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September 26	5:45 PM Parish Community Center(PCC) 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	Chapter 3: Signs of God's Presence <i>A New Year - pgs 1-8</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God uses signs, such as the Burning Bush speaking to Moses, to communicate that he is with us and acting in our lives. • The Passover meal was a sign of the new covenant between God and the people he saved. • The Seven Sacraments are signs of the new covenant made through the life and sacrifice of Jesus. In each Sacrament, visible signs and divine actions give grace and allow us to share in God's work • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 3 with your child
October 10	Chapter 2 : Made to Be with God <i>Queen of the Holy Rosary</i> <i>Mary - pgs 9-14</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our longings are part of the desire God put in our hearts to be truly happy with him. • Grace is a free, loving gift of a participation in the life of the Holy Trinity • Faith is a belief and trust in God and the things that he has revealed to us, both a gift from God and a human choice. • The Sacrament of Baptism is the beginning of the journey of faith. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 2 with your child
October 17	NO CLASS (MEA)	No homework. Enjoy your break
October 24	Chapter 1: God's Plan for all Creation Chapter 12: Lives of Holiness <i>Purgatory</i> <i>Care for God's Creation pg 302-303</i> <i>Everlasting Life pg 310</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being made in his Image and likeness, humans can praise God for his goodness and care for one another and creation. • God revealed himself in a unique way through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition • Providence is God's loving care for all things, his will and plan for all creation • Read and do Family Pages for Chapters 1 & 12 with your child • To be holy is to be unique and pure, set apart for God and his purposes. • Saints are models of heroic virtue who responded to the Holy Spirit's call, accepting God's grace and living in friendship. • The Church honors Mary, the Mother of God, as the queen of Saints, the Annunciation and Assumption teach us about her obedience and faith. • Canonization is a declaration by the Pope naming a person as a Saint whose life can be a model for all Christians.
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 4	5th. GRADE SUNDAY LIVE-IT & BIBLE BLESSING during 10:30 Mass	Don't Forget, Bibles! Come ready to serve; Be there at 9:30 for set-up!

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November 7	Chapter 4: The Mystery of the Trinity <i>The Holy Trinity</i> pg 308	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus invites us into a deeper understanding of the mystery of God whom we cannot see except through him. • Those who are baptized enter into the very life of the Holy Trinity, who is love. • The Theological Virtues of faith, hope, and charity help us obey the First Commandment and live in relationship with the Trinity. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 4 with your child
November 14	Chapter 5: Prayer and Worship <i>Remembering Jesus</i> Prayers - 324-325 <i>Devotional Practices</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • King David and Jesus teach us that prayer and worship are ways to show reverence for God and to respond to his love. • When we worship God, we adore and praise him, especially in prayer and in the liturgy of the Church. • In the liturgy, we participate along with the whole Body of Christ in the saving work accomplished through Jesus' life, Death, Resurrection and Ascension. • The Holy Trinity is at work in the celebration of the liturgy. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 5 with your child
November 21	NO CLASS (Happy Thanksgiving!)	No homework. Many Blessings to you and your family this Thanksgiving
November 28	Chapter 6: Life of Virtue <i>Get Ready- Advent</i> pgs 15-18 <i>Virtue</i> pg 319 Children are working on small acts of kindness for others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In his discussion on the Great Commandment, Jesus teaches that showing love for God and neighbor is an act of worship. • The Cardinal Virtues are habits acquired by human effort in cooperation with grace that help us live as God's children. • The virtues strengthen our ability to know right from wrong, helping us act for good and grow as God's children. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 6 with your child
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
December 5 (PCC)	Advent Family Event (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 How are you preparing your heart for Jesus?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light the first and second candle on your Advent wreath.

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December 12	(Second Week of Advent) Chapter 8: Proclaim the Kingdom Teaching, Immaculate Conception <i>Live your Faith/Scripture</i> 290 - 293, 304-305	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Kingdom of God is God's Reign of peace, justice, and love that exists in Heaven, but has not yet come in its fullness on Earth. Jesus parables and miracles helped his followers experience and understand the meaning of the Kingdom, which Christ made present but is not yet complete until he comes again. Christ's words and actions, and his presence in the Seven Sacraments, teach about the need for conversion in our own lives. 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 (CVE) Classroom	Third Sunday of Advent Chapter 10: The Church's Message Chapter 16: Gathered as One Christmas - Season of Love pgs 19-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The four Marks of the Church distinguish Christ's Church and her mission to bring Christ to the world. The Church is an assembly, a gathering of the people of God, the Body of Christ. The Church is one because of the power of the Holy Spirit unites all the members in one faith, in the celebration of the Sacraments, and under the authority of the Pope. Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 10 & 16 with your child The Mass is central to Catholic life because it unites Christ's followers more closely to him and to one another. Real Presences is the teaching that Jesus Christ is really and truly with us in the Eucharist - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity In the Mass we are joined more closely to the Communion of Saints and remember in a special way those who have died. Participation in the Mass is a duty and privilege. We are led by the ordained ministers and others serve to help us worship.
December 23	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Light the last Advent Candle (all four are now lit) <i>We look forward to the birth of Our Lord, Jesus!</i>
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
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

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January 2	NO CLASS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CATECHIST APPRECIATION
January 9 Welcome Back!	<p>Chapter 17: Liturgy of the Word Chapter 18: Liturgy of the Eucharist</p> <p><i>Scripture and the Sacraments</i> Pg. 304</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Old Testament is the first part of the Bible about God's relationship with the Chosen People before Jesus was born. • The new Testament is the second part of the Bible about the life and teaching of Jesus, his followers and the early Church • Sacred Scripture is interpreted through the teaching to the Church • The Liturgy of the Word, the first main part of the Mass, begins with the first reading from the Old Testament and ends with the Prayer of the Faithful. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 17 & 18 with your child • Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, received in the Eucharist, offers lasting spiritual nourishment and the promise of eternal life. • Instituted at the Last Supper, the Eucharist is both a holy meal and a sacrifice during which we give thanks, remember Jesus' sacrifice, and receive the Body and Blood of Christ, • The consecration is the part of the Eucharistic Prayer in which the priest prays the words of Jesus Christ over the bread and wine, and these elements become the Body and Blood of Christ.
January 16	<p>Protecting Youth and Children <i>Created in the Image of God</i></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 when 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.
January 23	<p>Chapter 11: The Teaching Church</p> <p><i>The Church</i> pg 309</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus gave the Apostles a mission and the authority to spread the Good News of his Father's Kingdom. • The bishops, in union with the Pope are the successors of the Apostles and share in their authority to faithfully pass on what God has revealed through his Son, Jesus. • The Magisterium is the teaching office of the Church, including all of the bishops in union with the Pope. • The Pope and the bishops, guided by the Holy Spirit, protect and explain the Word of God. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 11 with your child
January 30	<p>Chapter 15: Forgiveness and Healing Chapter 7: Living Image of Christ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ continues to share God's forgiveness and healing love in the Sacraments of Healing • The Sacrament of Penance, called by different names, always has four parts: contrition, confession, penance, and absolution. • In the Anointing of the Sick Christ strengthens, comforts and forgives the sins of those who are seriously ill or close to death. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapters 15 & 7 with your child • The word incarnation means "coming into flesh." It is the mystery that the son of God became man in order to save all people.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus is the Savior who came into the world to save all people lost through sin and lead them back to God His Father. • God created all people in his image and likeness, with free will, a soul, and the ability to love. • We are given God's very life and help to be a living image of Christ every day.
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 13: Evil in the World <i>We Live - Grace and Sin pg 318-319</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The disobedience of our first parent and its effect for all humans is called Original sin. • Jesus' Death and Resurrection were God's plan for the Redemption he had promised his Chosen People. • Mortal and venial sin are personal sins that break or weaken a person's relationship with God. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 13 with your child
February 20	Chapter 14: New Life in Christ <i>We Worship pages 311-312</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the Sacraments of Initiation, we enter into a relationship with Christ and membership into the Catholic Church. • Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we participate in the role of Jesus as priest, prophet, and king. • Confirmation seals us with an Special outpouring of then Gifts of the Holy spirit, deepens baptismal grace, and strengthens us. • The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults, and some children, become members of the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 14 with your child
February 27	Chapter 19: The Call to Serve <i>pg. 25-28 Lent - Time for Change</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A vocation is a particular way to answer God's call to serve him and others, whether s a member of the ordained ministry, a consecrated religious, or a lay person (married or single). • Each of us needs to learn to listen to God's call in our own lives. • The Sacraments at the Service of Communion celebrate people's commitment to serve God and the Church. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 19 with your child
March 6 (CVE) Classroom	ASH WEDNESDAY Family Faith Night <i>All Classes and Family Event at the Parish Center</i>	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

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March 20	Chapter 20: The Last Things	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Last Judgment is God's final triumph over evil at the end of time when Christ returns and judges all the living and the dead. • At the time of death, each person will be judged and God will decide where he or she will spend eternity. • We prepare for eternal life by accepting God's grace, growing in his friendship, and serving him and one another right now. • The symbols used at a Mass of Christian Burial connect to our Baptism and Jesus' Resurrection. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 20 with your child
March 27	Chapter 9: <i>Celebrating the Paschal Mystery</i> <i>Triduum-Obedient Service pg 29-32</i> <i>Easter - He Lives pg 33-38</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By his sacrifice and Resurrection, Jesus is the Redeemer-bringing us back from the slavery of sin and everlasting death, • The Paschal Mystery is Christ's work of Redemption through his suffering, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension. • Each of the Sacraments is a celebration and participation in the Paschal Mystery. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 9 with your child
April 3	Chapter 21: Bring the Good News <i>Ascension/Pentecost pg.39-50</i> <i>Divine Mercy teaching</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By his words and actions, Jesus showed how the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled in him. • Evangelization is giving witness to the faith by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus through words and deeds in a way that invites people to accept the Gospel. • In the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we are given grace to become more like Christ, to love God and others better. • The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are actions that address the physical and Spiritual needs of others. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 21 with your child
April 10	Catholic Fair Prep	
April 14	Palm Sunday	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. 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). http://www.catholic.org/clife/lent/palmsunday.php
April 17	NO CLASS – HOLY WEEK HAPPY EASTER See you in Church!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare your hearts to celebrate the holiest time of the year by going to Holy Week Masses and Services: <i>Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday</i>
April 18 - 20	Holy Thursday - Good Friday - Passion and Death of Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Triduum • Institution of the ordained Priesthood, and the Eucharist • Passion and Death of Jesus

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The Triduum	Holy Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Blessings to your family and friends during this Easter season!
Apr. 24 PCC	CATHOLIC FAIR - Family Event 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 <p style="text-align: right;">God Bless You! Have a great evening!</p>