Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Which are these?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

Week 22 | February 7–13, 2027

Isaiah 1:18 ***(K-8)***

“Come now, let us reason[a] together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be
as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Grades 5-8

Catechism: What is the Office of the Keys?*

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?*

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” (John 20:22–23)

What do you believe according to these words?*

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

Week 23 | February 14–20, 2027

Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:16 ***(K-8)***

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

Grades 5-8

Catechism: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

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Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write:Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Week 24 | February 21–27, 2027

Verse: John 6:51 ***(K-8)***

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Grades 5-8

Catechism: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

Week 25 | February 28–March 6, 2027

Verse: 1Corinthians 11:26 ***(K-8)***

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Grades 5-8

Catechism: How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

Week 26 | March 7–13, 2027

Verse: 2 Timothy 3:16 ***(K-8)***

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

Grades 5-8

Catechism: Table of Duties

The overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. 1 Tim. 3:2–4

Week 27
Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:7-8

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

Grades 5-8

Catechism: What Hearers owe their Pastors.

Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Gal. 6:6–7

Week 28 | March 28–April 3, 2027

Verse: Luke 11:28 ***(K-8)***

But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

Grades 5-8

Catechism: What hearers owe their pastors

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. 1 Thess. 5:12–13

Week 29 | April 4–10, 2027

Verse: 2 Corinthians 8:9 ***(K-8)***

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich.

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Grades 5-8

Catechism: Table of Duties: Of Civil Government

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrong-doer. Rom. 13:1–4

Week 30 | April 11–17, 2027

Verse: Romans 8:28 ***(K-8)***

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good,[a] for those who are called according to his purpose.

Grades 5-8

Catechism: Table of Duties: Of Citizens,

Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's. Matt. 22:21

Week 31 | April 18–24, 2027

Verse: Romans 8:31-32 ***(K-8)***

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be[a] against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Grades 5-8

Catechism: Table of Duties, to husbands.

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Week 32 | April 25–May 1, 2027

Verse: John 14:6 ***(K-8)***

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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Grades 5-8

Catechism: Table of Duties: To Wives

Wives submit to your husbands as to the Lord. Eph. 5:22

Week 33 | May 2–8, 2027

Verse: Psalm 110:1
The Lord says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.” ***(K-8)***

Grades 5-8

Catechism: Table of Duties, to Children:

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and your mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise—“that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” Eph. 6:1–3

Week 34 | May 9–15, 2027

Verse: Ephesians 2:8-9 ***(K-8)***

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9** not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Grades 5-8

Catechism: To Workers:

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. Eph. 6:5–8

Week 35 | May 16–22, 2027

Verse: Revelation 21:4 ***(K-8)***

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Grades 5-8

Catechism: To Youth:

Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. 1 Peter 5:5–6

Week 36 | May 23–29, 2027

Verse: 1 John 4:19 ***(K-8)***

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Grades 5-8

Catechism: To Everyone

The commandments … are summed up in this one rule: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Rom. 13:9