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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 Classroom	<i>A New Year pages 1-8</i> Chapter 1: God's Providence Chapter 2: God is Faithful Living Faith - <i>Catholic Social Justice teaching</i> Care for God's Creation - 302-303	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first creation account teaches the goodness of all of God's creation Providence is God's loving care for all things, his will and plan for creation Divine Revelation is the way God tells humans about himself and makes his plan known God reveals himself through Sacred Scripture and the Sacred Tradition of the Church Read and do Family Pages for Chapters 1&2 with your child Death, suffering, ignorance and the inclination to sin all came into the world as a result of Original Sin God always remains faithful and promises salvation, desiring humans to be free and faithful to him A covenant is a sacred promise or agreement between God and humans God called Abraham, and because of his belief and trust in God, God established a covenant with him
October 10 Cafeteria	<i>Sorrowful Mother pages 9-14</i> Chapter 5: Living in Community/Amazing Race Living Faith - <i>Catholic Social Justice teaching</i> Rights and Responsibilities - 294-295 <i>Mary, Our Model of Faith</i> <i>Ask your child about praying the Rosary!</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The mission of God the Son and the Holy Spirit is to bring all people into the love of the Holy Trinity Morality is living in right relationship with God, yourself, and others God created all people for one another and we must all work for the common good Our love of our neighbor reflects the love of the Holy Trinity Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 5 with your child
October 17	NO CLASS (MEA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No homework. Enjoy your break.
October 24	<i>We Believe - Purgatory page 311</i> <i>We Live - God's Laws, Beatitudes & Virtue 316-319</i> Chapter 11: Models of Virtue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Saint is a person who the Church declares has led a holy life and is enjoying eternal life with God in Heaven. Mary is the perfect model of holiness, accepting God's will throughout her life and remaining faithful to him. The Immaculate Conception is the truth that God kept Mary free from sin from the first moment of her life. The Immaculate Conception is the truth that God kept Mary free from sin from the first moment of her life. Mary is called the Mother of the Church because she holds her Son's followers close to her heart. Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 11 with your child

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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 of Obligation - See you at Mass</i>	Instituted as a Feast Day to honor all Saints - known and unknown
November 7 Cafeteria	Chapter 3: God's Commandments Chapter 7: The Beatitudes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God created people to be free and live as his People, and he called Moses to lead his People from slavery in Egypt. • The Ten Commandments are the summary of the laws that God gave Moses on Mount Sinai that tell us what is necessary in order to love God and others. • God gave the Ten Commandments to help us be faithful to him and his covenant • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 3 & 7 with your child • The Beatitudes guide us to show mercy and be a blessing to others. • The word beatitude means "blessing" or "happiness." God put the desire for happiness inside each of us. • The Beatitudes are Jesus' teachings about the way to true happiness and living in God's Kingdom now and always. • God wants all of us to have eternal life-to live forever with him and all who die in his friendship.
November 14	<i>Advent - Prepare for Jesus pages 15-20</i> Chapter 4: In God's Image <i>The Holy Trinity pages 308-309</i> Living Faith - Catholic Social Justice teaching Call to Family, Community, and Participation 290-293 Bring your list of little acts of kindness to class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Dignity comes from being made in God's image an likeness with the ability to love, think, and make choices. • the soul is the spiritual part of a human that lives forever. • Sin is a deliberate thought, word, deed, or omission contrary to the law of God. • Every person is worthy of respect because he or she is created in God's image and made to love. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 4 with your child
November 21	NO CLASS (Happy Thanksgiving)	Many Blessings to you and your family this special day!
November 28 (CVE) Classroom	Protecting Youth and Children <i>Created in the Image of God</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandated course focusing on helping children to make good and safe choices and knowing how to get help when and if needed • 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.
December 2	First Sunday of Advent 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

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December 5 (PCC)	Advent Family Event Meet at Parish Community Center (First Week of Advent)	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 Light the first and second candle on your Advent wreath.	How are you doing in preparing your hearts for Jesus?
December 12	Second week of Advent Chapter 8: Love God and Neighbor Teaching, Immaculate Conception We Believe pages 304-305	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Great Commandment is the two-fold command to love God above all and your neighbor as yourself. • The Theological Virtues of faith, hope, and charity are gifts from God that help us to believe in him, trust his plan for us, and love him with all our heart, soul and mind. • Loving God leads to sharing his love with others, and the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us in the ways to do so. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 8 with your child
December 16	Third Sunday of Advent	Light the first, second & third candle on your Advent wreath. The pink candle represents JOY the Joy we receive at the birth of Jesus!
December 19	Third week of Advent 9: Honoring God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The First Commandments teaches us to worship and honor only God, and not to place things or other people before him. • The Second Commandment calls us to always use the name of God with reverence and respect. • Blasphemy is the sin of showing disrespect for the name of God, Jesus Christ, Mary, or the Saints in words or actions. • We observe the third Commandment through participation in the Sunday Eucharist, rest, time with family, and works of service. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 9 with your child
December 23	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Light the last Advent Candle (all four are now lit)
December 25	Merry Christmas! (Holy Day of Obligation) The Nativity of the Lord	Celebrates the Birth of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the World PRAISE GOD JESUS IS BORN!!
December 26	CHRISTMAS BREAK	NO CLASS

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January 1	New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
January 9 Welcome Back!	Chapter 6: Making Good Choices Chapter 14: Respect Life Forms will be going home about Feed My Starving Children tonight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free will is the God-given freedom and ability to make choices. God gives us grace, the Ten Commandments, and the Church to help us make good choices and deepen our relationship with him. We need to know God's laws and form, or strengthen, our conscience so it will help us make good decisions. Conscience is the God-given ability that helps us judge whether actions are morally good or wrong. Read and do Family Pages for Chapters 6 & 14 with your child Life comes from God. Every human life is sacred from the moment of conception until the time of natural death. All actions that respect and protect life uphold the Fifth Commandment. Actions that deliberately harm human life, including that of the unborn, the sick, and elderly, are grave sins. The Fifth Commandment calls us to respect and take care of our bodies.
January 16	Chapter 12: The Church Teaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus chose Peter to be the shepherd of his flock, leader of the Apostles, and head of the Church. Jesus gave Peter and the Apostles, and their successors the Pope and bishops, the authority to teach and lead in his name. The Magisterium is the teaching office of the Church, which is all of the bishops in union with the Pope. The Precepts of the Church are some of the minimum requirements for deepening our relationship with God and Church. Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 12 with your child
January 23	Chapter 13: Family Love Please send in your forms for Feed My Starving Children! Consider Chaperoning?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God created humans to live in families and wants family members to respect, love, and protect one another. The Fourth Commandment teaches children to honor and obey parents, who are to provide for, love, and share faith with them. The Sixth and Ninth Commandments are about faithful love and commitment between husband and wife, but requires all of us to keep promises, be faithful, and act appropriately Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 13 with your child

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January 30	Chapter 10: Called to Serve Chapter 20: The Church in the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocation is God's plan for our lives; the purpose for which he made us. • Priesthood, consecrated religious, committed single life, and married life are four distinct ways people respond to God's call. • All baptized members of the Church are called to serve God and the Church using their gifts. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapters 10 & 20 with your child • The mission of the Church is to proclaim the Gospel and work for the good of all people. • Evangelization is sharing the Good News of Jesus through words and actions in a way that invites people to accept the Gospel • The Church is made up of people of many cultures and they are all united by their belief in Christ. • Missionaries spread the Gospel message and Jesu' care for all people to countries all around the world.
February 6 Coon Rapids	Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)	Bus \$10.00/ to the Anoka - Feed My Starving Children, we are looking for help with parent supervision
February 13	Chapter 15: Live in the Truth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A martyr is a person who gives up his or her life to witness to the truth of Christ and the faith. • God is the source of all truth. His Word and his law call people live in the truth. • The Eighth Commandment calls us to be honest in words and actions and forbids lying, gossip, and any acts against the truth. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 15 with your child
February 20	Chapter 17: The Seven Sacraments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God the Father sent his only son, Jesus, as a sign of his love for all people. • The Seven sacraments are effective signs of God's life, instituted by Christ and given to the Church, so that Jesus can continue his saving work in the world • Read and do Family Pages for Chapters 17 with your child
February 27	<i>Lent: - A Time to Pray pg. 25-30</i> Chapter 16: The Liturgical Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Paschal Mystery is the mystery of Jesus' suffering, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension through which he saved all humans from the power of sin and everlasting death. • The liturgical year is made up of the feasts and seasons of the Church calendar that celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Christ. • The seasons of the Church year are Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Triduum, and Easter. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapters 16 with your child

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March 6	<p style="text-align: center;">ASH WEDNESDAY 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	SPRING BREAK (Centennial)	No Class / No homework
March 20	Chapter 18: Healing and Reconciliation Determine class theme for Catholic Fair display	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversion involves turning away from sin and responding to God's love and forgiveness. • In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, we receive God's forgiveness of sins through the Church and are strengthened by grace to make peace and avoid temptation. • The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick brings Jesus' healing touch to strengthen, comfort, and forgive the sins of those who are seriously ill or close to death. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapters 18 with your child
March 27	Chapter 19: A Generous Spirit Chapter 21: Eternal Life with God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being detached from our possessions enables us to work for peace and justice in God's Kingdom. • The Seventh and Tenth Commandments teach about the right attitude toward material possessions and require generosity. • Theft, greed, and envy are sins against these Commandments. • God created the world for all creatures and called humans to stewardship. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapters 20 & 21 with your child • Heaven is a state of eternal happiness with God. • To spend eternity with God, we must grow in friendship with God. Through the Holy Spirit, God helps us respond to his grace and grow in friendship with him. • At the time of our death, we will be judged by God. This is called the Particular Judgment. • The Last Judgment refers to Jesus' coming in glory at the end of time to judge all the living and the dead and the coming of God's Kingdom in its fullness.
April 3 (CVE) Classroom	<i>Triduum - The Suffering Servant</i> pg 31-36 <i>Easter - He Lives</i> pg 37-42 <i>Ascension - Going to the Father</i> pg 43-47 <i>Pentecost - The Power of the Holy Spirit</i> pg 47-49	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize Holy Week, especially Triduum, as a special time - explore the meaning of the Cross • Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus. • Explores the story of the Ascension and our belief in eternal life. • The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost marked when the work of the Church began.
April 10	Catholic Fair Prep	

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April 14	Palm Sunday	Holy Week begins
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 • Easter Vigil - the Church begins to Celebrate the Light of the Resurrection
April 21	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>Blessings to your family and friends during this Easter season!</p>
Apr. 24 PCC	Catholic Fair PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER	God Bless You! Have a great evening!