**Grade 8: The Church Then and Now**

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

**August 12:** 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 (6:30-8:30)

**Sept. 8/9: Prayer of the Month: Our Father** Chapter 1: A Community of Disciples

**Sept 15/16:** Chapter 2: Tracing Our Roots (Fire drill today)

**Sept. 21: Option #2** Virtus Training (6pm) *Required for those that are not trained*

**Sept. 22/23:** Chapter 3: Scripture: A Closer Look

**Sept. 29/30**: Chapter 4: A People of Prayer

**Oct. 6/7: Prayer of the Month: Hail Mary** Chapter 5: A People of Service

**Oct. 13/14:** Chapter 6: One in the Spirit

**Oct. 20/21:** Chapter 7: Made in the Holy Spirit

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

**Nov. 3/4:** **Prayer of the month: Vocation Prayer** Chapter 8: A Church That is Catholic

**Nov. 10/11:** Chapter 9: A Church that is Apostolic

**Nov. 17/18:** Chapter 10: The First Years

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

**Dec. 1/2:** **Prayer of the month: Act of Faith, Hope & Love** Chapter 11: The Church Grows

**Dec. 8/9:** NO CLASS- Immaculate Conception

**Dec 15/16:** Special Season Lesson 2: Advent (30 minute class; 30 minute Advent 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: A House Built on Rock

**Jan. 12/13**: Chapter 15: The Church Faces Challenges

**Jan. 19/20:** NO CLASS- Catechist In-service

**Jan. 26/27:** Chapter 16: Reforming the Church

**Feb.2/3 :** **Prayer of the month: Act of Love** (Gr. 5, 8 & 11 ACRE testing)

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

**Feb. 10:** Ash Wednesday Mass.

**Feb. 16/17:** Special Season Lent: Doing Small Things with Great Love (ACRE testing make up)

**Feb. 23/24:** Chapter 18 Signs of the Times

**March 1/2: Prayer of the month: Act of Contrition** Special Season Lesson 8: Reconciliation

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

**March 15/16**: Special Season Lesson 5: Holy Week

**March 22/23:** NO CLASS-Holy week

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

**April 5/6**: **Prayer of the month: Glory Be** Chapter 20: The Way of Holiness

**April 12/13:** Safe Environment

**April 19/20:** Chapter 21: The Way of Faith

**April 26/27:** (8th grade parent/child class)

**May 3/4:** **Prayer of the month: Guardian Angel** Chapter 22: The Way of Worship

**May 10/11:** Chapter 23: The Way of Family

**May 17/18:** Special Lesson: Laudato Si

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