



## St. Monica Academy Curriculum Cycle

	<b>Ancient Year (9<sup>th</sup> Grade)</b>	<b>Medieval Year (10<sup>th</sup> Grade)</b>	<b>Modern Year (11<sup>th</sup> Grade)</b>	<b>American Year (12<sup>th</sup> Grade)</b>
<b>Theology</b>	Pentateuch and Synoptic Gospels; Apostolic and Patristic Theology	Historical Books and the Acts of the Apostles; Medieval Theology	Prophets and Pauline Literature; Modern Theology from the Counter-Reformation to the Enlightenment	Wisdom and Johannine Literature; American Catholicism and Contemporary Theology
<b>History</b>	Ancient History to 8th Century AD (Greece, Rome, China, Arabia, India)	Medieval History (Rome, Byzantium, Russia)	Renaissance and Modernity (Reformation, Colonial Age, Industrial Revolution)	American History (17th century to present)
<b>Literature</b>	Classical Literature	Medieval Masterworks	Modern and British Literature	American Literature
<b>Science</b>	Physics	Biology	General Chemistry	The Scientific Revolution (Calculus and Advanced Physics)
<b>Latin</b>	Latin I	Latin II	Latin III*	Latin IV or AP Latin
<b>Mathematics</b>	Algebra, Geometry, or Algebra II	Geometry, Algebra II, or Precalculus/ Trigonometry	Algebra II, Precalculus/ Trigonometry, or Statistics	Calculus
<b>Art</b>	Visual Art	Visual Art	*	*
<b>Physical Education</b>	Physical Education	Physical Education	*	*

\* Students will have the option of continuing physical education and visual art or taking non-credit enrichment courses. Current offerings include handbell choir, Spanish, World Religions, rosary-making, and iconography.

## Sample Reading Lists

These reading lists give a general sense of texts which have been used in each class or texts that are being considered as cohorts reach subsequent years in the cycle.

### *Theology*

#### **Ancient Year**

Pentateuch and Synoptic Gospels  
Catechism of the Catholic Church  
Kely, Early Christian Doctrines  
Athanasius, On the Incarnation  
Cyril of Alexandria, On the Unity of Christ  
Nicene Creed  
John Chrysostom, On Wealth and Poverty  
Augustine, Confessions, De Trinitate  
Basil, On the Holy Spirit  
Spirituality: The Psalter

#### **Medieval Year**

Scripture: Historical Books and Acts of the Apostles  
Catechism of the Catholic Church  
Maximus the Confessor, On the Cosmic Mystery of Jesus Christ  
John of Damascus, In Defense of Icons  
Bernard of Clairvaux, On Loving God  
Bernard of Clairvaux, The Life of St. Malachy of Armagh  
Anselm of Canterbury, Collected Works  
Richard of St. Victor, On the Trinity  
Thomas Aquinas, The Shorter Summa (ed. Peter Kreeft)  
Julian of Norwich, Revelations of Divine Love  
Spirituality: Lectio Divina, Anselm's Prayers and Meditations, Thomas a Kempis' The Imitation of Christ

#### **Modern Year**

Scripture: Prophets and Pauline Literature  
Catechism of the Catholic Church  
Robert Bellarmine, Ordinatio  
Council of Trent  
Erasmus, In Praise of Folly  
Calvin's Institutes  
John of the Cross, Ascent of Mt. Carmel  
Luther, The Freedom of a Christian  
Teresa of Avila, Interior Castle  
Erasmus, In Praise of Folly  
Liguori, The Great Means of Salvation and Perfection  
More, Dialogue Concerning Heresies  
Ignatius, Spiritual Exercises  
Spirituality: Ignatian Spirituality (Examen and Gospel Contemplation); Salesian Spirituality

#### **American Year**

Scripture: Wisdom Literature and Johannine Literature  
Catechism of the Catholic Church

Shannon, American Pilgrimage  
Adam, The Spirit of Catholicism  
Bernanos, Diary of a Country Priest  
Congar, I Believe in the Holy Spirit  
De Lubac, Catholicism  
Guardini, The Lord  
Leo XIII, Rerum Novarum  
Newman, Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine  
Pieper, Leisure Basis of Culture  
Ratzinger, Introduction to Christianity  
Roustang, Jesuit Missionaries to North America  
Vatican I (documents)  
Vatican II (documents)  
Bede Ukwijie, Trinity and Inculturation  
Romero, Voice of the Voiceless: The Four Pastoral Letters and Other Statements  
Spirituality: Die Losungen (Moravian Daily Reader)

### ***Literature***

#### **Ancient Year**

Homer, the Iliad and Odyssey  
Aeschylus, the Oresteia  
Caesar's Gallic Wars  
Sophocles, the Theban plays  
Thucydides, History of the Peloponnesian War  
Plato: Meno, Euthyphro, Gorgias, Apology, Crito, Phaedo and/or Republic  
Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics  
Augustine, Confessions  
Athanasius, On the Incarnation  
Gregory Nazianzus, On God in Christ  
Epic of Gilgamesh  
Tao De Ching, Analects  
The Psalter as Ancient Hebrew Poetry  
The Martyrdom of Saints Perpetua and Felicity  
The Aeneid

#### **Medieval Year**

Boethius, The Consolation of Philosophy  
Dante, The Divine Comedy  
Beowulf  
Milton, Paradise Lost  
Shakespeare: Hamlet, the Merchant of Venice, The Tempest, Sonnets  
The Song of Roland  
Sir Gawain and the Green Knight  
Chesterton, Lepanto  
Undset, Kristin Lavransdatter

#### **Modern Year**

Descartes, Meditations on First Philosophy  
Locke, Second Treatise on Civil Government  
Bacon, Novum Organum

Shelley, Frankenstein  
Bolt, A Man for All Seasons  
Dostoyevsky, The Brothers Karamazov, Crime and Punishment  
Poetry: Gerard Manley Hopkins, T.S. Eliot  
Endo, Silence  
Chesterton, The Everlasting Man

### **American Year**

Hawthorne, The Scarlett Letter  
Twain, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn  
Schuyler, Black No More  
O'Connor, The Complete Stories  
Cather, Death Comes for the Archbishop, My Antonia  
Percy, The Moviegoer  
Mitchell, Gone with the Wind  
Steinbeck, the Grapes of Wrath  
Baldwin, The Fire Next Time

### ***History***

#### **Ancient Year**

De Blois, Lukas and Robartus van der Spek, Introduction to the Ancient World  
N. T. Wright, Paul: A Biography  
Code of Hammurabi  
Story of Sinuhe  
Hebrew Bible (selections)  
The New Testament (selections)  
The Qur'an  
Bhagavad Gita  
Herodotus  
Hesiod  
Thucydides  
Plato, Republic, Meno  
Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics  
Livy  
Plutarch  
Eusebius  
St. Athanasius

#### **Medieval Year**

R.W. Southern, The Middle Ages  
Hollister and Bennett, Medieval Europe  
Herrin, Byzantium  
Gregory, A History of Byzantium  
Martin, Medieval Russia 980-1584  
Twain, Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc  
Two Lives of Charlemagne  
Undset, Catherine of Siena  
Chesterton, Saint Francis of Assisi  
Chesterton, Saint Thomas Aquinas: The Dumb Ox  
Ibn Sina, Al-Qanun fi't-Tibb

**Modern Year**

Rousseau, Social Contract

Hobbes, Leviathan

Montesquieu, Spirit of the Laws

Marx, Das Kapital, "Alienated Labor"

Hegel, Reason in History

Letters of St. Francis Xavier

Luther, Babylonian Captivity

Bellarmino, Controversies

Council of Trent (documents)

Writings of Junípero Serra

Sandos, Junípero Serra, Canonization, and the California Indian Controversy

Bacich, The Zacatecan Franciscans in Alta California: A Misunderstood Legacy

The Jesuit Relations

Papal Encyclicals: Rerum Novarum, Providentissimus Deus, Pacem in Terris, Quas Primas, Laborem

Exercens, Quadragesima Anno, Evangelium Vitae, Caritas in Veritate, Populorum Progressio, Sollicitudo

Rei Socialis, Centesimus Annus

**American Year**

Paine, Common Sense

Federalist Papers, especially #10, #39, #51, #84

United States Constitution, Declaration of Independence

Jefferson Bible

Madison, Memorial and Remonstrance

Murray, We Hold These Truths

De Tocqueville, Democracy in America (selections)

Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin

Douglas, A Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave

Seneca Falls Declaration

B. T. Washington, "Atlanta Compromise"

Du Bois, "Of Mr. Booker T. Washington and Others"

DuBois, Souls of Black Folk

Wilson, Fourteen Points

King, Letter from a Birmingham Jail