

8th Grade Religion Syllabus

Overview: This year the 8th grade Religion class will focus on the topic of Morality. In essence, this course is designed to help students understand how they are expected to live and act as Disciples of Christ.

Mass Reflections: Students will be expected to keep a notebook where they will write a weekly reflection on Monsignor's Tuesday Homily. These reflections should be at least two paragraphs long. If a student is absent on a Mass day, they will need to go to the Word Among Us web site, read the meditation for the day, and write a reflection about what they have read. These notebooks will be due every Friday.

Course of Study:

* The first four chapters are an introduction to what Morality is and why it is important to be a moral person, as well as to introduce students to the challenges they will face (or are facing) in the course of their lives.

* Chapters 5-11 take the students on a tour of the Ten Commandments and explains exactly how they relate to their everyday life.

* Chapters 12-15 will offer challenges to the students to actually live out the things they have learned, as well as offer them advice and encouragement when they may be dealing with a difficult situation where a moral decision must be made.

*After we complete the Morality series, we will begin diving into the Catechism of the Catholic Church, that is, exactly what the church teaches and believes. We will use the McBride Teen Catechism and the YouCat (Youth Catechism) both of which do a great job of explaining Church teachings that can often seem confusing and even contradictory to teenagers.