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SMS Midsummer Newsletter

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Hope your summer is going well!

Can you believe we are already halfway through! See below for important information regarding the upcoming school year.

We look forward to seeing you soon!



July 29th: New Family Orientation at 6 pm

Aug 4th: Back 2 School Night at 7:30 pm

Aug 5th: Clovers, PreK, K, and 6th grade Orientation

Aug 6th: First Day of School



Important Information

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SMS Staff and Faculty 26/27 - With a new school year comes new faces. Click [HERE](#) for a list of the new faculty and staff at St. Malachy Catholic School and [HERE](#) for a full list of all 2026-2027 staff members.

New Family Orientation - New families are invited to orientation on July 29th at 6 pm in the school gym. Below is a list of items you will be briefed on (don't worry, there won't be a quiz).

- St. Malachy's culture of faith
- Academic information
- The uniform policy, including casual days, spirit wear, and prolife days
- Arrival and dismissal procedures
- Meet the School Nurse
- Hear from the Cafe Manager
- PTO information and how to get involved

Back 2 School Night - Back 2 School Night is on August 4th, starting at 7:30 pm at the church. There you will hear about all of the new and

exciting updates. After that, parents are dismissed to the school to meet with their child's teacher(s) to hear about the upcoming school year.

Clovers, PreK, K, and 6th Grade Orientation - on August 5th, our Clovers, Preschool, Kindergartners, and 6th graders will attend Orientation. Your child's teachers will contact you closer to the date, but here is the schedule:

- **Clovers:** 10 am - 11 am & 12 pm - 1 pm
- **Pre-K:** 12:15 pm - 1 pm & 2:15 pm - 3 pm
- **Kindergarten:** 9:30 am - 10:30 am & 11am - 12pm
- **6th grade:** 1 pm - 3 pm



New Archdiocesan Grading Scale for Grades 3-8

- A: 90%-100%
- B: 80%-89%
- C: 70%-79%
- D: 60%-69%
- F: 59% or below

After thoughtful review and collaboration among school leaders, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will adopt a standardized grading scale and GPA structure for students in grades 3–12. This change is intended to better align with collegiate grading scales, expand scholarship opportunities for our students, and bring greater consistency and clarity as they progress through our schools and prepare for high school and beyond.

There are several important reasons for this shift:

1. Consistency across grade levels and schools: Students will experience a clear and consistent grading system as they move from elementary through high school.
2. Alignment with high school and college expectations: This scale reflects the grading practices used in our high schools and aligns with many colleges and universities, including Indiana University and Purdue University.
3. Clarity for students and families: The updated system provides more defined grading distinctions and removes confusion about how grades translate across schools.
4. Commitment to academic rigor and growth: This scale supports high expectations while offering more precise feedback to guide student learning.



Track It Forward

In an effort to help families keep track of their hours, we are partnering with a new service that allows them to log and track their hours throughout the school year. Starting this year, all service hours are to be submitted through **Track It Forward**. For more information, click on the link below!

[How to Log Family Service Hours](#)

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



School Supplies

St. Malachy has included a small fee in tuition to cover most school supplies. Those items will be purchased in advance and will be ready for students at the start of the school year. The list below includes the few remaining supplies families will need to provide.



[Click HERE for the School Supply Lists](#)



26/27 Uniform Policy

The SMS uniform policy allows for focus on our school's mission of being Christ-like and our commitment to academic excellence. Our students should present themselves in a manner that does not draw attention to oneself and distract from this mission. We require the uniform policy to be followed, with the administration/staff reserving the right to address any instances considered out of compliance and enforce consequences as necessary.

[Click HERE](#) for the policy.

Summer is a great time for students to express their creativity! As we prepare for the start of the school year, we ask families to ensure that any

temporary hair colors, dyed hair, mohawks, shaved designs, or other hairstyles that do not align with the school's appearance guidelines are corrected before the first day of school.



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



Cardinal Ritter High School Information

Please call our Guidance Office, 317-924-4333 ext 420, to schedule a tour or to get more information.



Important Links

[Submit Service Hours](#)

[Rose Promos](#)

[School Data - IDOE - GPS Data](#)

[Report an Incident](#)

[Contact School Nurse](#)

[Contact the School Office](#)

[Schoolbelles](#)

[Contact Cafeteria](#)

[Contact Extended Day](#)



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.





Upcoming St. Malachy Catholic Church Events





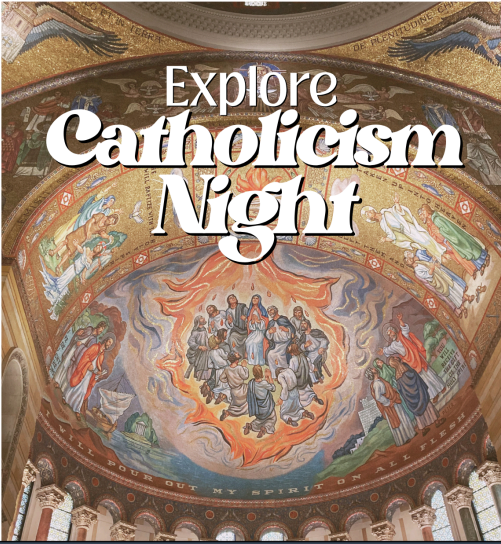
**ST. MALACHY
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

NEW DAILY MASS TIME

Thanks to our new Associate Pastor, starting July 6th, St. Malachy will have Daily Mass on Mondays.

Monday: 8:15 AM
Tuesday: 6:15 PM
Wednesday-Saturday: 8:15 AM
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 7:30 APM and 10:30 AM

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Explore Catholicism Night

July 14th at 7 pm
St. Malachy Holy Family Room

YOUNG MEN'S RETREAT

TUESDAY, JULY 21ST
1:00 - 8:30 PM

All boys entering 7th through 12th grade are invited to a day of Fun & Fellowship hosted by the St. Malachy Knights of the Holy Temple.

OUTDOOR GAMES & ACTIVITIES | **FAITH TALKS** | **MASS** | **DINNER** | **BONFIRE**

THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND, BUT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.





BACK TO SCHOOL

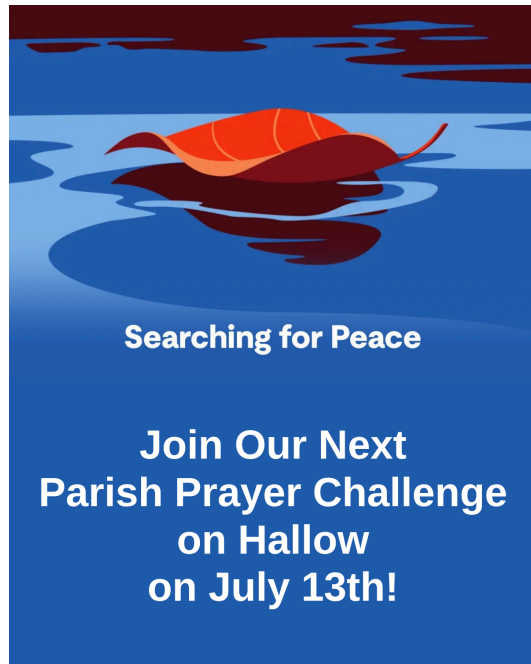
BLOCK PARTY

JULY 26TH
4 PM TO 8 PM
SCHOOL PARKING LOT

Come meet Fr. Khuishing and our new staff members!

FOOD TRUCKS:
Podium BBQ F&F Traveling Tavern
VJ's Rolled Ice Cream Grumpy Gringos

Music, games, and fellowship! Open to all of St. Malachy parishioners!
Bring your own chairs and drinks.
Come celebrate the end of summer with us!



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