

**Holy Spirit Catholic Middle/High School**  
**Summer Reading Program**  
**Summer 2023**

**Rationale:**

The goal of the Summer Reading Program is to encourage independent reading, nourish intellectual analysis, enhance reading comprehension, supplement academic reading across the curriculum, and generate discussion and activities based on shared experience and inquiry.

**Instructions:**

Students are to read each text assigned to courses in which they are enrolled for the upcoming year. Students are expected to arrive at school on the first day having read the assigned texts —carefully, analytically, and entirely. Appropriate assignments and assessments will be given in English language arts. Students will be required to participate in a variety of written and oral assessments. Books may be purchased as print or digital texts.

**6th Grade:**

*The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate diCamillo

**7th Grade:**

*The Lightning Thief* by Kate Rick Riorden

**8th Grade:**

*The Giver* (graphic novel) by Lois Lowry  
*War Horse* by Martin Morpugo

**9th Grade:**

*Catherine, Called Birdy* by Karen Cushman  
*Make Lemonade* by Virginia Euwer Wolff

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

English II: *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand (can be young adult version)

Honors English II: 1) *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand (can be young adult version)  
2) *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

English III: *Just Mercy* (young adult version) by Bryan Stevenson

Honors English III: *The Stranger in the Lifeboat – A Novel* by  
Mitch Abrom

AP Language and Composition: 1) *The Life of Pi* by Yann Partel  
2) *Just Mercy* (**adult** version) by  
Bryan Stevenson

## 12<sup>th</sup> Grade:

*Eaters of the Dead* by Michael Crichton

*Pygmalion* by George Bernard Shaw

AP Literature and Composition: 1) *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare

2) *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson

3) One book of choice from the AP Lit list below

*Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoevski

*Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* by James Joyce

*Ceremony* by Leslie Marmon Silko

*Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy

*Bless Me, Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya

*Candide* by Voltaire

*Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* by Tom Stoppard

*Waiting for Godot* by Samuel Beckett

*Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert

*Oedipus Rex* by Sophocles

*A Doll's House* by Henrik Ibsen

*An Enemy of the People* by Henrik Ibsen

*Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift

*Hedda Gabler* by Henrik Ibsen

*Major Barbara* by George Bernard Shaw

*Medea* by Euripides

*Obasan* by Joy Kogawa

*Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe

*The Cherry Orchard* by Anton Chekhov

*Mrs. Warren's Profession* by George Bernard Shaw