

Welcome to School Year 2011-2012.

This year I will be teaching Religion to grades 4th through 8th.

I know all of my students possess the gift of faith implanted in them at Baptism. Therefore they have an innate readiness for the things of God. My goal as their religion teacher this year is to nurture each student's relationship with Jesus.

Your child will learn about the truths of the Catholic faith found in Sacred Scripture in ways that are age-appropriate. Throughout the year we will also hear about many saints and holy people.

Knowing that there is no substitute for parental involvement in the children's religious education, since the parents are the primary educators of their children, I encourage parents to visit www.WeBelieveweb.com to find great resources for prayer and family-based faith activities that are motivating and fun.

Students will be assessed on basic knowledge and vocabulary assimilation for each chapter and at the end of each unit. There will be a semester assessment, which will cover material in Units 1 and 2, and a final assessment, which covers material in Units 3 and 4.

The grading scale is as follows:

- Religion Journal: 20%
- Homework, daily work: 20%
- Chapter Tests: 40%
- Nine Weeks Tests: 20%

4th Grade Religion:

Students will be learning more about the Ten Commandments.

- 1st nine weeks: Growing in Jesus Christ
- 2nd nine weeks :The Commandments that help us to love God
- 3rd nine weeks: The Commandments that help us to love others
- 4th nine weeks: How we are called to holiness

5th Grade Religion:

The students will be learning more about the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church.

- 1st nine weeks: How Jesus Christ shares his life with us
- 2nd nine weeks: Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist
- 3rd nine weeks: How the Sacrament of Healing restores us
- 4th nine weeks: How we should love and serve as Jesus did

6th Grade Religion:

The students will be learning more about God's love for His people, and His action in their lives throughout history - The Old Testament.

1st nine weeks: Forming the Covenant

2nd nine weeks: Building the Covenant

3rd nine weeks: Redefining the Covenant People

4th nine weeks: The Covenant Fulfilled in Jesus

7th Grade Religion

We live Our Faith as Disciples of Jesus centers on Jesus' life, His teachings, and the sacraments He instituted.

1st nine weeks: Who is God? Focusing on the Creed and Divine Revelation

2nd nine weeks: Who is Jesus? Focusing on Jesus in the Gospels

3rd nine weeks: How is Jesus Christ alive in the Church today? Focusing on the sacraments and liturgy

4th nine weeks: How Does the Church Live as the Body of Christ? Focusing on Catholic social doctrine and vocations

8th Grade Religion

We Live Our Faith As Members of the Church presents the Church from her beginning at the Pentecost event through her history, encompassing her teaching and Tradition.

1st nine weeks: How do we Nourish God's Gift of Faith? Focusing on Catholic morality

2nd nine weeks: Who are our Ancestors in Faith? Focusing on Church history

3rd nine weeks: How can the Church's Heritage Give us Hope? Focusing on Church history, with an emphasis on social teachings

4th nine weeks: What does it mean to be Catholic? Focusing on the teachings and Traditions of the Catholic Church

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