

Good Shepherd Catholic School



Catholic Identity

Philosophy

Good Shepherd Catholic School, rooted in the traditions of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, is a Christ-centered environment focused on nurturing our students' commitment to God, Scholarship, Community, and Service. Our dedicated faculty and families work together to identify and develop each student's God-given talents and academic promise; preparing students for a faith-filled life of learning, leadership and love for others

Process

- 1. GSC will maintain a strong Catholic Identity in the school environment.**
 - **Every classroom has a crucifix, statue, prayer corner, religious bulletin boards reflecting our faith values.**
 - **Students will receive a laminated prayer card with the prayer of Pope Francis during the COVID pandemic and the Prayer to St. Michael in addition to the traditional IHM prayer card.**
 - **Teacher and students are encouraged to select a class patron**
 - **Teachers will review the Standards for Ministerial Behavior at the beginning of year.**
- 2. GSC prays as a School Community at the beginning and end of each day. All teachers provide several opportunities for prayer during the day. Students are given the opportunity to pray for their own special intentions.**
- 3. Opportunities to attend Mass will continue, however, space may be limited due to seating availability. A plan for mass attendance will be forth coming.**
- 4. GSC promotes and participates in service opportunities.**
- 5. Social Studies teachers connect current events with Catholic Social Teachings.**
- 6. GSC provides opportunities to participate in activities and prayers for our community first responders during the school year.**
- 7. GSC will continue to support various charities.**

If you would like to join us in prayer the Prayer of Pope Francis during the Coronavirus is below. Students, Faculty and Staff will pray this prayer at the beginning of each school day.

Lord, may you bless the world, give health to our bodies and comfort our hearts. You ask us not to be afraid. Yet our faith is weak and we are fearful. But you, Lord, will not leave us at the mercy of the storm. Tell us again: "Do not be afraid" (Mt 28:5). And we, together with Peter, "cast all our anxieties onto you, for you care about us" (1 Pet 5:7). Amen.