

### Religion at St. Mary School

All grades participate and/or lead prayer services, First Friday Masses, and attend Church on Holy Days of Obligation that fall on school days.

Each grade level learns and celebrates the events of the Catholic Liturgical Year.

All grades participate in community service projects throughout the course of the year.

Once learned, prayers are continually revisited and recited throughout the grades on a daily basis during daily morning announcements.

Grade Level	Skills Focus
Kindergarten	<p><b>Catholic Teachings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal Safety Curriculum—Talk about Touching</li> <li>• Bible stories</li> <li>• Power of the Holy Spirit</li> <li>• God loves us</li> <li>• Family Love as a sign of God's Love</li> </ul> <p><b>Liturgy and Sacraments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forgiveness and apologies</li> <li>• Weekly Gospel</li> </ul> <p><b>Living the Faith</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prayers:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sign of the Cross</li> <li>○ Glory Be</li> <li>○ Hail Mary</li> <li>○ Our Father</li> <li>○ Guardian Angel Prayer</li> <li>○ Good Night, Dear Jesus</li> <li>○ Grace Before Meals</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Making good choices               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sharing</li> <li>○ politeness</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p><b>1st</b></p>	<p><b>Catholic Teachings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• parables</li> <li>• Life of Jesus introduction:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Birth</li> <li>○ Life</li> <li>○ Death</li> </ul> </li> <li>• God/Jesus loves everyone</li> <li>• God is our Father</li> <li>• Personal Safety Curriculum—Talk about Touching</li> <li>• Mary, the mother of Jesus</li> <li>• Holy Spirit is our helper</li> </ul> <p><b>Liturgy and Sacraments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly gospel</li> <li>• 7 sacraments introduction</li> </ul> <p><b>Living the Faith</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prayers:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rosary</li> <li>○ Apostles' Creed</li> <li>○ Prayer Mary Taught Us at Fatima</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Making good choices             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cooperation</li> <li>○ Honesty</li> <li>○ Self-control</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>2nd</b></p>	<p><b>Catholic Teachings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• parables</li> <li>• Life of Jesus introduction:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Birth</li> <li>○ Life</li> <li>○ Death</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Love others as God loves you</li> <li>• Church and family life</li> <li>• Personal Safety Curriculum—Talk about Touching</li> </ul> <p><b>Liturgy and Sacraments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• parts of the Mass</li> <li>• 7 Sacraments emphasis on:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reconciliation</li> <li>○ Holy Communion with connection to Last Supper</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p><b>Living the Faith</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Living the Ten Commandments</li> <li>• The <i>Great Commandment</i>- Love one another</li> <li>• Making good choices and accepting consequences</li> <li>• Conscience</li> <li>• Prayer:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Talking with and to <i>God</i></li> <li>○ Act of Contrition</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Tour of the Church</li> <li>• Sacramentals of the altar</li> </ul>
<p><b>3rd</b></p>	<p><b>Catholic Teachings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal Safety Curriculum—Talk about Touching</li> <li>• God the Creator</li> <li>• Women of Faith             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hannah</li> <li>○ Sarah</li> <li>○ Queen Esther</li> <li>○ Ruth</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Jesus the son of <i>God</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Death</li> <li>○ Resurrection</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Church</li> <li>• Communion of Saints</li> </ul> <p><b>Liturgy and Sacraments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liturgical Year</li> <li>• Celebrations of Love and the Eucharist</li> <li>• Sacraments of Service             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ we reach out to people in need</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Living the Faith</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow Jesus' example of Love through             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ten Commandments</li> <li>○ Parables</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Prayers:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Rosary (mastery)</li> <li>○ Stations of the Cross</li> <li>○ Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Saint of the Day</li> </ul>

<p>4th</p>	<p><b>Catholic Teachings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to live the creeds</li> <li>• God's Divine Revelation</li> <li>• Attributes of the Holy Trinity</li> <li>• The story of the Covenant</li> <li>• Life of Christ and how to follow Jesus' example</li> <li>• Jesus as King, Priest, and Prophet</li> <li>• Ten Commandments</li> </ul> <p><b>Liturgy and Sacraments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 Sacraments and how to live them</li> <li>• Gospel readings</li> <li>• Old Testament introduction</li> <li>• Stations of the Cross</li> <li>• Parts of the Mass</li> </ul> <p><b>Living the Faith</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Beatitudes</li> <li>○ Memorare</li> <li>○ Nicene Creed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Love as God taught us <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Others</li> <li>○ Self</li> <li>○ The Lord</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Making Good Choices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Respecting ourselves and others</li> <li>○ Safety choices</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>5th</p>	<p><b>Catholic Teachings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Old Testament writings</li> <li>• God as the Father</li> <li>• God's Divine Revelation</li> <li>• The Holy Trinity</li> <li>• The Ministry of Jesus</li> <li>• Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus</li> </ul> <p><b>Liturgy and Sacraments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liturgical calendar</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Seven Sacraments             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Jesus' work of Healing</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pentecost</li> <li>• Christian vocation</li> </ul> <p><b>Living the Faith</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moral decisions</li> <li>• Following the Ten Commandments</li> <li>• Prayers:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Beatitudes</li> <li>◦ Act of Faith</li> <li>◦ Act of Hope</li> <li>◦ Act of Love</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Rosary and devotion of Mary</li> <li>• Reflective writing</li> </ul>
6th	<p><b>Catholic Teachings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prophets</li> <li>• Reading and interpreting Old Testament             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ People of God</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sacred Mysteries of God</li> <li>• Redemption</li> <li>• Salvation</li> <li>• Incarnation</li> </ul> <p><b>Liturgy and Sacraments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Epistles of Paul</li> <li>• Seasons and Feasts of Liturgical Year</li> <li>• Passover and the Sabbath</li> <li>• In-depth study of the Sacraments</li> <li>• Parables of the Kingdom of God</li> </ul> <p><b>Living the Faith</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making Moral Choices</li> <li>• The Wisdom Books</li> <li>• Theological Virtues: Faith, Hope, Charity</li> <li>• Morals and Virtues</li> <li>• Human's freedom of Choice</li> <li>• Prayers:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Stations of the Cross</li> <li>◦ Prayers of Adoration</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Gestures of Faith</li> <li>○ Precepts of the Church</li> </ul>
<b>7th</b>	<p><b>Catholic Teachings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scripture stories and discussion</li> <li>• Revelation of God</li> <li>• The Gospels</li> <li>• The Trinity</li> <li>• The Coming of Jesus</li> <li>• The Transfiguration of Jesus</li> <li>• The Paschal Mystery</li> <li>• The Prophets</li> <li>• Church History</li> <li>• Chastity</li> </ul> <p><b>Liturgy and Sacraments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gifts of the Holy Spirit-introduction to Confirmation</li> <li>• The Seven Sacraments- a review</li> </ul> <p><b>Living the Faith</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prayers           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Prayers of the Old Testament</li> <li>○ Study of Psalms</li> <li>○ The Nature of Prayer</li> <li>○ Methods of Praying</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>8th</b>	<p><b>Catholic Teachings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life of Christ</li> <li>• Human Dignity and Happiness</li> <li>• Natural Law and Moral Decisions</li> <li>• Christian Love and Virtue</li> <li>• The Grace of the Holy Spirit</li> </ul> <p><b>Liturgy and Sacraments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practices and beliefs of Christianity (see below statement)</li> </ul> <p><b>Living the Faith</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal Decisions</li> <li>• Ten Commandments</li> <li>• Making moral decisions in today's world</li> </ul>

The preparation of students for future interactions with people of all faiths and the encouragement of tolerance towards members of other religious traditions will include the following religious systems: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

For each of the above religions students learn:

- History
- Basic beliefs
- Practices