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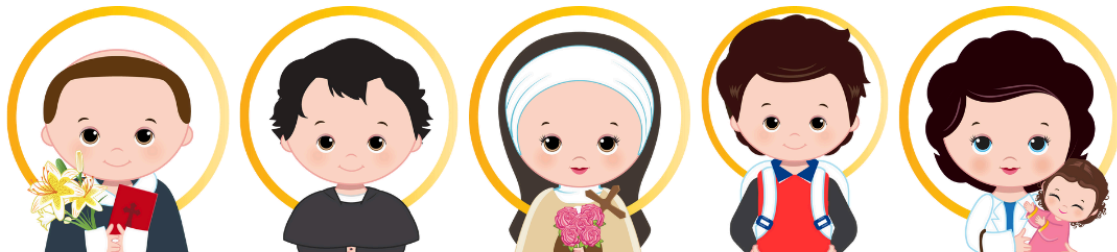


August 8th - 20th: PTO Trash Bag Sales

August 11th or 13th: 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting @ 7:00 pm at the Church

August 15th: The Assumption of Mary; School Mass @ 8:15 am

August 20th: Internet & Social Media Safety (Parent Presentation) @ 6:00 pm in the Holy Family Room



Saintly Students



New this Year - Saintly Students

The time has come — we're kicking off our very first **Saint of the Month**, and we couldn't be more excited to begin this journey with you!

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compassion, humility, and deep love for Christ. Each month, we'll highlight one of these holy heroes and the virtues they modeled, giving our students someone inspiring to look up to... and something meaningful to strive toward.

How it works:

Meet the Saint: At the beginning of each month, teachers introduce the featured saint and the key traits they embodied (courage, humility, compassion, etc.).

In the Classroom: Teachers are encouraged to share the saint's story with the students and incorporate conversations around those saintly traits throughout the month — in morning meetings, classroom discussions, hallway chats, wherever the Holy Spirit leads!

Student Nominations: At the end of the month, teachers have a chance to nominate one student who *truly lived out those traits*.

Saintly Student of the Month: One student will be selected from the nominations to receive special recognition, a small gift, and a VIP lunch with Father Danda and Mrs. Kennison at the end of the semester!

We hope that this program not only teaches about the saints but *forms* future saints — starting with the everyday choices and actions of our students.

We know the magic happens through YOU — your excitement, encouragement, and ability to highlight these traits in real time will bring this program to life. Help us make “being saintly” something our students strive for, not just once a month but every day!

Let's raise saints together!

Our First saint? St. Dominic! Watch this video for more information about St. Dominic and the traits he exhibited.

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Watch this month's video about Saintly Students and St. Dominic!



Mass This Week

All School Mass: Wednesday, August 13th, 2025

Vocations Cross: 8W

Thursday Class Mass: None

The Assumption of Mary: Friday, August 15th, 2025

Click on the Links for the Mass Assignments (Sacristans, Altar Servers, and Lector):

[August 13th Mass](#)

[August 15th Mass](#)



Attendance

Early is on-time, on-time is late, and late is unacceptable.

Morning care opens at **6:45 am - \$1 (cash only)** per day for each child.

Absences - To ensure more accurate attendance records for the Indiana Department of Education, students arriving an hour after the school day starts will be considered absent, excused for a half day. Any student leaving during the school day, even if returning to school, will be counted as absent excused for a half day. The details of time and why the student was absent must be entered in PowerSchool, and then this information is communicated to the Indiana Department of Education.

Arrival & Dismissal Reminders

- School doors open at 7:20 am. Enter the parking lot by the football field (750N Entrance).
- Please pull all the way forward; do not stop at the front door to drop off.
- Don't pass in the drop-off line. Students will drop things and don't always understand the traffic flow.

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- The preschool drop-off is in the back. This area is one-way, and the yellow parking spots are for you to park in and walk your preschooler into the school.
- No one should park in front of the school and walk up to the front door. This only slows down the line of traffic.
- If you need to come into school during morning drop-off, please park by the gym entrance and walk on the sidewalk – do not drop off your kids from there.
- In the afternoon, please be respectful of the painted parking spots as these are reserved parking spots purchased through ShamRockIt. If you have a grandparent, family member, or neighbor pickup, please remind them not to park in the painted spots.

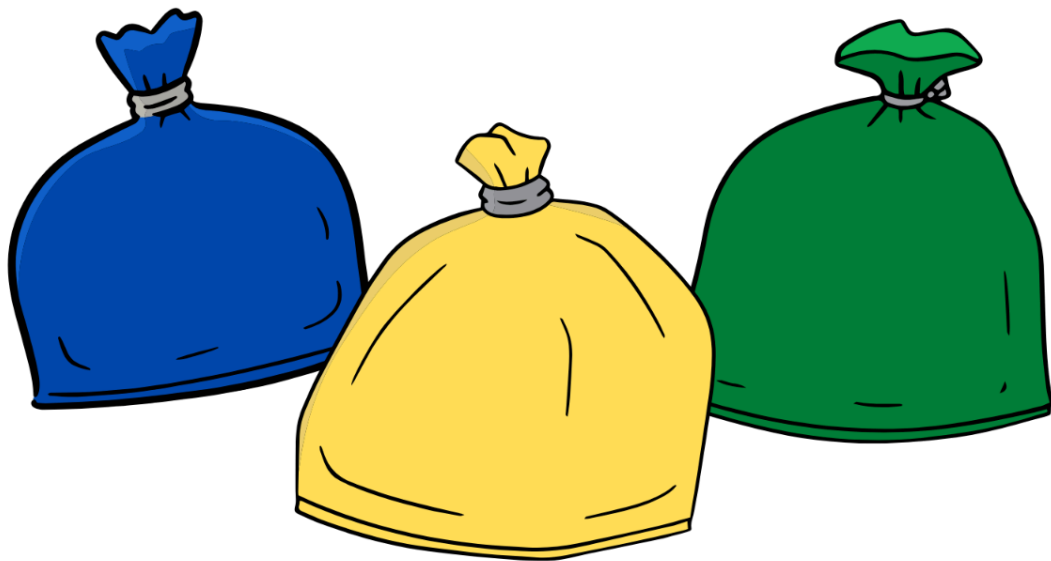


PTO Information

- PTO meets every month, and we want to see you there! The first meeting is on **August 24th at 6 pm in the Art Room**. Please enter through Door 2 (gym entrance).
- On August 8th, your student brought home the order form for the annual PTO Trash Bag Sale. This year, trash bags are sold for \$13 a roll. **Please return the order form and payment, in the envelope provided, by Wednesday, August 20th.** Remember to keep the green order form for your distribution records.

Questions for PTO? Contact [Amanda Capps](#) (PTO President).

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Family Service Hours

The St. Malachy School Advisory Council, SAC, wants everyone to know how important it is for our families to participate in the many service opportunities throughout the year.

Click [HERE](#) for the SAC letter on Family Service Hours.

All volunteers who help at the school must be certified in [Safe Parish](#).

The code for Safe Parish is **archindy2021**.

Not sure how to get involved? Click [HERE](#) for the many opportunities throughout the school year!

Need to submit your hours? Click [HERE!](#)





St. Malachy Catholic School forms saints in the doctrine and traditions of the Catholic faith by learning, loving, and living in Christ.

SMS Mission Statement



Internet & Social Media Safety

Parents are invited to attend an **Internet & Social Media Safety presentation on August 20th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Holy Family Room** at the church. Students will receive the same presentation, so this is a great way to learn about what your children could experience on social media.



Middle School Parents' Meeting

All parents, especially 6th-grade and new student parents, are invited to the **Middle School Parents' Meeting on August 27th at 6:30 pm in the Shamrock Cafe**. This meeting, put on by the Joseph

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schooler. ***Parents who attend will earn a service hour and house points for their student.***

Questions? Contact [Mrs. Smith](#) or [Mrs. Tiehen](#).



8th Grade Confirmation

At St. Malachy Catholic Church, we prepare our 8th graders to receive this sacrament. There is a mandatory **Parent/Candidate meeting on August 17th, immediately following the 10:30 am Mass in the School Gym.** During this meeting, you will receive all the vital information for the year.

[Candidates must register by August 14th.](#)



St. Malachy Chess Class!

Learn how to play Chess in a fun way!

Classes for kids pre-k through 8th grade are being offered at St. Malachy, Wednesdays after school until 3:15 pm, August 20th through October 22nd.

For more information, [CLICK HERE!](#)



St. Malachy Athletics

Registration is ending on August 15th for the following:

Girls' Volleyball (Grades 4-8)

Coed Chess (Grades 2-8)



[CYO Registration Link](#)

The Shamrock Booster Club assists our Athletic Ministry in updating equipment and uniforms while keeping registration fees affordable for our families. Booster Club Membership benefits include:

- Free family entry to all St. Malachy home athletic events
- decals to show your support for our mission and program
- Free popcorn at all St. Malachy home athletic events
- 2 spirit wear passes for each family member who is a St. Malachy student

[Booster Club Registration](#)

[Upcoming St. Malachy Home Games](#)



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Employment Opportunities



- We are always looking for **substitute teachers**. Contact [Lori Koontz](#) if you are interested.
- Extended Day is hiring for the aftercare program. Contact [Mrs. Wheeler](#) if you are interested.

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SHAMROCK WAY

1. Pray every day.
2. Honor and respect everyone.
3. Always give your best effort.
4. Keep your hands, feet, and unwanted comments to yourself.
5. Serve others.

Last week at SMS

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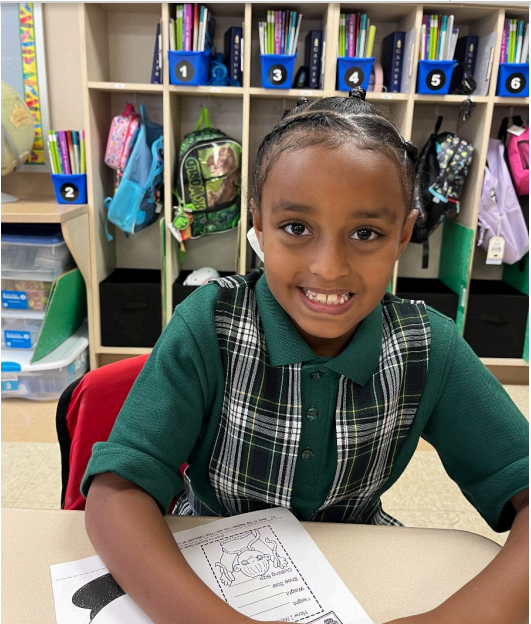




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