

Mrs. Hill's Religion Curriculum ~

Welcome back to all of you. This year your children will embarked on a great adventure. I will teach all Seventh grade Religion classes, and after many blessed years at St. Aloysius, I consider this the most exciting use of my time and energy. Please feel free to email me if you need something, or better yet, have something to share about our course of study.

Our focus this year is on New Testament. This includes the Seven Sacraments, the Gospels, St. Paul, and many other disciples of Christ. We will end the year with Theology of the Body, the sexuality/morality program defined by the Church. Several texts will be used in our curriculum, many as references, but our primary text is Finding God from Loyola Press. This program offers an excellent presentation of the material that will be satisfying to our middle school students. We will also discuss the mission of Jesus and how each of us can share this in our world and in our community on a daily basis.

The children will also participate in a variety of activities to enhance our regular curriculum. A Daily Scripture notebook and meditation journal will allow the students time to reflect. Special focus will be given to the events of the Liturgical Year, parts of the Mass, Feasts of Mary, and the Saints. Seventh graders will join with First Graders as Prayer Partners. We will attend Mass together and meet with them several times throughout the school year. This experience has always been a favorite for all. The Seventh and Eighth grade students will also attend Class Mass together during the year. Please come and be with your child as we pray together in a small group. The dates for these will be given to the children as the time draws near.

My rules are very simple. I want the children to ask questions and love their faith, always showing respect for others, and their ideas as we explore together. These are the facets of my discipline system.

1st offense of disruption ~ Verbal warning

2nd offense of disruption ~ Meeting with me

3rd offense of disruption ~ Corrective assignment or Referral/ Parents sign

Daily homework for Religion is minimal. The children may have to finish reading for a discussion in class, complete study guide notes, or finish a small class assignment. Larger projects and tests will be posted in the hallway on the Test calendar. ALL Study guides and Notes should be kept in their yellow folder. This should make it easier to find information to study for tests. Graded tests should be kept in their binder, and then put in a folder at home for "safe keeping". These will be most helpful during Exam review. You will find the grading policy for middle school in the handbook, and this is what I follow. My goal is for everyone to Grow, Be Inspired, and most of all SUCCESSFUL !!!

Thank you for the opportunity to teach your children, and may
God Bless You each and every day ~

