



Saint Ambrose Catholic School
Middle School Religion Program
2020 - 2021 Class Syllabus
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The Middle School Religion Program at Saint Ambrose Catholic School teaches the love of Jesus Christ, building of the Kingdom of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. We offer study of the Bible to help students grow in their knowledge of God's Word. Students will focus on Catholic Social Teaching (8th), Corporal Works of Mercy (7th) and the Fruits of the Spirit (6th). For specific religion standards, please reference www.adwcatholicchools.org.

- **Fifth Grade Workbook:** Loyola Press, Christ Our Life. We Worship. Workbook - \$25.
- **Six Grade Workbook:** Loyola Press, Christ Our Life. God Calls a People. Workbook - \$25.
- **Seventh Grade Workbook:** Loyola Press. Christ Our Life. Jesus the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Workbook - \$25
- **Eighth Grade Workbooks:** Loyola Press. Christ Our Life. The Church then and Now. Workbook - \$25.

Classroom Rules/Expectations:

1. Be on time!
2. Come prepared!
3. Be on task!
4. Respect others and their property!
5. Have Fun!

All rules in the Student Parent Handbook and established classroom routines apply.

Homework: Homework assignments vary by class, but will be posted in the classroom, verbally conveyed and updated on Rediker. All assignments should be legible and turned in on time!

Late Assignments: Late assignments will be accepted with the following grade Reductions: 10 % for 1 day late, 10 % for 2 days late, 10 % for 3 days late, and 0 % for 4 days late.

Supplies: Students should come to class each day with their workbook, composition book, pencil/pen and binder for their Religion assignments.

Composition Books: Class notes will be written in student's composition notebooks. This book should be kept neat and complete. They may be collected occasionally for a graded assignment.

Absent Work Policy: Students will have one day to complete an assignment for each day they miss. If a student is absent the day an assignment is due, or a test is administered, he/she are expected to turn in the assignment and or take the test on the day of return. **It is the responsibility of the student to properly and promptly make up work.**

(* Mitigating circumstances or prolonged absences will be considered and discussed on an individual basis.)

Grade Scale:

A 93 - 100 %

D 70 - 76 %

B 85 - 92 %

F below 70 %

C 77 - 84 %

Homework/In class assignments: 10 - 30 points

Quizzes: 20 - 50 points

Test: 50 - 100 points

Projects: varies by projects

Cheating and Plagiarism: Using someone else's ideas, phrasing or words and representing those as your own, either on purpose or through carelessness, is plagiarism. Please see the student parent handbook for the details of the consequences for cheating and/or plagiarizing.

Please consult the Junior High Policy and Procedure Agreement for additional questions on school procedures and policies.

2020 - 2021 Middle School Religion Schedule

| | Catholic Social Teaching (8th) | Corporal Works of Mercy (7th) | Fruits of the Spirit (6th) |
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| September | Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching | Introduction to the Corporal Works of Mercy | Introduction to the Fruits of the Spirit |
| October | Life and Dignity of the Human Person | Welcome the Stranger | Love |
| November | Family, Community, and Participation | Community Life | Joy |
| December | Divine Mercy | Heal the Sick | Peace |
| January | Rights and Responsibilities | Bury the Dead | Forebearance |
| February | Poor and Vulnerable | Visit the Imprisoned | Kindness |
| March | Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers | Clothe the Naked | Goodness |
| April | Solidarity | Feed the Hungry | Faithfulness |
| May | Care for God's Creation | Give Drink to the Thirsty | Self- Control |
| June | Review of Catholic Social Teaching | Review of Corporal Works of Mercy | Review of Fruits of the Spirit |

Grading Policy & Coursework Updates: Annual Project Timelines: All core-subject Middle School teachers are working together to discuss and plan cross-curricular opportunities for independent, student-driven, project-based learning. We aim to develop the skills associated with our annual grade-level projects (National History Day, Science Fair, etc.) while ensuring that students will not feel overwhelmed by the workload. All projects and timelines will be communicated to students via Google Classroom when they are finalized.

Grading Policies: We are returning to our traditional grading system (letter grades); courses are no longer pass/incomplete. All Specials classes are now using A-F letter grades for Middle School students. Additionally, quarterly grades in Specials classes will be counted in Honor Roll eligibility for grades 4-8. For example, if a student has As in all classes, with the exception of a C in P.E., then that student does not meet the academic requirements for Honor Roll for the quarter.

Late Assignment Policy: The Middle School Late/Missing Assignment Policy has been updated and is in effect for the 2020-2021 school year. Homework, projects, assessments, and other assignments will be marked down 10% for every **CALENDAR** day it is late. This includes ALL days the affected class does not meet (weekdays the class is not scheduled, weekends, and holidays). Assignments will not be able to receive a passing grade after three days, and no credit will be given after nine days. Please refer to the example table below for clarification. The percentages listed are the highest possible percent a late assignment can earn. Percentages may further decrease if the assignment is incomplete, contains incorrect answers, does not fulfill a rubric, ignores the instructions, etc.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat. |
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| 30 | 31 | 1 Assignment Original Due Date 100% | 2 Student Workday 2 No Classes One Day late 90% | 3 Two days late 80% | 4 Class doe not meet Three days late 70% | 5 Four days late 60% |
| 6 Five days late 50% | 7 Labour Day No Classes Six days late 40% | 8 Seven days late 30% | 9 Student Work day No Class Eight days late 20 % | 10 Nine days late 10% | 11 Class does not meet No Credit 0% | 12 |

The policy was temporarily suspended last year during distance learning; however, the updated policy applies to both distance learning and in-person instruction for the 2020-2021 school year. Turning assignments in on time optimizes student learning and the ADW curriculum standards, develops student accountability, helps manage course workloads, and expedites teacher feedback and grading. (*Mitigating circumstances or prolonged absences will be considered and discussed on an individual basis.)

Attendance Policy: Attendance in ALL distance learning sessions is required. Roll will be taken every class and all sessions are recorded by the teacher. Repeated absences may result in principal intervention.

Google Classroom & Zoom Code of Conduct: Please review the official Code of Conduct document.