

8th Grade Religion students at St. Patrick’s will expand upon knowledge gained in their 7th grade year. Students will study Salvation History in depth in order to better understand our relationship with God. The students will come to understand the many promises God made throughout Salvation History and how those promises are made manifest in the person of Jesus Christ and in His Church. The students will come to a greater understanding of the sacraments as a gift from God and as a direct connection to God. They will also understand that regular reception of the sacraments is extremely important. The students will study Christian morality on a deeper level and begin to understand why humans should be treated with dignity and what that means. While studying morality, students will have the chance to learn about virtues and how we attain them. Students will also come to a greater understanding of the universal call to holiness and what that means for us as Christians/Catholics today. Students will also come to a greater understanding of how to lead lives of Christian/Catholic leadership/discipleship, thus training the students how to continue to lead lives of Christian service outside school.

	Standards/Goals	Instructional Tools	Assessment Tools
8.1 Creed-Belief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Students will understand Salvation History and where we fit. b. Students will recognize Jesus as the Son of God c. Students will understand that God is one God and three divine persons d. Students will understand how Jesus is the fulfillment of all the promises that God has made to humanity 	Religion text The Bible Books written by various Catholic/Christian authors Power point presentations Attending mass Parish priests Notes taken by teacher on various texts	Teacher observation Student work Classroom Dialogue Quizzes/Tests
8.2 Sacraments-Gifts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Students will understand the importance of regular reception of the sacraments b. Students will understand that the sacraments are an extension of God’s grace to His people. c. The students will be able to explain and defend the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. d. Students will understand the symbolism in the sacraments. e. Students will come to a greater understanding of the sacrament of Confirmation – the matter and form present in the sacrament, the results of the sacrament, application for the rest of their lives. 	Religion text The Bible Books written by various Catholic/Christian authors Power point presentations Notes taken by teacher on various Catholic texts Parish Priests Attending Mass Confirmation textbook	Teacher Observation Student Work Classroom Dialogue Quizzes Tests
8.3 Christian Living-Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The students will begin to understand the “why” behind many of the Catholic Church’s moral teachings b. Students will study the virtues and how to attain them. c. Students will come to an understanding of the Universal Call to Holiness d. Students will come to a better understanding of the dignity of the human person 	Religion text The Bible Books written by various Catholic/Christian authors Power point presentations Notes taken by teacher on various Catholic texts	Teacher Observation Student Work Classroom Dialogue Quizzes Tests

	<p>e. Students will better understand how the Church’s teachings apply to their lives.</p> <p>f. Students will understand that morality is about who you want to become.</p> <p>g. Students will understand that it is their duty to help others in their school, the Church, and the community at large (Stewardship)</p>	<p>Parish Priests</p> <p>Attending Mass</p> <p>school-wide drives</p> <p>Circle of Grace lessons</p>	
8.4 Prayer-Relationship	<p>a. Students will understand that God thirsts for a real relationship with each of us.</p> <p>b. Students will understand the importance of daily prayer in order to grow in holiness and in our relationship with God.</p> <p>c. Students will understand that prayer is “heart to heart communication with God.”</p> <p>d. Students will understand what contemplative prayer is and experience it on a regular basis.</p> <p>e. Students will understand that the Bible is a powerful instrument of prayer and learn how to use it.</p> <p>f. Students will learn traditional Catholic prayers.</p>	<p>Religion text</p> <p>The Bible</p> <p>Books written by various Christian/Catholic authors</p> <p>Writings of Saints</p>	<p>Teacher Observation</p> <p>Student Work</p> <p>Classroom Dialogue</p> <p>Quizzes Tests</p> <p>Prayer recites</p>
8.5 Essential Catholic Practices and Prayers	<p>Rosary (mysteries and prayers)</p> <p>Memorare</p> <p>Hail Holy Queen</p> <p>Angelus</p> <p>St. Michael Prayer</p> <p>Anima Christi</p> <p>Apostles Creed</p> <p>Nicene Creed</p> <p>Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Benedictine</p> <p>Precepts of the Church</p> <p>Theological/Cardinal Virtues</p> <p>Guardian Angel Prayer</p> <p>Act of Contrition</p> <p>Order of the Mass</p> <p>Canticle of Mary</p> <p>Canticle of Zechariah</p> <p>Divine Mercy Chaplet</p>		