

JUNIOR HIGH RELIGION

(Sister Mary Barbara, O.P.)

7TH GRADE SUBJECT MATTER:

- In the first semester, the students will study the Scriptures, specifically the New Testament. The students will learn about the life, ministry, and divine redeeming grace of Jesus. They will become more familiar with the writings of the New Testament.
- In the second semester the students will study morality. The students will learn that we are made for a happiness that only God can provide. We will explore the 10 Commandments, and concentrate on the Gospel beatitudes, and what it means to live a life of virtue.

8TH GRADE SUBJECT MATTER:

- In the first semester the students will study the Church and the sacraments, with a special focus on preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. The students will learn about the beauty and necessity of the Church, its internal structure, and the role of the Holy Spirit as the life and breath of the Church. The students will also learn about the grace received in the sacraments and how we encounter the Living God in each of the sacraments.
- In the second semester, the students will conclude their preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, and they will study the History of the Church. They will learn about the human and divine aspects of the Church that are manifest throughout history, and the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church throughout the ages to the present time.

Grading

- Homework—20%
- Participation—10%
 - Weekly participation grades will be given.
 - Attentiveness and full participation in class activities is required
- Quiz grades—20%
 - Quizzes and pop-quizzes will be given frequently
 - Notebooks (binders) will be checked and counted as a quiz grade
- Tests and Special Projects—50%
 - Tests approximately every two weeks
 - Special projects each quarter—depends on subject matter and time limitations