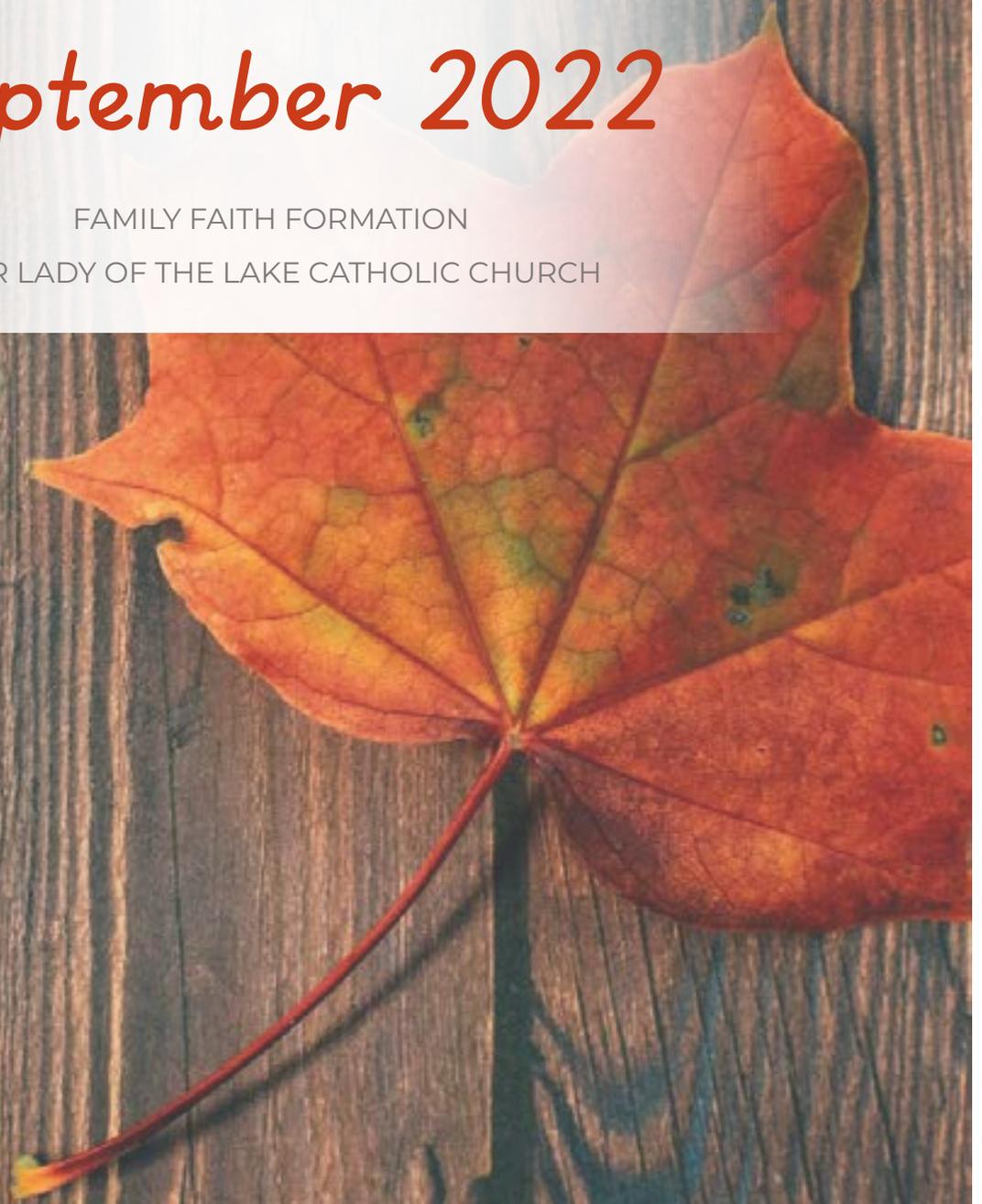




FAITH IN THE HOME

September 2022

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH



September 4, 2022 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus Wants Us To Follow Him

PRAY



Dear Jesus, we want to follow you. Help us be your disciple even if it means doing things that are difficult. Amen.

LEARN



Read Bible: Luke 14:25-33

Catholic Children's Bible, pages 1618-19

25 Once when large crowds of people were going along with Jesus, he turned and said to them, 26 "Those who come to me cannot be my disciples unless they love me more than they love father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and themselves as well. 27 Those who do not carry their own cross and come after me cannot be my disciples. 28 If one of you is planning to build a tower, you sit down first and figure out what it will cost, to see if you have enough money to finish the job.

29 If you don't, you will not be able to finish the tower after laying the foundation; and all who see what happened will make fun of you. 30 'You began to build but can't finish the job!' they will say. 31 If a king goes out with ten thousand men to fight another king who comes against him with twenty thousand men, he will sit down first and decide if he is strong enough to face that other king. 32 If he isn't, he will send messengers to meet the other king to ask for terms of peace while he is still a long way off. 33 In the same way," concluded Jesus, "none of you can be my disciple unless you give up everything you have.



Did You Know?



It was extremely difficult for Jesus to carry and die on a wooden cross, but he knew that this is what God wanted him to do. When Jesus said, "carry their own cross", he meant that his disciples would have to do difficult things to be his followers. They may not have to carry a real cross, but they would have to be willing to give up what is important to them, even their family and friends.

DISCUSS & DO



Explain to your children that being a follower of Jesus means having to do difficult things. However, Jesus is there to guide us if we trust in him and ask for help. What do you think he wants you to do more to be his follower? Pray? Do chores? Show kindness to a sibling? What action will you do this week?

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September 11, 2022 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus Will Always Search for Us

PRAY



Dear Jesus, thank you for loving us so much that you will always be there for us. Help us to seek you when we are lost. Amen.

LEARN



Read Bible: Luke 15:1-7

Catholic Children's Bible, pages 1619

15 One day when many tax collectors and other outcasts came to listen to Jesus, 2 the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law started grumbling, "This man welcomes outcasts and even eats with them!" 3 So Jesus told them this parable:

4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them—what do you do? You leave the other ninety-nine sheep in the pasture and go looking for the one that got lost until you find it. 5 When you find it, you are so happy that you put it on your shoulders 6 and carry it back home. Then you call your friends and neighbors together and say to them, 'I am so happy I found my lost sheep. Let us celebrate!' 7 In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine respectable people who do not need to repent.



Did You Know?

In the Bible story, the shepherd is like God, the sheep are like people, and the lost sheep is like us making bad choices. When we act like a lost sheep and stray from God, he will always search for us. God is so happy when we come back to him.

DISCUSS & DO

Ask your children to recall a time when they made a bad choice. Then explain that making a bad choice is like being a lost sheep. When we do something wrong, God always wants us to come back to him. He always forgives us, if we are sorry, and will be there for us no matter what we have done. Let us now tell God we are sorry for something we have done and ask him to help us turn to him when we stray.

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September 18, 2022 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus Wants Us to Be Honest

PRAY

Dear Jesus, help us to be honest at all times in everything we do – big or small. Amen.

LEARN



Read Bible: Luke 16:10-13

Catholic Children's Bible, page 1622-23

10 Whoever is faithful in small matters will be faithful large ones; whoever is dishonest small matters will be dishonest in large ones. 11 then, you have not been faithful in handling worldly wealth, how can you be trusted with true wealth? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to someone else, who will give you what belongs to you?



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13 "No servant can be the slave of two masters; such a slave will hate one and love the other or will be loyal to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."



Did You Know?

Honesty means being truthful in what we say and do. Jesus wants us to be honest all the time even when no one is watching.

DISCUSS & DO



Ask your children what would they do if they found a wallet on the floor with a lot of money ... at school? in a store? on a sidewalk? What would they do if they found only one dollar? Would they tell someone and try to give it back? Talk to your children that Jesus wants us to do the right thing whether it is big or small, seen or unseen. If we are honest in the small things, then we will be honest in the big things.

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September 25, 2022 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Story of the Rich Man and Lazarus

PRAY



Dear Jesus, help us to listen to you and follow you before it is too late. Help us to be more aware of others and help those we do not see. Amen.

LEARN



Read Bible: Luke 16:19-31

Catholic Children's Bible, pages 1623

19 "There was once a rich man who dressed in the most expensive clothes and lived in great luxury every day. 20 There was also a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who used to be brought to the rich man's door, 21 hoping to eat the bits of food that fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at the feast in heaven. The rich man died and was buried, 23 and in Hades,[a] where he was in great pain, he looked up and saw Abraham, far away, with Lazarus at his side. 24 So he called out, 'Father Abraham! Take pity on me, and send Lazarus to dip his finger in some water and cool off my tongue, because I am in great pain in this fire!' 25 But Abraham said, 'Remember, my son, that in your lifetime you were given all the good things, while Lazarus got all the bad things. But now he is enjoying himself here, while you are in pain. 26 Besides all that, there is a deep pit lying between us, so that those who want to cross over from here to you cannot do so, nor can anyone cross over to us from where you are.' 27 The rich man said, 'Then I beg you, father Abraham, send Lazarus to my father's house, 28 where I have five brothers. Let him go and warn them so that they, at least, will not come to this place of pain.' 29 Abraham said, 'Your brothers have Moses and the prophets to warn them; your brothers should listen to what they say.' 30 The rich man answered, 'That is not enough, father Abraham! But if someone were to rise from death and go to them, then they would turn from their sins.' 31 But Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone were to rise from death.'"



Did You Know?

In today's Bible story, the rich man did not see or help Lazarus who was right in front of him. Lazarus was so much worse off than he was, and the rich man did not do what he should have been doing in his life. After the rich man died, it was too late. He realized the mistakes he had made.

DISCUSS & DO

Talk to your children about a time where you did not see or respond to something that was right in front of you. Discuss how important it is to be aware of Jesus talking to us. Discuss how we can become more aware and respond to situations where Jesus wants us to help others.

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FEAST DAYS IN SEPTEMBER



SEPTEMBER 8 – THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On this day, we celebrate when Mary, the mother of Jesus, was born. Her parents were Joachim and Anne who lived in Nazareth. Mary loves us very much and is our spiritual mother. We ask her to guide us in our life. “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.”



SEPTEMBER 14 – FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS

The cross reminds us that we are Christians and that Jesus died to save us. We make the Sign of the Cross every time we pray and enter/leave a church. Our hands trace the shape of the cross in front of our body, as we say: “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”



SEPTEMBER 21 – SAINT MATTHEW

Matthew lived during Jesus’ time and collected taxes from the Jewish people. Because of this, he was not liked by many of them. After Jesus chose him to be one of his followers, he became a great man. Matthew wrote a book in the Bible and told stories of how Jesus loves everyone. “St. Matthew, pray for us.”



SEPTEMBER 27 – SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Vincent was born to a poor family in France in 1581 and later became a priest. Once when he was on a ship, he was captured and sold as a slave in Africa. Two years later, Vincent escaped to France and spent the rest of his life serving the poor and hungry. Today, there is an organization named after him that also serves people in need. “St. Vincent, pray for us”