

J. E. Cosgriff Memorial Catholic School
6th grade Religion Disclosure Statement
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Dear Students and Parents,

I am excited to be a part of your 6th grade school year as your Religion teacher, and I am looking forward to growing in faith while building a strong community of learners. I received my Bachelor's degree from Illinois State University in 2011, and this will be my sixth year teaching, as well as my third year at Cosgriff. In addition to 6th grade Religion, I teach 3rd grade Religion, assist the Power Hour and Special Ed team, and help facilitate Homework Club and Youth Group.

My goal for sixth graders this year, regardless of personal religious affiliations, is to further develop their faith by writing to learn and interacting with texts collaboratively in an ongoing faith literacy notebook. In 6th grade, we will read, study, and interpret the Old Testament (prophets and covenants), and the greatest commandments of God. Religion will be conducted as an extension of Language Arts. Students will be interacting with the Old Testament, Scripture, and prayer independently and with their peers via reading comprehension, writing, listening, and speaking tasks. 6th graders are encouraged to come to class with ongoing questions and concerns, as this helps our class grow into a trusting community.

The Religion text we use is *Christ Our Life* by Loyola Press. This consumable work book will be used in class, and students will be required to write in the book for some homework assignments. Please take some time to glance through the book to familiarize yourself with what your child is learning. Students will also be required to discuss and memorize content from the New St. Joseph Baltimore Catechism. The purpose for this requirement is to build and reinforce background knowledge from the basic teachings and beliefs of the Catholic Church.

My classroom conduct expectations coincide with Mrs. Newman's. Respect, honesty, and preparation are expected at all times in order to grow and maintain a comfortable learning environment. Class is held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 11:35 to 12:20 PM in Mrs. Newman's classroom.

Students' grades will fall into two categories- Major assignments (tests, quizzes, and projects) and class work (writing reflections, participation, group work, etc). 1-2 days will be given to make up excused absent work.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me immediately. All phone calls and emails will be answered within 24 hours. Please encourage your child to speak with me regarding frustrations or challenges in class. I look forward to the school year and helping your child grow in faith and responsibility.

Sincerely,

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Learning Objectives for 6th grade Religion

Standard 1- Creed: Students will demonstrate understanding of core Catholic beliefs.

Standard 2- Worship and Sacraments: Students will demonstrate understanding and practice of Catholic worship and sacraments with an emphasis on the centrality of the Eucharist in the life of Catholics.

Standard 3- Morality: Students will understand right from wrong and be able to make good moral choices in life decisions that are consistent with Church teaching and a Christian lifestyle.

Standard 4- Social Justice: Students will demonstrate understanding of Catholic social teaching and apply these principles to social and personal situations.

Standard 5- Core Scripture: Students will read, interpret, and apply Scripture to their own daily life situation.

Standard 6- Family Life: Students will demonstrate their understanding of Christian family life and how it is nourished and passed on.

Standard 7- Liturgical Year: Students will demonstrate their understanding of the Liturgical year and how it is celebrated.

Standard 8- Christian Prayer and Practice: Students will be able to demonstrate, understand, and use traditional prayer forms in the Catholic tradition.

Standard 9- Vocabulary: Students will be able to demonstrate understanding and use of religious vocabulary.

Standard 10- Vocation: Life styles: Students will demonstrate their understanding of different vocations and lifestyles to prepare them to respond to their own call.

Standard 11- Service: Students will engage in service to the community (family, parish, local, national, and global) by action and reflection on our response to the Gospel call.

Standard 12- Saints: Students will explore the lives of saints in order to expand their role models for Christian living.