**Grade 4: God Guides Us**

**Outline of the 2015/2016 School Year**

**August 9:** New Catechist In-service (6:30pm)

**August 13:** **Option #1** Virtus Training (6pm) *Required for those that are not trained*

**August 24:** All Catechist In service (5pm)

**Unit 1 We Come to Know God: The children will learn that God is revealed in creation, Sacred Scripture, The Church, and his Son.**

**Sept. 8/9: Prayer of the Month: Our Father** Chapter 1: God Reveals Himself to Us Through His Son

**Sept 15/16:** Chapter 2: God Speaks to Us in Scripture (Fire drill today)

**Sept. 22/23:** Chapter 3: God Speaks to Us Through the Church

**Sept. 29/ 30**: Chapter 4: God Offers Us Eternal Life

**Unit 2 God Strengthens Us to Be Holy: The children will learn about their obligation as Christians to live like Jesus, loving God and others.**

**Oct. 6/7: Prayer of the Month: Hail Mary** Chapter 9\*: We Honor Mary \*note out of order

**Oct. 13/14:** Chapter 5: We Are Called to Follow Jesus

**Oct. 20/21:** Chapter 6: Jesus Invites Us to Receive God’s Mercy

**Oct. 27/28:**.NO CLASSES

**Nov. 3/4:** **Prayer of the month: Vocation Prayer** Chapter 7: We Worship God (revised lesson) (Grades 1-5 Stewardship kick-off)

**Nov. 10/11:** Chapter 8: God Gave Us Laws for Living

**Unit 3 We Love God: The Children will know how to show love for God, as outlined in the first three commandments.**

**Nov. 17/18:** Chapter 10: We Show Our Love for God

**Nov. 24/25:**. NO CLASS- Happy Thanksgiving! Advent Begins Nov. 29

**Dec. 1/2:** **Prayer of the month: Act of Faith, Hope & Love** Chapter 11: We Love All that Is Holy

**Dec. 8/9:** NO CLASS- Immaculate Conception Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast/Party

**Dec. 15/16:** Special Season Chapter 3: Christmas (30 minutes class time/30 minutes Advent prayer service.)

**Dec. 22/23:** NO CLASS- Merry Christmas!

**Dec. 29/30**: NO CLASS- Happy New Year!

**Jan. 5/6:** **Prayer of the month: Act of Consecration to Mary** Chapter 12: We Keep the Lord’s Day Holy

**Jan. 12/13:** *4th Grade parent/child class*

**Jan. 19/20:** NO CLASS- Catechist In service (on 20th)

**Jan. 26/27:** Chapter 13: We Grow in Holiness

**Unit 4 We Love God’s People: The children will know how the last seven commandments guide us to love our neighbors and ourselves. The will develop reverence for life and for the gifts of the earth.**

**Feb. 2/3:Prayer of the month: Act of Love** Chapter 14: We honor and Obey

**Feb. 9:** NO CLASS- Join us for Mardi Gras!

**Feb.10:** Ash Wednesday MassLent Begins

**Feb. 16/17:** Chapter 15: We Respect the gift of Life

**Feb. 23/24:** Chapter 16: We are Faithful to Ourselves and Others

**March 1/2:Prayer of the month: Act of Contrition** Chapter 17: We Respect What God Has Given Us

**March 8/9:** (Reconciliation grades 2,4,6,8, Confirmation)

**March 15/16**: Chapter 18: We Respect the Gifts of the Earth

**March 22/23:** Holy Week, NO CLASS

**March 29/30**: Happy Easter! NO CLASS

**April 5/6**: **Prayer of the month: Glory Be** Chapter 19: We Speak the Truth with Love

**April 12/13:** **SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

**Unit 5 Jesus Leads Us to Happiness: The Children will learn that Jesus gave us the Beatitudes as a guide to happiness both in this life and in the life to come.**

**April 19/20:** Chapter 21: Happy Are the Poor in Spirit

**April 26/27:** Chapter 22: God’s Sorrowing and Meek People Receive a Special Promise.

**May 3/4:** **Prayer of the month: Guardian Angel** Chapter 23: God’s People long to Be Clean of Heart and Holy Chapter

**May 10/11:** 24: God’s People Bring Mercy and Peace to Others

**May 17/18:** Chapter 25: God’s People are Happy

**May 24/25:** (End of the year prayer service and social)