

Hello Parents and Welcome to 8th Grade Religion Class!

Students will focus this year on the history of the Church from the time that Jesus sent the Apostles out into the world to spread the Good News through today and our modern Church.

Students will begin by discussing the Four Marks of the Church. Jesus instructed his followers to continue his work in the world. Sometimes Christians have disagreed about how to do this. To help discern what Jesus wants, we can look to the Marks of the Church - One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic. These are four characteristics that Jesus and the Church both share. We profess our beliefs in the Marks of the Church every time we pray the Nicene Creed. Students will take a closer look at the Marks of the Church, as well as the Nicene Creed. They will then create their own Personal Creed.

Students will continue with the second half of the Confirmation Program and prepare to receive the sacrament in the Spring. The Confirmation Mass date has not been scheduled yet. We usually receive more information closer to Christmas Break and will share that with you when we have it. Also, students will not be required to complete 10 Service Hours as either a Confirmation or a Graduation requirement this year due to the current Covid-19 situation.

Students will continue with the Second Step Program for social and emotional development. We will focus on working collaboratively within a group, bullying prevention, goal setting, and substance abuse prevention.

While we may not be able to meet in person, we are hoping to still continue the Prayer Buddies program this year. The details of how that will happen are still being figured out. And as in the past, Fr. Matt and Fr. Ryan will join us in class each month.

We will soon be inviting each of you to join your child's Google Classroom so you can receive regular updates about their class. Any Religion Class Newsletters will be posted on our school website. Homework assignments, notes, and other materials will be posted on the students' Religion Google Classroom.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We are looking forward to a great year!

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Mr. Bilski
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