

ST. MALACHY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Today We Will Be

Learning,

Loving,

and Living

With Christ



December 16, 2024 Newsletter



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Kennison's Corner

Dear Parents,

Last month, Tiffany J. Preston presented to our 4th–8th grade students and offered a parent presentation on Social Media and Internet Safety. Tiffany is an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana and specializes in prosecuting internet crimes against children. She also serves as the Project Safe Childhood coordinator for the Department of Justice. As part of this role, she volunteers to speak to students and parents about Internet, Gaming, and Social Media Safety, as well as being a Good Digital Citizen. I have attached a portion of her slide presentation, which includes valuable suggestions and rules to help keep children safe.

In addition to her presentation, Ms. Preston recommended the website Common Sense Media (<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>). This site is an excellent resource for parents and educators to review movies, books, games, TV shows, and more. I have used it many times myself and encourage you to read the detailed reviews rather than relying solely on the "Common Sense Selection: Families" designation.

Smartphones and tablets have a significant impact on children's brain development. The vast capabilities of these devices often remind me of my parents asking for help with their VCR. Today, our children assist us with our smartphones and often know more about apps, games, and social media than we do. However, children who spend more time on tablets or smartphones than engaging in active play may face challenges with social interactions, processing reality versus virtual information, problem-solving, and exposure to inappropriate content that they may mistakenly perceive as normal due to repeated exposure.

Each year, many children are thrilled to receive a new phone or internet-based device for Christmas. I encourage all parents to do thorough research, utilize the Common Sense Media website, and review Tiffany Preston's slide deck to help navigate this expansive "smart" world—also known as the internet—that our children access.

On April 27, 2025, Carlo Acutis will be canonized a Saint, becoming the patron Saint of the internet and the first millennial Saint. Carlo was highly skilled with computers and even designed a website documenting Eucharistic miracles. I encourage you to seek his intercession to protect and guide our children as they navigate the internet safely.

Have a Merry Christmas!

In Christ,

Mrs. Saundra Kennison, Principal
St. Malachy Catholic School

BIG “R” AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen by staff for displaying one of the

3 “R” traits: Respect, Responsibility and Resembling God

Irene Bowron
Gavin Lee
Ryan Koonce
Max Rushenberg
Nathan Desta
Ava Cline
Emerson Dalton
Mia Espinoza
Theo Oleinik
Loraine William
Luke Kiefer
Iris Weldon
Yovani Miranda
Ellie Sallee
Matthew Bowman
Hannah Keller
Jonathan Janik
Paris Everage
Levi Smith
Bridgette Book
Ivan DeCesare
Addie Goad
Ava Rienecker
Cooper Mattie
Halle Stamps
Baker Davis
Aubrey Oates
James Craig

Joel Buck
Weston Riddle
Harper Reynolds
Daniel Kiefer
Solomon Donaldson
Hollis Wissmiller
Ellie White
Caroline Rohrbach
Jaymar Cabral
Glory Oziegbe
Maddy Cox



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Congratulations to the 5/6B Volleyball Team - City Runnerup!



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St. Malachy Chess Class!

Link: <http://www.learningthroughgames.com/st-malachy-chess/>
(good for new or returning students!)

This program is great for ALL levels and grades (kindergarten through 8th) and is taught in a fun way!

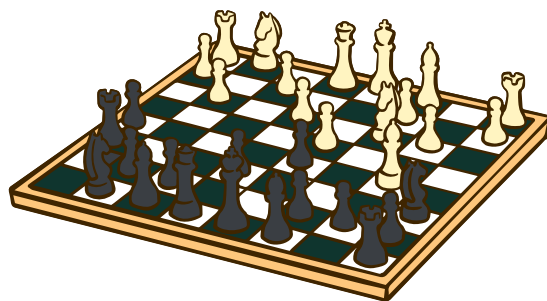
Classes (one day a week) are being offered at St. Malachy beginning Wednesdays after school until 3:15 pm, January 22 thru March 12th

“Learning Through Games” has taught Multiple State Champion Scholastic Teams. Teaching is always done in a child-friendly way.

Sign up here:
Cost is \$84 for sessions (payable to Learning Through Games, 11504, Senie Lane, Carmel, IN. (or leave it at the front desk) Paypal option : send information and \$84 to adean@learningthroughgames.com or zelle to 3172246771 or venmo Aaron-Dean-91

Childs name: _____
Grade _____
Parent Contact _____
Phone number _____
Email: _____

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions: Aaron Dean 317 224-6771 or adean@learningthroughgames.com



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Inspired by a research project, 4th and 5th grade students sent off hair to Locks of Love with notes of support to children facing medical hair loss.

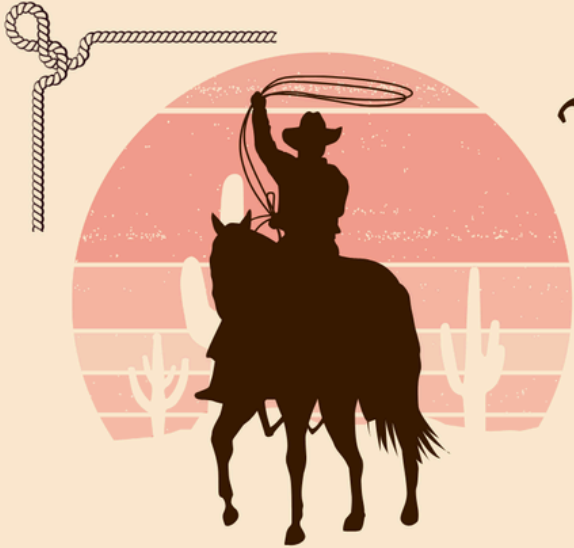
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'Tis the Season for Shamrock Service



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WESTERN BINGO

Presented by:



JANUARY 25, 2025

Primo Banquet Hall
2615 National Ave. Indpls

10 rounds of bingo, dinner, beer and
wine included with your ticket

additional games and prizes to be
purchased - 50/50, mystery bags,
raffle basket tickets, wine and dine
bottle pull, and bid on live auctions



\$65 per ticket
this is a 21+ event
Register here!

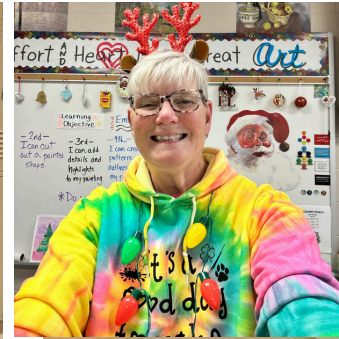
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If you have any questions please reach out to
Zoe Hawkins at zhawkins@cyoarchindy.org

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It's Beginning to Look a Lot like Christmas!



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Come Support the Cardinal Ritter Raiders!

Home Basketball Schedule

Girls Varsity

Tuesday, December 17th vs Triton Central
Saturday, December 21st vs Indianapolis Lutheran
Tuesday, January 7th vs Greenwood Christian Academy
Friday, January 10th vs Monrovia
Wednesday, January 22nd vs Covenant Christian Academy

Boys Varsity

Wednesday, December 4th vs Scecina
Friday, December 13th vs Bethesda
Saturday, December 21st vs Indianapolis Lutheran
Tuesday, January 7th vs Greenwood Christian Academy
Friday, January 10th vs Monrovia
Friday, January 31st vs Heritage Christian Academy
Friday, February 21st vs Covenant Christian Academy

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St. Malachy Ministry Notes



ADVENT CHALLENGE

Looking to prepare your heart for Christ this Christmas? Join us in weekly challenges designed to draw us nearer to the stable this Advent



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



December 24th
4pm, 7pm, and 10pm

December 25th
10am

A LIGHT WILL SHINE ON US THIS DAY:
THE LORD IS BORN FOR US

PSALM 97:11

"THEREFORE WHAT GOD HAS
JOINED TOGETHER, NO HUMAN
BEING MUST SEPARATE."
MARK 10:9



Marriage on Purpose Conference

FEBRUARY 1ST
8:15 - 3:30PM

Learn how to fortify your marriage, and strengthen your family with the love and respect that will transform their heart and your own from keynote speakers **Peter and Debbie Herbeck**, authors of Lessons from the School of Love and When the Spirit Speaks.

All married and engaged couples welcome.
Lunch and snacks provided



Peter and Debbie
Herbeck

**ST. MALACHY CATHOLIC
CHURCH & SCHOOL**



COME TOGETHER TO DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S PLAN FOR HUMAN LOVE. A LIFE CHANGING EVENT FOR TEENS AND ADULTS.



ST. MALACHY
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



SUNDAY
JAN 16TH, 2025
6-9:15 PM



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

JASON EVERT
CHASTITY PROJECT

DOUBLE FEATURE

EVENT INCLUDES:

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

TICKETS
AVAILABLE NOW

Use code **EARLYBIRD**
for \$5 off registration!



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OUR MISSION

To Jesus, through Mary, by means of our redemptive suffering for the salvation of souls, we will grow a field of C.L.O.V.E.R. at St. Malachy

Confession

- Increase total number of confessions in a year
- Encourage memorization of "Act of Contrition" prayer
- Teach examination of conscience & 10 commandments
- Teach definition of sin
- Teach asceticism (fasting)
- Encourage Divine Mercy Chaplet and memorization of DMC prayers

Life

- Increase participation in 40 Days for Life
- Inform community on current Life issues and policies
- Teach Catholic Social Teaching
- Restructure all Outreach ministry to Catholic "Life" focus
- Encourage infant baptisms

Our Lady

- Encourage Rosary & memorization of Rosary prayers
- Teach Brown Scapular and encourage wearing Brown scapular
- Teach True Devotion to Mary
- Teach Consecration to Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Increase number of consecrations to Immaculate Heart of Mary

Vocations

- Personal witnesses of seminarians & religious sisters
- Increase number of seminarians & religious women in formation
- Develop Marriage Prep Program
- Teach discernment
- Teach Theology of the Body
- Bishop Brute visits

Eucharist

- Increase number spending time in Adoration
- Increase number attending weekday/Sunday Masses
- Teach genuflection
- Teach Real Presence
- Teach Mass "ministers" true roles & reverence
- Create Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Revealed Word

- Encourage reading & memorization of Sacred Scripture
- Teach typology
- Teach Catechism of the Catholic Church (Scriptural grounding)
- Increase FORMED subscriptions/activity

