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September 26 Parish Community Center (PCC)	5:45 PM KICKOFF! Family and Parish Faith Night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza 5:45 PM - Hospitality Hall • Family / Parish Event + Meet and Greet / Rally
October 3	<p>A New Year pg. 11: Created By God <i>(Unit 1 - Revelation)</i> Chapter 2: God's Gifts for Us Chapter 3: Made to Care</p> <p>People of Faith: Blessed Fra Angelico, St. Nicholas, St. Albert the Great</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God created the world to show his love • All of creation is God's gift to us, and his Son, Jesus, is his greatest gift • People us God's gifts in the world to make things we need • Thanksgiving is showing God we are grateful for all that he's given us • Read and do Family Pages for Chapters 2 & 3 with your child • The image of God is the likeness of God that is in all human beings because we are created by him. • Humans are the most special part of creation. God gave us the ability to think and make choices • God gave Adam and Eve the responsibility to be caretakers of his creation • Each of us is responsible for treating all of creation with care and respect.
October 10	<p><i>(Unit 2 - Trinity)</i> Chapter 4: The Holy Trinity Introduce class take home saint statue. Pick the first child to get the traveling class Saint.</p> <p>People of Faith: St. Patrick</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God asks us to be friends with one another, to be nice, and to help each other when in need • Jesus is the Son of God who shows us the way to his Father • God the Father loves us so much he sent his only Son to be with us • The Holy Trinity is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, the one God in three Divine Persons • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 4 with your child
October 17	NO CLASS (MEA)	No homework. Enjoy your break
October 24	<p><i>(Unit 4 - The Church)</i> Chapter 12: Friends of God All Saint's Day - Pages 15-17</p> <p>People of Faith: All Saints & St. Dominic</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saints are heroes of the Church who loved God very much, did his work on Earth, and are now with him in Heaven • Holy means unique and pure, set apart for God and his purposes • We are part of the family of Saints, connected to the Saints who lived before us and to those who believe in Jesus now. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 12 with your child
October 31	NO CLASS	All Hallow's Eve - Be sure to come to Mass tomorrow for The Feast of All Saints, a Holy Day
Nov. 1 Thursday	All Saints Day <i>(Holy Day) - see you at Mass</i>	Instituted as a Feast Day to honor all Saints - known and unknown
November 7	<p><i>(Unit 2 - Trinity)</i> Chapter 5: The Holy Family</p> <p>People of Faith: Elizabeth, Zechariah and John (AKA John the Baptist)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signs of love are expressed in families • Jesus is the Son of God and a human being • The Holy family is the name of the human family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph • Jesus grew up with Mary and Joseph in Nazareth, praying and learning • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 5 with your child

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November 14	<i>(Unit 2 - Trinity)</i> Chapter 6: About the Bible People of Faith: St. Paul of the Cross.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus told stories like the Lost Sheep to show us how God watches over and guides us, always welcoming us A parable is a short story Jesus told about everyday life to teach something about God The Bible is the Church's holy book The two parts of the Bible are the Old Testament and the New Testament Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 6 with your child
November 21	NO CLASS (Happy Thanksgiving!)	No homework. Many Blessings to you and your family on Thanksgiving!
November 28	<i>(Unit 3 - Jesus Christ)</i> Chapter 7: Jesus the Healer People of Faith: St. Louise de Marillac	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blessed Mother Teresa is an example of how we are to share God's love by caring for the sick Jesus' healings showed God the Father's power and love Faith is the gift of believing and trusting in God so much that we do what he asks us to do Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 7 with your child
December 2	First Sunday of Advent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Light the first Candle on your Advent wreath During Advent, we prepare our hearts for the Word who brought light into darkness. It is a particularly fitting time to welcome the light of God's forgiveness into the dark places of our sinful lives by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Excerpted from How to Celebrate Christmas as a Catholic, copyright © 2005, Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division, Our Sunday Visitor, Inc
December 5 (PCC)	Advent Family Event (First Week of Advent) First week of Advent Advent : Waiting for Jesus pg.19-22 Mary's Birthday pg.9-14	Celebrating Advent
December 8	Feasts of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Holy Day , see you at Mass!	This feast celebrates that Mary received the benefits of Christ's salvation from the very moment of her conception. In 1854 Pius IX issued the infallible statement: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race was preserved free from all stain of original sin."
December 9	Second Sunday of Advent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Light the first and second candle on your Advent wreath. How are you doing in preparing your heart for Jesus?
December 12	Christmas: The Light of Christ pg 23 Third week of Advent People of Faith: The Holy Family	Nativity Lesson

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December 16	Third Sunday of Advent	Light your first, second & third candle on your Advent wreath. The pink candle represents JOY the Joy we receive at the birth of Jesus!
December 19	?? ACTIVITY TO BE DETERMINED Christmas play at the nursing home	Location and activity may change.
December 23	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Light your last Advent Candle
December 25	Merry Christmas! The Nativity of the Lord Holy Day of Obligation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebrates the Birth of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the World PRAISE GOD! JESUS IS BORN!!
December 26	NO CLASS	Christmas break
January 1	New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)	When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. Calling Mary "mother of God" is the highest honor we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace" This solemnity, falling on New Year's Day, is also designated the World Day of Peace (David Bennett 8/15/2008 . Church Year. Net) one of the oldest feasts of the Church, it was changed to this date following Vatican II, by Pope Paul VI in 1974
January 2	No class. Catechist appreciation!	Pray for our catechists please!
January 9 Welcome Back!	(Unit 3 - Jesus Christ) Chapter 8 Jesus Teaches Love People of Faith: St. Thomas of Villanova Chapter 9: Jesus Teaches Us to Pray People of Faith: St. Ephrem the Hymnist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A commandment is a law that God made for people to obey Jesus taught the Great Commandment to love God above all else and to love others the way you love yourself Prayer is talking to and listening to God We need prayers to get close to God The Lord's Prayer is the prayer Jesus taught his followers to pray to God the Father Read and do Family Pages for Chapters 8 & 9 with your child

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January 16	<p>PCYI Lesson Created in the Image of God Safe & Sacred Places</p> <p><i>Home lesson (Unit 4 - The Church)</i> Chapter 10: Responding to God People of Faith: Blessed Mary Theresa of the Child Jesus Gerhardinger</p>	<p>Protecting Youth and Children Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandated course focusing on helping children to make good and safe choices and knowing how to get help. Children are reminded that they and all of God's children are created in His image and need to see themselves and others as special, and deserving of respect, in all parts of their lives Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 10 with your child
January 23	<p>Chapter 11: The Church's Guide Pentecost pg. 41</p> <p>People of Faith: St. Rose of Lima</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A guide helps us and shows us the way The Holy spirit is the Third divine Person of the Holy Trinity Jesus promised us that the Holy Spirit would guide the Church Saint Therese loved God very much and worked for him through her little jobs. She called this "The Little Way" Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 11 with your child
January 30	<p>Chapter 13: Disciples Serve People of Faith: Venerable Father Solanus Casey</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus washed his disciples' feet to show us how to serve and love one another Jesus asks us to have a kind, giving heart when we serve and help others A disciple is a follower of Jesus who believes in him and lives by his teachings Serving others is a way to serve God Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 12 with your child
February 6	<p>Chapter 14: Making Choices People of Faith: St. Frances Cabrini</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ten Commandments are God's law that tell people how to love him and others Free will is being able to choose whether to obey God or disobey God God created us with free will because he wants us to make good choices All choices have consequences, or results, that can show love and respect or hurt others Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 14 with your child
February 13	<p>Chapter 15: Showing Sorrow People of Faith: Saint Dismas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sin is the choice to disobey God on purpose and do what you know is wrong. It is not an accident or a mistake The consequences of sin are hurting your friendship with God and others God wants us to be close to him and will always forgive us when we say we are sorry Jesus wants us to be sorry for our sins and turn to God our forgiving Father Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 15 with your child
February 20	<p>Chapter 16: Jesus The Savior People of Faith: St. Josephine Bakhita</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam and Eve chose to bring sin into the world. Their disobedience is called Original Sin God did not stop loving people because of their sin God sent his Son, Jesus to be our Savior and bring people back to him Jesus died for all people to save them, giving his life so that people could have new live life with God. Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 16 with your child

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February 27	Chapter 17: Holy Signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Seven Sacraments are special signs and celebrations that Jesu gave his Church The Sacraments celebrate that Jesus is still with us, sharing his life and love Every Sacrament has words and actions we do and things God does that we can't see that bring us life Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 17 with your child
March 6	<p style="text-align: center;">ASH WEDNESDAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Family Faith Night</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>All Classes and Family Event at the Parish Center</i></p>	No homework; this is the beginning of Lent prepare your hearts by attending Ash Wednesday Liturgy
March 13	<i>Centennial Spring Break</i>	NO CLASS / NO HOMEWORK
March 20	<p>Chapter 18: We Are Welcomed</p> <p>People of Faith: St. Mary & St. Moses the Black</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baptism is the Sacrament that brings new life in God and makes the person a member of the Church Grace is God's gift of sharing his life and help In Baptism, a person is immersed, or has water poured over him or her in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit The baptized person is anointed, receives a white garment, and is given the light of Christ <p>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 18 with your child</p>
March 27	<p>Chapter 19: We Give Thanks</p> <p>Chapter 20: Forever with God</p> <p>People of Faith: Saint Pope John XXIII St. Emily de Vialar</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Last Supper is the meal Jesus shared with his disciples the night before he died The Eucharist is the Sacrament in which Jesus himself, and the bread and wine become his body and Blood The Mass is the gathering of Catholics to worship God and celebrate the Eucharist In the Mass we hear God's Word, give thanks for his gifts, and receive Jesus in Holy Communion Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 19 & 20 with your child Heaven is living and being happy with God forever God desires for everyone to be happy with him forever Following Jesus and obeying God's laws are how we live in love now and forever
April 3	<p>Chapter 21: God's Kingdom</p> <p>People of Faith: St. Pedro Calungsod</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We pray for the coming of God's Kingdom, working together with God as he builds his Kingdom By being forgiving, treating others with respect, and helping those who are hungry and in need, Jesus showed us how to work for his Kingdom When we are kind, play fair, and include others, we are spreading peace. Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 21 with your child
April 10	<p>Holy Week pg.33 ; He is Risen pg.37</p> <p>Catholic Fair Prep</p>	

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April 14	Palm Sunday	<p>Palm Sunday commemorates the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-9), when palm branches were placed in his path, before his arrest on Holy Thursday and his crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent.</p> <p>In ancient times, palm branches symbolized goodness and victory. . . Again at the end of the Bible, people from every nation raise palm branches to honor Jesus (Revelation 7:9).</p> <p>http://www.catholic.org/clife/lent/palmsunday.php</p>
April 17	NO CLASS – HOLY WEEK HAPPY EASTER See you in Church!	Prepare your hearts to celebrate the holiest time of the year by going to Holy Week Masses and Services - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday
April 18 - 20 The Triduum	Holy Thursday - Good Friday - Passion and Death of Jesus Holy Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Triduum • Institution of the ordained Priesthood, and the Eucharist • Passion and Death of Jesus <p style="text-align: center;">Easter Vigil - the Church begins to Celebrate the Light of the Resurrection</p>
April 21	Have a joyful Easter!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and the Easter celebration continues for the next 50 days <p style="text-align: center;">Blessings to your family and friends during this Easter season!</p>
Apr. 24 PCC	CATHOLIC FAIR Hope you have a blessed and joyful summer!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No homework • Make sure you're prepared for your Catholic Fair booth; • An evening of fun and activities