

Eighth Grade Religion
2008-2009

Teachers: Ms. Trocchio
Mrs. Zoromski

Textbooks:

Blest Are We – The Story of Our Church

By Silver, Burdett and Ginn 2005

Confirmed in the Spirit

By Loyola Press

- Enhance each student's Connection with Christ through our all school theme.
- Prepares students throughout the day for the Sacrament of Confirmation by developing a deep, personal relationship with the Holy Spirit through prayer, commitment, sacrament, and service.
- Using the Blest Are We – The Story of Our Church text, the students will explore the rich history of our Church.
- Enjoys meeting with their second grade Faith Partners.

In Eighth grade our Religion curriculum prepares students for the Sacrament of Confirmation. In their classes students will understand the human need for God based on revelation and faith through the study of Scripture, Church history and our Nicene Creed.

The students also take time during class to reflect on material covered, and to write their thoughts and reactions in their Confirmation journal. Father Gunderson will be meeting with the students twice a month to enhance their understanding of the Catholic Faith, and to answer questions that they have about what they are learning in class. The eighth graders will attend Mass on Wednesday mornings.

During this very valuable year, it is our hope and goal that the students grow in faith as they develop a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit through prayer, commitment, the sacraments and service.

After Confirmation the students will use the, Blest Are We – The Story of Our Church text. This will introduce the students to the rich history of our Church. They will learn in great detail about the many difficulties and challenges the Church has faced, and about the individuals who have helped the Church overcome those challenges. The students will have the opportunity to discover the people, politics, art, architecture and music that have helped to shape the lives of the people of God. Through the study of our Church's history, the students will gain a greater understanding and appreciation for our Catholic

heritage.

Every Friday, students will examine the Gospel in preparation for the upcoming Mass on Sunday. This will be done by reading and discussing the Gospel and using the weekly, Visions.

Students will also be involved in readings, discussions and activities that affirm this year's Catholic Identity theme: Connect with Christ.

Assessment will be based on the following:

Tests/Projects 40%

Quizzes 20%

Written work &

Homework 20%

Class participation 20%

Our deep-rooted commitment to character education, founded on Christian principles continues throughout this pivotal year of faith development. This final academic year at Mary, Seat of Wisdom School is marked with numerous Christian traditions: reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Living Stations of the Cross, and the May Crowning of Our Blessed Mother. We look forward in Christ to these important celebrations in the lives of our students.

Please mark your calendars:

Confirmation: February 6, 2010 10:30 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.

Living Stations of the Cross: March 26, 2010 1:00 p.m.

April 2, 2010 7:00 p.m.

May Crowning: May 11, 2010 9:45 a.m.