

PASTORAL PLAN

School Name: Christ the King Catholic Elementary School

School Mission Statement:

The mission of the staff at Christ the King Catholic School, in partnership with our parish, students and parents is to develop our pupils' spiritual and academic potential in relation to the Gospel values and provincial expectations. Recognizing the diverse backgrounds and abilities of our community, we are committed to providing all students with encouragement, opportunity, security, and support so that they develop a strong sense of self-worth and attain a high level of academic achievement. We want to empower our pupils to become lifelong learners and valued members of society. - See more at: <http://www.dpcdsb.org/>
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School Motto: Fostering Wisdom Through Our Gospel Values.

Our Parish: St. Francis of Assisi

Pastor: Fr. Damian Ali

Parish website: <https://stfrancisofassisimi.archtoronto.org/>

Message from the Pastor:

The school-parish-home triad forms the foundation of a vibrant collaborative Catholic education for our young people. As Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, I hope to witness to the love, forgiveness and transformative power of Jesus Christ when offering faith formation and sacramental preparation, facilitating prayer services, presiding at the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist, and socially engaging with others, supported by class visits by my Lay Pastoral Assistant. Everything we do as Catholics must reflect our belief in the Father who created us, the Son who saved us and the Holy Spirit who continues to sanctify us. It is important for all of us to work together to create a joyful and welcoming environment which underscores the infinite value of our faith as a gift from God which continues to be celebrated, lived and shared

Message from the Catholic School Council:

The Catholic School Council at Christ the King School, in collaboration with school staff and parents, strives to provide educational opportunities and experiences that will both enhance student life at school, positive mental health, and encourage parent and parish engagement on a continual basis. Curriculum initiatives and our Catholic School Improvement Learning Cycle will be reviewed and discussed regularly to foster student achievement.

Catholic Education Week – May 5th – May 10th, 2024

Catholic Education: We are Called to Love
L'éducation catholique: Appelés à aimer

Throughout Catholic Education Week, we ask you to reflect on the significance of Catholic education's presence and contribution in our Church, and in our society.

"If we love one another, God lives in us." 1 John 4:12

Si nous nous aimons les uns les autres, Dieu demeure en nous. (1 Jean 4, 12)

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2024 are:

Monday: **As people of hope / Dans l'espérance**
Tuesday: **As people of faith / Dans la foi**
Wednesday: **As people of mercy / Avec compassion**
Thursday: **As people of justice / Dans la justice**
Friday: **As people of joy / Dans la joie**

Catholic Education Week begins on Sunday, April 30, 2024 to highlight the partnership that remains the foundation of Catholic education between our Catholic schools and local Catholic parishes. Throughout Catholic Education Week, we ask you to reflect on the significance of Catholic education's presence and contribution in our Church, and in our society. We invite all members of our community to participate in the celebrations and activities that will take place during Catholic

Education Week 2024 in our schools. On Monday May 6th we are hosting THE SAIDAT SHOW (music, movement, motivation) and Wednesday, May 8th we are holding a Ballroom Dance Performance involving the Gr. 6, 7 and 8 classes. We will also acknowledge our volunteers and student monitors for their commitment to CTK and Catholic education with an afternoon Volunteer Appreciation luncheon.

Further activities and celebrations to be determined, more information to follow.

For more information about Catholic Education Week and to access OCSTA Resources, visit the OCSTA website. – See more at: <https://www.ocsta.on.ca/>

Forming ourselves in our Catholic faith is a foundational element in helping each of us understand and live in the example of Christ. A Catholic Education Week Newsletter for Christ the King School will go out to the community, local Trustee, Herman Vilorio, and the Superintendent of Mississauga South, Silvana Gos.

Faith Formation:

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- Monthly Youth and Adult Faith Ambassador activities that support our Liturgical seasons, ShareLife, Dr. Simone's Warehouse, those in need in our school community and the greater community, and participating in social justice initiatives
- Monthly Virtue Certificates and Gotcha Awards for demonstrating the Virtues in action. These are awarded to students who actively demonstrate kindness and respect and belief in an inclusive environment where all students have a voice.
- Liturgical presentations appropriate for all grade levels with invitation to our parent community.
- Daily prayers led by Office/students every morning
- Health and Wellness messages and reflective actions and movement to promote a positive start to the day
- Celebration of staff/student liturgies in our school spaces and chapel
- Hope Stone Retreat for our grade 7 and 8 students
- Mass celebrated at school with invitation to our parent community
- Crowning of Mary in May
- Monthly visits from the Rosary Apostolates
- Daily Religion/Family Life education, informing our parent community of all curriculum themes within these programs.
- Visual symbols/reminders of our faith throughout the school and in the classrooms
- Equity and Diversity promoted through cross-curricular literature and Equity Lead teachers and students.

Sacramental Preparation:

As Catholics, we understand sacraments to be "outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace." Together in partnership with our parish, we support the preparation of God's children in receiving the sacraments.

Event	Grade 2	Grade 7
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>	<i>November 28, 2023</i>	
<i>First Communion</i>	<i>May 5, 2024 @3:00 pm at the Church</i>	
<i>Confession of Confirmandi</i>		<i>April 30, 2024 @ 7:00 pm at the Church</i>
<i>Holy Confirmation</i>		<i>May 26, @ 4:00 pm at the Church</i>

Liturgical Celebrations:

The Liturgical calendar is marked by the gathering in community to celebrate the Eucharist and share in prayer.

Celebration	Date
<i>Truth and Reconciliation Indigenous Day</i>	<i>September 29, 2023</i>
<i>Opening School Mass</i>	<i>October 5, 2023</i>
<i>Remembrance Day Liturgy</i>	<i>November 11 @ 11:00 am, 2023</i>
<i>Celebration of Christ the King</i>	<i>November 26, 2023</i>
<i>Advent Confessions</i>	<i>December 7 @ 9:30 am and 1:00 pm, 2023</i>
<i>Advent Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church</i>	<i>December 19 @ 7:00 pm, 2023</i>
<i>Easter Mass</i>	<i>April 5 @ 10:00 am, 2024</i>
<i>Graduation Liturgy</i>	<i>June 19 @ 6:30 pm, 2024</i>

Year End Mass

June 21 @ 10:00 am, 2024

Social Justice / Outreach Activities / Charities:

Catholic Social Teachings of the Church root our actions in supporting human dignity and the preferential option of the poor which calls us to serve the most vulnerable in the world.

- Spirit weeks toonie/loonie drives throughout the year
- Staff dress down days
- Thanksgiving/Christmas and Lenten food drives
- Christmas Hat and Mitten Tree
- Breakfast with Santa – raise funds for holiday meals for families in our community
- Staff food drive, throughout the year, for families in need in our school community
- Terry Fox Marathon of Hope

Recognizing Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations:

Framed by the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations (OCSGE), our graduates will be effective communicators, reflective thinkers, lifelong learners, collaborative contributors, caring family members, responsible citizens and discerning believers formed in the Catholic faith community.

We provide student leadership opportunities throughout each day and Intermediate teachers, infuse the Catholic Graduate Expectations into all curriculum areas. We provide further leadership for all students through our morning announcements, virtue assemblies and liturgies, social outreach initiatives, Eco-team initiatives, Equity and Diversity initiatives, and Youth Faith Ambassador activities.

Celebrating Virtues:

A virtue is a habit or established capacity to perform good actions according to a moral standard. When we practice these virtues, we strengthen them and thereby make the presence of God more and more visible in the world around us.

We exemplify the Virtue of the month through announcements/prayers, virtual presentations and student recognition over the PA System. We continue with our "GOTCHA AWARDS" this year to highlight specific positive daily actions demonstrated by students. A draw is held at the end of each month from all the "GOTCHA's" and students are mentioned and rewarded.

Visible Signs of our Faith:

Through symbol and service, we are instruments of God's love whose work within our communities stands as a witness to our faith.

Christ the King School community is welcomed into a faith-filled environment. We have a sacred space available, our Chapel, adorned with a beautiful Altar and religious symbols, for all staff and students to use. We provide community service by participating in food and clothing drives on behalf of St. Vincent de Paul and Eden Food for Change. Each classroom has provided a sacred prayer area for students and whole class activities. The Liturgical seasons of the year and various Saints' days are recognized throughout the year.

Resource List for Parents/Guardians:

- **General Roman 2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar - 2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar**
- **Religious Education Curriculum - Ontario Religious Education Curriculum**
- **Family Life Curriculum - Ontario Family Life Curriculum**
- **Fully Alive Program information - Ontario Bishops' information on Fully Alive**
- **Encyclical Letter "Fratelli Tutti" - Pope Francis**
- **National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation - National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation**
- **Catholic Education Week 2024 – Catholic Education Week 2024**
- **Synod on Synodality – Synod 2021 - 2024**

Resource List for Schools:

Board

- **General Roman 2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar - 2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar**
- **Multi-Year Strategic Plan - Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2019-2023**
- **Renewing the Promise – A Pastoral Letter for Catholic Education**
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Faith Ambassador: Elizabeth Stolar 

Chair of Catholic School Council: Jenny Baik 

Principal: Andrea Brown 

Superintendent: Silvana Gos 