

Mrs. Umphrey's
Religion Classes Kindergarten through 8th Grade

The Kindergarten program is learning that the Bible is a holy book. The Bible is one way God speaks to us. The Bible tells of God's chosen people. We will learn about those chosen people. It tells us how much God loves us and how Jesus saves us. Students will also learn that God is three persons in one. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We will go in depth about who each person is and learn how we should treat our neighbors. This program brings the children closer to God and who He is.

The First grade program of the *Christ Our Life* series is designed to provide a simple overview of the mysteries of our faith. Through learning of the goodness of God, who created and saved us and the love of Jesus, the children are drawn to respond to God in friendship and prayer. This program lays the foundation for the children's growth and the development of their knowledge of the Catholic faith. Future study will build on the concept, attitudes, and appreciations that the children acquire now.

The Second grade program of the *Christ Our Life* series is designed to prepare the children for their first celebration of Penance and the Eucharist. The children are introduced to Jesus' willingness to forgive them and to bring them peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They will learn about the wonderful gift of the Eucharist, through which Jesus comes to us as food to strengthen us and unite us with Himself and one another. They will study the meaning of the Mass, its different parts, and how to participate in it. Through their study of these great gifts, the children come to better appreciate God's great goodness and love for them.

The Third grade program of the *Christ Our Life* series presents the main truths Catholics believe and express in the Creed. The children are led to realize that they are called to belong to a faith community, the Church. They are helped to develop a clearer, deeper faith in their study of God as revealed in creation, his dealings with the chosen people, and the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

The Fourth grade program of the *Christ Our Life* series focuses on the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes as guides for living. The program is designed to help the children see these codes as guidelines given to us by our loving God, who intends for us to be happy in this life and the next. The

children are motivated to respond to God with faith and love and to show their faith and love by observing God's commands.

The Fifth grade program of *Christ Our Life* series focuses on the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, the center of Christian life. We Worship is designed to help the children realize the wonderful gift God has given us in sharing divine life. They are shown how to celebrate this life and deepen it through the liturgy. They are encouraged to foster it by following the commandments that guide us in loving our neighbor.

The Sixth grade program of the *Christ Our Life* series is devoted to the study of God's saving love as it is revealed in Sacred Scripture, particularly the Old Testament. *God Calls a People* is designed to help students increase their knowledge of salvation history so that they may respond to God with ever-deepening love and gratitude. As they learn the stories of their ancestors in faith and read God's Word, the students are constantly reminded of their own faith life today. They come to appreciate their ties to the Jewish people. Most importantly, they deepen their understanding of Jesus, the one that God promised repeatedly to send to his people. Consequently, they come to love Jesus more and to serve Him more generously.

The Seventh grade program of the *Christ Our Life* series is devoted to the study of God's saving love as it is revealed through His Son Jesus. *Jesus the Way, the Truth, and the Life* is designed to help young adolescents grow in their knowledge of Jesus, so that they may love Him more and serve Him more generously.

The Eighth grade program of the *Christ Our Life* series is devoted to the study of God's faithful love as it is revealed in the Church founded by Jesus Christ. *The Church Then and Now* is designed to help young adolescents grow in their knowledge and love of the Church. *The History of the Church* is important for our young children to know.

The eighth graders are required to get 10 service hours to graduate. They must help people without pay. Family members do not count.

They also, participate in the Living Rosary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, The Last Supper and the May Crowning of Mary.