

**SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**  
**St. Patrick School**  
**Washington, Illinois**  
**2019-2020**

Definition

A plan created by the administration and faculty that involves practical actions which are integral to the life of the school and to the faith development of students, faculty and staff.

Rationale for Plan

- It's not as much about conveying information as it is about walking with those in formation (p. 1, Hurley)
- We teach children, not because they are Catholic, but because we are...It's an opportunity for us to teach about Jesus. It's an opportunity to teach about our faith... (p. 3, Hurley).
- Our Catholic schools...are some of the most effective ways to re-energize the Church today...(p. 3, Hurley).
- ...to reflect...on the nature and mission of the Church and how it informs what we do in a Catholic school (p. 5, Bennett).
- When one attends a Catholic school, one should come out with a concern for saving one's soul. A graduate of a Catholic school should not be content with knowing only that they are composed of mind and body, but that they have a heart and a soul as well (p. 8, Bennett).
- The Catholic school is where we learn to put the flesh on the bones of the Great Commandment: to love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves (p. 8, Bennett).
- The Catholic school can make concrete the Jesus it attempts to embody both with its love and its service (p. 17, Bennett).
- Who do you say that I am? As teachers in a Catholic school, it is important that we create a climate that gives witness to the Christian faith (p. vi, Quinn).
- The Catholic school forms part of the saving mission of the Church, especially for education in the faith. It is 'not simply an institution which offers academic instruction of high quality, even more important, is an effective vehicle of total Christian formation' (p. 230, USCCB).
- The Catholic school affords a particularly favorable setting for catechesis with its daily opportunity for proclaiming and living the Gospel message; for learning and appreciating the teachings of our Church; for acquiring a deep understanding, reverence, and love of the Liturgy; for building community; for prayer; for proper formation of conscience; for the development of virtue; and for participating in Christian service (p. 233, USCCB).

## Spiritual Development Plan by Group

### *A. Students*

Service Projects (all year); Service Project Portfolios (K-6) and Confirmation Portfolios (7-8); Mass (weekly and special liturgies); Reconciliation (monthly); Adoration and Benediction (weekly); Sacrament of Confirmation (Grade 8), Sacraments of First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation (Grade 2); Rosary Devotions (October & May); Respect for Life (October and January.); Dignity of the Human Person (Adult Safe Environment Program and Student Safe Environment Curriculum); Saints' Celebrations (classroom patron saints, St. Nicholas in December, St. Patrick in March, saint biographies during morning announcements); Stations of the Cross during Lent; Traditions (Grades 1 Saints' Presentations; Grade 3 Thanksgiving meal and prayer service; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Activities; Christmas Program; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Living Stations of the Cross; May Crowning; Living Rosary; altar servers' training); Liturgical Devotions (Advent and Lent); Community Celebrations (House Program for Grades 5-8; Veterans' Day; classroom and all-school service projects; canned food drive; Catholic Schools' Week; vocational activities; Diocesan Education Mass; Blessing of Throats; Volunteers' Appreciation; Fill the Crib); Clergy Appreciation (Pastor, Parochial Vicar, and Sisters' birthday celebrations); Introduction to Spanish saints and Spanish culture as it relates to the Catholic faith; Student representation at a special Diocesan Mass for Consecrated Life grade with Bishop Jenky (8<sup>th</sup> grade-September); Chrism Mass (7<sup>th</sup> grade); implementing "Encounter" in 6<sup>th</sup> grade; implementing "Chosen" and "Decision" programs in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade religion program; implementing "Theology of the Body" program in 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum.

### *B. Faculty/Staff*

Diocesan Catechetical Institute; work on being joy-filled servants who model the virtuous life; deepening our appreciation of the Church in the World through acts of mercy, kindness, treating one another with respect, and accepting responsibility; coordinating classroom service projects and prayer; Catechetical Sunday (September); Faculty Retreats; Prayer Partners; adopt-a-seminarian support and prayer; monthly faith formation presentations by pastor and book selections for faculty.

### *C. Administrative Goals*

- Model the virtuous life as a servant leader.
- Support the pastoral leadership of the school and parish.
- Oversee the implementation of the Spiritual Development Plan.

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Monthly Calendar of Events to Follow on Pages Below:

## SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

St. Patrick School

2019-2020

*Reverence, Respect, Responsibility*

*2019-2020 School Theme:*

*“Jesus’s New Commandment, John (13:34):  
“Love One Another as I have Loved You.”*

*“It’s the law.” – Sr. Clare Fitzgerald, O.S.M.D.*

*Goal: St. Patrick School will continue to integrate the SportsLeader Ministry principles and initiatives across curriculum in classrooms, and in athletics and extra-curricular activities.*

### AUGUST

Faculty In-Service and Retreat

Back-to-School Mass

Promote Vocation Awareness

Service Reflection entered into portfolios (K-6) and Confirmation binders (7-8)

Daily Act of Contrition in classrooms

Introduce Sports Leader Ministry program to athletics and to classes; Virtue of the Week

Introduce new religion series for Grades K-6 except 2<sup>nd</sup> grade; Faith and Life Series from

Ignatius Press

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade continues “You are Forgiven and You are Loved” from Augustine Institute

Grade 6 continues with “Encounter” along with “Faith and Life” series

Grade 7 continues with “Chosen” and begins 1<sup>st</sup> year of Confirmation preparation

Grade 8 continues with “Decisions”, “Theology of the Body”, and “Altarations”

### SEPTEMBER

Weekly Friday All-School Masses/Weekly Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction

Monthly Reconciliation

Personal Bible Presentation for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students

Confirmation candidate commitment signing for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Catechetical Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>

Promote Vocation Awareness

Novena in honor of Venerable Fulton Sheen’s Ordination Anniversary

Service Reflection entered into portfolios (K-6) and Confirmation binders (7-8)

Daily Act of Contrition in classrooms

Grades 5-8 House Teams “Meet and Greet”

Greeters and Gift Bearers at weekend Masses

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30-7:00 p.m. in church September 19<sup>th</sup>

Apply for Totus Tuus Week for July, 2020

Begin Altar Server Training

### OCTOBER

Weekly Friday All-School Masses/Weekly Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction

Monthly Reconciliation

St. Therese Novena for vocations  
Promote Vocation Awareness; Novena for Vocations through St. Therese of the Little Flower  
All School participation in food and supplies drive for St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Service Reflection entered into portfolios (K-6) and Confirmation binders (7-8)  
Daily Act of Contrition in classrooms  
Grades 5-8 House Team Building Activity  
Confirmation Spiritual Retreat (Grade 8); October 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Monica's Parish Hall  
Greeters and Gift Bearers at weekend Masses  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30-7:00 p.m. in church October 17<sup>th</sup>  
Pinning ceremony for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders preparing for First Communion at the school Mass on  
October 18<sup>th</sup>  
All School collection for St. Vincent DePaul Society

### **NOVEMBER**

Weekly Friday All-School Masses/Weekly Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction  
Monthly Reconciliation  
All Saints' Day presentation in Church (Grade 1)  
Veterans' Day recognition and prayer  
All-School Canned Food Collection  
Thanksgiving Dinner & Prayer Service (Grade 3)  
Promote Vocation Awareness  
Service Reflection entered into portfolios (K-6) and Confirmation binders (7-8)  
Daily Act of Contrition in classrooms  
Greeters and Gift Bearers at weekend Masses  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30-7:00 p.m. in church November 14<sup>th</sup>  
All school service project: Operation Christmas Child led by 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades

### **DECEMBER**

Weekly Friday All-School Masses/Weekly Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction  
Monthly Reconciliation  
Faculty/Staff Advent Retreat/Faith Formation presentation  
St. Nicholas School Visit  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8 – Saturday)  
Advent Wreath & Jesse Tree  
Advent Readings & Prayers  
Christmas Programs (Grade PK-8) December 18<sup>h</sup>  
Promote Vocation Awareness  
Service Reflection entered into portfolios (K-6) and Confirmation binders (7-8)  
Daily Act of Contrition in classrooms  
Greeters and Gift Bearers at weekend Masses  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30-7:00 p.m. in church December 12<sup>th</sup>

### **JANUARY**

Weekly Friday All-School Masses/Weekly Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction  
Monthly Reconciliation  
Prayers for Sanctity of Human Life  
All-School Baby Food Collection

National Vocations' Awareness Week  
A.C.R.E. Faith Assessment (Grades 5 and 8)  
National Catholic Schools' Week Celebration  
First Communion Pinning Ceremony  
Promote Vocation Awareness  
Service Reflection entered into portfolios (K-6) and Confirmation binders (7-8)  
Daily Act of Contrition in classrooms  
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Grade 2) January 29th at 6:00 pm  
Grades 5-8 House teams prepare for Catholic Schools Week  
Greeters and Gift Bearers at weekend Masses  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30-7:00 p.m. in church January 16<sup>th</sup>

## **FEBRUARY**

Weekly Friday All-School Masses/Weekly Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction  
Monthly Reconciliation  
Blessing of Throats  
Weekly Stations of the Cross during Lent  
Promote Vocation Awareness  
Lenten Readings & Prayers  
Service Reflection entered into portfolios (K-6) and Confirmation binders (7-8)  
Daily Act of Contrition in classrooms  
Grades 5-8 House Team building activity  
Greeters and Gift Bearers at weekend Masses  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30-7:00 p.m. in church February 20<sup>th</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade distributes bread to parishioners after Blessing of the Bread at All School Mass on February 21<sup>st</sup>  
Ash Wednesday Mass February 26<sup>th</sup>

## **MARCH**

Weekly Friday All-School Masses/Weekly Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction  
Monthly Reconciliation  
Lenten Readings & Prayers  
Weekly Stations of the Cross during Lent  
School Patron Saint (St. Patrick) Celebration  
Promote Vocation Awareness  
Service Reflection entered into portfolios (K-6) and Confirmation binders (7-8)  
Sacrament of Confirmation (Grade 8) March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 3:30 p.m.  
Daily Act of Contrition in classrooms  
Grades 5-8 House Teams to plan STEAM Night (service project) TBD  
Greeters and Gift Bearers at weekend Masses  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30-7:00 p.m. in church March 19<sup>th</sup>

## **APRIL**

Weekly Friday All-School Masses/Weekly Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction  
Monthly Reconciliation  
Volunteer Appreciation

Promote Vocation Awareness

Grades 5-8 House Teams to implement STEM Night (service project)

Grades 5-8 House Teams to complete Earth Day/Spring cleaning (service project)

Service Reflection entered into portfolios (K-6) and Confirmation binders (7-8)

Daily Act of Contrition in classrooms

Greeters and Gift Bearers at weekend Masses

Chrism Mass at Cathedral (Grades 7); April 7<sup>th</sup>

Living Stations of the Cross (Grade 6)

Easter Triduum

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30-7:00 p.m. in church April 16<sup>th</sup>

## **MAY**

Weekly Friday All-School Masses/Weekly Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction

Monthly Reconciliation

Grades 5-8 House Teams End of Year celebrations

Sacrament of the Eucharist: First Holy Communion (Grade 2) May 2<sup>nd</sup>

“Fill the Crib” service project

Living Rosary & May Crowning May 3<sup>rd</sup>

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation & Mass May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Last Day of School students attend All school Mass

Promote Vocation Awareness

Service Reflection entered into portfolios (K-6) and Confirmation binders (7-8)

Daily Act of Contrition in classrooms

Greeters and Gift Bearers at weekend Masses

Kindergarten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 5:30-7:00 p.m. in church May 21<sup>st</sup>