

6th Grade Religion

All Quarters

Students will be expected to study for periodic tests and quizzes, complete homework assignments, and hands-on projects.

As importantly, students will be participating in Mass, attending Adoration, and otherwise developing their prayer lives.

First Quarter

This year the students will learn about the Old Testament and how it relates to our Catholic faith. In the first quarter, we will look at the importance of studying the Old Testament. Students will learn some basic general information about the bible and look carefully at stories from the book of Genesis such as the creation stories and the story of Noah and the Great Flood. The focus will be on these stories as part of the great plan of redemption that God has for his people which was completely fulfilled in Christ. We will plan and host a school liturgy. We will also study Family Life throughout the year. It is intended to foster the development of important attitudes and moral values for a lifetime. We will have guidance with the school counselor twice a quarter. We will meet with our little buddies throughout the year to foster community and show examples of Christian behavior to the lower grade.

Second Quarter

Students will become well acquainted with Abraham, our “father in faith” this quarter. We will next focus on his descendants: Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. Always, we look at the rich stories of the Old Testament with the perspective of a New Testament people who know Christ. Students are guided to relate the principles learned to their own prayer life. We will continue to say the rosary as a class at periodic intervals with the focus on making it a meditative prayer experience as well as attend the Living Rosary. We will study the saints, have an Advent service project, and attend reconciliation.

Third Quarter

We will finish the story of the early beginning of the nation of Israel, finishing the story of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob with the fascinating story of Joseph. To celebrate Catholic Schools Week, the students will prepare an essay explaining what Catholic School means to them. Students will choose a sacrifice or prayer commitment for the Lenten season and the challenge remaining is to persevere in that commitment until Easter.

Students will attend Stations of the Cross for the whole school, for the middle school as well as attend the Living Stations of the Cross.

We will tour a synagogue and have a hands-on presentation by the Rabbi

Fourth Quarter

We will finish our unit on the deliverance of the chosen people from Egypt to the Promised Land of Canaan. We will focus on the Ten Commandments and their impact on our lives as Christians. We will next study the judges and kings and examine our perceptions of what a good leader is in our modern world. Students will illustrate the 10 plagues of Egypt and why they were a miracle.

The students will begin a short course in Family Life on gender identity, puberty/adolescence, and human reproduction-guided by the values and responsibilities of the whole person, physical, psychological, social and spiritual.