

Eighth Grade Religion

Instructor: Betsy Gottschalk

Texts:

Church History, Saint Mary's Press

Christian Morality, Saint Mary's Press

Family Life, Benziger

Blest Are We the Story of Our Church, RCL Benziger

Bible

Catechism of the Catholic Church: YouCat (Youth Catechism) version

Content: During the school year we will focus on our faith, the history of the Catholic Church, the liturgical season, as well as our prayer life through personal prayer, group prayer, art, and liturgies at Mass and prayer services.

We will also look at the choices that we make in the context of our Christianity as Disciples of Christ, in the context of our relationships, and in the context of our responsibilities to each other and our world.

Service and Service Hours:

Service Learning Project: Our class service project will develop from the Corporal Works of Mercy (feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, bury the dead) and our commitment to our sister school in Cambodia as well as the school garden.

Service Hours: Nine service hours are to be completed outside of the school day or as approved service within the school day (such as student council or altar serving at school Masses or funerals).

These must be unpaid hours. A list of service activities, the hours accrued, and supervisors' signatures must be turned in to the teacher the last week of the semester.

Class meetings will take place during religion class time.

Grading: Assignments, tests, behavior, active participation in Mass, and preparation will be averaged for your grade.

Extra Credit for Religion:

Any extra credit must be turned in before the last full week of the trimester. Extra credit will only be added to your grade if all other assignments are completed and turned in.

Options:

1. Bring in a speaker from another faith tradition.
2. Extra service hours.
3. Talk to me about your extra credit ideas.