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September 26 KICKOFF!	5:45 PM Parish Community Center(PCC) 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><i>A New Year - Pg 1-8</i></p> <p>Chapter 1: The Mystery of God</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We can come to know God in many different ways: through all he has created, through the voice of conscience, and through human intellect and reason Although God reveals himself in many ways, we will not fully understand the mystery of God until we know him completely in Heaven God planned from the beginning to give his only Son, Jesus Christ , to reconcile all of creation to himself Many Old Testament accounts speak of God's faithfulness to his promise of salvation From the Genesis creation accounts and the world around us, we get a sense of the attributes of God-eternal, truth, love, merciful, and holy Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 1 with your child
October 10	<p>Chapter 2: The Word of God in Scripture</p> <p>Chapter 3: Jesus, Sign of God's Love</p> <p><i>Trinity/Liturgical Colors Pg 304</i></p> <p style="background-color: #D3D3D3;">Living Faith - <i>Catholic Social Justice teaching</i> Call to Community - 292-293, Solidarity of the Human Family 300-301</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God is the author and inspiration of the Sacred Scripture that humans have recorded under his guidance and directions Scripture can be read and interpreted in a literal sense and a spiritual sense, providing a richness to the living reading of Scripture in the Church The Gospels are the center of the Bible because they record the truth of the life and ministry of Jesus God continues to speak to us through the Scriptures, as we proclaim them at Mass, reflect on them personally, and study them to learn more about Jesus Read and do Family Pages for Chapters 2 & 3 with your child Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law: he perfectly reveals God the Father to us God showed the depth of his love when he made a new covenant in Jesus Christ. This covenant is made present in the world today through the Eucharist Being baptized in Christ gives us a share in his Divine life as sisters and brothers of Christ Natural moral law and God's revealed law in the Ten Commandments direct us to live in right relationship with him and with one another
October 17	NO CLASS (MEA)	No homework. Enjoy your break
October 24	<p>Chapter 4: God is Trinity</p> <p style="background-color: #D3D3D3;">Living Faith - <i>Catholic Social Justice teaching</i> Care for Creation 302-303</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trusting in God's presence leads us to look for guidance in his Word God the Father sent his Son and the Holy Spirit to help us know him and guide us to him The love among the members of the Trinity is a model for human affection and bonds and is the source of God's loving plan The total union of the Trinity is a mystery that can never be totally understood by the human mind, but can be approached through faith Grace is a loving gift from God and a sharing in his Divine life Read and do Family Pages for Chapters 4 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</i> <i>See you at Mass</i>	Instituted as a Feast Day to honor all Saints - known and unknown
November 7	Chapter 5: Jesus. Word of God Chapter 6: Holy Spirit, Comforter and Guide <i>Living Faith - Catholic Social Justice teaching</i> Life and Dignity - 290-291	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Son of God has existed for all time, and through the Incarnation, became fully man while remaining fully God • Through the Incarnation, God the Father speaks directly to us through Him • Through the work of the Holy Spirit, the Son of God was born to Mary: her trust and discipleship serves as a model for our journey of faith • Jesus showed that he was Divine in many ways, particularly through the working of miracles, which also gave us a glimpse into his human nature and emotions • Read and do Family Pages for Chapters 5 & 6 with your child • Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit to be our Guide and Comforter and the source of our gifts and talents • The members of the Catholic Church are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus; we are the Body of Christ in the world • Just as the Saints offer prayer to God for help, we call on the Saints to intercede for us • The Holy Spirit guides the Church in her Sacred Tradition and her prayer, The Holy Spirit helps us pray in different ways and in different circumstances
November 14	Chapter 7: The Way <i>Living Faith - Catholic Social Justice teaching</i> Care for Creation 302-303 Human Solidarity 300-301	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus, the Son of God, became man to show us how to live and to share his divinity with us. Because he is true God and true man, Jesus Christ is "the Way" to the Father • Jesus is the Substantial Image of the Father because he is a visible image of the true nature of God • When we seek the Lord and live as disciples of Christ, following his example, we will experience the fullness of life. Happiness comes from becoming the people God created us to be. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 7 with your child
November 21	NO CLASS (Happy Thanksgiving!)	No homework. Many Blessings to you and your family this Thanksgiving
November 28	Chapter 8: Model of Wisdom Immaculate Conception Church Year - Advent - Walk in the Light pgs 15-17 <i>Living Faith - Catholic Social Justice teaching</i> Life and Dignity - 290-291,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus' wisdom comes from being the Son of God; he looked at the world with that perspective and challenged some of the commonly accepted understandings of his time • Jesus taught through his words and actions, He used parables to teach us about the coming of God's Kingdom • In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave specific directions for living, honoring God, and making our actions reflect our beliefs. • The Beatitudes challenge us to live by the values of God's Kingdom and to understand that true happiness comes from the hope of eternal life with God. • Mary, the Mother of God is the Immaculate Conception, created without sin,

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		<p>graced to be the Mother of our Savior, Jesus. We celebrate this special feast, December 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advent begins as a time to prepare our hearts Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 8 with your child
December 2	<p>First Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Light the first candle on your Advent wreath</p>	<p>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 <i>How to Celebrate Christmas as a Catholic</i>, copyright © 2005, Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division, Our Sunday Visitor, Inc</p>
December 5 (PCC)	<p>Advent Family Event (First Week of Advent)</p>	Celebrating Advent
December 8	<p>Feasts of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin</p> <p>Holy Day, see you at Mass!</p>	<p>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."</p>
December 9	<p>Second Sunday of Advent</p> <p>How are you preparing your heart for Jesus?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Light the first and second candle on your Advent wreath.
December 12 (CVE) Classroom	<p>(Second Week of Advent)</p> <p>Chapter 9: Christ Our Savior <i>Living Faith - Catholic Social Justice teaching</i> <i>Life and Dignity - 290-291</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sin and suffering came into the world because of human action, but God sent leaders, prophets, and ultimately, his Son to to guide us back to him Jesus is sometimes called the new Adam, because his saving action is the only means by which we are saved from the Original Sin of Adam and Eve and our own personal sin. The Paschal Mystery is Christ's work of Redemption through his Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension Jesus' saving actions continue through his Church,. We can experience ne life in Christ in the Seven Sacraments Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 9 with your child
December 16	<p>Third Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Light the first, second & third candle on your Advent wreath.</p>	The pink candle represents JOY the Joy we receive at the birth of Jesus!
December 19 (CVE) Classroom	<p>Chapter 10: Disciples in Community Church Year - Christmas <i>Glory to God</i> pgs. 23-28 <i>Living Faith - Catholic Social Justice teaching</i> Rights and Responsibilities - 294-295</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saint John the Baptist proclaimed the coming of Christ and led people to Jesus The Apostles played a critical role in the continuation of Jesus' work and ministry Just as Jesus sent the first disciples out to spread the Good News, he wants us to be a sign of the Kingdom of God and to follow Church teachings We must have a personal relationship with God nourished by prayer in order to answer our call to bring his love and truth to others Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 10 with your child

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December 23	Fourth Sunday of Advent Light the last Advent Candle <i>(all four are now lit)</i>	<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
January 2	NO CLASS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CATECHIST APPRECIATION
January 9 Welcome Back!	Chapter 11: Christ Present Among Us Chapter 12: Source of Life Living Faith - <i>Catholic Social Justice teaching</i> Call to Community - 292-293,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Church is both visible and spiritual. We call the spiritual part the Mystical Body of Christ. • The Church is the Body of Christ; she is one because she acknowledges one Lord, confesses one faith, and is born of one Baptism • Each individual member is united with all members as part of Christ's Body. When members of the Church live in communion with the Holy Spirit and with one another, harmony results • The Church needs the diverse gifts of all members to be sign of God's Kingdom here on Earth • Read and do Family Pages for Chapters 11 & 12 with your child • God created us with free will. He helps us learn to use it to choose that which is good. • We receive new life in the gift of salvation that Jesus, the Mediator, offers us in Baptism • The Church is Catholic - for all people at all times and in all places, and, through the actions of her members, people come to know God and share in his life. • Purgatory is the process of purification we experience after death, before we enter complete communion with the Holy Trinity • Prayer is an important means of communion with God, and important part of the call to live a life of love and truth.

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January 16	Chapter 13: Freedom and Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God made us with a free will, an intellect, and a soul; our conscience works with these gifts to help us choose good and avoid sin. • The distinction between mortal and venial sin is part of the tradition of the Church. Mortal sin and venial sin both affect a sinner's relationship with god, but in different ways • Morally good actions requires that their object, intention, and circumstances be good, the end does not justify the means. • A well formed conscience - and the help of Christ's teachings, the Church, the Holy spirit, prayer, and wise people - will guide us to do what is right and good. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 13 with your child
January 23	Chapter 14: Respecting Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All human life is sacred and a gift from God. All people possess the human dignity that comes from being made in God's image. • The Fifth Commandment forbids direct and intentional killing as gravely sinful. If anger reaches the point of a deliberate desire to kill or seriously would a neighbor, it is a mortal sin. • The Church teaches about and advocates the right to life of every person. We have a responsibility to honor and protect life at all stages from conception to old age. • We respect the dignity of the human person by respecting the rights of others, taking care of ourselves physically and emotionally, not abusing ourselves or others, and by not leading others into sin. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 14 with your child
January 30	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 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.
February 6 Coon Rapids	Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)	<p style="color: green;">Bus \$10.00/ to the Anoka - Feed My Starving Children, we are looking for help with parent supervision</p>
February 13	Chapter 15: Being Virtuous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtues are strong habits of doing good that help us make moral decisions and contribute to how we become the people God created us to be. • The Theological Virtues are gifts from God that help us believe in Him, trust in His plan for us, and love him as he loves us. • The Cardinal Virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance can help us respect ourselves and others and act with integrity • The Eighth Commandments forbids misrepresenting the truth in our relationships with others. This sin damages our integrity and character, but by practicing the virtues and avoiding sin, we can live truthful and faith-filled lives. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 15 with your child

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February 20	Chapter 16: God's Masterworks Chapter 17: Sacraments of Initiation <div style="background-color: #D2B48C; padding: 5px;"> Living Faith - <i>Catholic Social Justice teaching</i> <i>Option for the Poor 296-297</i> <i>The Dignity of Work 298-299</i> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every sacramental celebration is a meeting between God's children and their Father, a dialogue in the form of actions and words, a celebration woven from signs and symbols. • Jesus himself is a Sacrament because he makes God known to us; he is a visible sign of the mystery of the Holy Trinity • The Holy Spirit works with the Church in making Jesus' saving work present in the Sacraments • Read and do Family Pages for Chapters 16 & 17 with your child • We are welcomed to the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation • Confirmation is the Sacrament of Initiation through which the spiritual life, received in Baptism, is strengthened and the person is sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit • Transubstantiation is the process by which, through the power of the Holy Spirit and the words and actions of the priest, the bread and wine are transformed into the Body of Christ. • In the Eucharist, we are fed with Body and Blood of Christ and are brought closer to Christ and one another.
February 27	Chapter 18: Sacraments of Healing Lent Pgs. 29-34 We Worship page 312 <i>The Seven Sacraments</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus shows us that God is compassionate, always willing to forgive and care for those who turn to him and believe. God heals us spiritually, emotionally, and sometimes physically in the Sacraments of Healing. • Conversion happens when we desire to change and are open to God's help. • In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, those who are truly sorry for their sins receive God's forgiveness and are reconciled with him and the Church • In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, those who are seriously ill or suffering from old age receive God's grace to be strong, courageous, and hopeful in their trials • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 18 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
March 20	Chapter 19: Called by God Catholic Fair Prep - determine theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Catholic family is a domestic Church - a holy community of love, grace, and prayer. Our families help teach us to hear God's call and respond to him in faith and love. • Whether married, single, ordained, or consecrated, we are called to share our time, talent, and treasure through our vocation in order to serve the Church • Discernment is the process by which we reflect, discuss, pray, and are ultimately drawn toward our vocation. • Whether we choose to be ordained, enter consecrated religious life, or remain a

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		member of the laity, we are all called to faith and to continue the mission of Jesus • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 19 with your child
March 27	Chapter 20 : Act with Justice Triduum-Holy Week Pg. 35-38 Catholic Fair Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We can work together with God as he builds his Kingdom by choosing to believe, having faith, and making the necessary changes in our lives to work toward what is just, peaceful, and loving. Justice is giving what is due to God and what is due to others as children of God made in his image and possessing equal human dignity. The Tenth Commandments focuses on the intentions of our heart. To live right, we must rely on God, trust in his care, and have the right attitude toward money and things. Society does not always support the values of God's Kingdom, so we must stand together in solidarity with those who need our help. • Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 20 with your child
April 3	Chapter 21: Our Reason to Hope Easter-Holy, Holy, Holy 39-44 Divine Mercy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apocalyptic literature is a type of writing that claims to reveal what humans. The raising of Lazarus showed that Jesus had power over death. Jesus' Resurrection makes it possible for us to have a life with God forever and gives us hope for our future We will be judged at our death based upon the ways we have accepted and acted on God's grace in our lives. At the end of time, Jesus will come to judge both the living and the dead and to bring the Kingdom of God in its full glory. The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are actions that are expected of us as members of the Church and disciples of Christ. • 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>

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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 • 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>