

AMS Sample Faith Formation Thematic Calendar 2019-2020 For Adults, Youth and Children

Based on AMS Forming Disciples for the new Evangelization and Liturgical Calendar
Minimum Expectation: 30 Hours of Faith Formation per Year

This sample thematic calendar is offered to support catechetical teams (Priests, CRE's and Catechists) and families in the religious education planning for adults, youth and children year-round regardless of the textbook used by each installation. Each individual involved in the faith formation process can study/learn the same theme according to age appropriateness. Join the [AMS Catechists Talk](#) Facebook community to stay connected.

Keep it simple: Start your lesson planning by choosing one topic, one methodology, one standard and one indicator. The topics options offered are inspired by the Sunday Gospel. The first and second readings and the Psalm will provide deeper meaning and inspiration. Use the AMS Fill-In Lesson Planning Outline.

Liturgical Calendar [Cycle Year C](#) -December 2, 2018 to [November 24, 2019](#)
[Cycle Year A](#) -December 1, 2019 to November 28, 2020

[AMS Curriculum Guide](#) and [AMS Family Faith Assessment](#) (both Pre K to 12)

AMS Curriculum Guide [Correlations](#) to Textbooks

[Sacred Scriptures](#) and [Catechism of the Catholic Church](#)

[United States Conference of Catholic Bishops](#) and [The Holy See](#)

[Compendium](#) to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, United States Catholic

[Catechism for Adults](#), [Saint of the Day](#)

Video [Catechism](#) from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, WV

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Date	Lesson/Theme	Key Element	Standard	Prayers/Activity
1.) 25 Aug 2019 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist	Topic: Open the Door of Your Heart to Jesus	I Knowledge of Faith	1 Creed 2 Sacred Scripture	At Home: Review the Creed, teach children how to make the sign of the cross and its significance for Christians
	Topic: Strive for Heaven	VI Evangelization and Apostolic Life	14 Missionary Vocation	At Home: Parents and Students work on Family Play games and do the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.
	Topic: God's Saving Love			
	Topic: The Narrow Door			
	Topic: Jesus = God Saves			
	Topic: Unpacking the Creed			
	Topic: Witnesses of the Faith in the World			
	Luke 13:22-30			At Home: Read about the life of Saint Monica, Saint

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<p>2.) 01 Sept 2019</p> <p>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Islamic New Year: Muharram</p> <p>Labor Day (2 Sept)</p> <p>St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church (3 Sept)</p>	<p>Topic: The Four Marks of the Church</p> <p>Topic: Faith Etiquette</p> <p>Topic: Companions at the Table</p> <p>Luke 14:1, 7-14</p>	<p>I Knowledge of Faith</p> <p>II Liturgy and Sacraments</p> <p>III Morality</p> <p>V Education for Living in the Christian Community</p>	<p>1 Creed</p> <p>3 Sacraments</p> <p>4 Liturgy</p> <p>6 Christian Living</p> <p>8 Catholic Church</p> <p>10 Catholic Principles and Relationships</p>	<p>Augustine, Saint John the Baptist</p> <p>At Home: Pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary</p> <p>At Home: Share with children what it means to believe in the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. Teach the importance of the priesthood, consecrated life and married life for the church.</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students take the grade level Family Assessment, continue with Family Play games and do the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Read about the life of Saint Gregory the Great</p> <p>At Home: Pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary</p>
<p>3.) 08 Sept 2019</p> <p>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>The Most Holy Name of Mary –Sept 12</p> <p>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross –Sept 14</p>	<p>Topic: Pray to Discern to Follow Jesus</p> <p>Topic: The Disciples of Jesus Pray Always</p> <p>Topic: The Joy of Following Jesus</p> <p>Luke 14:25-33</p>	<p>IV Prayer</p>	<p>7 Prayer</p>	<p>At Home: Help children to learn the Lord’s Prayer, Hail Mary and Glory Be</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students take the grade level Family Assessment, continue with Family Play games and do the Quiz of the Week to become</p>

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<p>4.) 15 Sept 2019</p> <p>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Catechetical Sunday Theme: Stay with US</p> <p>–Commissioning of the Catechists and Blessing of Parents. Click on link above for resources.</p> <p>Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (21 Sept)</p>	<p>Topic: Sheep 100</p> <p>Topic: The Joy of Welcoming the Lost Sheep to Mass</p> <p>Topic: Merciful Like the Father</p> <p>Topic: What is a parable?</p> <p>Topic: Lost and Found</p> <p>Luke 15:1-32</p>	<p>II Liturgy and Sacraments</p>	<p>4 Liturgy</p> <p>6 Christian Living</p>	<p>familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Read about the life of Saint Peter Claver, Saint John Chrysostom</p> <p>At Home: Make a commitment to pray the Holy Rosary as a family at least once a week during the year</p> <p>In Class: Enact the parable/story the lost son</p> <p>In Class: Encourage age appropriate participation in Mass such as alter server, lector & children’s choir.</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students take the grade level Family Assessment, continue with Family Play games and do the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Talk with children about the parts of the Mass.</p> <p>At Home: Read about the life of Saint Cornelius, Saint Cyprian, Saint Robert Bellarmine, Saint Januarius, Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions</p> <p>At Home: Make a commitment to attend Mass every Sunday as family and to pray Holy Rosary for those who have</p>
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<p>5.) 22 Sept 2019</p> <p>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest (27 Sept)</p>	<p>Topic: Just Stewards</p> <p>Topic: Love God Above all Else</p> <p>Topic: Prayer Keeps US Honest with God</p> <p>Topic: Be Trustworthy With All You Do</p> <p>Luke 16:1-13</p>	<p>III Morality</p> <p>IV Prayer</p> <p>VI Evangelization and Apostolic Life</p>	<p>5 Conscience</p> <p>6 Christian Living</p> <p>7 Prayer</p> <p>12 Catholic Social Teaching</p>	<p>left the Church to be found by Jesus and return home</p> <p>In Class: Enact the parable of the dishonest steward</p> <p>In Class: Encourage age appropriate participation in Mass such as alter server, lector & children’s choir.</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students take the grade level Family Assessment, continue with Family Play games and do the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Talk with children about honesty and prudence over dinner</p> <p>At Home: Read about the life of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Saint Cosmas and Damian, Saint Vincent de Paul, Saint Wenceslaus, Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions</p> <p>At Home: Make a commitment to attend Mass every Sunday as family and to pray Holy Rosary for the unity and sanctity of the family</p>
<p>6.) 29 Sept 2019</p> <p>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels (2 Oct)</p>	<p>Topic: Strive for Heaven</p> <p>Topic: The Chasm Between and Heaven and Hell</p> <p>Topic: Listen to the Voice of God in Scripture</p>	<p>I Knowledge of the Faith</p> <p>II Liturgy and Sacraments</p> <p>III Morality</p>	<p>1 Creed</p> <p>2 Sacred Scripture</p> <p>3 Sacraments</p> <p>5 Conscience</p> <p>6 Christian Living</p>	<p>In Class: Students bring Rosary to class next month for the month of the Rosary.</p> <p>In Class: Enact the parable/story of the rich man and Lazarus</p>

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<p>Saint Francis of Assisi (4 Oct)</p>	<p>Topic: Living the Baptismal Promises</p> <p>Luke 16:19-31</p>		<p>12 Catholic Social Teaching</p>	<p>At Home: Parents and Students take the grade level Family Assessment, continue with Family Play games and do the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Talk with children that good actions matter</p> <p>At Home: Read about the life of Saint Jerome, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Francis Xavier Seelos</p> <p>At Home: Pray the Holy Rosary for the souls in purgatory</p>
<p>7.) 06 Oct 2019</p> <p>27th Sunday in Ordinary time</p> <p>World Communion Day</p> <p>Respect Life Sunday</p> <p>Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary (7 Oct)</p> <p>Jewish: Yom Kippur</p> <p>Saint John XXIII, Pope (11 Oct)</p>	<p>Topic: Lord, Increase the Gift of Faith in Me</p> <p>Topic: Nurturing the Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope and Love</p> <p>Topic: The Attitude of a Disciple of Jesus Christ</p> <p>Luke 17:5-10</p>	<p>I Knowledge of Faith</p> <p>III Morality</p> <p>VI Evangelization and Apostolic Life</p>	<p>1 Creed</p> <p>2 Sacred Scripture</p> <p>5 Conscience</p> <p>14 Missionary Vocation</p>	<p>In Class: Pray at least a decade of the Rosary to demonstrate students how to pray the Rosary.</p> <p>In Class: Create cards with mustard and the saying of faith: 'If you have faith the size of a mustard seed...'</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students take the grade level Family Assessment, continue with Family Play games and do the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Set-up a family altar with preferred image of Mary, Mother of God, to</p>

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<p>8.) 13 Oct 2019</p> <p>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Columbus Day (14 Oct)</p> <p>Jewish: Succot</p> <p>Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (15 Oct)</p> <p>Feast of Saint Luke, the Evangelist (18 Oct)</p>	<p>Topic: Show Your Faith with Gratitude</p> <p>Topic: Be Grateful and Generous to Jesus</p> <p>Topic: Glorify God</p> <p>Topic: Give Thanks to God</p> <p>Topic: The gift of faith</p> <p>Luke 17:11-19</p>	<p>I Knowledge of Faith</p> <p>IV Prayer</p>	<p>1 Creed</p> <p>2 Sacred Scripture</p> <p>7 Prayer</p>	<p>pray the Holy Rosary together.</p> <p>At Home: Read about the life of Saint Denis and Companions, Saint John Leonardi, Saint John XXIII</p> <p>At Home: Pray the Holy Rosary asking the Lord to increase our faith</p> <p>EWTN- The Holy Rosary</p> <p>In Class: Pray at least a decade of the Rosary for parents.</p> <p>In Class: Explore the various ways of praying as Christian Catholics and in other religions</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students take the grade level Family Assessment, continue with Family Play games and do the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Add the prayer of Saint Michael the Archangel to the prayer altar.</p> <p>At Home: Read about the life of Saint Callistus I, Saint Teresa of Jesus, Saint Hedwig, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues and Companions</p>
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<p>9.) 20 Oct 2019 29th Sunday Ordinary Laity Sunday World Mission Day</p>	<p>Topic: God Always Hears Our Prayers Topic: Pray Always Luke 18:1-8</p>	<p>II Liturgy and Sacraments IV Prayer</p>	<p>3 Sacraments 4 Liturgy 7 Prayer</p>	<p>At Home: Pray the Holy Rosary asking the Lord to increase our faith EWTN- The Holy Rosary</p> <p>In Class: Pray at least a decade of the Rosary for the bishops, priests, deacons and religious to be faithful to the Lord in the Church.</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students take the grade level Family Assessment, continue with Family Play games and do the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Share stories of prayers answered</p> <p>At Home: Read about the life of Saint John Paul II, Saint John of Capistrano, Saint Anthony Mary Claret</p> <p>At Home: Pray the Holy Rosary for a need in the world or someone EWTN- The Holy Rosary</p>
<p>10.) 27 Oct 2019 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles (28Oct)</p>	<p>Topic: Be Humble Before the Lord Topic: 'O God, be Merciful to me a Sinner' Topic: What is a sacrament? Topic: Becoming a Saint</p>	<p>I Knowledge of Faith II Liturgy and Sacraments IV Prayer V Education for Living in the Christian Community</p>	<p>1 Creed 3 Sacraments 4 Liturgy 7 Prayer 8 Catholic Church</p>	<p>In Class: Pray at least a decade of the Rosary for the children and youth around the world</p> <p>In Class: Invite students to come to church dressed as their favorite saint next week.</p>

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<p>All Saints (1 Nov)</p> <p>The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls)– (2 Nov)</p>	<p>Luke 18:9-14</p>				<p>In Class: Do an examination of conscience and encourage participants in grades 3-12 to go to confession.</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students take the grade level Family Assessment, continue with Family Play games and do the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Share with children the story behind their given name</p> <p>At Home: Brag about the best saint story read so far this year.</p> <p>At Home: Pray the Holy Rosary for family members and friends who have departed to the Father’s House EWTN- The Holy Rosary</p>
<p>11.) 3 Nov 2019</p> <p>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>National Vocations Awareness Week Begins</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Ends</p> <p>Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (9 Nov)</p>	<p>Topic: Repentance and Forgiveness</p> <p>Topic: Salvation –All Who Seek Can Be Saved!</p> <p>Topic: Life Changing Encounter with Jesus</p> <p>Topic: Seek and Save the Lost</p> <p>Luke 19:1-10</p>	<p>I Knowledge of Faith</p> <p>II Liturgy and Sacraments</p> <p>V Education for living in the Christian Community</p> <p>VI Evangelization and Apostolic Life</p>	<p>1 Creed</p> <p>3 Sacraments</p> <p>4 Liturgy</p> <p>5 Conscience</p> <p>6 Christian Living</p> <p>8 Catholic Church</p> <p>14 Missionary Vocation</p>	<p>In Class: Have a saints parade</p> <p>In Class: Enact the story of Zacchaeus</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students work on Family Play games and do the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Share with children that we meet Jesus in the Eucharist</p>	

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				under species of bread and wine
				At Home: Read about the life of Saint Charles Borromeo
				At Home: Pray the Holy Rosary for the military men and women
12.) 10 Nov 2019	Topic: The Resurrection and Eternal Life	I Knowledge of Faith	1 Creed	In Class: Draw a picture of the resurrection of Jesus
32 nd Sunday Ordinary		II Liturgy and Sacraments	3 Sacraments	
Stewardship Sunday	Topic: The Holy Trinity: The God of the Living	V Education for living in the Christian Community	4 Liturgy	At Home: Parents and Students work on Family Play games and do the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.
Veteran's Day (11 Nov)	Topic: Catholic Parenthood	VI Evangelization and Apostolic Life	8 Catholic Church	
	Topic: Holy Matrimony		14 Missionary Vocation	
	Topic: The God of the Living Luke 20:27-38			At Home: Discuss the drawing about the resurrection
				At Home: Read about the life of Saint Martin of Tours, Saint Josaphat, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Saint Albert the Great, Saint Margaret of Scotland, Saint Gertrude
				At Home: Pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
13.) 17 Nov 2019	Topic: Introduction to Social Justice	I Creed	1 Creed	In Class: Prepare in anticipation of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time		V Education for Living in the Christian Community	8 Catholic Church	
Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints	Topic: Disciples of Jesus Christ in the Church		10 Catholic Principles and Relationships	At Home: Parents and Students work on Family Play games and do the Quiz
	Topic: Stewards of God's Treasures			

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<p>Peter and Paul, Apostles –Nov 18</p> <p>Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Nov 21</p>	<p>Luke 21:5-19</p>		<p>12 Catholic Social Teaching</p>	<p>of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Read about the life of Saint Cecilia</p> <p>At Home: Pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary</p>
<p>14.) 24 Nov 2019</p> <p>34th Sunday Ordinary</p> <p>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</p> <p>Bible Sunday</p> <p>Thanksgiving (28 Nov)</p> <p>Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle (30 Nov)</p>	<p>Topic: The Agony in the Garden</p> <p>Topic: The Crucifixion of Jesus</p> <p>Topic: Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe</p> <p>Topic: Jesus, Remember Me</p> <p>Topic: The King of the Jews</p> <p>Topic: The Messiah of God</p> <p>Topic: The Innocent</p> <p>Luke 23:35-43</p>	<p>I Knowledge of Faith</p> <p>III Morality</p> <p>IV Prayer</p> <p>VI Evangelization and Apostolic Life</p>	<p>1 Creed</p> <p>2 Sacred Scripture</p> <p>5 Conscience</p> <p>7 Prayer</p> <p>13 Inter-Religious Dialogue</p>	<p>In Class: Create a drawing, poem or song about Christ, King of the Universe</p> <p>In Class: Explore liturgical rituals such as standing, kneeling, signing with Holy Water and responses during Mass.</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students work on Family Play games and do the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Read about the life of Saint Catherine of Alexandria</p> <p>At Home: Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary</p>
<p>15.) 1 Dec 2019</p> <p>First Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Prepare the Way</p>	<p>Topic: Stay Awake! Jesus is Coming!</p> <p>Topic: Be Prepared –The Son of Man will Come</p> <p>Matthew 24:37-44</p>	<p>II Liturgy and Sacraments</p> <p>IV Prayer</p>	<p>4 Liturgy</p> <p>7 Prayer</p>	<p>In Class: See Appendix 1 and 2 of the Archdiocesan Religion Curriculum Guide for prayers</p> <p>In Class: Pray the First Joyful Mystery of the</p>

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<p>16.) 8 Dec 2019</p> <p>Second Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Prepare the Way</p> <p>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the</p>	<p>Topics: Clean Hearts for Jesus</p> <p>Topic: John the Baptist</p> <p>Topic: Fulfillment of the Old Testament</p> <p>Topic: Baptism and Confession</p> <p>Topic: Prepare the Way for the Lord</p>	<p>I Knowledge of the Faith</p> <p>II Liturgy and Sacraments</p> <p>III Morality</p>	<p>2 Sacred Scripture</p> <p>3 Sacraments</p> <p>4 Liturgy</p> <p>5 Conscience</p> <p>6 Christian Living</p>	<p>Rosary at home: The Annunciation</p> <p>In Class: Create Advent Wreaths from different customs around the world – Family and Catholic Faith Community Members –</p> <p>In Class: Invite students in grades 3-12 to go to Confession</p> <p>In Class: Introduce the Liturgical Calendar</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Read about the life of Saint Francis Xavier, Saint John Damascene, Saint Nicholas, Saint Ambrose</p> <p>At Home: Add an Advent Wreath to the prayer space</p> <p>At Home: Pray the Holy Rosary for the conversion of souls to Jesus Christ</p> <p>In Class: Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta</p> <p>In Class: Advent in the Liturgical Calendar</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of</p>
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<p>Blessed Virgin Mary (9 Dec)</p> <p>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (12 Dec)</p>	<p>Topic: What is a sin?</p> <p>Topic: Our Lady of Guadalupe-Marian Apparitions and Devotions</p> <p>Matthew 3:1-12</p>			<p>the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Read about the life of Saint Damasus I, Saint Lucy, Saint John of the Cross</p> <p>At Home: Read the story of Saint John the Baptist around the Advent Wreath</p> <p>At Home: Las Posadas</p> <p>At Home: Pray the First Joyful Mystery of the Rosary at home: The Annunciation</p>
<p>17.) 15 Dec 2019</p> <p>Third Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>Topic: John the Baptist –A man of faith</p> <p>Topics: John the Baptist – The Messenger</p> <p>Topic: Rejoice While Waiting</p> <p>Topic: Patience -The Absence of the Gloria in Advent</p> <p>Matthew 11:2-11</p>	<p>I Knowledge of the Faith</p> <p>II Liturgy and Sacraments</p> <p>V Education for Living in the Christian Community</p>	<p>2 Sacred Scripture</p> <p>4 Liturgy</p> <p>8 Catholic Church</p>	<p>In Class: Christmas around the world</p> <p>In Class: Christmas in the Liturgical Calendar</p> <p>In Class: Have participants prepare one line introducing Jesus to others as John the Baptist did.</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Read about the life of Saint Peter Canisius</p> <p>At Home: Enthroned the Bible as the Word of God to use for prayer everyday</p> <p>At Home: Pray the Second Joyful Mystery of the</p>

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				<p>Rosary at home: The Visitation</p> <p>At Home: Las Posadas</p> <p>At Home or In Class: Have participants prepare one line introducing Jesus to others as John the Baptist did.</p>
<p>18.) 22 Dec 2019</p> <p>Fourth Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Jewish: Hannukah, 8-day festival begins</p> <p>Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Dec 25)</p>	<p>Topics: The Birth of Jesus</p> <p>Topic: The Angelus (Collect from the Mass)</p> <p>Topic: Mary and Joseph - Trust in God</p> <p>Topic: What does Emmanuel mean?</p> <p>Topic: "God is with Us"</p> <p>Matthew 1:18-24</p>	<p>I Knowledge of the Faith</p> <p>II Liturgy and Sacraments</p> <p>V Education for living in the Christian Community</p>	<p>2 Sacred Scripture</p> <p>4 Liturgy</p> <p>10 Catholic Principles and Relationships</p>	<p>In Class: Celebrate the birth of Jesus</p> <p>In Class: Share stories of Christmas family traditions from around the world</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Read about the life of Saint John of Kanty, Saint Stephen.</p> <p>At Home: Celebrate Christmas</p> <p>At Home: Pray the Third Joyful Mystery of the Rosary at home: The Nativity</p> <p>At Home: Research Mary the Mother of God or watch a movie about Mary and write a small reflection about what you learned.</p>

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19.) 29 Dec 2019	Topic: The Faith of the Holy Family	I Knowledge of the Faith	1 Creed	In Class: Make a gift for mom and dad
The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph (Dec. 30)	Topic: Listening to the Voice of God	II Liturgy and Sacraments	2 Sacred Scripture	
Holy Name of Jesus (3 Jan)	Topic: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	V Education for living in the Christian Community	4 Liturgy	At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (1 Jan)	Topic: The immigrant and Refugee Family	VI Evangelization and Apostolic Life	10 Catholic Principles and Relationships	At Home: Read about the life of Saint Sylvester I, Saint Basil the Great, Saint Gregory Nazianze, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
World Day of Prayer for Peace (1 Jan)	Mt 2:13-15, 19-23		12 Catholic Social Teaching	At Home: Pray the Fifth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary -Finding Jesus in the Temple
20.) 05 Jan 2020	Topic: The Epiphany of the Lord	I Knowledge of the Faith	1 Creed	In Class: Role play the story of the three Magi
The Epiphany of the Lord	Topic : Follow the Star		2 Sacred Scripture	
	Topic: The Gifts (Gifts of the Holy Spirit)	II Liturgy and Sacraments	3 Sacraments	At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.
	Topic: Mary, Mother of the Church	V Education for living in the Christian Community	4 Liturgy	
	Topic: Worship –The Parts of the Mass		8 Catholic Church	At Home: Pray the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary : The Presentation
	Matthew 2:1-12			At Home: Read the life of Saint André Bessette, Saint Raymond of Peñafort
				Homework: Have participants bring a photo of their Baptism and research the story of their

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				Baptism with family members and godparents.
21.) 12 Jan 2020	Topic: Baptism of the Lord	I Knowledge of the Faith	1 Creed	In Class: Have the participants share the story of their baptism showing the pictures they brought.
The Baptism of the Lord	Topic: Sacrament of Christian Initiation -Baptism	II Liturgy and Sacraments	3 Liturgy	
First Week in Ordinary Time begins Jan 13	Topic: The Baptism Promises		4 Sacraments	At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.
Week of prayer for Christian Unity (Jan 18-25)	Topic: Initiated into the Family of the Holy Trinity	III Morality	6 Christian Living	At Home: Pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary for Christian Unity
	Topic: Living as a Christian	V Education for living in the Christian Community	9 Ecumenism	At Home: Read the life of Saint Hilary, Saint Anthony (Abbot)
	Matthew 3:13-17			In Class and Family: Prepare for the March for Life - March for Life
				At Home: Begin a Spiritual Adoption of an Unborn Child - Spiritual Adoption
22.) 19 Jan 2020	Topic: The Testimony of John the Baptist	I Knowledge of Faith	1 Creed	In Class: Celebrate the Gift of Life - March for Life
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Topic: Ecumenism –Towards Christian Unity	II Liturgy and Sacraments	2 Sacred Scripture	In Class: Share personal stories of meeting a Christina who is not Catholic –Catholics are Christians.
Ecumenical Sunday	Topic: Marks of the Church of Jesus Christ –One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic	III Morality	3 Sacraments	
Martin Luther King, Jr (Jan 20)	Topic: Sacraments of Christian Initiation	IV Prayer	4 Liturgy	In Class: Pray for Christian Unity
USA Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection			6 Christian Living	
			7 Prayer	

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of Unborn Children (Jan 22)	Topic: “Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will” (Responsorial Psalm)	V Education for Living in the Christian Community	8 Catholic Church 9 Ecumenism	At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.
March for Life in Washington DC (Jan 24)	Topic: Introduction to Ordinary Time	VI Evangelization and Apostolic Life	14 Missionary Vocation	
Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle (Jan 25)	Topic: Service to the Church Topic: Baptism -Sacrament of Initiation John 1:29-34			At Home: Pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary for Christian Unity At Home: Read the life of Saint Fabian, Saint Sebastian, Saint Agnes, Saint Vincent, Saint Marianne Cope, Saint Francis de Sales, Saint Paul Apostle
23.) 26 Jan 2020	Topic: Come, Be My Disciples!	II Liturgy and Sacraments	3 Sacraments	In Class: Invite a seminarian, priest or religious and married couple to exemplify the call of Jesus Christ to service
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Topic: The Message of Jesus –“Repent”	III Morality	5 Conscience	
National Catholic Schools Week Begins	Topic: What does it mean to be a missionary disciple?	V Education for living in the Christian Community	9 Ecumenism 10 Inter-religious Dialogue	In Class: Pray for vocations to the priesthood/religious life, marriage and single state
Mid Atlantic Congress 2020 (Jan 30- Feb 1) with AMS Leadership Appreciation Dinner (RSVP Required)	Topic: Called by name by God –priesthood/religious life, marriage or single life Topic: Sacraments of Service –Priesthood and Marriage Matthew 4:12-23	VI Evangelization and Apostolic Life	12 Catholic Social Teaching 14 Missionary Vocation	In Class: Pray for AMS and civilian priests and seminarians. At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings. At Home: Pray the Third Luminous Mystery of the Rosary : The Proclamation

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<p>24.) 2 Feb 2020</p> <p>4th Sunday Ordinary</p> <p>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</p> <p>World Day for Consecrated Life</p>	<p>Topic: The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple</p> <p>Topic: "My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation</p> <p>Topic: Eye Witnesses</p> <p>Topic: Jesus, a Sing of Contradiction</p> <p>Luke 2:22-40</p>	<p>I Knowledge of Faith</p> <p>V Education for Living in the Christian Community</p> <p>VI Evangelization and Apostolic Life</p>	<p>2 Sacred Scripture</p> <p>11 Vocation</p> <p>13 Inter-religious Dialogue</p>	<p>of the Kingdom and Call to Conversion</p> <p>At Home: Read the life of Saint Angela Merici, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Saint John Bosco</p> <p>In Class: Pray the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary: The Presentation</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Pray the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary: The Presentation</p> <p>At Home: Read the life of Saint Blaise, Saint Ansgar, Saint Agatha, Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Saint Jerome Emiliani, Saint Josephine Bakhita</p>
<p>25.) 09 Feb 2020</p> <p>5th Sunday Ordinary</p> <p>World Day of the Sick (2/11)</p>	<p>Topic: You are Salt and Light</p> <p>Topic: Be a Witness in Word and Deed</p> <p>Matthew 5:13-16</p>	<p>II Liturgy and Sacraments</p> <p>V Education for living in the Christian Community</p>	<p>3 Sacraments</p> <p>8 Catholic Church</p> <p>10 Catholic Principles and Relationships</p>	<p>In Class: Pass a bowl with salt around for students to taste</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Pray the third Glorious Mystery of the</p>

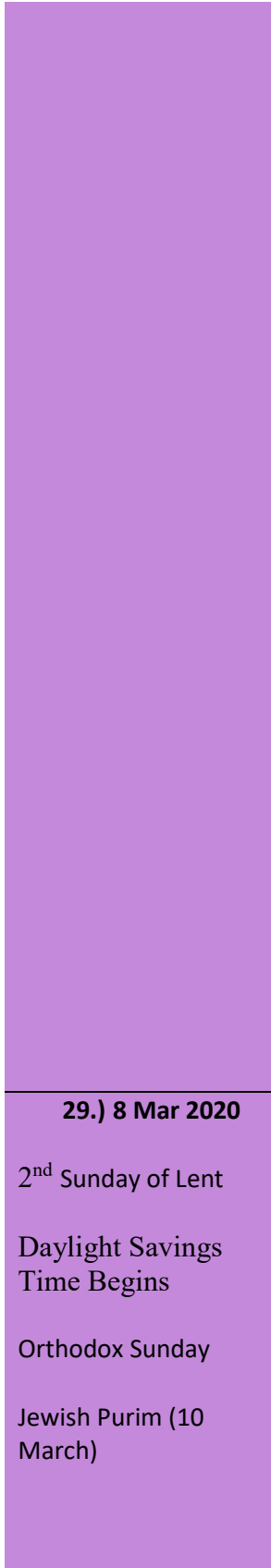
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<p>26.) 16 Feb 2020 6th Sunday Ordinary</p> <p>Los Angeles Religious Education Congress (Feb 20-23) –No AMS Appreciation Dinner this year</p>	<p>Topic: The Ten Commandments –NO to sin is YES to God</p> <p>Matthew 5:17-37</p>	<p>III Morality</p> <p>II Liturgy and Sacraments</p>	<p>5 Conscience</p> <p>6 Christian Living</p> <p>3 Sacraments</p> <p>4 Liturgy</p>	<p>Rosary: The Descent of the Holy Spirit</p> <p>At Home: Read the life of Saint Scholastica, Our Lady of Lourdes, Saints Cyril and Saint Methodius</p> <p>In Class: A tablet with the Ten Commandments</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Read the life of Saint Peter Damian, the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order, the Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle</p>
<p>27.) 23 Feb 2020 7th Sunday Ordinary</p> <p>Ash Wednesday (Feb 26) –Fast and Abstinence</p> <p>Friday after Ash Wednesday - Abstinence</p>	<p>Topic: God’s Compassion and Mercy</p> <p>Topic: Do Unto Others as You Would Like Be Done Unto You</p> <p>Topic: Be a Saint!</p> <p>Matthew 5:38-48</p>	<p>II Liturgy and Sacraments</p> <p>V Education for Living in the Christian Community</p>	<p>3 Sacraments</p> <p>4 Liturgy</p> <p>8 Catholic Church</p>	<p>In Class: Place a bowl with ashes on prayer space</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Pray the Stations of the Cross as a family on Fridays</p>
<p>28.) 01 Mar 2020 1st Sunday of Lent</p> <p>Orthodox Lent Begins (March 2)</p> <p>World Day of Prayer (March 6)</p> <p>Friday –Abstinence</p>	<p>Topic: “Get Away Satan!”</p> <p>Topic: Catholic Practices - Fast, Pray and Give Alms</p> <p>Topic: Sacraments of Healing –Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick</p> <p>Matthew 4:1-11</p>	<p>II Liturgy and Sacraments</p> <p>VI Evangelization and Apostolic Life</p>	<p>3 Sacraments</p> <p>4 Liturgy</p> <p>12 Catholic Social Teaching</p>	<p>In Class: Introduce The Corporal Works of Mercy</p> <p>In Class: Research Charitable organizations for Acts of Charity - Rice Bowl –Food for the Poor.</p> <p>In Class: Introduce Centering Prayer</p>

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				<p>In Class: How to Go to Confession Guide</p> <p>In Class: Examination of Conscience</p> <p>At Home: Parents and catechists are invited to study God’s Gift of Forgiveness: A Pastoral Exhortation on the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Read the life of Saint Katherine Drexel, Saint Casimir, Saints Perpetua and Felicity</p> <p>At Home: Pray the Stations of the Cross as a family on Fridays</p>
<p>29.) 8 Mar 2020</p> <p>2nd Sunday of Lent</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Begins</p> <p>Orthodox Sunday</p> <p>Jewish Purim (10 March)</p>	<p>Topic: The Transfiguration of Jesus</p> <p>Topic: Disciples “Listen to him”</p> <p>Matthew 17:1-9</p>	<p>I Knowledge of the Faith</p> <p>II Liturgy and Sacraments</p>	<p>2 Sacred Scriptures</p> <p>3 Sacraments</p> <p>4 Liturgy</p>	<p>In Class: Family Traditions for Lent; start and share your own family traditions.</p> <p>In Class and Home: Encourage participants to avail of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (3rd grade to adults)</p> <p>How to Go to Confession Guide</p>

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				Examination of Conscience
				<p>In Class: Introduce The Corporal Works of Mercy</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Read the life of Saint Frances of Rome</p> <p>At Home: Pray the Stations of the Cross as a family on Fridays</p>
<p>30.) 15 Mar 2020</p> <p>3rd Sunday of Lent</p> <p>RCIA -1st Scrutiny</p> <p>Friday -Abstinence</p>	<p>Topic: Give me to drink!</p> <p>Topic: The Encounter with Jesus Changes our Life</p> <p>Topic: Adoration –Praise and Worship the Lord</p> <p>John 4:5-42</p>	<p>II Sacraments and Liturgy</p> <p>VI Evangelization and Apostolic Life</p>	<p>3 Sacraments</p> <p>4 Liturgy</p> <p>13 Interreligious Dialogue</p>	<p>Activity: Parable of the Leaven; (combine flour, yeast and water and see how it grows)</p> <p>In Class: How can we grow with the love of Christ? The Spiritual Works of Mercy</p> <p>In Class: Pray a couple of the Stations of the Cross</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Read the life of Saint Patrick, Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Saint Joseph – Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>

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				At Home: Pray the Stations of the Cross as a family on Fridays
31.) 22 Mar 2020 4 th Sunday of Lent RCIA -2 nd Scrutiny The Annunciation of the Lord (March 25) Friday –Abstinence	Topic: Can you see? Topic: Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation John 9:1-41	I Knowledge of the Faith II Liturgy and Sacraments III Morality	2 Sacred Scripture 3 Sacraments 4 Liturgy 5 Conscience	In Class: Why we rejoice! Laetare Sunday Parable of the Widow; Pray, Fast, Give out of Love Pray a couple of the Stations of the Cross In Class: Depending on the grade level, ask participants to bring a photo of one of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation to next class. At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings. At Home: Read the life of Saint Turibius Mongrovejo, Saint Oscar Romero At Home: Pray the Stations of the Cross as a family on Fridays
32.) 29 March 2020 5 th Sunday of Lent RICA -3 rd Scrutiny	Topic: The Raising of Lazarus Topic: Do you believe? John 11:1-45	I Knowledge of the Faith II Sacraments and Liturgy IV Prayer	1 Creed 4 Liturgy 7 Prayer	In Class: Review the sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist In Class: Discussion to lead into Holy Week, Triduum. Assignment: Invite families to participate in the Easter Triduum next week

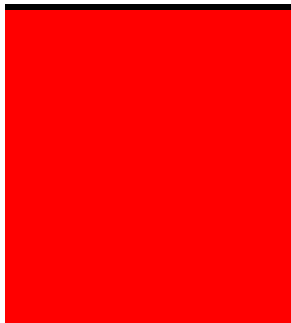
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				<p>At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings –Parents are to make sure their children take the Student Assessment to show how much they learned the faith. Student Assessment is opened between 1 April to May 31 and continue with Family Play as a family.</p> <p>At Home: Read the life of Saint Francis of Paola, Saint Isidore</p> <p>At Home: Pray the Stations of the Cross as a family on Fridays</p>
<p>33.) 5 April 2020 6th Sunday of Lent</p> <p>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</p> <p>Thursday of the Holy Week (Holy Thursday)</p> <p>Jewish: 1st Day of Passover (April 9)</p> <p>Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) –Fast and Abstinence</p> <p>Holy Saturday</p>	<p>Topic: The Passion Triduum Matthew 26:14-27:66</p>	<p>II Sacraments and Liturgy</p> <p>IV Prayer</p>	<p>3 Sacraments 4 Liturgy 7 Prayer</p>	<p>In Class or Home: Map out the places Jesus walked during Holy Week</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings –Parents are to make sure their children take the Student Assessment to show how much they learned the faith. Student Assessment is opened between 1 April to May 31 and continue with Family Play as a family.</p>

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34.) 12 April 2020
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
 Jewish: Passover Ends (April 16)

Topic: The Empty Tomb
 Topic: The Resurrection of Jesus
 John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10

I Knowledge of the Faith
 V Education for living in the Christian Community

2 Sacred Scriptures
 8 Catholic church

At Home: Read the life of Saint Francis of Paola, Saint Isidore
 At Home: Pray the [Stations of the Cross](#) as a family on Fridays

Family Activity: What have you done to show you love your neighbor?
 At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings –Parents are to make sure their children take the Student Assessment to show how much they learned the faith. Student Assessment is opened between 1 April to May 31 and continue with Family Play as a family.

35.) 19 April 2020
 2nd Sunday of Easter
 Sunday of Divine Mercy

Topic: “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed”
 Topic: Doubting Thomas
 Topic: Peace Be with You
 Topic: “Receive the Holy Spirit”
 John 20:19-31

I Knowledge of the Faith
 V Education for living in the Christian Community
 VI Evangelization and Apostolic Life

1 Creed
 8 catholic Church
 14 Missionary Vocation

In Class: Enact the story of doubting Thomas
 In Class: Introduce the Devotion of [The Divine Mercy](#)
 At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings –Parents are to make sure their children take the Student Assessment to show how much they learned the faith. Student Assessment



Orthodox Easter

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Jewish: Yom Shoah
(Holocaust Memorial
Day) –April 21

Islamic: Ramadan
Begins (April 24)

[MCCW Faith
Formation Forum](#)
(April 23-26)

is opened between 1 April
to May 31 and continue
with Family Play as a
family.

At Home: Read the life of
Saint Anselm, Saint George,
Saint Adalbert, Saint Fidelis
of Sigmaringen, Saint Mark
the Evangelist

At Home: Pray the
Devotion of [The Divine
Mercy](#) as a family during
the week.

36.) 26 April 2020

3rd Sunday of Easter

May Friendship Day
(May 1)

Topic: The Resurrection

Topic: The Mass –“Stay with
us” (Liturgy of the Word and
Liturgy of the Eucharist)

Luke 24:13-35

II Liturgy and
Sacraments

V Education for Living
in the Christian
Community

3 Sacraments

4 Liturgy

8 Catholic Church

In Class: Make a collage of
activities / learnings over
the year – A family
keepsake

At Home: Parents and
Students do Family Play
games and take the Quiz of
the Week to become
familiar with Sunday
readings –Parents are to
make sure their children
take the Student
Assessment to show how
much they learned the
faith. Student Assessment
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family.

At Home: Read the life of
Saint Peter Chanel, Saint
Louis de Grignon de
Montfort, Saint Catherine
of Siena, Saint Pius V, Saint
Joseph the Worker, Saint
Athanasius

At Home: Pray the
Devotion of [The Divine](#)

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[Mercy](#) as a family during the week.

<p>37.) 3 May 2020 4th Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>Topic: Jesus, the Good Shepherd –From Jesus to Pope Francis</p>	<p>I Knowledge of Sacred Scripture V Education for living The Christian Community</p>	<p>1 Creed 2 Scripture 8 Catholic Church</p>	<p>In Class: Pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and marriage At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings –Parents are to make sure their children take the Student Assessment to show how much they learned the faith. Student Assessment is opened between 1 April to May 31 and continue with Family Play as a family. At Home: Who is your favorite saint? Research your favorite saint. At Home: Pray the Holy Rosary for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and marriage as a family.</p>
<p>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</p>	<p>Topic: The Church is Apostolic John 10:1-10</p>			
<p>38.) 10 May 2020 5th Sunday of Easter Mother’s Day Jewish: Lag B’Omer</p>	<p>Topic: Mary, our Mother Topic: Have Faith in God Topic: Jesus is the Way and the Truth Topic: Life Eternal Topic: Living the Works of Mercy Topic: Knowledge and Understanding of the Faith Leads to Action/Mission</p>	<p>I Knowledge of the Faith V Education for living in the Christian Community VI Evangelization and Apostolic Life</p>	<p>1 Creed 8 Catholic Church 12 Catholic Social Teaching 14 Missionary Vocation</p>	<p>In Class: The presence of Mary in the Church from the day of Pentecost In Class: Pray the Rosary in class In Class: Make a Rosary to give to mother At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become</p>

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John 14:1-12

familiar with Sunday readings –Parents are to make sure their children take the Student Assessment to show how much they learned the faith. Student Assessment is opened between 1 April to May 31 and continue with Family Play as a family.

At Home: Read the life of Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Saint Pancras, Our Lady of Fatima, Saint Matthias de Apostle, Saint Isidore

At Home: Pray the Holy Rosary for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and marriage as a family.

39.) 17 May 2020

Topic: Living and Knowing the Truth

I Knowledge of the Faith

1 Creed

5 Conscience

6 Christian Living

In Class: Help students identify one of their gifts/talents they can share with others in the Catholic faith community. Would they like to serve at Mass (as ushers, altar servers, choir or lector)?

At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings –Parents are to make sure their children take the Student Assessment to show how much they learned the faith. Student Assessment is opened between 1 April to May 31 and continue

6th Sunday of Easter

Topic: God is with Us
Topic: Holy Spirit –the ever present Advocate

III Morality

The Ascension of the Lord (May 21)

Topic: “The Spirit of Truth”

[National Conference for Catechetical Leadership Meeting and Convocation](#) – “(Re)Discovering the Spirit of Truth” (May 17-20)

Topic: Keep my commandments

John 14:15-21

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<p>40.) 24 May 2020</p> <p>7th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>The Ascension of the Lord Matthew 28:16-20</p> <p>World Day for Social Communications</p> <p>Islamic: Eid-al-Fitr (End of Ramadan)</p> <p>Jewish: Shavuot (May 29-30)</p>	<p>Topic: God created us for eternal life</p> <p>Topic: Festival of Faith</p> <p>John 17:1-11a</p>	<p>I Knowledge of the Faith</p>	<p>1 Creed</p>	<p>with Family Play as a family.</p> <p>At Home: Read the life of Saints John I, Saint Bernardine of Siena, Saint Christopher Magallanes, Saint Rita of Cascia</p> <p>At Home: Pray the Holy Rosary for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and marriage as a family.</p> <p>In Class: Around the world game – prepare a list of questions from the Curriculum Guide or play games from the AMS Family Faith Assessment – form a line, the first student to get to the other side wins.</p> <p>In Class to End the Year: Each participant says a one sentence sending prayer.</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings –Parents are to make sure their children take the Student Assessment to show how much they learned the faith. Student Assessment is opened between 1 April to May 31 and continue with Family Play as a family.</p> <p>At Home: Read the life of Saints Bede the Venerable, Saint Gregory VII,</p>
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Magdalene de' Pazzi, Saint Phillip Neri, Saint Augustine of Canterbury

At Home: Pray the Holy Rosary for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and marriage as a family.

36 Sundays
Class

36 hours of class

Based on 1 hour class

AMS minimum is 30 Hours

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SUMMER THEMES

Faith formation is a life-long process. The following topics are offered for those who wish to provide catechetical moments for families over the summer months. You are encouraged to consider the topics as opportunities to create a family/community Vacation Bible Study experience.

Date	Lesson/Theme	Key Element	Standard	Prayers/Activity
41.) 31 May 2020 Pentecost Sunday The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (1 June)	Topic: Happy Birthday Catholic Church	I Knowledge of Faith	2 Sacred Scripture	In Class: Enact Acts 2:4
	Topic: Called and Sent	V Education for Living in the Christian Community	8 Catholic Church	In Class: Use any media form to represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit
	Topic: Celebrate the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit			At Home: Make a cake with the seven fruits of the Holy Spirit
	Topic: Celebrate the Fruits of the Holy Spirit			At Home: Make a fruit tree.
	Topic: Introduction to the Bible John 20:19-23			At Home: Parents teach their children at home, how many books there are in the bible (new and old Testaments).
				At Home: Parents enthrone the Word of God at home to pray with the Scriptures. At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings –Parents are to make sure their children take the Student Assessment to show how much they learned the

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42.) 7 June 2020	Topic: Lectio Divina – Praying with the Scriptures	I Knowledge of Faith	1 Creed 2 Sacred Scripture	At Home: Parents teach their children how to pray with the scriptures.
The Most Holy Trinity	Topic: Faith in the Holy Trinity John 3:16-18	IV Prayer	7 Prayer	<p>How to Go to Confession Guide</p> <p>Examination of Conscience</p> <p>God’s Gift of Forgiveness: A Pastoral Exhortation on the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings</p> <p>At Home: Read the life of Saints Ephrem, Saint Barnabas Apostle, Saint Anthony of Padua</p>
43.) 14 June 2020	Topic: Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist	II Liturgy and Sacraments III Morality	3 Sacraments 5 Conscience	At Home: Parents help their children know, understand and live according to the Ten

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<p>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</p> <p>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (19 June)</p> <p>The Immaculate Sacred Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary (20 June)</p>	<p>Topic: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</p> <p>John 6:51-58</p>	<p>6 Christian Living</p>	<p>Commandments by attending Mass as a family and showing love and respect to all.</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings</p>	
<p>44.) 21 June 2020</p> <p>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Father's Day</p>	<p>Topic: Witnesses of Jesus Christ: How?</p> <p>Matthew 10:26-33</p>	<p>II Liturgy and Sacraments</p> <p>VI Evangelization and Apostolic Life</p>	<p>3 Sacraments</p> <p>12 Catholic Social Teaching</p> <p>14 Missionary Vocation</p>	<p>At Home: Celebrate Father's Day</p> <p>At Home: Parents are encouraged to find a service project they can do with their children to show them the gift of serving others. Parents can also talk to their children about service in the Military and the rewards of their sacrifices.</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings</p> <p>At Home: Read the life of Saint Paulinus of Nola, Saints John Fisher and Thomas More, Saint Cyril of Alexandria,</p>
<p>45.) 28 June 2020</p> <p>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Topic: The Sacraments of Christian Initiation</p> <p>Topic: Become a missionary disciple: Practice the Works of Mercy</p>	<p>II Liturgy and Sacraments</p> <p>VI Evangelization and Apostolic Life</p>	<p>3 Sacraments</p> <p>14 Missionary Vocation</p>	<p>At Home: Parents are encouraged to take their children on a tour of a nearby parish, monastery, or shrine to show children around where the</p>

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<p>Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles (29 June)</p> <p>The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church (30 June)</p>	<p>Matthew 10:37-42</p>				<p>baptismal font, the confessional and the Altar are located. Particular attention should be given to the Blessed Sacrament.</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings</p> <p>At Home: Read the life of Saint Junipero Serra, Saint Thomas Apostle</p>
<p>46.) 5 July 2020</p> <p>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Topic: I believe in one God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit</p> <p>Matthew 11:25-30</p>	<p>I Knowledge of the Faith</p>	<p>1 Creed</p>	<p>At Home: Parents teach their children what it means to believe in the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church.</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings</p> <p>At Home: Read the life of Saint Maria Goretti, Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Saint Benedict Abbot</p>	
<p>47.) 12 July 2020</p> <p>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Our Lady of Mount Carmel (16 July)</p>	<p>Topic: The Seven Sacraments for Missionary Discipleship</p> <p>Matthew 13:1-23</p>	<p>II Liturgy and Sacraments</p> <p>VI Evangelization and Apostolic Life</p>	<p>3 Sacraments</p> <p>12 Catholic Social Teaching</p> <p>14 Missionary Vocation</p>	<p>At Home: Parents teach the 7 Sacraments to their children at home.</p> <p>At Home: Parents share the stories of celebrating and receiving the Sacraments. Share pictures, documents and other</p>	

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<p>48.)19 July 2020 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Topic: In Check with the Ten Commandments Matthew 13:24-43</p>	<p>III Morality</p>	<p>5 Conscience 6 Christian Living</p>	<p>memories. Share the meaning of names, the reason for choosing the names for Baptism and Confirmation and the significance of having godparents/ sponsor.</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings</p> <p>At Home: Read the life of Saint Henry, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Saint Bonaventure, Saint Camillus de Lellis</p> <p>At Home: Review the Ten Commandments</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings</p> <p>At Home: Read the life of Saints Apollinaris, Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Saint Mary Magdalene, Saint Bridget, Saint Sharbel Makhluof, Saint James Apostle</p>
<p>49.)26 July 2020 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jewish: Tisha B'Av (30 July)</p>	<p>Topic: Building the Kingdom of God through the Church: One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Matthew 13:44-52</p>	<p>V Education for Living in the Christian Community</p>	<p>8 Catholic Church</p>	<p>At Home: Parents show children where to find the four marks of the Church in the Creed –One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of</p>

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Islamic: Eid-al-Adha (31 July)				the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings At Home: Parents can teach their children at home how to make the sign of the cross and its significance for Christians. At Home: Read the life of Saints Martha, Saint Peter Chrysologus, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Saint Alphonsus Liguori
50.)2 Aug 2020	Topic: "Give them some food yourselves"	I Knowledge of the Faith	2 Sacred Scriptures	At Home: Parents review the Liturgy of the Eucharist with children At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings At Home: Parents are encouraged to gather their family to pray the Rosary for the sick, the poor and those who are in prison and purgatory. At Home: Read the life of Saints John Vianney, Saint Sixtus II, Saint Cajetan, Saint Dominic
18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Topic: Loaves and Fishes	II Liturgy and Sacraments	3 Sacraments	
Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major (5 August)	Topic: The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist	V Education for Living in the Christian Community	4 Liturgy	
The Transfiguration of the Lord (6 Aug)	Topic: The Beatitudes –a way of life		8 Catholic Church	
AMS Young Adult Symposium (6-8 August)	Topic: The Transfiguration of the Lord		11 Vocation	
51.)9 Aug 2020	Matthew 14:13-21		12 Catholic Social Teaching	
19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Topic: Trust in God –the Lord's Prayer	IV Prayer	7 Prayer	At Home: Parents review the Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary and Glory be with children
Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Aug 15)	Topic: Jesus Teaches us to Pray			At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of
	Topic: Have Faith and Do Not Doubt			

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Matthew 14:22-33

the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings

At Home: Parents teach children the importance of prayer

At Home: Read the life of Saints Lawrence, Saint Clare, Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Saints Pontian and Hippolytus, Saint Maximilian Kolbe

52.) 16 Aug 2020

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Islamic New Year: Muharram (20 August)

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (22 August)

Topic: The Mass –Do you believe God’s presence in the Word and in the Eucharist?
Topic: Keep Your Faith Strong

I Knowledge of the Faith

II Liturgy and Sacraments

1 Creed

3 Sacraments
4 Liturgy

In Class: Show students the two major parts of the Mass

At Home: Parents review the parts of the Mass

Matthew 15:21-28

At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings

At Home: Pray with Matthew 15:21-28 with children to appreciate the gift of faith

At Home: Read the life of Saint John Eudes, Saint Bernard, Saint Pius X

53.) 23 Aug 2020

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist (29 August)

Topic: “Who do you say that I am?”

I Knowledge of the Faith

II Liturgy and Sacraments

1 Creed

3 Sacraments
4 Liturgy

In Class: Discuss “Who do you say that I am?”

At Home: Parents and children talk about who is Jesus

Topic: Peter, the rock of the Church

Topic: The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

IV Prayer

7 Prayer

At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become

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	Topic: Open the Door of Your Heart to Jesus			familiar with Sunday readings
	Matthew 16:13-20			At Home: Parents are encouraged to go to Confession with their children
				At Home: Read the life of Saint Bartholomew
54.)30 Aug 2020	Topic: The Conditions for Discipleship	V Education for Living in the Christian Community	11 Vocation	In Class: Invite a married couple and the priest to talk about vocation to Holy Matrimony and Priesthood and Religious Life
22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Topic: Forming Missionary Disciples	VI Evangelization and Apostolic Life	14 Missionary Vocation	At Home: Parents and Students do Family Play games and take the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings
	Matthew 16:21-27			At Home: Parents pray for the Holy Rosary for vocations with children
				At Home: Read the life of Saint Gregory the Great, Saint Teresa of Calcutta
55.) 6 Sept 2020	Topic: Witnesses of God's Merciful Love	II Liturgy and Sacraments	3 Sacraments	In Class: Invite the priest to show and tell about how to make a good confession
23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Topic: Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance		4 Liturgy	At Home: Parents and Students work on Family Play games and do the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.
Labor Day (7 Sept)	Matthew 18: 15-20			At Home: Read about the life of Saint Peter Claver
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8 Sept)				
Most Holy Name of Mary (12 Sept)				

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<p>56.)13 Sept 2020</p> <p>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (14 Sept)</p> <p>Our Lady of Sorrows (15 Sept)</p> <p>Jewish: Rosh Hashana (19-20 Sept)</p>	<p>Topic: “How often must I forgive?”</p> <p>Topic: Merciful like the Father</p> <p>Topic: Forgiveness</p> <p>Matthew 18:21-35</p>	<p>II Liturgy and Sacraments</p> <p>III Morality</p>	<p>3 Sacraments</p> <p>4 Liturgy</p> <p>5 Conscience</p> <p>6 Christian Living</p>	<p>In Class: Enthroned the Cross</p> <p>At Home: Enthroned the Cross</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students the Family Assessment portion and do the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Read about the life of Saints Cornelius and Cyprian, Saint Robert Bellarmine, Saint Januarius</p>
<p>57.)20 Sept 2020</p> <p>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Jewish: Rosh Hashana -2nd Day</p> <p>Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (21 Sept)</p> <p>Native American Day (25 Sept)</p>	<p>Topic: The last will be first, and the first will be last</p> <p>Topic: Just Stewards</p> <p>Topic: Love God Above all Else</p> <p>Topic: Prayer Keeps US Honest with God</p> <p>Topic: Be Trustworthy With All You Do</p> <p>Matthew 20:1-16a</p>	<p>III Morality</p> <p>IV Prayer</p> <p>V Education for Living in the Christian Community</p> <p>VI Evangelization and Apostolic Life</p>	<p>6 Christian Living</p> <p>7 Prayer</p> <p>10 Catholic Principles and Relationships</p> <p>12 Catholic Social Teaching</p>	<p>In Class: Encourage age appropriate participation in Mass such as alter server, lector & children’s choir.</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students take the grade level Family Assessment, continue with Family Play games and do the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Talk with children about honesty and prudence over dinner</p> <p>At Home: Read about the life of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Saint Cosmas and Damian</p> <p>At Home: Make a commitment to attend Mass every Sunday as family and to pray Holy Rosary for the unity and sanctity of the family</p>

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58.) 27 Sept 2020 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jewish: Yom Kippur (28 Sept) Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael –Archangels (29 August) The Holy Guardian Angels (2 Oct) Jewish: Succot (3-4 Oct)	Topic: Righting your Wrongs	I Knowledge of the Faith	1 Creed 2 Scripture	In Class: Make a Rosary to use to pray during the month of October in class and at home with parents At Home: Parents and Students take the grade level Family Assessment, continue with Family Play games and do the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings. At Home: Read about the life of Saint Wenceslaus, Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Saint Jerome, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus At Home: Make a commitment to attend Mass every Sunday as family and to pray Holy Rosary for the unity and sanctity of the family
	Topic: Strive for Heaven			
	Topic: Change and Believe	II Liturgy and Sacraments	3 Sacraments	
	Matthew 21:28-32	IV Prayer	7 Prayer	
59.) 4 Oct 2020 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Respect Life Sunday World Communication Sunday Jewish: Succot, 2 nd Day Our Lady of the Rosary (7 Nov) Jewish: Shemini Atzeret (10 Oct)	Topic: Lord, Increase the Gift of Faith in Me	I Knowledge of the Faith	1 Creed 2 Scripture	In Class: Helps students how to best use social media as a way to evangelist friends and family At Home: Parents and Students take the grade level Family Assessment, continue with Family Play games and do the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings. At Home: Read about the life of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Saint Bruno, Blessed Marie Rose
	Topic: Go out make disciples		13 Inter-Religious Dialogue	
	Topic: Produce Fruits	VI Evangelization and Apostolic Life	14 Missionary Vocation	
	Matthew 21:33-43			

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<p>60.)11 Oct 2020</p> <p>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Jewish: Simchat Tora</p> <p>Columbus Day (12 Oct)</p>	<p>Topic: Show Your Faith with Gratitude</p> <p>Topic: The Kingdom of God is like...</p> <p>Topic: Chosen</p> <p>Matthew 22:1-14</p>	<p>V Education for Living in the Christian Community</p> <p>VI Evangelization and Apostolic Life</p>	<p>8 Catholic Church</p> <p>11 Vocations</p> <p>14 Missionary Vocation</p>	<p>Durocher, Saint Denis and Companions, Saint John Leonardi</p> <p>At Home: Make a commitment to attend Mass every Sunday as family and to pray Holy Rosary for the unity and sanctity of the family</p> <p>In Class:</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students take the grade level Family Assessment, continue with Family Play games and do the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Read about the life of Saint Callistus I, Saint Teresa of Jesus, Saint Hedwig, Margaret Mary Alacoque, Saint Ignatius of Antioch</p> <p>At Home: Make a commitment to attend Mass every Sunday as family and to pray Holy Rosary for the unity and sanctity of the family</p>
<p>61.)18 Oct 2020</p> <p>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>World Mission Sunday</p> <p>Laity Sunday</p>	<p>Topic: We belong to God</p> <p>Topic: Living as Missionary Discipleship</p> <p>Matthew 22:15-21</p>	<p>II Liturgy and Sacraments</p> <p>V Education for Living in the Christian Community</p> <p>VI Evangelization and Apostolic Life</p>	<p>3 Sacraments</p> <p>8 Catholic Church</p> <p>14 Missionary Vocation</p>	<p>In Class: Create a mission project to help students identify the gift and talent they have to serve others</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students take the grade level Family Assessment, continue with Family Play games and do the Quiz of the Week to become</p>

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				<p>familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Read about the life of Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Saint Paul of the Cross, Saint John Paul II, Saint John of Capistrano, Saint Anthony Mary Claret</p> <p>At Home: Make a commitment to attend Mass every Sunday as family and to pray Holy Rosary for the unity and sanctity of the family</p>
<p>62.) 25 Oct 2020</p> <p>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Reformation Day</p> <p>Saint Simon and Jude, Apostles (28 Oct)</p>	<p>Topic: The greatest commandment</p> <p>Topic: Love of God and of Neighbor</p> <p>Topic: Call to Holiness</p> <p>Matthew 22:34-40</p>	<p>I Knowledge of the Faith</p> <p>III Morality</p> <p>VI Evangelization and Apostolic Life</p>	<p>1 Creed</p> <p>5 Conscience</p> <p>6 Christian Living</p> <p>12 Catholic Social Teaching</p>	<p>In Class: Invite students to come dressed as favorite saint for next class</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students take the grade level Family Assessment, continue with Family Play games and do the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Read about the life of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles</p> <p>At Home: Make a commitment to attend Mass every Sunday as family and to pray Holy Rosary for the unity and sanctity of the family</p>
<p>63.) 1 Nov 2020</p> <p>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Topic: Call to Holiness</p> <p>Topic: The Life of a Saint</p> <p>Topic: Blessed</p>	<p>III Morality</p> <p>V Education for Living in the Christian Community</p>	<p>6 Christian Living</p> <p>8 Catholic Church</p> <p>11 Vocation</p>	<p>In Class: Invite the priest, a married couple and single active duty to share how they live their vocation in</p>

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All Saints	Topic: You are Salt and Light of the World	VI Evangelization and Apostolic Life	12 Catholic Social Teaching	Jesus Christ at the service to the community
National Vocations Awareness Week Begins	Topic: The Saints Live the Commandments		14 Missionary Vocation	In Class: Help Confirmation candidates discern the saint name or understand the virtues of the saint chosen
Daylight Savings Time Ends	Matthew 5:1-12a			At Home: Parents and Students take the grade level Family Assessment, continue with Family Play games and do the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) -2 Nov				At Home: Read about the life of Saint Martin de Porres, Saint Charles Borromeo
World Community Day (6 Nov)				
64.) 8 Nov 2020	Topic: Keep the flame of faith alive	I Knowledge of the Faith	1 Creed	In Class: Discuss how students can be good stewards of the gifts God
32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Topic: How to pray to stay awake!	IV Prayer	7 Prayer	At Home: Parents and Students take the grade level Family Assessment, continue with Family Play games and do the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.
Stewardship Sunday	Topic: Introduction to Prayer			At Home: Read about the life of Saint Leo the Great, Saint Martin of Tours, Saint Josaphat, Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (9 Nov)	Matthew 25:1-13			
Veteran's Day (11 Nov)				
65.) 15 Nov 2020	Topic: What are you doing with the gifts (talents) of the Holy Spirit?	I Knowledge of the Faith	2 Sacred Scripture 8 Catholic Church	In Class: Help students identify their gifts and talents for the service to the community
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<p>The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles (18 Nov)</p> <p>The Presentation of the Virgin Mary (21 Nov)</p>	<p>Topic: Introduction to Social Justice</p> <p>Topic: Disciples of Jesus Christ in the Church</p> <p>Topic: Stewards of God's Treasures</p> <p>Matthew 25:14-30</p>	<p>V Education for Living in the Christian Community</p> <p>VI Evangelization and Apostolic Life</p>	<p>10 Catholic Principles and Relationships</p> <p>12 Catholic Social Teaching</p>	<p>At Home: Parents and Students take the grade level Family Assessment, continue with Family Play games and do the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Read about the life of Saint Margaret of Scotland, Saint Gertrude, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary</p>
<p>66.) 22 Nov 2020</p> <p>34th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</p> <p>Bible Sunday</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day (26 Nov)</p> <p>(Start new Catechetical Year 2020-2021)</p>	<p>Topic: The Corporal Works of Mercy</p> <p>Topic: The Pre-Requisites for Eternal Life</p> <p>Topic: Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe</p> <p>Topic: Jesus, Remember Me</p> <p>Matthew 25: 31-46</p>	<p>I Knowledge of Faith</p>	<p>1 Creed</p> <p>2 Sacred Scripture</p>	<p>In Class: Enthroned the Bible on the prayer table</p> <p>At Home: Enthroned the Bible on the family altar</p> <p>At Home: Parents and Students work on Family Play games and do the Quiz of the Week to become familiar with Sunday readings.</p> <p>At Home: Read about the life of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, Saint Catherine of Alexandria</p>

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Areas for Consideration in Strategic Planning

Adult Faith Formation

- The AMS Thematic Calendar is a tool for you to consider having adult faith formation, bible study or some form of faith sharing for parents and adults in general while youth and children are in religious education.
- Adults, youth and children could be learning the same topic so that they can talk about their learning experience on their way home, at dinner table or during family time.
- The themes can also be reinforced by the priest in the homily.
- [VLCFF](#) and [CDU](#) provide quality faith formation courses online for adults.

AMS Family Faith Assessment

- Gather families in the beginning of the year to introduce the Assessment
- The Assessment supports families to grow in knowledge, understanding and living out the Catholic faith online and at home.
- Motivate families (grades Pre-K to 12) to engage one another with this online resource.
- They will love learning the faith in a fun and dynamic way.

Parent Meetings (Sacramental Prep)

- Build a strong partnership with the family to support faith learning at home using the AMS Family Faith Assessment.
- Faith formation in preparation for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) is integral to the AMS Forming Disciples for the New Evangelization: Archdiocesan Religion Curriculum Guide. See Standard 3 on the Sacraments and Standard 4 on the Liturgy for all grade levels.
- Regardless of sacramental preparation, parent meetings are vital. Major feasts of the church are a great time to do Catholic faith community wide catechesis: the weekend after Christmas, Easter; the weekend of Pentecost. Include a Meet and Greet gathering in the beginning of the year. Prayer and orientation to the AMS Family Faith Assessment should be part of the agenda.
- Schedule gatherings with the whole family throughout the year to pray, share faith and information and celebrate as a community.

Catechist Training

- Catechists are required to take one five-week course or two three-week seminars to meet the requirement for AMS Basic Catechist Certification.
- The 14 Standards are a guiding tool for catechist faith formation.

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- There are courses online for each of the 14 Standards. See the correlation to VLCFF and CDU courses for guidance.
- Have the catechists do the Self Inventory to assess their areas of strengthen and opportunities for growth.
- Other opportunities for catechist in-service may be the weekend before class start (to go over the expectations for the catechetical year), the weekend before Advent (to plan the season) and the weekend before Lent (to plan the season). Do you want to have special celebrations during these important liturgical seasons?

Catechetical Leadership Development (Conferences and Certificate in Catechesis)

- The communication, collaboration and consultation between the priest and the lay catechetical leader will model team work for the catechists and families in the program.
- The ministry of the catechetical leader is valuable and vital for the success of the faith formation program.
- Consider enrolling in the Certificate in Catechesis Program through [CDU](#) or [VLCFF](#).
- Consider attending the LA Religious Education Congress, the Mid-Atlantic Congress or the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL). The local civilian diocese may have workshops, conferences or retreat days you may want to attend. Find opportunities to nourish your spiritual life and to strengthen your skills.