



# RELIGION 8 CURRICULUM

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## OBJECTIVES

The curriculum for Religion 8 at St. Michael School strives to provide a more in-depth perspective of the Catholic Church in a way that provides answers to many common questions asked by young teens regarding faith and religion. Ultimately, there are two main objectives for this year:

1. Understanding who God is and the role of the Church in the world
2. Understanding how our faith provides a means to make the right choices in life

These objectives are meant to not only help our eighth graders be more spiritually ready as they transition to high school, but also to provide a foundation of faith for the rest of their lives.

## GRADING & REQUIREMENTS

Every student has the ability and opportunity to excel in Religion 8, but grades depend on each student's willingness to succeed. Students will be assessed in the following areas:

- 30% - Homework
- 25% - Tests
- 20% - Projects
- 15% - Quizzes
- 10% - Participation

### Homework

Assignments will be given on a weekly basis. Certain assignments may be turned in online through our class website. NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED.

### Tests

Students will generally be assessed through one major test at the end of each unit. Participation in the mandatory Sunday Mass once per quarter will also be considered as a test grade.

### Projects

At least one project per quarter will be assigned in order to supplement the students' in-class learning. Projects may include artwork, multimedia presentations, research projects, and others.

## **Quizzes**

Students will receive quizzes periodically to assess understanding at any given point during the quarter. They may or may not be announced.

## **Participation**

Class participation is critical for each student's learning. Participation grades will be based on two major factors:

1. Behavioral conduct in class and in school
2. Community service

Part of the Student Learning Expectations is that students will be "active Christians." Their participation grade in Religion 8 will be negatively impacted by misconduct in class as well as at any other time in school. However, at the same token, their participation grade in Religion 8 will be positively impacted by performing acts of kindness and mercy that go above and beyond what may be expected.

Each student is required to complete twenty-five (25) hours of community service for the school year. To help students reach this goal, each student is required to perform at least 6-7 hours each quarter, which will be counted toward their quarterly participation grade. *Community service forms must be completed and turned in to Ms. Franks by the end of each quarter.*

## **Mandatory Sunday Mass with School**

In an effort to create better visibility and involvement in the parish community, all students in Grades 6-8 are required to participate in at least one Sunday Mass with the School per Quarter. The Masses will be every third Sunday of the month at 10:00 AM. Students will need to sign-up for the Mass that they will be attending.

Because of the importance of their presence at these particular Sunday Masses, their participation grade for the Mass will be counted as a Test grade. Extra credit for those participating at more than one Mass per quarter will also count toward their overall Test grade. Parents are asked to make arrangements to ensure each student is able to participate at least once per quarter.

Students will be serving in one of the liturgical ministries, such as altar servers, lectors (readers), greeters, ushers, gift bearers, and choir members. When arriving on their assigned Sunday, students must wear their regular school uniform and check-in with Mr. Zara no later than 9:45 AM.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you should have any questions or concerns, feel free to call me at **808-637-7772 ext. 207**, through our website at <http://sms6-8.weebly.com>, or by email at [kfukumoto@stmichaelschoolhi.com](mailto:kfukumoto@stmichaelschoolhi.com).

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