

PASTORAL PLAN

School: Mary Fix Catholic School

School Mission Statement:

Our mission is to create and maintain a successful learning environment with high expectations for student achievement and a shared vision that provides the foundation for academic and spiritual growth, improving student application of scripture, sacramental life, and Catholic social teaching of daily life. We commit to creating a strong community partnership that focuses on curriculum and instruction and applies appropriate resources and technology to meet provincial standards and equip our students for the pursuit of lifetime learning.

School Motto: Learning and Growing Together with God

Our Parish: St. Catherine of Siena

Pastor: *Rev. Walter Tonelotto, c.s.*

Parish website: www.stcatherine.ca

Message from the Pastor:

Dear Friends, Parents, Teachers and Children

I am sure you are glad you are back to school in person after a year of being online. Even in church we are able to accommodate those who like to come for mass or for prayers. This year we want to focus on two important issues. **First**, we recognize that we are all deeply connected with one another. Covid has taught us that if one is sick, everybody else is in danger; we cannot save ourselves without the co-operation of all. We have learned that we have to take care of one another. **Secondly**, we want to focus our attention on “welcoming the stranger”. The various wars around the planet have shown us that we have to welcome those who have lost everything, either in a war or natural disaster. We have to recognize that the whole earth was created for all human beings born in it and that we have enough for everybody if we learn to share. As Canadians we come from many cultures and backgrounds so we have to be open to welcome those who are different, those who are last comers and those who still have not

found a dignified place to stay and live. Canada is famous for this attitude of openness and hospitality. Migrants and refugees are very welcome in our midst. I still do not know how we are going to organize the various yearly celebrations, but I can assure you that we will find a way to celebrate all events of our faith one way or the other. We will be communicating the various dates and events as we proceed in our school year.

On behalf of the fathers and the staff at our parish, I bless you and your families. A special blessing for the principals and teachers who are called to face difficult challenges this year.

God Bless You. Fr. Walter.

Message from the Catholic School Council:

The Catholic School Council of Mary Fix will continue to work in collaboration with the community and staff to support what is in the best interest of all our children. We will continue to support school initiatives and strengthen and enhance the relationship between home, school and parish. We will work to engage community members and support families in need through outreach programs. We will do our best to ensure students are receiving a high standard of learning and and continue to grow in faith.

Catholic Education Week - May 1 – May 6, 2022

Catholic Education: Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together
L'éducation catholique: Rebâtir, Restaurer, Renouveler Ensemble

Throughout Catholic Education Week, we ask you to reflect on the significance of Catholic education's presence and contribution in our Church, and in our society.

***"Behold, I make all things new."* (Revelation 21:5)**
***«Voici que je fais toutes choses nouvelles.»* (Apocalypse 21,5)**

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2022 are:

Monday: **Rediscover / Redécouvrir**
Tuesday: **Rebuild / Rebâtir**
Wednesday: **Restore / Restaurer**

Thursday: **Renew / Renouveler**

Friday: **Rejoice / Se réjouir**

- Prayers over the PA system
- Liturgy to begin or end the week
- Virtue assembly
- Welcome to Kindergarten

Faith Formation:

Forming ourselves in our Catholic faith is a foundational element in helping each of us understand and live in the example of Christ.

“The Catholic Education system is distinct in the way it prepares its students. We prepare our youth in stewardship. We prepare them to be the persons for the world rather than just preparing them academically for the future”-Our Catholic Schools, Ontario Catholic Trustee’s Association 2000.
Ongoing and effective communication between home and school is essential for supporting our students’ faith formation and creating successful learning experiences.

Adult Faith Formation: Weekly staff prayer services during Advent and Lent
Adult Faith Ambassador
Liturgies at the beginning of Staff Meetings

Student Faith Formation: Liturgical celebrations
Sacramental Retreats
Daily prayers

Sacramental Preparation:

As Catholics, we understand sacraments to be "outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace." Together in partnership with our parish, we support the preparation of God's children in receiving the sacraments.

Event	Grade 2	Grade 7
First Holy Communion		
Parents Day of Orientation and Recollection	Saturday November 13, 2021 9:00-12:30 pm	
	Saturday November 27, 2021 1:00-4:30 pm	
Celebration	May 7, 2022 at 1:00 pm	
Confirmation		
Parents Day of Orientation and Reconciliation		Saturday November 20, 2021 9:00-12:30 pm
		Saturday November 27, 2021 1:00-4:00 pm
Celebration by Bishop Ivan Camilleri		Wednesday June 29, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Confessions at School	Grades 3-8	December 1, 2021

Liturgical Celebrations:

The Liturgical calendar is marked by the gathering in community to celebrate the Eucharist and share in prayer.

Celebration	Date
Confessions for students in grades 3-8	December 1, 2021
All other celebrations	TBD by the church later

Social Justice / Outreach Activities / Charities:

Catholic Social Teachings of the Church root our actions in supporting human dignity and the preferential option of the poor which calls us to serve the most vulnerable in the world.

Our School participates in:

- ShareLife
- Terry Fox Walk
- Food Drives
- Christmas Baskets

Recognizing Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations:

Framed by the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations (OCSGE), our graduates will be effective communicators, reflective thinkers, lifelong learners, collaborative contributors, caring family members, responsible citizens and discerning believers formed in the Catholic faith community.

To celebrate OCSGE as a school community:

- Embed the OCSGE into all the learning that takes place
- Post visible signs of the OCSGE around the school and classrooms
- Celebrate virtues as a school community
- Promote forgiveness, caring and respect when conflicts arise
- Listen to the Word of God
- Promote self-reflection in both students and staff
- Focus on respecting the thoughts and opinions of others
- Celebrate our gifts given to us by God
- Promote a sense of authentic stewardship (caring of our school, parish, community and the world around us).

Celebrating Virtues:

A virtue is a habit or established capacity to perform good actions according to a moral standard. When we practice these virtues, we strengthen them and thereby make the presence of God more and more visible in the world around us.

We have monthly assemblies:

- Student lead monthly assemblies (Virtual)
- Teachers use the virtues as the foundation of their teaching and learning experiences
- Daily prayers based on Virtues
- Monthly Virtue recognition

Visible Signs of our Faith:

Through symbol and service, we are instruments of God's love whose work within our communities stands as a witness to our faith.

We have crosses, bibles and sacred spaced in each classroom. We have an altar in the foyer that is changed each month to include messages of the virtues of the month.

- Staff Liturgies and Reflections
- Prayers and reflections read during morning announcements
- Daily classroom prayer
- Classrooms have a prayer table/ corner for individual prayer opportunities/focus for class celebrations
- Daily Religious/Family Life Education

Resource List for Parents/Guardians:

- **Religious Education Curriculum** - [Ontario Religious Education Curriculum](#)
- **Family Life Curriculum** - [Ontario Family Life Curriculum](#)
- **Fully Alive Program information** - [Ontario Bishops' information on Fully Alive](#)
- **Encyclical Letter "Fratelli Tutti"**- [Fratelli Tutti](#)
- **National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation** - [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- **Catholic Education Week 2021 Video Message** – [Catholic Education Week 2021](#)

Resource List for Schools:**Board**

- **Multi-Year Strategic Plan** - [Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2019-2023](#)
- **Renewing The Promise** - [Renewing The Promise](#)
- **Encyclical Letter "Fratelli Tutti"**- [Fratelli Tutti](#)
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School-Based

- Using prayer booklets/daily prayer book for daily announcements
- Fully Alive Resource
- Many Gifts Resource
- Use of Digital Resources for Religion and Family Life
- Use of the Ordo to prepare masses and liturgies
- Use of classroom bibles
- Virtual masses and celebrations TBA
- Classroom prayer spaces
- Access to the Prayer Room for all staff and students (using Covid Protocols)

Signature Page

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Faith Ambassador(s) (as applicable) *e. Jozac*

Teacher(s)

Chair of Catholic School Council *Mary, Lubun MARIJA VRETENAR*

Vice Principal(s)

Principal *e. Jozac*

Superintendent *Silvana Jos*