

## 8<sup>th</sup> grade Religion Syllabus 2009 – 2010

This year, we focus on five main topics:

1. Church Doctrine
2. Confirmation
3. The History of the Church as it developed after Pentecost
4. Issues of morality
5. Service

Our textbooks are:

1. Blest Are We: The Story of Our Church published by Silver Burdette Ginn
2. The Gift of the Spirit published by Silver Burdette Ginn

Topics by quarter: (Tentative)

1 <sup>st</sup> quarter	Service Learning Project A look at ourselves The Acts of the Apostles: Unit 1, <u>Blest Are We</u> Marks of the Church: Unit 1, <u>Blest Are We</u> Teachings of the Church: Appendix, <u>Blest Are We</u> Confirmation introduction: Chapters 1 and 2, <u>Gift of the Spirit</u> Main assignment: A Bible Study and a Self Reflection
2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter	Service Learning Project Confirmation preparation: Chapters 3 – 5, <u>Gift of the Spirit</u> Main assignment: Saint Report
3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter	Service Learning Project A look at the past Growth and history of our Church: Units 2 through 4, <u>Blest Are We</u> Main assignment: Church History Presentations
4 <sup>th</sup> quarter	Service Learning Project A look at our faith Faith, morality, and virtues: Unit 5: <u>Blest Are We</u> Main assignment: TBA

**Assessment:** All students will have homework on a regular basis. They may write in their books. I will collect chapter and unit reviews. Chapter reviews are assessed as 1 point per section and are collected after each test. Please note: Rubrics will be given to the students with all special assignments and tests so they know what to expect for assessment purposes.

## **Religion standards:**

### **Standard 1 – Sacred Scripture – Main focus – The Acts of the Apostles**

This is much of Unit 1 in the first quarter, but also anytime we do any work that extends from the reading of scripture in class. We will also do a close look at the structure of the Bible.

### **Standard 2 – Catholic Tradition – Main focus – Church History, faith, and life after death.**

This will be much of the third quarter with Units 2 and 4. However, as we prepare for Confirmation, we will be looking at some Catholic tradition here.

### **Standard 3 – Liturgy, Sacrament and Prayer – Main focus – Confirmation, RCIA, Retreats and prayer.**

This will be mostly during first and second quarters as we prepare for the Sacrament of confirmation. However, anytime we prepare for a prayer service, Mass, or other religious event, these may be assessed according to this standard by looking at reflections and preparations for these events.

### **Standard 4 – Development of the Christian Person – Main focus – Discipleship, intimacy and chastity, lifestyles, moral issues, virtues.**

This will be mostly during the last quarter as we look at virtues and issues of morality. It will also be assessed during the second quarter as the students reflect on their service while preparing for Confirmation, and during the first few weeks of the first quarter as we take a look inside ourselves.

Our Service Learning Project Reflections are also part of this standard.

## **Rubric for worksheets (Unless otherwise noted on the worksheet):**

4 points	The review or worksheet is completed and all answers are correct.
3 points	The review or worksheet is more than $\frac{3}{4}$ correct/complete.
2 points	The review or worksheet is between $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ correct/complete.
1 point	The review or worksheet is less than $\frac{1}{2}$ correct/complete.
0 points	The review or worksheet is not handed in or has not been answered at all.