

Fourth Grade Syllabus

Adventure Catechism – 2026-2027

Format for all chapters in Adventure Catechism

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 - **Activity/Craft/Worksheet** – if available
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September

9/14 or 9/15 – Meet & Greet with pizza and parent meeting

9/28 or 9/29 **Chapter 2** – The Most Holy Trinity & Fall Diocesan Inventory

- **Prayer/Commandment/Saint of the month: Saint** – St. Dominic Savio
Saint Video: Youtube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oy1skAT6Cbc> (6:25)
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: Who Is the Holy Spirit? – 7:56
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** Trinity Word Search
- **Activity:** Make the Holy Trinity with popsicle sticks

October

3rd & 4th Grade Mass - October 25th, 9:00 Mass

10/5 or 10/6 **Chapter 26** & 27**** – Prayer & The Our Father

- **Prayer/Commandment/Saint of the month: Prayer** – Apostles’ Creed
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What Is the Lord’s Prayer? – 7:00
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** What is Prayer?
- **Activity:** A Message from Jesus

10/12 or 10/13 – Supper Club

10/19 or 10/20 **Learn how to pray the Rosary, led by Mrs. Canfield**

10/26 or 10/27 Chapter 4 & 5 – The Broken Covenant & Old Testament Covenants

- **Prayer/Commandment/Saint of the month: Commandment** – One & Two
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is Original Sin? – 7:00
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** Original sin Word Search/Trick or Treat Crossword
- **Activity:** Trick or Treat Crossword

November

3rd & 4th Grade Mass – November 22nd, 9:00 Mass

11/2 or 11/3 – Circle of Grace and Learn how to use the Bible – led by Mrs. Canfield

11/9 or 11/10 – Supper Club

11/16 or 11/17 Chapter 7 & 8 – The Life of Christ & The Paschal Mystery

- **Prayer/Commandment/Saint of the month: Saint** – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Saint Video: YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6B8qEQEDGw> (6:45)
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is Redemption? – 6:20
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** Jesus Maze/St. Ann Seton
- **Activity:** Names of Jesus Wreath
- **11/23 or 11/24 Chapter 28 & 30 – Creeds & The Liturgical Year**
- **Prayer/Commandment/Saint of the month: Prayer** – Apostles' Creed
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is the Liturgical Year? – 6:45
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** What is the Liturgical Calendar?/John's Desert Message
- **Activity:** Liturgical Jeopardy Game - <https://jeopardylabs.com/play/liturgical-calendar-18>

11/30 or 12/1 Advent bible activity – whole grade led by Mrs. Canfield

December

12/7 or 12/8 – Supper Club- Write cards for homebound

12/14 or 12/15 Chapter 10 & 12 – The Catholic Church & Mary, our Mother

- **Prayer/Commandment/Saint of the month: Commandment** – Three & review 1 & 2
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is the Catholic Church? – 8:00
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** Four Marks of the Church color by number
- **Activity:** The Four Marks of the Church craft

12/21 or 12/22 Chapter 14 & 15 – Baptism and Confirmation & The Holy Eucharist

- **Prayer/Commandment/Saint of the month: Saint** - St. Cecilia
Saint Video: YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ug7FGGeG7xEQ> (5:24)
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit? (6:50)
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** Word Search
- **Activity:** A Sleigh Full of Christmas Crossword and Prayer Activity....Lectio Divina – see Lectio Divina Tab in Catechist's manual - will give instructions on how to do this

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January

3rd & 4th Grade Mass – January 3rd, 9:00 Mass

1/4 or 1/5 Chapter 16 & 17 – The Holy Mass & Reconciliation

- **Prayer/Commandment/Saint of the month: Commandment** – Four
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is the Mass? 10:00
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** What is Penance Maze
- **Activity:** Students will practice an Examination of Conscience. Teach them that this process is used for reflection before the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to help them know what to confess. Use the attached Examination of Conscience for children-see tab in your manual- based on the Ten Commandments, to guide them through some reflection. Close by praying the Act of Contrition.

1/11 or 1/12 Chapter 18 & 19 – Sacraments of Service & Making Good Choices

- **Prayer/Commandment/Saint of the month: Prayer** – Apostles’ Creed
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What is the Sacrament of Holy Orders? 7:30
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** Holy Orders maze/Questions for Fr. Mike
- **Activity:** Fr. Mike to come to class to talk about his vocation. Students will write down some questions ahead of time to ask Fr. Mike.

1/18 or 1/19 – Supper Club

1/25 or 1/26 Chapter 20 – Knowing Right From Wrong

- **Prayer/Commandment/Saint of the month: Saint** – St. Maximilian Kolbe
 - **Saint Video:** You Tube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9kEaMtkOww> (4:48)
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What are the Virtues? (7:28)
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** What are Virtues Word decoding/St. Maximillian Kolbe
- **Activity:** Play the Ten Commandment Game (In your leader manual). Will give you a little beach ball for game.

February**3rd & 4th Grade Mass – February 28th, 9:00 Mass****2/1 or 2/2 – Supper Club****2/8 or 2/9 Chapter 21 - Loving God & Lent**

- **Prayer/Commandment/Saint of the month: Commandment** – Five & Six
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What are the Two Great Commandments? 7:00
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** What is Lent? Maze/ Jesus, Our Redeemer picture search
- **Activity:** Which is the Greatest? Decoding/Which commandment matches the sin?

2/22 or 2/23 Ten Commandment Movie – Whole Class <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q4bSfKcWfAQ>**March****3/1 or 3/2 Finish Ten Commandment Movie****3/8 or 3/9 – Supper Club****3/15 or 3/16 Chapter 22 – Loving Your Neighbor**

- **Prayer/Commandment/Saint of the month: Prayer** – Apostles' Creed
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: The Good Samaritan – 9:45
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** Two Great Commandments/The Church is made of people/Follow the Great Commandment
- **Activity:** Write cards for homebound

3/22 or 3/23 Chapters 23 & 24– The Corporal Works of Mercy & The Spiritual Works of Mercy

- **Prayer/Commandment/Saint of the month: Commandment** – Seven & Eight
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: Lukas StoryTeller/ St. Paul the II and the Joy of Living 11:50- Be patient it gets better
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** Match the Corporal Works of Mercy/Match the Spiritual Works of Mercy
- **Activity:** Corporal or Spiritual Mercy Worksheet – Go through as a class

3/29 or 3/30 Chapter 25 – The Beatitudes

- **Prayer/Commandment/Saint of the month: Commandment** – 9 & 10
- **Video:** Catholic Brain: What are the Beatitudes? – 8:15
- **Coloring Pages/Worksheet:** What are the Beatitudes coloring/ Easter decoding
- **Activity:** Beatitudes Bowling

April**3rd & 4th Grade Mass – April 11th, 9:00 Mass****4/5 or 4/6 Supper Club****4/12 or 4/13 Diocesan Inventory & Game Day/Last Class**