

## Third Grade Syllabus Church

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September 26 Parish Community Center(PCC)	5:45 PM <b>KICKOFF!</b> Family and Parish Faith Night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pizza 5:45 PM - Hospitality Hall</li> <li>• Family / Parish Event + Meet and Greet / Rally</li> </ul>
October 3 Centerville Elementary Classroom (CVE) Gym	<i>A New Year - Pg 1-8</i> Chapter 2: <b>The Church Gathered</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bible is the Word of God written in human words; the holy book of the Church</li> <li>• The Church is the community of all baptized people who believe in God and follow Jesus</li> <li>• The Church helps us understand God's Word, teaches us about God's love and gathers us to honor and worship God</li> <li>• We can serve God by living out the Good News of Jesus</li> <li>• <b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 2 with your child</b></li> </ul>
October 10 (CVE) Classroom Gym	Chapter 4: <b>The Holy Trinity</b> <i>Trinity/Liturgical Colors Pg 304</i> <i>Living Faith - Catholic Social Justice teaching - Pages</i> Call to Community - 292-293, <i>Solidarity of the Human Family 300-301</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Mystery is a truth that is difficult to perceive or understand with our senses , but is known through faith and through signs</li> <li>• Jesus teaches us about God his Father and the Holy Spirit</li> <li>• God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are a perfect communion of love</li> <li>• The Creed Is a statement of the Church's beliefs</li> <li>• <b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 4 with your child</b></li> </ul>
October 17	<b>NO CLASS</b> (MEA)	No homework. Enjoy your break
October 24 (CVE) Classroom	Chapter 1: <b>The Creator's Work</b> All Saints and All Souls pgs 9-14 Communion of Saints pg 304 <i>Living Faith - Catholic Social Justice teaching - Pages</i> Care for Creation 302-303	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God created human beings in His image and likeness</li> <li>• Creation is a gift from God that shows his goodness</li> <li>• Creation is the work of the Holy Trinity</li> <li>• Humans have the responsibility to care for all of creation, especially each other</li> <li>• <b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapters 1 page 61</b></li> <li>• On all Saints Day, we remember all people who faithfully followed Jesus. When they died they found new life in Heaven with God forever.</li> <li>• Praying for the Dead is a Spiritual Work of Mercy - During the month of November we especially remember the those who have gone before us with the Feast of All Saints and All Souls</li> <li>• We are encouraged to daily pray for the souls in Purgatory with 3 Our Fathers and 3 Hail Marys</li> </ul>
October 31	<b>NO CLASS</b>	<b>All Hallow's Eve</b> Be sure to come to Mass tomorrow for <b>The Feast of All Saints</b> - a Holy Day
Nov. 1 Thursday	<b>All Saints Day</b> <i>Holy Day of Obligation - See you at Mass</i>	Instituted as a Feast Day to honor all Saints - known and unknown

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November 7 St. Genevieve Church Drop-off and pick-up at regular class times.	Chapter 3: <b>Families Teach Love</b> Chapter 11: <b>One and Holy</b>  Mary, Our Model of Faith Page 311  Living Faith - <i>Catholic Social Justice teaching</i> - Pages Life and Dignity - 290-291	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Families teach us how to care for, respect, and help one another</li> <li>• We honor Mary as the Mother of God, the greatest of Saints and our Mother, too.</li> <li>• The Hail Mary begins with the words Elizabeth used to greet Mary</li> <li>• The Catholic family is the domestic Church where we experience love and learn about God and how we pray and live as Catholics</li> <li>• <b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapters 3 &amp; 11 with your child</b></li> <li>• The Marks of the Church are the four characteristics that identify Christ's Church: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic</li> <li>• Pentecost is the feast that celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit fifty days after Easter</li> <li>• The Communion of Saints is everyone who believes in and follows Jesus-people on Earth and those who have died and are in Purgatory or Heaven</li> </ul>
November 14 (CVE) Classroom	17: <b>Sacraments of Healing</b> 18: <b>Sacraments at the Service of Communion</b>  We Pray - Prayers from the Sacraments Personal and Family Prayers pg. 322,323 Living Faith - <i>Catholic Social Justice teaching</i> - Pages Care for Creation 302-303 Human Solidarity 300-301  Cultivating a sense of Gratitude - Thanksgiving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the Sacraments of Healing, God's forgiveness and healing are given to those suffering physical and spiritual sickness</li> <li>• In Penance and Reconciliation, we confess our sins to a priest who forgives in the name of Christ and his Church</li> <li>• In the Anointing of the Sick, the priest prays that God will send his healing love to the person who is anointed</li> <li>• <b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 17 &amp; 18 with your child</b></li> <li>• In the consecration, through the power of the Holy Spirit and the words and Sacraments at the Service of Communion celebrate people's commitment to serve God and the community and help build up the People of God</li> <li>• Holy Orders is the Sacrament in which baptized men are ordained as deacon, priests or bishops to lead and serve the Church</li> <li>• Matrimony joins a baptized man and a baptized woman in Christian marriage to serve God by loving and serving each other and any children God gives them.</li> </ul>
November 21	<b>NO CLASS</b> <b>(Happy Thanksgiving!)</b>	No homework. <b>Many Blessings to you and your family this Thanksgiving</b>
November 28 (CVE) Classroom	Chapter 6: <b>Pray Always</b> People of Faith - <b>St. Gertrude the Great</b> <b>Immaculate Conception</b> Church Year - Advent - Walk in the Light pgs 15-17 Living Faith - <i>Catholic Social Justice teaching</i> - Pages Life and Dignity - 290-291,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus taught his followers to pray to God the Father</li> <li>• Daily Prayer is important. We can pray using traditional prayers and our own words, out loud or silently, and at any time</li> <li>• The five basic forms of prayer are blessing and adoration, praise, petition, intercession and thanksgiving.</li> <li>• Mary, the Mother of God is the Immaculate Conception, created without sin, graced to be the Mother of our Savior, Jesus. We celebrate this special feast, December 8</li> <li>• Advent begins as a time to prepare our hearts</li> <li>• <b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 6 with your child page 129</b></li> </ul>

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December 2	First Sunday of Advent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Light the first candle on your Advent wreath</li> <li>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 <b>How to Celebrate Christmas as a Catholic</b>, copyright © 2005, Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division, Our Sunday Visitor, Inc</li> </ul>
December 5 (PCC)	Advent Family Event (First Week of Advent)	Celebrating Advent
December 8	Feasts of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin  <b>Holy Day</b> , 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 hearts for Jesus?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Light the first and second candle on your Advent wreath.</li> </ul>
December 12 (CVE) Classroom	(Second Week of Advent)  Chapter 7: <b>The Good News</b> Living Faith - <i>Catholic Social Justice teaching - Pages Life and Dignity - 290-291</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Gospel message is the Good News of God's Kingdom and his saving love</li> <li>The four Gospel books in the New Testament tell about Christ's life, taching, Death and Resurrection</li> <li>The Kingdom of God is the world of love, peace and justice that exist in its fullness in heaven and is still being built on Earth</li> <li>In his miracles and parables, Jesus shows us the God's Kingdom is here and yet to come fully</li> <li><b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 7 with your child</b></li> </ul>
December 16	Third Sunday of Advent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Light the first, second &amp; <b>third</b> candle on your Advent wreath.</li> <li>The pink candle represents <b>JOY</b> the Joy we receive at the birth of Jesus!</li> </ul>
December 19 (CVE) Classroom	Chapter 14: <b>Live in the Light</b> Church Year - Christmas <i>Glory to God</i> pgs. 23-28 Living Faith - <i>Catholic Social Justice teaching - Pages Rights and Responsibilities - 294-295</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vocation is God's play for our lives, the purpose for which he made us</li> <li>Virtues are good spiritaual habits that make you stronger and help you do what is right and good</li> <li>The Theological Virtues of faith hope ane charity are gifts from God that help us live in relationship with the Holy Trinity</li> <li>Virtues grow over time with our practice and openness to God's grace</li> <li><b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 14 with your child</b></li> </ul>

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December 23	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	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	<b>Merry Christmas!</b> (Holy Day of Obligation) <b>The Nativity of the Lord</b>	Celebrates the Birth of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the World <b>PRAISE GOD JESUS IS BORN!!</b>
December 26	<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>	<b>NO CLASS</b>
January 1	<b>New Year's Day</b> <b>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b> (Holy Day of Obligation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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 )</li> <li>• one of the oldest feasts of the Church, it was changed to this date following Vatican II, by Pope Paul VI in 1974</li> </ul>
January 2	<b>NO CLASS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CATECHIST APPRECIATION</b></li> </ul>
January 9  <b>Welcome Back!</b>  St. Genevieve Church	Chapter 5. <b>The Church Celebrates</b> The Church pg 305 Order of the Mass & Church objects 313-314  <b>Church Search</b> Drop off children at the church basement for Attendance.  <div style="background-color: #d3d3d3; padding: 2px;">             Living Faith - <i>Catholic Social Justice teaching</i>              - Pages              Call to Community - 292-293,           </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship is adoring and honoring God, especially at Mass and in prayer</li> <li>• At the last Supper Jesus celebrated the Passover with his Apostles</li> <li>• Liturgy is the public prayer of the Church. It includes the Seven Sacraments and forms of daily prayer</li> <li>• Catholics are required to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation</li> <li>• The Blessed Sacrament is the Holy Eucharist, especially the Body of Christ, which is kept in the tabernacle.</li> <li>• <b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 5 with your child</b></li> </ul>

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January 16	Protecting Youth and Children <i>Created in the Image of God</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mandated course focusing on helping children to make good and safe choices and knowing how to get help when needed</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
January 23	15: <b>Help with Choices</b> Living Faith - <i>Catholic Social Justice teaching - Pages</i> Dignity of Work 298-299 Human Solidarity 300-301	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conscience is an ability given to us by God that helps us make choices about right and wrong</li> <li>The Precepts of the Church are some of the minimum requirements given by Church leaders for deepening our relationship with God and the Church</li> <li>The Holy Spirit and the teachings of the Church help us to make good choices</li> <li>In the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, we receive God's forgiveness and the grace to help us change</li> <li><b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 15 with your child</b></li> </ul>
January 30	10: <b>Church Leaders</b> 12: <b>Catholic and Apostolic We Believe</b> <i>The Church Teaches 307</i> <i>Marks of the Church 310</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Apostles are the twelve disciples Jesus chose to be his closest followers to share in his work and mission in a special way</li> <li>Peter was the leader of the Apostles and first Pope, head of the entire Church</li> <li>The bishops are successors of the Apostles</li> <li>The Pope, bishops, priests, and deacons lead, guide and make the Church holy</li> <li><b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapters 10 &amp; 12 with your child</b></li> <li>Saint Paul was one of the first to take the message of Jesus across many countries, establishing Church communities and writing them letters that became part of the New Testament</li> <li>All Church members participate in her mission to announce the Good News of God's Kingdom to people of all nations</li> <li>The Church is catholic because she is everywhere and welcomes everyone</li> <li>The Church is apostolic because Jesus gave his Apostles the mission of sharing his Good News with people all over the world.</li> </ul>
February 6 Coon Rapids	<b>Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)</b>	Bus \$10.00/ to the Anoka - Feed My Starving Children, we are looking for help with parent supervision
February 13	21: <b>Everlasting Life! Pentecost</b> Pg. 45-50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jesus' Resurrection is proof of his promise of eternal life</li> <li>The Particular Judgment is the individual judgment by God at the time of a person's death when God decides where that will spend eternity according to his or her faith and works</li> <li>The Last Judgment is God's final triumph over evil, when Christ will come again and bring the Kingdom of God to its fullness</li> <li>The last book of the Bible, Revelation, ends with John's vision of a new creation, God's everlasting Kingdom</li> <li><b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 21 with your child</b></li> </ul>

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February 20	13: <b>Choose Love</b> Living Faith - <i>Catholic Social Justice teaching pages</i> <i>Option for the Poor 296-297</i> <i>The Dignity of Work 298-299</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The story of Joseph in the Old Testament shows us to forgive and love</li> <li>Jesus teaches us to love our enemies</li> <li>The Beatitudes are teachings of Jesus that show the way to true happiness and tell how to live in God's Kingdom</li> <li>Jesus' New Commandment is for his disciple to love one another as he has loved us</li> <li><b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 13 with your child</b></li> </ul>
February 27	16: <b>Sacraments of Initiation</b> Lent Pgs. 29-34 <b>We Worship</b> page 312 <i>The Seven Sacraments</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People of all ages can be baptized into the church</li> <li>The Sacraments of Initiation celebrate membership into the Catholic Church: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist</li> <li>Baptism removes Original Sin, forgives personal sin and gives new life in Christ, Confirmation seals and completes Baptism</li> <li><b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 16 with your child</b></li> </ul>
March 6  (CVE) Classroom	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Family Faith Night  <i>All Classes and Family Event at the Parish Center</i>	No homework; <b>this is the beginning of Lent</b> prepare your hearts by attending Ash Wednesday Liturgy
March 13	<b>SPRING BREAK (Centennial)</b>	<b>No Class / No homework</b>
March 20	9: <b>The Body of Christ</b>  <b>We Believe 305</b> <i>Body of Christ</i> <b>Virtues 318-319</b> <i>Theological Virtues</i> <i>Cardinal Virtues</i> <i>Precepts of the Church</i>  Catholic Fair Prep - determine theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With the help of the Holy Spirit, members of the Church continue Jesus' work here on Earth</li> <li>The Church is the Body of Christ of which Jesus is the head</li> <li>All the baptized use their gifts and talents to serve others</li> <li>Stewardship is the way we appreciate and use God's gifts, including our, talent and treasure and the gift of creation</li> </ul>
March 27	8: <b>The Paschal Mystery</b> <b>Triduum-Holy Week</b> Pg. 35-38  Catholic Fair Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jesus offered the greatest sacrifice: he gave his life to save us from sin so that we could have new life with God in Heaven</li> <li>The Resurrection is the event of Jesus being raised from Death to new life by God the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit</li> <li>The Paschal Mystery is the mystery of Jesus Christ's suffering, Death, Resurrection and Ascension</li> <li>In his miracles and parables, Jesus shows us that God's Kingdom is here and yet to come fully</li> <li><b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 8 with your child</b></li> </ul>



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April 3 (CVE) Classroom	19: The Church Through Time 20: The Work of the Church Easter-Holy, Holy, Holy 39-44 <b>Divine Mercy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A covenant is a sacred promise or agreement between God and humans</li> <li>God established a covenant with Abraham, and from that came the beginnings of God's People</li> <li>As the Son of God, Jesus fulfills God's promise and his covenant extends to all people</li> <li>The first Christians faced difficult times, but they tried to be faithful to him and to the covenant, and the Church grew</li> <li><b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapters 19 &amp; 20 with your child</b></li> <li>The Church continues Jesus' on Earth through her worship, teaching, care for others and work for peace and justice</li> <li>The Church is a sign of God's Kingdom and helps people share in the love of the Holy Trinity</li> <li>By our Baptism, we are called to participate in the Church's mission to share the good News and serve God and others</li> </ul>
April 10	<b>Catholic Fair Prep</b>	
April 14	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<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). <a href="http://www.catholic.org/clife/len/palmsunday.php">http://www.catholic.org/clife/len/palmsunday.php</a></p>
April 17	<b>NO CLASS – HOLY WEEK HAPPY EASTER See you in Church!</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Prepare your hearts to celebrate the holiest time of the year by going to Holy Week Masses and Services:</b> <i>Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday</i></li> </ul>
April 18 - 20  The Triduum	Holy Thursday - Good Friday - Passion and Death of Jesus Holy Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Triduum</li> <li>Institution of the ordained Priesthood, and the Eucharist</li> <li>Passion and Death of Jesus</li> <li><b>Easter Vigil - the Church begins to Celebrate the Light of the Resurrection</b></li> </ul>
April 21	<b>EASTER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and the Easter celebration continues for the next 50 days</li> <li><b>Blessings to your family and friends during this Easter season!</b></li> </ul>
Apr. 24  PCC	<b>CATHOLIC FAIR - Family Event Hope you have a blessed and joyful summer!</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No homework</li> <li>Make sure you're prepared for your Catholic Fair booth;</li> <li>An evening of fun and activities</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>God Bless You! Have a great evening!</b></p>