



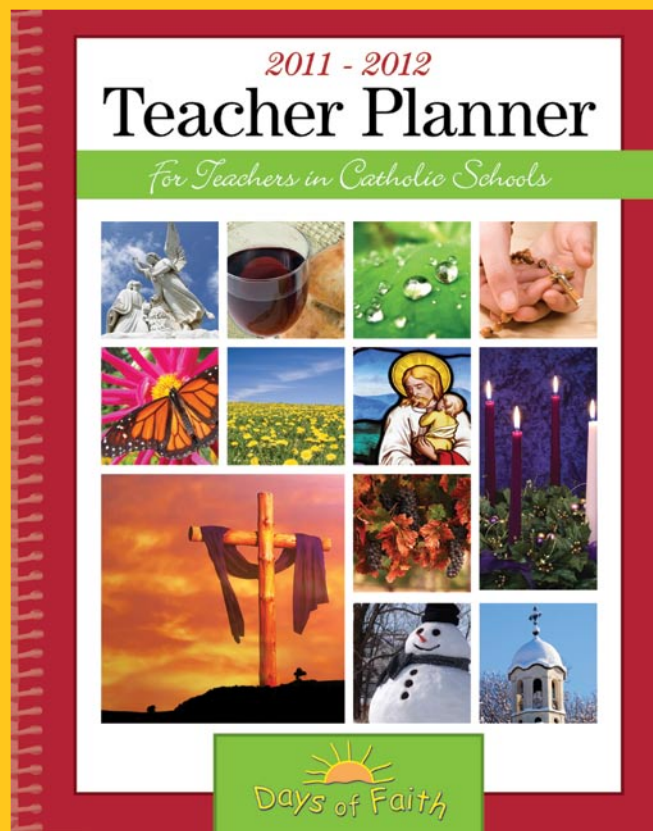
## Teacher Planner

For Teachers in Catholic Schools

Here's a teacher planner PLUS – with as much or more space than other planners for writing plans and tracking student assignments, plus page after page of background, features, and classroom tips especially for teachers in Catholic schools.

- Ample space for teaching plans and student assignments for seven subjects, five days a week, for every week of the school year
- Two-page introduction to every month, including saints, seasons, feasts, historical events, plus background on Catholic culture, traditions, and devotions
- Mind-teasers for students to start off each day, based on Catholic teachings, other school subjects – even riddles and spoonerisms
- School year calendar for 2011-2012 with all moveable religious feast days as well as civic holidays and observances
- Liturgical year calendar for 2011-2012 with all the seasons, Sundays, and holy days
- Information for substitutes, seating charts, space for special needs of students, and more

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to view the  
pages.



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### In this Product Preview you'll find these sample pages:

- Typical one-week spread for writing plans and tracking assignments
- Month-by-month calendars for August, September, and October
- Monthly background pages for February



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Week of					
SUBJECT →					
M O N D A Y	I have four sisters and two brothers. How many siblings do I have? (six)				
T U E S D A Y	Riddle me this: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a wolf? (frostbite)				
W E D N E S D A Y	What commandment tells us to respect the name of God? The first, fifth, second, or eighth? (second)				
T H U R S D A Y	Add the missing word to complete this proverb. Then think of a situation in which it would be appropriate to use it. When the cat's away, the mice will _____. (play)				
F R I D A Y	The four Evangelists (Gospel writers) are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and _____. (John)				

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### Week-by-week planning pages . . .

- Enter your teaching plans and notes
- Track student assignments
- Space for seven subjects each week for 47 weeks
- Plus mind-teasers for students to start off each day



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### ANNUAL CALENDAR

*Dear Teacher,*

*Thank you for using the Days of Faith Teacher Planner for the school year 2011-2012. It was developed especially for you, the teacher in the Catholic school. We hope it meets your need for a convenient way to record plans for your classes, for a calendar of significant events past and present, as well as for reminders of the progress of the Church year—its seasons, feasts, saints' days, and items of Catholic cultural importance.*

*Some teachers use the monthly "Few Dates in History" section to present to students important historical events on their anniversary. To make these events and people more alive, they ask their students such questions as "Were your parents alive when this happened? Your grandparents? If so, ask them what they thought at the time about the event or the person?"*

*Mind teasers for every day of the school year are still part of the planner. Use them to enhance your students' vocabulary. Also included are analogies, proverbs, surprising facts about the Church year and the saints, even word play with spoonerisms and palindromes.*

*Have a happy and successful school year of the Lord, 2011-2012.*

*The Editors*

### AUGUST 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop and doctor of the Church. Founder of the Redemptorists. Civic Holiday in Canada.	2	3	4 St. John Mary Vianney, Curé of Ars, priest.	5	6 Transfiguration of the Lord
7 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8 St. Dominic, priest, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans).	9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), virgin and martyr.	10 St. Lawrence, deacon and martyr.	11 St. Clare, virgin. Founder of the Franciscan Poor Clares.	12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal, religious. Founder of the Order of Visitation.	13
14 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Not a holy day of obligation this year.	16 St. Stephen of Hungary.	17	18	19	20 St. Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church.
21 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	22 Queenship of Mary.	23 St. Rose of Lima, virgin.	24 St. Bartholomew, apostle.	25 St. Louis of France.	26	27 St. Monica, mother of St. Augustine. Patron of married women and mothers.
28 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	29 Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist.	30	31	Note: "Doctor of the Church" is a title given to people of extraordinary holiness and spiritual insight whose writings have contributed to greater understanding of the work of God and the welfare of the Church.		

### SEPTEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 St. Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church.
4 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	5 Labor Day, USA and Canada.	6	7	8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.	9 St. Peter Claver, priest.	10
11 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	12	13 St. John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor of the Church.	14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross.	15 Our Lady of Sorrows.	16 St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian, martyrs.	17 St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop and doctor of the Church.
18 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Catechetical Sunday.	19 St. Januarius, bishop and martyr.	20 St. Andrew Kim Taegon, St. Paul Chong Hwang, and companions, martyrs of Korea.	21 St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist.	22	23 St. Pio of Pietrelcina, priest.	24
25 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time.	26 St. Cosmas and St. Damien, martyrs.	27 St. Vincent de Paul, priest, patron of charity.	28 St. Wenceslaus, martyr. Rosh Hashana (Jewish New Year begins at sunset).	29 St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, archangels.	30 St. Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church.	

A Day for Angels: On September 29 we honor three archangels: Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. We are most familiar with St. Michael, because he gives his name to so many children in our culture. Michael seems to be the most marly, usually pictured in armor and casting Lucifer and his rebellious followers from heaven in the Book of Revelation. Gabriel carries the news of the Incarnation to the innocent Mary. In addition, tradition tells us that Gabriel will blow a horn summoning us all to our final judgment. Raphael is very close to human beings. In the Book of Tobit Raphael acts as guide to the young and inexperienced Tobias, the hero of the story. As a result, Raphael is also said to be the chief of all the guardian angels.

### OCTOBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dedication of the Month: October is the month of the Holy Rosary, and October 7 is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This prayer has been one of the most popular devotions of Catholicism since the thirteenth century. Some say that Our Lady herself gave the rosary to St. Dominic and asked him to promote the prayer to all the faithful. The rosary succeeded very well because it puts a string of beads into the hands of the faithful as they are repeating and counting their prayers while meditating on events in the lives of Jesus and Mary.						11 St. Thérèse of the child Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church.
2 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Respect Life Sunday.	3	4 St. Francis of Assisi, religious, and founder of the Friars Minor.	5	6	7 Our Lady of the Rosary. Ten Hour Jewish Day of Atonement begins at sundown.	8
9 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Vocation Awareness Sunday.	10 Columbus Day, USA. Thanksgiving Day, Canada.	11	12	13	14	15 St. Teresa of Jesus (Ávila), virgin and doctor of the Church.
16 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time.	17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr.	18 St. Luke, evangelist.	19 St. John de Brébeuf, St. Isaac Jogues, and companions, martyrs.	20	21	22
23 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. World Mission Sunday.	24	25	26	27	28 St. Simon and St. Jude, apostles.	29
30 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.	31 Halloween.					

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### Month-by-month calendars for 2011-2012 . . .

- Saints' days
- Feast days
- Church seasons
- Secular holidays
- Calendar-year seasons



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### February

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The second month of the year is named for *Februa*, a Roman feast of expiation or purification, perhaps to prepare for the Roman new year, which began with March. Christians could see expiation for sin as the ideal way to greet Lent, beginning this year on February 22.

February is also Black History Month, during which we recognize and celebrate the many contributions black Americans have made to our national culture. Historians say February was chosen because it contains the birthdays of two notable Americans: Abraham Lincoln, the great emancipator, on February 12, and Frederick Douglass, former slave turned powerful speaker for civil rights, in February 1817.

The Church has dedicated February to the Holy Family. In Luke 2: 22-41 we read about the faithfulness of the Holy Family to the law of Israel as they take the infant Jesus to be presented to the Lord. We celebrate the feast on February 2, the Presentation (Candlemas Day).



#### Whatever happened to St. Valentine?

In the 1960s the Church undertook a revision of the saints' days we observe during the year. The goal was to be sure that the saints we honor as real people actually did exist. Some popular saints could not be proved to have lived. Among them were St. Valentine, St. Philomena, and St. Christopher. So they were dropped from the calendar. But Valentine still lives in the hearts of people as a symbol of friendship and love, and it is doubtful that the practice of sharing friendship and love on February 14 will ever go out of fashion.



#### Presidents Day

Really, the holiday we know as Presidents Day is actually Washington's Birthday according to the Federal Government. It was always celebrated on February 22, and the observance began when Washington was still alive.

After President Lincoln saved the Union, it was suggested that citizens of the U.S. celebrate his birthday as well. The problem arose because of the expense of having two holidays in one month. The solution was to consolidate the two celebrations and to have the holiday on the third Monday of February every year. This one day would honor the two most important presidents in our history.

Today many people consider that other presidents deserve to be honored as well. So gradually the public is beginning to accept the idea that all—or at least many—ex-presidents deserve to be celebrated the third Monday of February. Which ones? Well, that could depend on one's politics.

#### A Few February Dates in History

- Feb. 1, 1898—Travelers Insurance Company offers the first automobile insurance protection against accidents with horses.
- Feb. 2, 1848—The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ended the war between Mexico and the U.S. Mexico ceded areas that now are California, Nevada, Utah, most of Arizona, and parts of New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and all of Texas north of the Rio Grande. In exchange, Mexico received \$15 million.
- Feb. 3, 1943—Four Chaplains Day: George Fox, Alexander Goode, Clark Polding, and John Washington, Navy Chaplains, gave up their life jackets to crewmen when the SS *Dorchester* went down after being torpedoed off Greenland during World War II.
- Feb. 6, 1952—Queen Elizabeth II succeeds to the throne of the United Kingdom on the death of her father, King George VI.
- Feb. 7, 1478—Birth of St. Thomas More, Chancellor of England who refused to acknowledge King Henry VIII as head of the Church in England. He was beheaded in 1535 for treason, and canonized a saint in 1935.
- Feb. 7, 1812—Birth of Charles Dickens, popular English novelist, author of *Oliver Twist*, *A Christmas Carol*, *David Copperfield*, and many other successful publications.
- Feb. 8, 1910—Boy Scouts of America founded by William Boyce. He followed the program of Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts in England.
- Feb. 9, 1773—Birth of the U.S. president who had the shortest administration, William Henry Harrison. During his inaugural ceremony (March 4, 1841) he caught a cold and developed pneumonia. A month later (April) he was dead.
- Feb. 12—Valentine's birthday.
- Feb. 14—Valentine's Day.
- Feb. 15, 1965—Canada adopts the maple leaf flag as its national emblem.
- Feb. 20—Presidents Day.
- Feb. 21—Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday in French), the day before Lent when people have parties and try to eat up all their rich food before the Lenten fast begins. (Fasting every day of Lent used to be a practice for Catholics.) In the United States, Mardi Gras celebrations occur in New Orleans, Louisiana, and Mobile, Alabama, and a few other places. Europeans call the season before Lent *Carnival* ("Farewell to meat" in Latin).
- Feb. 22, 1819—Florida becomes a territory of the United States. Secretary of State John Quincy Adams signed an agreement with Spain to assume \$5 million of Spanish debt to residents of Florida. The territory became a state in 1845.



#### Some Saints of February

- Feb. 2—Presentation of the Lord. In Our Lord's time it was part of religious law to consecrate a first-born son to God. Mary and Joseph performed this duty at the Jerusalem Temple. Here they met Simeon, an old man who had been praying to see the Savior God had promised of old. Simeon held Baby Jesus, just 40 days old, and called him "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." In honor of this event, the Church on this day blesses the candles it will use for the next year. The feast used to be called Candlemas Day. An old Scottish proverb said: "If Candlemas is fair and clear, there'll be two winters in the year." Maybe we don't need the groundhog to predict the weather after all.
- Feb. 3—St. Blaise. This 4th-century bishop of Armenia died in a Roman persecution, but on his way to death he cured a boy who had a fish bone stuck in his throat, and thereby became the patron of people with throat problems. You can receive the blessing of throats at your parish church—a good idea at this time of year when cold and flu viruses are lurking everywhere.
- Feb. 6—St. Paul Miki and companions, martyrs of Japan. Paul Miki came from a noble Samurai family. He joined the Jesuit Order in 1580. The Japanese government turned against Christianity in the late 1590s, and Paul and 25 others were arrested and condemned to death. Their left ears were almost cut off and they were marched through towns and villages with blood covering their faces. They arrived at a hill in Nagasaki, where 26 crosses were waiting for them. They were lashed to the crosses and run through with lances as the horrified population watched. Persecutions continued and by

- 1640 over 6000 Christians had suffered martyrdom.
- Feb. 6—St. Josephine Bakhita. At the age of 10 Josephine, born in Sudan, was kidnapped and sold into slavery by Arab traders. Her last owners were an Italian diplomat's family who took her back to Italy, where slavery was illegal. She became a Catholic in 1890 and entered a convent. Her holiness and charity led to her being proclaimed a saint by Pope John Paul II in 2000.
- Feb. 10—St. Scholastica, the sister of St. Benedict, is the patron of Benedictine nuns.
- Feb. 11—Our Lady of Lourdes identified herself as the Immaculate Conception when St. Bernadette asked who she was. When Our Lady told Bernadette to dig in a certain spot, the girl uncovered a spring whose water can effect some medical cures. Bernadette's grotto has been a pilgrimage spot since the 1860s.
- Feb. 14—St. Cyril, monk, and St. Methodius, bishop. These brothers of the 9th century went as missionaries to the Slavic peoples of Eastern Europe. They developed an alphabet—the Cyrillic—which is used today in Eastern Europe and Russia.
- Feb. 22—Ash Wednesday. As Lent begins, we leave Ordinary Time behind and begin 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for Easter.
- Feb. 23—St. Polycarp, bishop and martyr, was born around 70. He is said to have been a follower of St. John the Evangelist, but unlike John, he died a martyr in his city, Smyrna, on the east coast of modern-day Turkey. In those days it was part of the Roman Empire.

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**Full-color "This Month" features for 2011-2012 . . .**

- Two-pages for each month of the school year, August through June
- This month in history
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- Profiles of saints
- Notes on church seasons
- Plus background on Catholic culture, traditions, devotions, and more

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