



# St. Katharine Drexel Regional Catholic School

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**SKD School offers a complete religious educational experience.**

## **Religion Curriculum**

Religion is taught daily at St. Katharine Drexel School. Textbooks are approved by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and are age appropriate. All concepts are based on the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

## **Our Students Live Their Faith with Catholic Educators**

Our students live their faith with Catholic teachers who care about their entire being: spiritual, physical and intellectual. Faith-filled educators with caring, loving attitudes toward their students extend beyond their daily mission of "teaching in a classroom." They hand their love of faith to your child to prepare him or her for the challenges of life.

## **Our Catholic Identity**

During the school year there are many efforts to share our Catholic identity. By the time our students graduate from 8th grade they are well aware of this identity. They do understand their parent's gift of a Catholic education to them by the time they move on to high school.

## **Christian Service**

Christian service is not only taught at our school but practiced as well. Each grade has adopted a charity or service organization. Some students work with the elderly, getting to know senior citizens on a personal level. Some classrooms associate themselves with an organization, such as working to increase the understanding of autism. These are just two examples of a school-wide effort to reach out to the community around us.

## **Daily, Weekly and Monthly Spiritual Activities**

### *Daily Prayers*

Morning, lunchtime and afternoon prayers are recited to bring our students closer to God.

### *First Friday Mass*

All our students attend First Friday Mass of every month.

### *Catholic Leaders Award*

Every month one student per classroom receives this award for following Our Lord's example. It is presented at First Friday Mass which is attended by our entire school.

### *Seminarian Visits*

Seminarians visit our 2nd, 6th and 8th graders once a week and instruct them in various aspects of the sacraments and our religion.

### *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Our students attend confession on a monthly basis.

### *Community Homeroom*

Once a month our students gather together to see each other, pray, talk about the same things, and listen and laugh with each other.

## **Spiritual Reflections of a School Year**

Our school calendar reflects many of the spiritual activities we incorporate into our school year. Below is an overview of some, but not all, of these activities during a school year.

### ***September - Sacrament of Reconciliation***

Confessions are held during the second week of school as well as monthly.

### ***October - Saints Presentation***

Every October our 3rd grade students select, research, write and present information about their favorite saint.

### ***November - Thanksgiving Prayer Service***

This service is specially designed for our school students to help them understand the meaning of Thanksgiving.

### ***December - Christmas Carol Night***

At Christmas our students reenact the birth of Christ through songs and a nativity scene.

### ***December - Blessing of the Candy Canes***

The pastors and priests of our school parishes explain the meaning of the candy canes to the school students before they enjoy this delicious treat.

### ***January - March for Life***

The Walk for Life around our neighborhood is a public statement we make as Catholics to demonstrate our support and respect of life.

### ***January - Catholic Schools Week***

Catholic Schools Week is a special week filled with activities to demonstrate the value of a Catholic Education.

***February, March - Easter Time***

Ash Wednesday: Holy Mass and ashes mark the beginning of this penitential and holy season.

Passion Play

The reenactment of the Passion of Our Lord by our upper grade students occurs during Passion Week.

Stations of the Cross

Every Wednesday our students attend the Stations of the Cross.

***May - May Procession***

Every May our students honor Mary in this beautiful procession.