

Religious Studies

All students are required to take religious studies. Students may choose one of the two offerings.

Religious Studies 7

Year-long course, meets every other quarter, open to 7th graders

This course introduces all major aspects of Christ's life including the prophets' foretelling of Jesus's birth, the infancy narratives, the beginning of His ministry, His parables and lessons, as well as Christ's death and resurrection. The course also includes a survey of Scripture, which focuses on the development and creation of the Bible and the historical background of the gospel writers. Much of the course includes the study of the gospels and the context in which they were written.

Religious Studies 7 Seminar

*Year-long course, meets every other quarter, *open to 7th graders*

Religion 7 Seminar focuses on the same fundamentals as the Religious Studies 7 course; however, it is delivered in a seminar-style format and will include additional off-campus field trips. This course sets a precedent in how students interact and understand faith in relationship to who they are as individuals, how they treat others, how they understand a larger community, and how they serve the world. The Religion 7 Seminar will incorporate a new model of theology curriculum where students engage in dialogue and discussion, based on theological texts, for a large portion of class. Additionally, there will be alternate learning experiences where students are exposed to professional speakers, becoming aware of local institutions and non-profits, and gaining a greater understanding and empathy for the larger community.

Religious Studies 8

Year-long course, meets every other quarter, required of 8th graders

**Students have the option of the traditional or seminar-style format for this class.*

Religious Studies 8 is a Catholic theology course that connects social justice with current events through the study of Catholic Social Teaching. While exploring the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, students apply Christian values to current world issues and examine ways they are called to action. Through the study of our Christian calling to be active in the world, students explore various world issues, discuss the impact of these issues on our global community, and what can be done to eliminate and prevent various problems. In collaboration with other disciplines, students can connect faith in action with broader world issues.

****If the number of course requests exceed the maximum class size, students will be drawn from a pool. Remaining students will be placed on a waitlist.***