

I. Mission Statement

“We grow in faith through all we do”

St. Philip of Jesus is a parish Catholic elementary school which believes that parents/guardians are the primary educators of their children. The administration and faculty work with them to provide an environment which nurtures the students' life of faith. The educational program focuses on the growth of the whole child, emphasizing that learning is enjoyable and takes place not only in the classroom setting but through all the activities of the school and home. Gospel values are integrated with daily life and learning and students are led to grow in faith through all they do.

Philosophy Statement

Proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the formation of Christian community through service and worship give St. Philip of Jesus School its reason for existence and direction for the future. We focus on the growth of the whole child and on the family as being the primary educators. Gospel values, academics and extra-curricular activities are integrated with daily life and learning and lead students to grow in faith through all they do.

Catholic Identity

We believe that we promote Catholic identity by integrating religious truth, doctrine, and values in all aspects of school life. We strive to enhance the teaching of doctrine through experiences of living the faith, and through an appreciation of the Catholic Church's traditions and rituals.

Family

We believe that our school is an extension of the family. We believe that a strong family involvement is necessary to the success of our children because families are the primary educators. We educate our families along with our students in Catholic traditions and rituals.

Education

We believe in academic preparation for life-long learning. Contemporary and technological teaching methods are used, emphasizing the different avenues of students' sensory experiences which promote the growth of the whole child. We set high academic standards for our students while also recognizing the unique gifts and potential of each individual.

Parish

We believe that the school and parish are united through the formation of students as active Catholic parishioners. We strive for a daily experience in living within a parish faith community. We believe that our school community works hand in hand with the parish in service to others.

Community

We believe our educational programs teach the Catholic faith within the experience of Christian community and help to prepare individuals for effective Christian witness and service to others.

Goals

Upon graduation from St. Philip of Jesus School, the student will be able to:

1. have a personal understanding of and relationship to the loving God.
2. accept and promote the responsibilities of being a Catholic Christian.
3. appreciate and value the involvement of the family and identify them as their primary educators.
4. have the academic foundations needed for life-long learning.
5. recognize, appreciate and value the arts.
6. understand his/her role as active participants in the parish community.
7. accept the obligation of service to others and the Catholic Christian witness.
8. see and respect the spiritual and physical development of self and others as whole persons made by God.
9. accept and understand his/her unique gifts, needs, and potential.