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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	<i>A New Year - Pg 1-8</i> Chapter 1: <b>Divine Revelation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bible presents the story of God's presence and saving plan for his People</li> <li>• Salvation is the loving action of God's forgiveness of sins and the restoration of friendship with him brought by Jesus</li> <li>• The Bible writers used different literary forms to tell stories of God's presence and action</li> <li>• God is faithful and wants all people to live with him forever</li> <li>• <b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 1 with your child</b></li> </ul>
October 10	Chapter 2: <b>The Creation Accounts</b> Chapter 3: <b>God's Faithfulness</b>  <i>Trinity/Liturgical Colors Pg 304</i> <i>Living Faith - Catholic Social Justice teaching</i> <i>Call to Community - 292-293,</i> <i>Solidarity of the Human Family 300-301</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The two accounts of creation teach that God alone is the Creator and that humans are his creatures</li> <li>• The first man and woman were created by God in a state of original holiness, or grace</li> <li>• Humans are created in the image and likeness of God with a desire to seek his truth</li> <li>• Eternity is time without end and new life beyond death</li> <li>• <b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapters 2 &amp; 3 with your child</b></li> <li>• Faithfulness is the loyalty and steadfastness that God shows to all humans, even when they sin</li> <li>• The first man and woman brought sin and death into the world through free choice, and one of the effects of sin is separation from God</li> <li>• Jesus is the "new Adam" because he makes amends for the disobedience of Adam</li> <li>• Jesus is the fulfillment of the covenant</li> </ul>
October 17	<b>NO CLASS</b> (MEA)	No homework. Enjoy your break
October 24	Chapter 4: <b>Journeys of Faith</b> Chapter 19: <b>The Communion of Saints</b>  <i>Living Faith - Catholic Social Justice teaching</i> <i>Care for Creation 302-303</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The faith stories of Abraham, Sarah, and their descendants teach us about trust in God</li> <li>• We need daily prayer in order to deepen faith</li> <li>• God guides our journey of faith through prayer, Scripture, The Sacraments, and the Church</li> <li>• <b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapters 4 &amp; 19 with your child</b></li> <li>• The Communion of Saints includes all holy persons living and dead, those being purified in Purgatory and the blessed in heaven, who are united in the Eucharist</li> <li>• Purgatory is a state of final cleansing and purification after death and before entering into Heaven</li> <li>• The Spiritual Works of Mercy are actions by which we address other's needs of the heart, mind and soul</li> <li>• Intercessory prayer and personal reflection are a means to grow in holiness</li> </ul>

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October 31	<b>NO CLASS</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>All Hallow's Eve</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Be sure to come to Mass tomorrow for <b>The Feast of All Saints</b> - a Holy Day</p>
Nov. 1 Thursday	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>All Saints Day</b> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> <i>See you at Mass</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Instituted as a Feast Day to honor all Saints - known and unknown</p>
November 7	<p>Chapter 5: <b>God's Saving Action</b> Chapter 6: <b>Living the Covenant</b></p> <p style="background-color: #d3d3d3; padding: 2px;">Living Faith - <i>Catholic Social Justice teaching</i> Life and Dignity - 290-291</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>God calls ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things</li> <li>Moses is a model of courage for us to choose good</li> <li>The Exodus refers to the Israelites' journey from slavery to freedom by God's action</li> <li>Passover is the Jewish holy day that celebrates god's leading the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt</li> <li><b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapters 5 &amp; 6 with your child</b></li> <li>God satisfied the needs of the Israelites by giving them manna, water, and the Ten Commandments</li> <li>The Ten Commandments are laws meant to strengthen the relationship between God and his People</li> <li>Jesus' new Commandment has a direct relationship to the Ten Commandments</li> <li>Humans have a unique place in God's Kingdom as we walk by faith in God through Jesus</li> </ul>
November 14	<p>Chapter 7: <b>Leaders of God's People</b></p> <p style="background-color: #d3d3d3; padding: 2px;">Living Faith - <i>Catholic Social Justice teaching</i> Care for Creation 302-303 Human Solidarity 300-301</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anointing is the use of oil to mark someone as chosen for a special purpose</li> <li>The Israelites requested an earthly king, such as David, to lead them as God's people, and Jesus can be compared to King David</li> <li>Many of the psalms, poems, and hymns first used in the worship of the Israelites are included in the Old Testament</li> <li><b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 7 with your child</b></li> </ul>
November 21	<b>NO CLASS</b> <b>(Happy Thanksgiving!)</b>	<p>No homework. <b>Many Blessings to you and your family this Thanksgiving</b></p>
November 28	<p>Chapter 8: <b>The Wisdom of God</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;"><b>Immaculate Conception</b></p> <p>Church Year - Advent - Walk in the Light pgs 15-17</p> <p style="background-color: #d3d3d3; padding: 2px;">Living Faith - <i>Catholic Social Justice teaching</i> Life and Dignity - 290-291,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wisdom is a gift from God that helps us understand the purpose and pain for our life</li> <li>The Wisdom books in the Bible offer guidance for faithful and wise living</li> <li>We are called to seek God's wisdom in our own lives</li> <li><b>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</b></li> <li><b>Advent begins as a time to prepare our hearts</b></li> <li><b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 8 with your child</b></li> </ul>
December 2	<p><b>First Sunday of Advent</b> 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 <b>How to Celebrate Christmas as a Catholic</b>, copyright © 2005, Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division, Our Sunday Visitor, Inc</p>

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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"> <li>Light the first and second candle on your Advent wreath.</li> </ul>
December 12  (CVE) Classroom	(Second Week of Advent)  Chapter 9: Prophetic Promise Living Faith - Catholic Social Justice teaching Life and Dignity - 290-291	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A prophet is a messenger from God who speaks the truth and calls people to justice</li> <li>The prophecies of Isaiah and Zechariah include titles that we apply to Jesus</li> <li>The word <i>Messiah</i> means God's anointed or chosen one who would lead God's People. Jesus is the Messiah.</li> <li>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 9 with your child</li> </ul>
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	Chapter 10: The Gospel Message Church Year - Christmas Glory to God pgs. 23-28 Living Faith - Catholic Social Justice teaching Rights and Responsibilities - 294-295	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jesus shared through his teaching, healing, miracles, and sacrifice the Good News of salvation</li> <li>The Gospels are called the Good News of Jesus because they proclaim his life and teaching</li> <li>The Gospels, like all the books to the Bible are divinely inspired and rooted in oral tradition</li> <li>Biblical images such as People of God and Body of Christ describe the Church</li> <li>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 10 with your child</li> </ul>
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 <b>PRAISE GOD JESUS IS BORN!!</b>
December 26	CHRISTMAS BREAK	NO CLASS

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January 1	<p><b>New Year's Day</b>  <b>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b>            (Holy Day of Obligation)</p>	<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>	Chapter 11: <b>The Early Church</b> Chapter 12: <b>The Body of Christ</b>  <div style="background-color: #d3d3d3; padding: 2px;">             Living Faith - <i>Catholic Social Justice teaching</i>              Call to Community - 292-293,           </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jesus shared through his teaching, healing, miracles, and sacrifice the Good News of salvation</li> <li>The Gospels are called the Good News of Jesus because they proclaim his life and teaching</li> <li>The Gospels, like all the books to the Bible are divinely inspired and rooted in oral tradition</li> <li>Biblical images such as People of God and Body of Christ describe the Church</li> <li><b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapters 11 &amp; 12 with your child</b></li> </ul>
January 16	Chapter 13: <b>The Great Commandment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Transfiguration is the revelation of Jesus in glory to the apostles Peter, James and John</li> <li>The practice of charity is an important part of our faith journeys</li> <li>The precepts of the Church help the faithful to live holy and dutiful lives</li> <li><b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 13 with your child</b></li> </ul>
January 23	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 30	Chapter 14: <b>Justice and Peace</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The prophets teach us about the relationship between peace and justice</li> <li>Justice is giving what is due to God and others</li> <li>Natural moral law is the understanding that God places in every human heart</li> <li>Social sins are the unjust structures that can occur as the result of personal sin</li> <li><b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 14 with your child</b></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

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February 13	Chapter 15: <b>Sin and Forgiveness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are three conditions necessary for a sin to be considered mortal</li> <li>• Venial sin weakens a person's relationship with God, gets in the way of practicing virtue, and unrepented, has other effects</li> <li>• We are required to obey the certain judgment of an <u>informed</u> conscience</li> <li>• Through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, God forgives us and restores us to friendship</li> <li>• <b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 15 with your child</b></li> </ul>
February 20	Chapter 16: <b>Baptized for Mission</b> <i>Living Faith - Catholic Social Justice teaching</i> <i>Option for the Poor 296-297</i> <i>The Dignity of Work 298-299</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evangelization is giving witness to the faith by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus in a way that invites people to accept the Gospel</li> <li>• By our Baptism, we all share in the Church's mission to announce the Good news of God's Kingdom</li> <li>• Confirmation perfects the grace of Baptism and seals us with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit</li> <li>• The Eucharist unites us to Jesus Christ and one another, nourishing us to live out our faith</li> <li>• <b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 16 with your child</b></li> </ul>
February 27	Chapter 17: <b>Lives of Service</b>  <b>Lent</b> Pgs. 29-34 <b>We Worship</b> page 312 <i>The Seven Sacraments</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus' washing of his disciples feet was a sign of his love and a model for serving others</li> <li>• Vocation is the purpose for which God made us and the particular way a person answers his call</li> <li>• Holy Orders confers a sacred power for serving the faithful by teaching, leading people in worship, and pastoral governing</li> <li>• Consecrated religious life is a state of life lived in community and characterized by the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience</li> <li>• <b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 17 with your child</b></li> </ul>
March 6  (CVE) Classroom	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <b>Family Faith Night</b>  <i>All Classes and Family Event at the Parish Center</i>	No homework; <b>this is the beginning of Lent prepare your hearts by attending Ash Wednesday Liturgy</b>
March 13	<b>SPRING BREAK (Centennial)</b>	<b>No Class / No homework</b>
March 20	Chapter 18: <b>Sharing God's Love</b>  Catholic Fair Prep - determine theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the Sacrament of Matrimony, a baptized man and a baptized woman make a permanent covenant of love with each other and with God</li> <li>• This Sacrament helps a couple grow in love and holiness and make a home for children</li> <li>• The Catholic family is called the domestic Church because it is the community of faith in the home</li> <li>• The virtues of temperance, chastity, and modesty help us follow the Ninth Commandment</li> <li>• <b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 18 with your child</b></li> </ul>

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March 27	Chapter 20 : <b>Christian Unity</b> Triduum-Holy Week Pg. 35-38  Catholic Fair Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus desires unity among his believers, the ecumenical movement looks for ways to help Christians work toward unity</li> <li>• The Catholic Church desires to unite all Christians in the Body of Christ</li> <li>• The protestant Reformation refers to the separation from the Church led by Martin Luther</li> <li>• <b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 20 with your child</b></li> </ul>
April 3	Chapter 21: <b>A New Creation</b>  Easter-Holy, Holy, Holy 39-44 <b>Divine Mercy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apocalyptic literature is a type of writing that claims to reveal what humans cannot see</li> <li>• God will triumph over evil when Christ comes again in glory</li> <li>• The resurrection of the body and life everlasting are central tenets of the Catholic faith</li> <li>• <b>Read and do Family Pages for Chapter 21 with your child</b></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/lent/palmsunday.php">http://www.catholic.org/clife/lent/palmsunday.php</a></p>
April 17	<b>NO CLASS – HOLY WEEK</b> <b>HAPPY EASTER</b> See you in Church!	<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	<b>Holy Thursday -</b> <b>Good Friday -</b> Passion and Death of Jesus <b>Holy Saturday</b>	<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</b> <b>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>