

**ASSUMPTION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
EIGHTH GRADE CALENDAR OF LESSONS 2016-2017
FRIDAYS, FAITH & FAMILY**

TEXT: Life in Christ Jesus

TOPIC: Jesus invites you to be his disciple. He wants you to know him better, to understand his message, and to follow his way of life. During this course of study, you will explore the principles of Catholic morality.

Faith of an Eighth Grader: Twelve -to Fourteen-year-olds are able to think more abstractly than in previous years. They now have the capacity for critical reflection on their faith experiences. Faith tradition and moral guidance of the Church offers this age group the structure and security they need during this turbulent time.

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>TOGETHER TODAY:</u>	<u>BEFORE NEXT MONTH:</u>	<u>FOCUS:</u>
09/16/16 FRIDAY	Ch. 1: "The Universal Mission"	Ch. 2: "Human Dignity"	-To learn about the mission of the Church and decide how to be a part of it. -To learn that the meaning of true happiness is found in holiness, eternal life with God.
10/14/16 FRIDAY	Ch. 8: "To Love God Above All"	Ch. 3: "To Follow Jesus"	-To learn how God wants us to live. -To learn the core value of Jesus' teachings.
11/18/16 FRIDAY	A Walk Through the Mass with Fr. Przemek	Ch. 4: "Guided by Conscience"	-To learn how living a Christian moral life is a path to freedom.
12/09/16 FRIDAY	Ch. 9: "A Community for Life"		-To describe ways that the Commandments tell us to respect and strengthen our life as a family.
01/06/17 FRIDAY	Ch. 10: "Integrity of Heart"		To understand how the Commandments command us to treat ourselves & other people with respect and with justice.
02/03/17 FRIDAY	Ch. 5: "The Exercise of Virtue"		--To learn how to practice the Virtues.
02/24/17 FRIDAY	FFF Goes to the Interfaith Food Pantry, Morris Plains		
03/01/17 WEDNESDAY	Ash Wednesday Family Worship Mass or Service	-Our families are expected to attend one of our Ash Wednesday Masses or our 4 p.m. Prayer Service.	

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03/04/17 SATURDAY	Pasta Supper	5:00 PM & 7:00 PM [Sign up to earn service hours]	Assumption School Cafeteria
03/31/17 FRIDAY	Ch. 6: "The Grace of the Holy Spirit"	Ch. 7: "A Pilgrim Church"	-To learn how to live in and through the Holy Spirit when making decisions. -To learn how the Church is continually engaged with the World.
04/09/17 SUNDAY	Palm Sunday		
04/16/17 SUNDAY	Easter Sunday		
04/21/17 FRIDAY	Ch. 11: "People of Truth"		To understand how the Commandments guide us in living as people of courage, honesty, and generosity.
05/12/17 FRIDAY	Ch. 12: "The Lord's Prayer"		-To identify the Lord's Prayer as a blueprint for living the Gospel.

Please Note: As participants in Fridays, Faith and Family, it is expected that your family will make every effort to attend every session and will keep up with the assigned lessons to be completed "at home, before next month." If not, a large portion of information necessary for continuing faith formation is lost. Irregular attendance and assignments that are left incomplete will automatically prevent your family from participating in FFF next year. If you find this too difficult to adhere to, please speak with Linda as soon as possible.

Community Service - A very important component to our program is Community Service. Each year our 6th, 7th & 8th graders are required to perform 10 hours of community service. Any service performed between April 1, 2015 and March 31, 2016 will count. Hours are to be recorded and handed in to your catechist on a monthly basis. Specific opportunities are frequently forwarded via email. You also need to be responsible for finding opportunities on your own.