



THE 5 MARKS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL IDENTITY

*Division
Newsletter*



This month - Mark 2: An excellent Catholic school is imbued with a Catholic worldview.

In our schools we:

- Share a Catholic worldview through activities and events
- Create physical spaces in our schools that reflect our Catholic perspective
- Foster a Catholic worldview of reflection, service and sacramentality
- Make decisions rooted in Gospel teaching
- Embed sacramental routines (prayer, mass, liturgies, scripture and worship) and reminders in the culture of the school and district



Sacred Heart School

This year, due to COVID-19, Father Roger comes to our school to celebrate Mass. We host one socially distanced class in the gym or our Chapel, and we live stream the mass for the rest of the school to watch in their classrooms.

Two pictures show this year's Wreath Blessing Mass. Father blessed the wreaths and they were then distributed to all the classrooms.

Also included is a picture from our school Chapel, and one of Father Roger blessing our school classrooms and halls at the beginning of the school year.

- Verna Sand, Principal



Online School

Here is an image of our Lenten Prayer Table in my online classes. I change the table cloth and items on it with the liturgical seasons. We rotate through learning the Hail Mary and Our Father in French and in English. I post our morning prayer, which is consistent throughout the year, except for Lent and Advent, we learn a special prayer. I will often have audio recordings to pray along with and talking about the liturgical season.

- Nicole Chapelsky, Kindergarten and Grade 1 Online French Immersion Teacher



École Mother d'Youville School

Every year, we put a banner up in the church with our Confirmation students on it. Due to COVID-19, we decided to also create a display at the school so the students (including on-line students) could be recognized within our school community.

The display is at the front entrance of our building, and it has been encouraging to see this year's students stop to look at who else is being Confirmed. It has been so successful that we will continue to do this yearly.

This connects well with our school, as three of the Confirmation leaders are teachers here: myself, Jennifer Nordhagen, and Amber Roy.

- Angela Rastovski, Vice-Principal

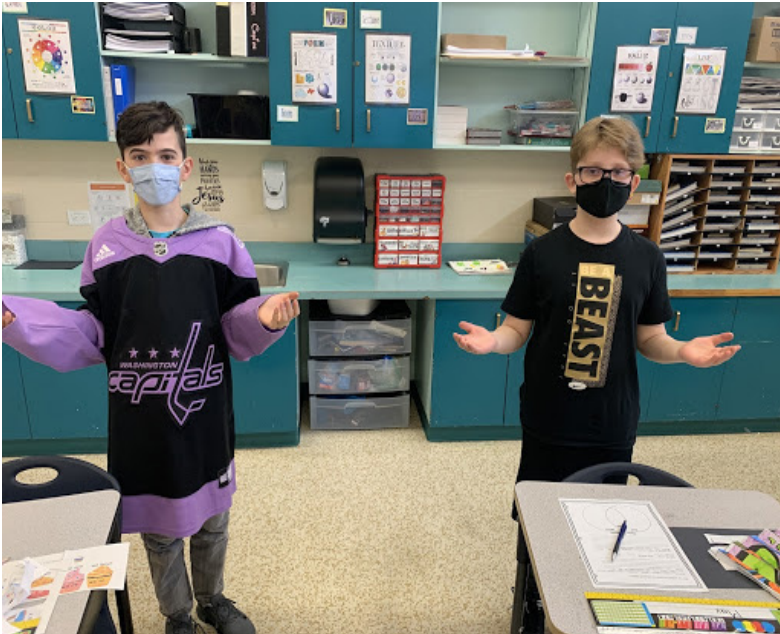
St. Benedict Catholic School

As Matthew 5:9 says: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

In February, students celebrated Peacemaker Day. Students created bracelets to remind them of the ways they can be called to be a peacemaker. Peacemaker Day began with prayers from staff and students, and included scripture read by Father Silvichan.

Not only is daily prayer important on special occasions, it is embedded into our daily routines. At St. Benedict School, the Catholic worldview is deeply rooted in all activities we participate in. Each morning, our school prays as a school community. Throughout the day, prayer is heard from classrooms. This includes grace at lunch and snack as well as prayer intentions. We are blessed to celebrate our Catholic faith and share this

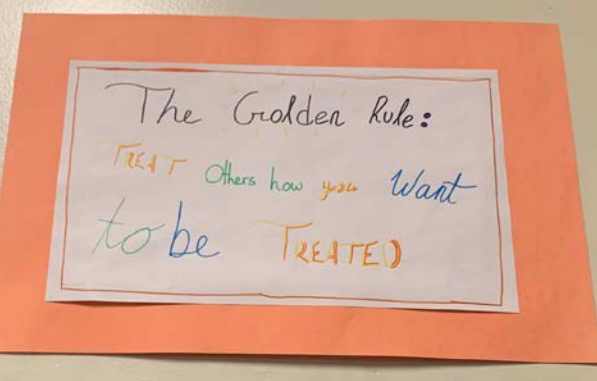
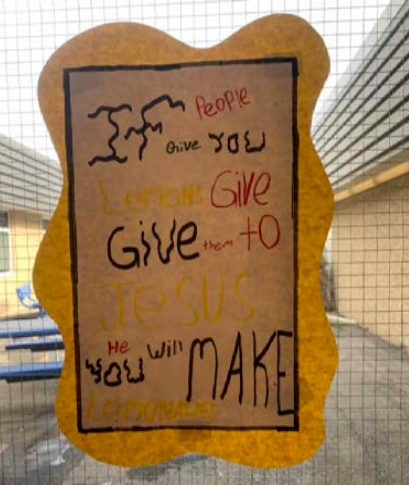
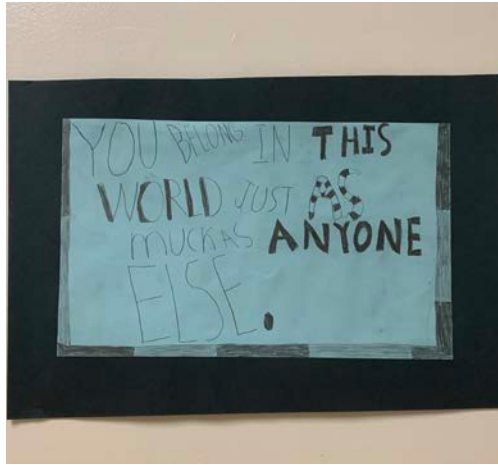
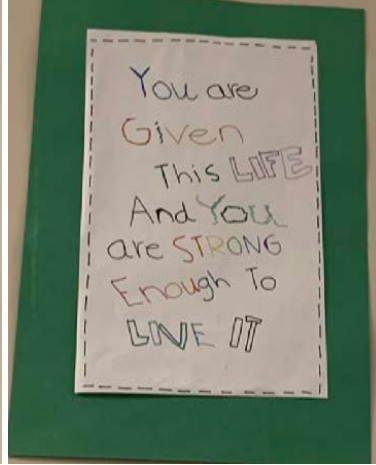
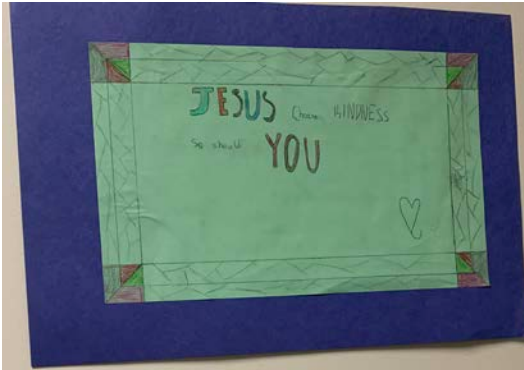
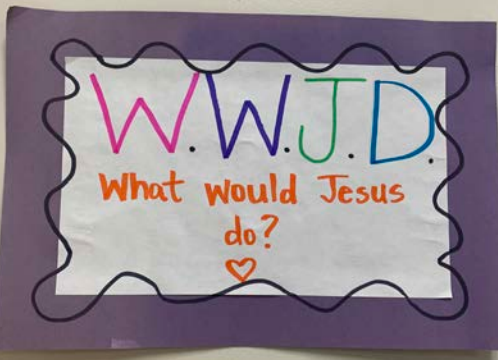
- Rebecca Boorse, Grade 6 Teacher



École Notre Dame School

A challenge was sent out to our staff and students to continue to share Acts of Kindness by spreading the service of Love God calls on all of us to do. The halls in our school beam with messages of hope, kindness, and love. Our grade 6 students are the leaders of our school and have displayed these wonderful messages of our Catholic faith for all to see everywhere you turn in the school. The smiles radiate on everyone's faces.

- Colette Chamulka, Acting Principal



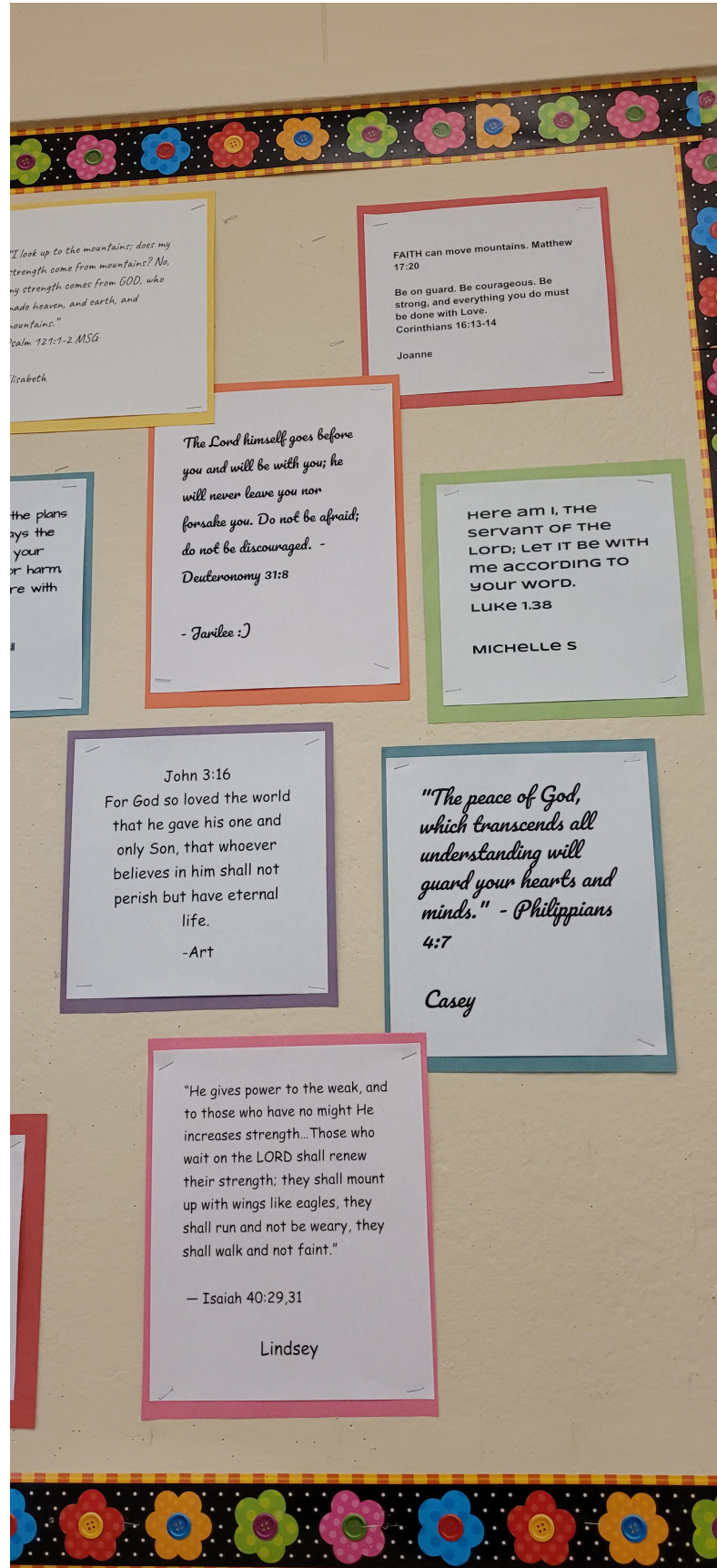
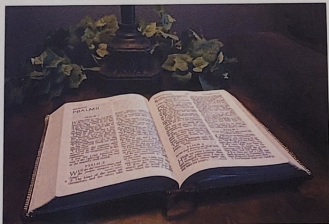
Father Lacombe Catholic School

We did this wonderful activity with all our staff. They were asked to send me their favorite bible verse and then we collected them and made a bulletin board in the staffroom for daily inspiration. Many of our staff now have their verse under their email signature.

- Maria Wagner, Principal

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We Are
Disciples
of
The Word...



Father Leduc Catholic School

The Second Essential Mark of Catholic Schools is to share a Catholic worldview through activities and events. At Father Leduc, we aim to form in our pupils those virtues that will enable them to live a new life in Christ, and help them play their part in serving society and the Church. Our grade 1 students celebrated the One Hundredth Day of School by collecting 100 boxes of Kraft Dinner for the Leduc Food Bank. Our Grade 7 class created the World Famous "Father Leduc Plinko Board" to raise money for the food bank during Lent. In the fall, our Grade 7 classes raised over \$1,700 for the Leduc Food Bank as well. In March, we are supporting the Leduc Hub by sponsoring 6 nights of the Winter Shelter.

- Darren Schneider, Vice Principal



Father Leduc Catholic School

At Father Leduc School, we create intentional, physical spaces that reflect our Catholic perspective and instill a culture of prayer within our school. Pictured below is Miss Lamer with some of her students in Grade 2. Together they created the "FLCS Prayer Wall" where all students have the opportunity each day to write a prayer on a ribbon and tie it to the wall. Each week, Miss Lamer's grade 2 class pray over these intentions. We are grateful for this opportunity to pray and share God's love in our school community!

- Catherine Lamer, Grade 2 Teacher



"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Bonus Content: Music and Faith

Nathaniel Diankulu, a Growing and Learning musician and author of many cartoons shared with students, performed the following song about anointment with students at Christ the King School:

"The Precious Anointing" By Nathaniel Diankulu

There was a time of something special,
It took my breath away.
It was amazing, terrific, so pleasing,
I just couldn't get out of that precious anointing.

Chorus:

There was some that handle that experience,
And some that don't know what to do.
Who knows, one of them could be you
Under that great and precious anointing

One day some of you will understand,
How that also helps the sick.
How it drops in the very sick ones
When they need the support the most.
The oil anoints the needy
The oil anoints whosoever
Will come to his mercy.

Chorus

*"I play the notes
as they are
written, but it is
God who makes
the music."*

- Johann Sebastian Bach

