



## Catholic Identity and Mission

Next year we will begin a Faith Families program and it will be in our Faith Families that we begin to teach our students about our mission and core values.

Faith Families are blended groups of students from all grade levels (K-8). The Faith Family remains together for all of their years here at St. Patrick School. Each Faith Family will have a teacher leader and a patron saint for their family. We will meet once a month usually starting in the gym with a whole group experience and then moving into classrooms to continue to build on the whole group idea. We will periodically attend an all school Mass with our Faith Families as well.

Next year we will begin with a focus on discipleship, rolling out our core values and mission statement which will be displayed in all classroom and common areas in our school.

We will be engaging in activities to understand each of these values. We will use music, prayer, and scripture to grow activities here in our school that support these values.

We will also be sharing our prayer experiences with you. Next year every homeroom will have a prayer bag. Each student will bring the prayer bag home for one week. In the prayer bag will be a number of items to support and grow your family's prayer practices during the week.

In school, we will also be previewing the Sunday Gospel in Religion classes on Fridays so that our students are well prepared for Mass on Sunday. Then during our Monday Religion classes we will spend some time every week reflecting on the Gospel message and the priest's homily.

It is so important for us to connect all that we do here in school to our parish mission to form intentional disciples of Christ.