

ST. MALACHY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Today We Will Be

Learning,

Loving,

and Living

With Christ



January 27, 2025 Newsletter

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Kennison's Corner

Dear Parents,

This past weekend, our 2nd graders took a step closer to their first Holy Communion with the Rite of Enrollment at Mass this past weekend. Please join me in praying for these children. It is a very special time in their journey to being a saint. Our 8th graders are continuing their Confirmation journey as well. They enjoyed learning more about chastity with Jason Evert, and they attended the Indiana Youth Rally for Life and Mass at the Indiana Convention Center last week. Please join me in praying for these 8th graders as they continue to strengthen their relationship with Jesus and look forward to being sealed with the Holy Spirit at their Confirmation with Archbishop Thompson.

Two weeks ago I wrote about the IREAD-3 assessment. This assessment is to fulfill the state law requirement that students must be able to read proficiently by the end of third grade. This assessment is given in March to all 3rd graders in Indiana, and in the Spring of 2025, 2nd graders are required to take IREAD-3.

Legislation now requires all 2nd graders to take the IREAD-3 assessment in the Spring of 2025.

What are the expectations of IREAD-3 in second grade?

- Starting in the Spring 2025, all second grade students will be required to take IREAD-3. This requirement applies to all second grade students, regardless of their special education status or English language proficiency, in accordance with state law. The test given to second graders is the same test given to third graders.
- Most of the reading skills tested on IREAD-3 are designed for students to master by the end of third grade. While some second graders may already be able to demonstrate these skills, it's not expected for all second graders to do so. In second grade, the focus is on building strong reading skills appropriate for their grade level and reinforcing what they've learned in previous years.
- The goal is to provide a nurturing environment that focuses on building reading skills, rather than emphasizing extensive test preparation with the goal of minimizing anxiety around testing for 2nd grade students.

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I'm sharing the information about the skills assessed on the IREAD-3 again as well as what parents can do to help.

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.

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

Carson Kuepper
Gabriel Ochoa Cegarra
Kaia Beck
Ella Geraghty
Max Dellinger
Nolan Widau
Emerson Shields
Emmalee Maxwell
Avery Copeland
Marian Kiefer
Wade Heim
Matthew Bowman
Maeve Sweeney
Maeve Messmer
Ava Greer
Kasey Dial (2)
Naela Rosalva
Kendal Sears
Sabrina Harrity
Sam Patel
Claire Lambert
Nyah Alcorn
Mason Fields
Jonah Kiefer
Deven Patel
Reagan Mattson
Nicholas Platz
Chase Alley
Samuel Ndjadi

Julie McLeish
Molly Townsend
Gabriel Harrity
Makenna Stamps
Lyra Crevier
Wyatt Woods
Claire Miller
Jack Ryan
Henrik Wissmiller
Tanner Alley
Cammi Brandon
Penelope Balkas
Michael McCluskey
Owen Miller
Reagan Shields
Madison Libey
Jayce Dial
Quinn Schroeder
Arlo Gerke
Vincent Salmon
Abram Fields
Joaquin Hilliger
Evie Hulsman
Landon Smitther
Joan Grande
Damien Hensley
Graham Harpold
Amaya Paugh
Andrew Styck

Emmie Diaz
Emmett Krause
Cora Morgan
George Ernstberger
Maddox Alley
Glory Oziegbe
Maddy Cox
Alona Koelling
Zoe Flores Alvarez
Connor Libey
Eli Kay
Isabella Costa
Vincent Buck
Eliana Crago
Luke Sippel
Aria Beck
Leo Schmitt
Deborah Alabi
Hazel Glasson

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7th Grade Serves with the Missionaries of Charity



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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!

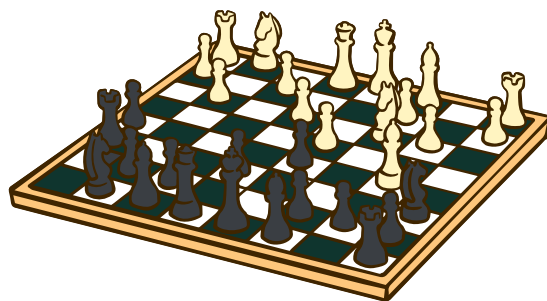
Classes (one day a week) are being offered at St. Malachy beginning Wednesdays after school until 3:15 pm, January 22 thru March 12th

“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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Zero Hero Quarter 1

6th

ETTA FELLER
MACI HOVERMALE
ANDY JANIK
ADDISON MAXWELL

7th

JUDE BOREM
HANNAH PETTIT

8th

MARIE CLAIRE AKAKPO
DELANEY CRAGO
PIPER MAY
HENRY PRITCHARD

Zero Hero Quarter 2

6th

JACKSON COCHRAN
PETER MCCLUSKEY
ARIANA PAUGH
ELIZABETH ROLDAN-
PEREZ
CLARA SALCEDO
CLAIRE SIPPEL
LEAH STORNETTA
JOE WEST
NOAH WRIGHT
EVAN ZUMER

7th

LYLA HUNTER
JULIE MCLEISH
SAMUEL NDJADI
LUCA OYHAMBURU
MYLES RANSELL
JACKSON RAWSKI
CAMRYN SCHENKEL
NUALA SWEENEY
MOLLY TOWNSEND
OLIVIA WEST

8th

CONNOR HARRITY

Zero Hero Quarters 1 & 2

6th

JACKSON CARDIS
LUCY ELLIS
CHARLOTTE FENOL
CAROLINE FERNANDEZ
CARLI FIELDS
ROCCO GANDIONCO
AVERY GERAGHTY
EVELYN HARRITY
BRITTANY HOPF
DESMOND KREMER
MEGAN MAY
DEVEN PATEL
QUINCY VRABEL
BLAISE ZARICH

7th

CHASE ALLEY
ERIN DUKE
PIPER KING

8th

DAMIAN CAIN
ELYSE CREVIER
ANGUS ESTERLINE
LYDIA FELLER
BEN HOPF
CLAIRE NESBIT
EMILY PARRA
EMMETT RANSELL
ANNIE REYNOLDS
MACKENZIE RICHER
TAYLOR SCHENKEL
NATALIE SELBY
NATALIE SIPPEL



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Zero Heroes!



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Congratulations to the 4th Grade Spell Bowl Team on 3rd place at the Cardinal Ritter SMART competition!



Ellie Cameron (on knees), Adriana Lehe, Charlotte Cameron, Maggie Morgan, Lincoln Zumer, Robi Gandionco (on knees), Mikale Gwinnup, Natalie Geraghty, Theo Kiefer, Sam Mathes.

ST. MALACHY WINTER

UNIFORM & SPIRIT WEAR

Online Site

OPENS: FRIDAY, 1/24

CLOSES: MONDAY, 2/10

IN-HANDS: TUESDAY, 2/25

UNIFORM DRESSES.

UNIFORM CREWS.

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UNIFORM POLOS.

UNIFORM PRO-LIFE TEES.

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St. Malachy Ministry Notes

ST. MEINRAD'S MEN'S WEEKEND

March 14-16, 2025

Join other parish men to rejuvenate your prayer life, attend Mass and prayers with the monks, and enjoy the peaceful and holy atmosphere of St. Meinrad. Father Denis Rovinson OSB is the presenter.

Scan the QR Code to register



Scan me to register!

"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

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CHURCH & SCHOOL**



Get Ready

ASH WEDNESDAY 2025

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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

