

ST. MALACHY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Today We Will Be

Learning,

Loving,

and Living

With Christ



January 13, 2025 Newsletter

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Kennison's Corner

Dear Parents,

Last week didn't start the second semester quite as we'd hoped, with an E-Learning Day followed by a two-hour delay—but that's winter! Winter often brings cold, snowy, and gray days that keep us inside, making us long for spring. For educators, however, January through March is a crucial time for teaching. With only Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Presidents' Day as breaks, this twelve-week stretch allows us to focus intensely on instruction. This is especially critical for our elementary grades, particularly kindergarten through third grade, as one of the most important skills they learn is how to read.

Last year, new amendments were made to state laws to improve literacy in education. These changes, often referred to as Indiana Code (I.C.), include both House Enrolled Acts (HEA) and Senate Enrolled Acts (SEA). Yes, there are many acronyms and abbreviations in education! These amendments must be fully implemented by the 2024-2025 school year. To help explain these changes, I'll be sharing several blogs over the coming weeks. Together, as a school community—teachers and parents—we can help all children become excellent readers.

I'd like to start with the end in mind since evidence of mastery is typically demonstrated through an assessment. For our students, that assessment is called IREAD-3.

What is IREAD-3?

The “Indiana Reading Evaluation and Determination” (IREAD-3) is a state-required assessment aligned with Indiana Academic Standards. It fulfills the state law requirement (HEA 1367 and SEA 1) that students must be able to read proficiently by the end of third grade. This test measures foundational reading skills, focusing on the ability to read words and understand the basic meaning of texts.

What kinds of questions are on IREAD-3?

IREAD-3 consists entirely of multiple-choice questions. Students select the correct answers from a list of provided options. There are no questions requiring written or verbal responses.

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Is IREAD-3 timed?

No, IREAD-3 is untimed, allowing students to work through each segment at their own pace.

What skills are tested on IREAD-3?

IREAD-3 includes three sections, which take about 90 minutes in total, spread over 2-3 days. The skills assessed include:

- **Foundations and Vocabulary (Word Recognition, Fluency, and Vocabulary Development):** Identifying beginning, middle, and ending sounds; recognizing synonyms, antonyms, homographs, and suffixes; and using context clues to understand unfamiliar words.
- **Nonfiction (Comprehension and Analysis of Nonfiction and Informational Text):** Comparing and responding to grade-level informational texts by making connections and predictions, and identifying important information (e.g., problem and solution, cause and effect, main idea).
- **Literature (Comprehension and Analysis of Literary Text):** Recalling and describing story elements (e.g., plot, character traits, problem and solution), and identifying themes and narrators in different genres.

If you're thinking, "Wow, this is a lot," you're right! But God made us incredible beings capable of extraordinary things—like reading His Word and sharing the Good News. One critical skill not listed above that you can help with is stamina. Students will need to read passages several paragraphs long and answer multiple questions. If they get tired, they may skip parts of the passage and resort to guessing.

What can parents do to help?

Set aside time each evening for reading, gradually increasing how long your child reads. The goal is for them to read independently for 20-30 minutes without breaks by 3rd grade. Remember, developing stamina takes time, dedication, and practice. If your child is not yet reading independently, read to them for longer periods to help them build listening stamina.

In Christ,

Mrs. Sandra Kennison, Principal

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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

Tommy Hendrickson

Leo Schmitt

Joan Grande

Camryn Schenkel

Miles Nesbit

Alexis Fetzner-Roell

Mary Dela Cruz

Liam Fitzsimmons

Sebastian Chavez-Fuentes

Brooklyn Mattson

JT Bacon

Axton Paugh

Jake Maple

Olivia Garvin

Lydia Feller

Bradley Seneque

Lainie Sexton

Piper May

Claire Nesbit

Kenzie Richer

Nahom Desta

Alan Navas-Brito

Ethan Harris

Mason Hoekstra

Natalie Selby

Delaney Crago

Devin Butz

Ben Hopf

Micah Wright

Emmett Ransdell

AJ Waddell

Eli Chappelow

Hunter Hopf

Emily Parra

Taylor Schenkel

Elyse Crevier

Annie Reynolds

MarieClaire Akakpo

Ellery Henninger

Connor Harrity

Natalie Sippel

Camryn Schenkel

Hannah Pettit

Ruby Green

Ethan Braun

Erin Duke

Julie McLeish

Jude Borem

Nuala Sweeney

Myles Ransdell

Jonah Keller

Matthew Kleindl

Samuel Ndjadi

Preston Shields

AJ Balkas

Chase Alley

Lyla Hunter

Piper King

Olivia West

Luca Oyhamburu

Charles Cline

Sean Gehring

Kellyn Riggins

Molly Townsend

Allie Capps

Liam Regan

Nathan Butz

Kasey Dial

Caroline Fernandez

Jacob Lambert

Andy Janik

Lucy Ellis

Ella Conley

Claire Sippel

Kyle Gibson

Joe West

Carli Fields

Liliana Gaeta

Evan Zumer

Leah Stornetta

Jaxon Cardis

Evie Henninger

Noah Wright

Quincy Vrabel

Desmond Kremer

Addison Maxwell

John Morgan

Emmaline Knies

Elizabeth Roldon-Perez

Niko Wissmiller

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Rocco Gandianco

Levi Buck

Ariana Paugh

Brooklyn Mattson

Caroline Ryan

Cruz Brandon

Christian Williams

Maci Hovermale

Jonah Kiefer

Brittany Hopf

Avery Geraghty

Charlotte Fenol

Megan May

Deven Patel

Dominic Cain

Etta Feller

Samantha Smith

Evelyn Harrity

Wyatt Fehrer

Rachel Brown

AJ Waddell

Lucy Palmer

Ella Conley

Cain Williams

Beau Dant

Henlee Hession

Brielle Gwinnup

Nora Brazzale

Gloria Fugate

Emma Salinas Tamez

Eli Bawel

Ethan Day

Emma Selby

Ben Goad

Bastian Dossen

Ian Weil

Bella Gonzalez

Lauralee Datzman

Jonas Feller

Cora Selby

Mateo Salcedo-Sainz

Harris Mackenzie

Nicky Rushenberg

Madelyn Farrell

Leo Arnold

Victoria George

Will Datzman

Lucas Flores-Alvarez

Dillon Capps

Bob Schmieman

Miranda Meadows

Porter Helmgarn

Brandon Muth

Vinny Roberts

Hadleigh Harris

Maisy McMann

Logsdon Hauk

Jackson Hadden



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Congrats to Quarter 2 AR Donut Party Winners!



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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!

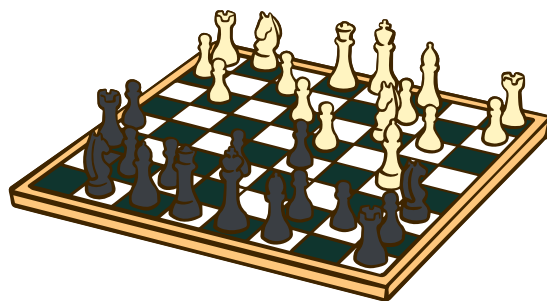
Classes (one day a week) are being offered at St. Malachy beginning Wednesdays after school until 3:15 pm, January 22 thru March 12th

“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

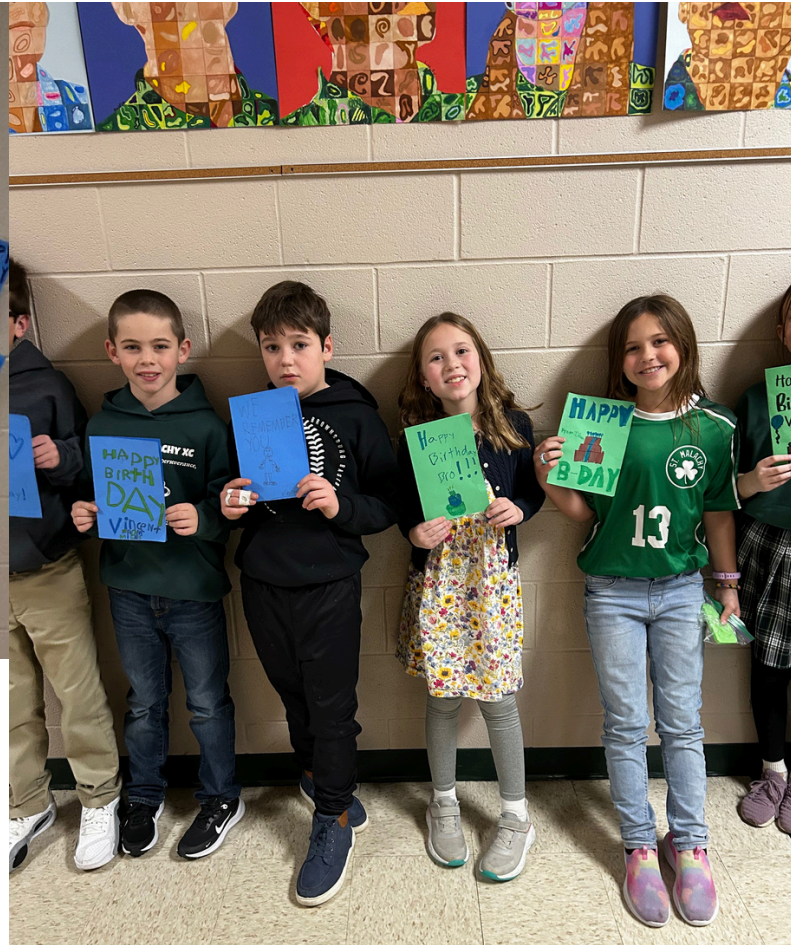
Child's name: _____
Grade: _____
Parent Contact: _____
Phone number: _____
Email: _____

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

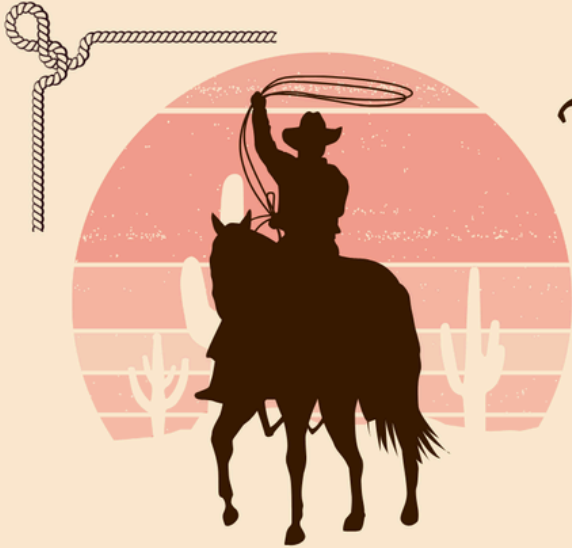


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Happy Heavenly Birthday, Vincent



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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!

License Number: 000663

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

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St. Malachy Ministry Notes



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AND

GENDER
AND THE THEOLOGY OF YOUR BODY

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

EVENT INCLUDES:

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

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



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

JASON EVERT
CHASTITY PROJECT

DOUBLE FEATURE

21ST ANNUAL

THE ORIGINAL

Know It All

Trivia Extravaganza!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM • ST MALACHY GYMNASIUM

7410 N COUNTY ROAD 1000 EAST • BROWNSBURG, IN 46112

PULL TABS • RAFFLE • HEADS OR TAILS •
DEAD OR ALIVE • MATCH GAME • BEVERAGES • PIZZA

Teams of 8 / \$250 per Team

IGC# 011263

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FAMILY DAY FOR VOCATIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025

9:00AM - 12:00PM

ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS: CATHOLIC CENTER



Join us for a day of prayer, learning, and FUN!
Here's what you can expect:

- ✓ EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & MASS
- ✓ CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES
- ✓ MEET SEMINARIANS, PRIESTS, & RELIGIOUS

SCHEDULE:

9:00AM - 11:00AM: FAMILY VOCATION STATIONS

11:00AM: FAMILY MASS

12:00PM: SPECIAL LUNCH FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

REGISTRATION

FAMILY DAY: HEARGODSCALL.COM/FAMILY-DAY-FOR-VOCATIONS

HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH: HEARGODSCALL.COM/HIGH-SCHOOL-LUNCH



"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



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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

