**Organization of Growing Up Catholic *Faith Stories***

 The series is organized into three years, each focused on a different set of stories and a different person of the Trinity. Each year there are 15 stories referred to as faith sharing gatherings that are created for the whole family. Year One, ***God Calls*,** introduces our Creator God and the Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament) stories. Year two, ***Jesus Lives*,** presents the gospel story- the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Year three, ***Spirit With Us*,** illustrates the work of the Spirit with stories from the Acts of the Apostles, the Epistles, and the lives of saints and modern believers. Collectively, all three years blesses families with coming to know the Great Story of God’s saving love for us throughout the ages!

Parents are asked to pick up their family folder of materials ***the last week of September.***To get started, ***your family catechist*** will connect with just you, the parents, **the first week of October using zoom**, if possible.  The purpose for this is to share introductions, acquaint you with the October faith story leaflets, and share the game plan for the first 30-minute **family community connection (FCC)**time ***during the last week of November.***

**R.E. Family Calendar 2020-21, *Faith Stories- God Calls***

**OCTOBER**

* Week of Oct. 4:       ***Family Catechist and Parents Connect***
* Week of Oct. 18:     Faith Sharing Gathering 1, ***One God***
* Week of Oct. 25:    Faith Sharing Gathering 2, ***In the Beginning***
* ***Friday, Oct. 30: Trunk or Treat with the Saints, OLM parking lot***

**NOVEMBER**

* Week of Nov. 1: Faith Sharing Gathering 3, ***A Chosen People***
* Week of Nov. 8:      Faith Sharing Gathering 4, ***God Calls Abraham & Sarah***
* Week of Nov. 15:     Faith Sharing Gathering 5, ***God Calls Joseph***
* **Week of Nov.22:   Happy Thanksgiving!**
* **Sunday, Nov. 29: First Sunday of Advent**
* ***Week of Nov. 29:   Catechist/Community Connection Time***

**DECEMBER**

* **Week of Dec. 6:    Pick up At-home Family Advent Retreat &**

 ***Second semester Faith Stories***

* ***Week of Dec. 13:   Catechist/Community Connection Time***
* **Weeks of Dec. 20 & 27  Merry Christmas!**

**JANUARY**

* Week of Jan. 3:       Faith Sharing Gathering 6, ***The Promised Land***
* Week of Jan. 10:      Faith Sharing Gathering 7, ***God Calls Moses***
* Week of Jan. 17:      Faith Sharing Gathering 8, ***God Calls Ruth***
* ***Week of Jan. 24:   Catechist/Community Connection Time***

**FEBRUARY**

* Week of Feb. 1:    Faith Sharing Gathering  9,  ***Kings and Queens***
* Week of Feb. 7:     Faith Sharing Gathering 10, ***God Calls David***
* Week of Feb.14:       Faith Sharing Gathering 11, ***God Calls Esther***
* **Wed., Feb. 17: Ash Wednesday ~ The Start of Lent**
* ***Week of Feb. 21:  Catechist/Community Connection Time***

**MARCH**

* Week of March  1:    Faith Sharing Gathering 12, ***Prophets and Heroes***
* Week of March  7:   Faith Sharing Gathering 13, ***God Calls Elijah***
* Week of March 14:   Faith Sharing Gathering 14, ***God Calls Daniel***
* ***Week of March 21:******Catechist/Community Connection Time***
* **Sunday, March 28: Palm Passion Sunday**
* **March 28 – April 6: Spring/Easter Break**

**APRIL**

* Thurs., April 1: ***Mass of the Lord’s Last Supper, Holy Thursday***
* Fri., April 2: ***Good Friday Service- Veneration of the Cross***
* Sat., April 3: ***Holy Saturday & Easter Vigil Mass (Sundown)***
* Sun., April 4: ***Easter Sunday!!!***
* Week of April 11:     Faith Sharing Gathering 15, ***The Promised Messiah***
* ***Week of April 18:   Catechist/Community Connection Time ~***

 ***Bible Trivia game***