



**Junior High Faith Formation
Mrs. Krenz**

The Religion Formation curriculum at St. Mary's School primarily uses the **Christ Our Life** series from Loyola Press. This series emphasizes that each of our lives is centered on Jesus. The series also responds to the Church's call for a New Evangelization to **know, proclaim, witness, and share** the Catholic faith.

In sharing this educational responsibility with their parents, our desire for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students is that they:

- Participate more fully and deeply in a life of prayer and reflection as a response to God's presence in their lives
- Develop a deeper understanding of the liturgy and liturgical year
- Grow in their faith and understanding of Catholic teachings and practices
- Expand and strengthen their moral foundation and ability to make faith-based decisions
- Progress in their awareness of social responsibility, justice, and service
- Become disciples of Christ and a witness to our faith by being able to explain their beliefs and how God is directly and intimately at work in their lives.

Textbooks:

Christ Our Life, New Evangelization Edition, Loyola Press

Catechism of the Catholic Church

YouCat: Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation, Ascension Press

The New American Bible

Resources of study for the Classroom:

Old and New Testaments, Lives of the Saints, Liturgical Seasons, Prayer, Catechism of the Catholic Church, various Catholic writings and literature.

Methods of Assessment:

Classroom discussion, tests, quizzes, study guides, liturgical participation, note taking, group work, journal writing, works of service, visual and artistic projects, culminating work. Classroom expectations will be consistent with St. Mary's school policies.

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I will be at St. Mary's School from noon until 3:30 pm Monday-Friday.

In addition, I will be in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium on Wednesday mornings from 8:15 am- 11:30 am.

Grade 6: This year is devoted to the study of God's saving love as it is revealed in Sacred Scripture, especially the Old Testament. We will focus on how we come to know God and Jesus through Scripture, how God's plan of salvation unfolds in a covenantal relationship. We will spend time studying the Bible and learning various ways to pray.

Grade 7: This year is devoted to the study of God's saving love as it is revealed through his son, Jesus Christ... The Way, the Truth, and the Life. We develop a deeper understanding of who Jesus is and our desire to follow increases. Jesus teaches us the truth that we can live by, in the Great Commandment, Beatitudes, and Parables. And through faith and virtue, our life of grace grows and we become more like Jesus. In this, a sacramental year, we will be spending considerable time in Confirmation preparation.

Grade 8: This year is devoted to the study of God's faithful love as it is revealed in the Church founded by Jesus Christ. The church is a community of disciples, the Body of Christ, loved and redeemed by Christ. The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. Living a Christian Life involves a way of holiness, Faith, Worship, Family, Human Dignity, and Justice. For our eighth graders, this is a sacramental year, we will be spending considerable time in Confirmation preparation.