

High School Elective Courses

Sacraments

1. Sacrament, Symbol, and Mystery
2. Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation
3. Sacraments of Healing: Anointing of the Sick, Penance
4. Sacrament of Marriage
5. Sacrament of Holy Orders
6. Sacrament of Eucharist

Prayer

1. What is Prayer, Why Do We Pray, Forms of Prayer
2. Obstacles to Prayer, Praying in Tough Times
3. Contemplation, Service, and Study
4. The Mass: Prayer Par Excellence
5. Prayer to Mary and the Saints (Intercessory Prayer), The Rosary, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet
6. Devotions (Litanies), The Liturgy of the Hours

World Religions

1. Catholicism
2. Protestantism
3. Judaism
4. Islam
5. Eastern Religions
6. New Age

The Church Year

1. Overview/Sabbath Observance
2. Advent
3. Christmas
4. Lent
5. Triduum/Easter
6. Pentecost/Ordinary Time

Church History

1. The Founding and early history of the Church: Martyrdom & Persecution
2. The Spread of Christianity: Constantine and the Conversion of an Empire
3. The Great Schism: Catholicism and the Eastern Orthodox
4. The Crusades and the Battle for Christendom
5. The Reformation and the Fracturing of Christendom
6. The Church in the Modern World

Introduction to Catholicism

1. Philosophy: Is it rational to believe in God?
2. Theology: What can we know about God?
3. Revelation: What does God reveal about Himself?
4. Christology: Who is Jesus Christ?
5. Ecclesiology: What is the Church?
6. Eschatology: What are the end times?

Christian Service

In this course the students learn the Scriptural basis of Christian service. Throughout the course they are involved in a variety of service projects.

Questions and Answers

Students will submit questions to be answered on a variety of topics. Students will also be challenged with questions that they will have to answer.

Exploring the Priesthood

Father Mark offers this course to males only. Topics include: discerning the call to priesthood; Scripture and the foundation of the priesthood; the role and function of the priest; Eucharist and the priesthood; celibacy; prayer and spirituality; and spreading our faith.

Faith and Film

This course examines three or four films and the Christian themes portrayed in the movies. Students will be shown how the Christian saga is portrayed in film and how it has captured the hearts of film fanatics. These classes are much longer and students should be prepared to watch a movie and discuss it.

Teen Topics

Students in this class will cover a broad range of subjects that cause high school age students the most distress. Many of the major peer pressure related topics may be covered: alcohol, tobacco, sex, stress, lying, etc. This course involves a lot of discussion so students should be prepared to share on these topics.