December

This month we celebrate Advent, the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary & Christmas.



Be sure to join us each Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm via Zoom for a brief (15-20 minute) but important Advent gathering. We look forward to seeing you!

Peace and all God's blessings.

Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Week of **December 2nd**: Ch. 3 focuses on God the Father & Creator. Begin by discussing the questions on pg. 27. Then turn to pg. 28 & look at the Disciple Power—Wonder. See how many wonders of creation your child can name. Learn about Kateri Tekakwitha & how looking at creation brought her nearer to God. How do the wonders of creation they listed remind them of God? Turn to pg. 29 & read the paragraph at the top, then complete the drawing activity below. Finally, on pg. 279, find the word Creator & have your child write the word & read the definition. Complete 2 choice board activities this week.

Week of December 9th: Find a mirror to have your child look in. On a piece of paper write the word image. Explain what an image is & share with your child that every time they look in a mirror they see an image or reflection of themselves. Then read God Creates People on pg. 30. Answer the question at the end of the paragraph. Read about Catherine of Siena & point out how Catherine saw creation as a reflection of God's love. Continue reading on pg. 31, God is Our Loving Father. Be sure to emphasize that we are God's children. Jesus taught us how to pray and show our love for God the Father. Read the "Catholics Believe" section & begin working with your child to learn this prayer. Complete the activity at the bottom. Complete 1 new choice board activity this week.

Kindergarten & 1st Grade (continued)

Week of December 16th: In-Person Class 6:15 - 7:30 pm Enter the side door to Holy Family Church and go down the stairs. Choose 2 new choice board activities this week.

Week of December 2.3rd: Discuss with your child the traditions in your family that help us to remember Jesus' birth. Write them down in a journal or special notebook to keep. This year, will your family go to Mass in person or watch online? Be sure to dress up even if you aren't going to Mass in person. Read to-gether the story of the Nativity from your family Bible (Luke 2:1-20) If you have a nativity set in your home, consider having your children place the baby Jesus in the creche on Christmas day. Perhaps this can be a new tradition for your family. What are the gifts of love your family gives to each other? How do we show our love for God at this special time of year?

Week of December 30th: complete 2 more choice board activities.

Merry Christmas & a Blessed New Year to your family!