

**GRADE EIGHT 2021-2022**  
**MONDAY EVENINGS 7:30 - 9:00 PM**

In the eighth grade, students will continue to explore how God is calling them to journey with Him in their daily life. They will look at the questions “Why am I here, why has God created me and what is my purpose and mission for this life?” We begin the year by going to the “source and summit of our faith” with a program called **Altaration: The Mystery of the Mass Revealed**. Students will come to better understand the Mass and discover how it is relevant in their lives.

In the second semester, students will finish the program we began in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, **Theology of the Body for Teens: Middle School Edition**. They will dive further into how we find our true identity in Christ, looking at God’s truth about love, identity, sexuality, and other fundamental aspects of human nature. Students will begin to discover answers to life’s fundamental questions “Who am I?” and “How should I live?”. They will learn how to turn to their faith and rely on God to make good and healthy decisions in their relationships with friends, classmates, acquaintances and family members.

<b>Schedule of Classes</b>	<b>First Semester</b>	<b>Second Semester</b>	
<b>November 8</b>	<b>Altaration: Session 1</b> More than Meets the Eye Pgs. 1-12	March 7	TOB – Review chapters 1-4
<b>November 15</b>	<b>Altaration: Session 2</b> Our Father’s Plan Pgs. 13-28	March 14	<b>Reconciliation</b> <b>TOB – Chapter 5</b> Sex, Love and Chastity Pg. 49-55
<b>November 22</b>	<b>Altaration: Session 3</b> The Mystery Revealed Pgs. 29-42	March 21	<b>TOB – Chapter 6</b> To Use or Not to Use? That is the Question: The Opposite of Love Pg. 65-78
<b>November 29</b>	<b>Holy Hour and Reconciliation</b> <b>7:30-8:30pm</b> <b>Meet in the Church – masks required</b>	March 21	<b>TOB – Chapter 7</b> Vocation: God’s Call, My Response Pg. 79-90
<b>December 6</b>	<b>Altaration: Session 4</b> What is our Response Pgs. 59-77	March 28	<b>TOB – Chapter 8</b> Hope and Future Pg. 91-102
<b>Saturday, Dec. 11</b>	Grade 8 Family Mass & Social 5:30pm Mass	April 4	IN HOUSE RETREAT (during class time) By Peer Leaders
<b>December 13</b>	<b>Altaration: Session 5</b> The Why Behind the What’s Pgs. 59-77	April 11	Mandatory Parent Meeting 7:30pm in the Parish Center
<b>End First Semester</b>		<b>End Religious Ed.</b>	