

St. Malachy School Spiritual Development Plan



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Spiritual Development Plan
St. Malachy School

Definition:

A plan created by the administrators and religion faculty to serve as a spiritual guide focused on strengthening our relationship with Jesus Christ, enhancing the faith formation of students, faculty and staff, and to teach moral and religious principles aligned to the Holy Catholic Church.

Mission:

The mission of St. Malachy School (Kindergarten - Grade 6) is to teach that Christ is the center of our lives, and it is through Him that we educate and develop the whole child in a safe and nurturing environment.

Vision:

Inspired by our Catholic identity, St. Malachy School, along with the parents and parish, seeks to guide students of every faith to become responsible citizens and leaders who choose a life of joyful service and discipleship.

Related Quotes:

- But it is enough to take a small step towards Jesus to realize that he awaits us always with open arms, particularly in the sacrament of Reconciliation, a privileged opportunity to encounter that divine mercy which purifies us and renews our hearts. (Pope Francis)
- Our hearts can be attached to true or false treasures, they can find genuine rest or they can simply slumber, becoming lazy and lethargic. The greatest good we can have in life is our relationship with God. (Pope Francis)
- At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by “I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in.” (Blessed Mother Teresa)
- Seeing with the eyes of Christ, I can give to others much more than their outward necessities; I can give them the look of love which they crave. (Pope Benedict XVI)
- The aim of all Christian education, moreover, is to train the believer in an adult faith that can make him a new creation, capable of bearing witness in his surroundings to the Christian hope that inspires him. (Pope Benedict XVI)
- Once you have surrendered yourself, you make yourself receptive. In receiving from God, you are perfected and completed. (Fulton Sheen)

Spiritual Development Plan by Group

➤ *Students*

Students	Grades Participating	Time Frame
Children's Mass	K-6 (All)	Weekly
All Saints Day Mass	K-6	November
Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary	K-6	December
Ash Wednesday Mass	K-6	March
Mission Projects	K-6	Varies depending upon the project; yearlong or periodically
Reconciliation	3-6	Formally with the priest once a year during Lent
Sacrament of First Reconciliation	2	January
Sacrament of First Eucharist	2	April or May
Rosary Devotions-Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries	K-6	October, March and May
6th grade Recognition Mass	K-6	May
Advent Prayer Services	K-6	December
All School Projects centered on Catholic faith	K-6	Year Long
Stations of the Cross	K-6	March or April
Christmas Program and Play	K-6	December
Thanksgiving Mass Collection	K-6	November
Special Guest Day Mass	K-6	April
Altar Server Training	5	March
May Crowning	K-6	May

Students	Grades Participating	Time Frame
Holy Thursday Prayer Service and Meal	K-2	March or April
Community Stewardship Ex. Visiting nursing homes, honoring Veterans and First Responders	K-6	Varies depending upon the task
Catholic Schools Week	K-6	January/February
Vocational Activities and Awareness	K-6	Year Long
Clergy Appreciation	K-6	October
Lenten Shadow Play	3	March or April
Advent Reconciliation Prayer Service	K-6	December
Focus on Gospel Values	K-6	Monthly
Respect Life/Pennies for Life Mass, Baby Item Collection	K-6	October and January
Religion Curriculum including Bible stories, learning Catholic prayers and traditions, and concepts and vocabulary associated with the Holy Catholic Church	K-6	Yearlong
ACRE Faith Assessment	5	January
All School Project Theme is "God's Creations"	K-6	2018-19 School Year
World Mission Rosary/Missionary Childhood Day	K-6	October
Adopt a Seminarian Program (send prayers, cards and care packages to an "adopted" seminarian)	K-6	Yearlong

➤ **Faculty/Staff**

Faculty/Staff	Time Frame
Faculty In-Service and Retreat	August
Back to School Mass	August
Promote Vocation Awareness	Year Long
Diocesan Education Mass with Bishop Jenky	September
Children's Mass	Weekly
All Saints Day Mass	November
Respect Life/Pennies for Life Mass, Baby Item Collection	October and January
Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary	December
Ash Wednesday Mass	March
Mission Projects	Varies depending on the project; yearlong or periodically
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Grade 2)	January
Reconciliation	Formally with the priest once a year during Lent
Sacrament of First Eucharist (Grade 2)	April or May
Rosary Devotions-Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries	October, March and May
6th grade Recognition Mass	May
Advent Prayer Service	December
All School Projects Centered on Catholic Faith	Yearlong
Stations of the Cross	March or April
Christmas Program and Play	December
Thanksgiving Mass Collection (Canned Goods)	November
Special Guest Day Mass	April
Holy Thursday Prayer Service (K-2)	March or April

Faculty/Staff	Time Frame
Community Stewardship Projects Ex. Visiting nursing homes, honoring Veterans and First Responders	Varies depending upon the project
Catholic Schools Week	January/February
Vocational Awareness and Activities	Yearlong
Clergy Appreciation	October
Advent Reconciliation Prayer Service	December
Advent All School Prayer Services	Each Monday during Advent
Lenten Shadow Play	April
Focus on Gospel Values	Monthly
ACRE Faith Assessment (Grade 5)	January
Religion Curriculum including Bible stories, learning Catholic prayers and traditions, and concepts and vocabulary associated with the Holy Catholic Church	Yearlong
May Crowning	May
Adopt a Seminarian Program (send prayers, cards and care packages to an “adopted” seminarian)	Yearlong

➤ Administration

Administration
<input type="checkbox"/> Support the pastoral leadership of the church
<input type="checkbox"/> Model Catholic virtues and values
<input type="checkbox"/> Promote Catholic education
<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure staff is teaching doctrine aligned to Catholic Church
<input type="checkbox"/> Oversee, with the pastor, the implementation of the Spiritual Development Plan

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