

January 2012

Praying together at home:

January is both the dead of winter, and a time of new resolution. Winter is a tough time for people in Chicago.

How does this time of year challenge us?

How does this time of year strengthen us?

As we huddle in the dead of winter, have we noticed that it is beginning to get darker a little later?

Have we noticed that the sun is beginning to shine more and later?

What do we like best about the winter season?

What is hard for us about winter?

What do I need to pray about that I am struggling with in school?

What has been good about this school year?

Have I made any New Year's resolutions?

What do I need to do to grow and be a better person?

Now take time to pray together an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be to the Father, and to pray for other things that our family needs to pray for.

Looking ahead to the weekend: Pray over these questions.

December 31st-January 1st: How is our family a Holy Family? Who in our family do we look to as a holy person? What do they do that makes them holy?

January 7th and 8th: On this Feast of the Epiphany what three gifts from God am I thankful for? What do I have to offer God?

January 14th and 15th: How does God live with our family? Where do we see God in our midst—where is He in school, in our friends, at home, when we play sports, when we work?

January 21st and 22nd: How could someone tell if you are a fan of a sports team? Would someone be able to tell that you are Catholic? How do they know that you follow Jesus?

January 28th and 29th: How has God brought peace and healing to your life? What are things you are struggling to learn? What are some of the challenges in your life?