



THE 5 MARKS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL IDENTITY

Division
Newsletter



This month - Mark 4: An excellent Catholic school is sustained by Gospel witness.

In our schools we:

- Witness to others a life lived in relationship with Jesus
- Participate actively in the life of the Church
- Pray personally and lead others in prayer
- Demonstrate a knowledge of faith and commit to faith development
- Create a vision for evangelization and ministry



Father Leduc Catholic School

At Father Leduc Catholic School, our students take great pride in creating the Father Leduc Prayer Book.

Every year, our school creates a prayer book to which every student submits their favorite prayer. It has been our tradition to create prayer books for each classroom, our school, and our Parish.

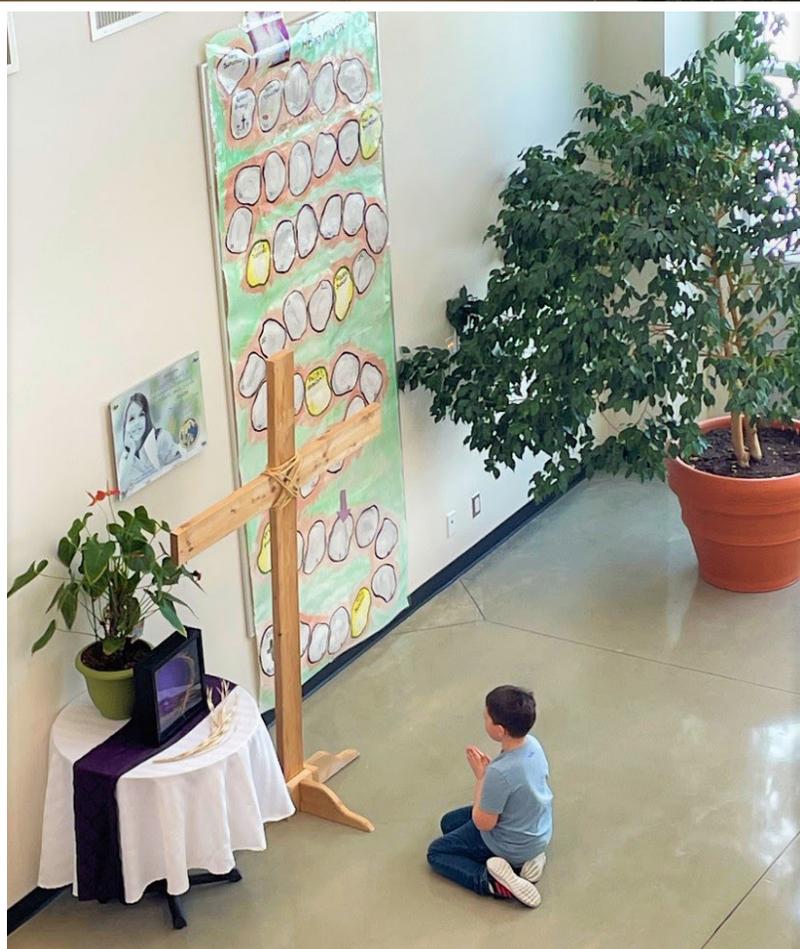
- Darren Schneider, Vice Principal

Académie Saint-André Academy

This Lenten season, we shifted our focus to a service project centered on prayer rather than almsgiving. As a school, we created a giant tree mural with the theme, "Rooted in Faith, Growing in Prayer", which was displayed in our front window.

To create the mural, each class was given a branch with each member creating a leaf for the tree using their hand-print. Students and staff then chose a person, family, or organization to pray for during Lent. This name was written on their leaf. Each day of Lent, following morning announcements, students and staff spent time in silent prayer praying for the name written on their hand. This was a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together in communal prayer.

- Curt Baron, Principal



Sacred Heart School

Youth Ministry bulletin board: Mrs. Kircher and a group of students created a vision for evangelization in the junior high at Sacred Heart School.

Grade 1 Verhegge recently participated in a Zoom mass with Father Roger of Sacred Heart Parish.

- Karen Ballhorn, Vice Principal



STAR Catholic Outreach

Our learning atmosphere is very different at STAR Catholic Outreach. Students that drop in see our beautiful prayer table that offers a variety of prayer booklets and leaflets to take home. Our Outreach teachers also provide faith messaging to their students through their online meetings and course announcements.

- Lynn Karasiuk James, Learning Support Facilitator



Father Lacombe Catholic School

On April 9th 2021, 12 children were Baptized at a special school Mass at St. Stephen Church. It was a beautiful day!

At Father Lacombe Catholic School, we evangelize students through our "No Catholic Left Behind" program. With the support of our parish, we intentionally reach out to each and every family, inviting them to learn more about Baptism and the other Sacraments.

Staff also sponsored some of these students and are blessed to be able to walk with them on their faith journey.

- Maria Wagner, Principal



*"Go therefore and
make disciples of
all nations,
baptizing them in
the name of the
Father and of the
Son and of the
Holy Spirit."*

- Matthew 28:19



Holy Trinity Academy

Students and staff at Holy Trinity Academy have observed Lent through daily class prayer and use of Lenten reflection booklets with scripture readings and prayer cards. We lit candles in vigil to keep the Christ the King School community in our prayers. On Maundy Thursday, staff and student cohorts Prayed the Stations of the Cross and reflected on Christ's Passion and last hours of sacrifice.

- Kirk Nelson, Learning Support Facilitator, Campus Ministry



Christ the King School

At Christ the King School, we are witness to the Gospel through the participation in and witness of our faith life. This past month has been difficult for our CTK school community, but with support from Father Silvichan and St. Michael Parish, we celebrated the life of our student, Jenny Winkler, with a wonderful liturgy. Our front entrance has a prayer for the month that is creatively displayed for all students, staff, and guests to see. On April 8, our school community was also able to celebrate Easter with our school community with Mass live streamed from the parish.

- Lynn Karasiuk James, Learning Support Facilitator



*“Heal me, O Lord,
and I shall be
healed; save me,
and I shall be
saved; for you
are my praise.”*

- Jeremiah 17:14

École Notre Dame School

At École Notre Dame School, we are a witness to our faith by taking time to pray as a school community daily, and also attending our virtual liturgies throughout the year with Father Silvichan, including our grade 5 class streaming live from St. Michael church for our Easter Liturgy.

We take time to share the gifts given us by God through art, music, and dance by displaying them around the school or sharing these talents during our monthly assemblies.

We comfort our greater community by creating prayers for others who have experienced loss or difficult times, such as the students and staff at Christ The King School.

In grade 4, each of our students receive their own blessed bible donated by the Knights of Columbus in Leduc as an invitation to continue to live an active life of faith in the church.

As a staff each Professional Development day, we learn and discuss our growth in faith so we can continue to be witnesses to the Gospel through our actions every day.

- Colette Chamulka, Acting Principal



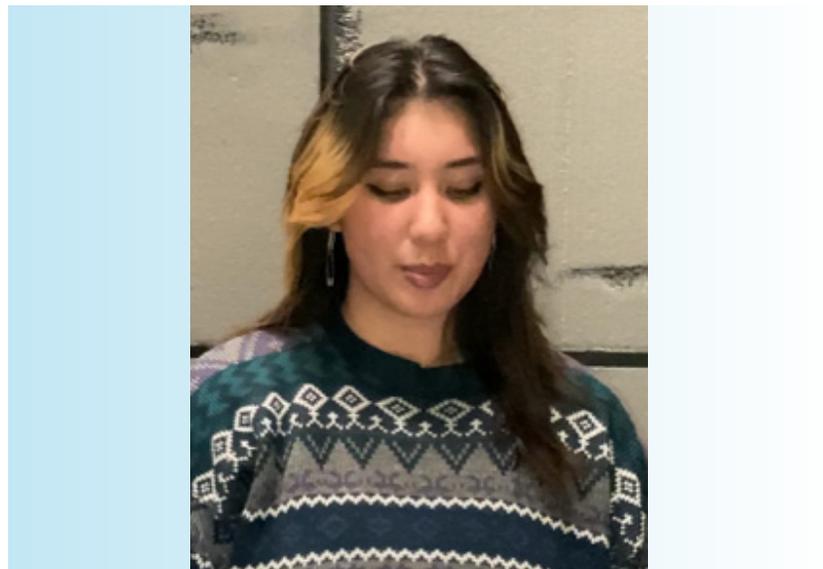
St. Augustine School

St. Augustine School encourages and provides opportunities for all students to be active in the life of the Church. All classes from grades 2 to 12 participated in Stations of the Cross at St. Augustine Parish during the season of Lent. We are grateful for the openness of the parish to host our cohorted classes.

These cohort visits have created opportunities for dialogue about the Parish, the meaning behind the decorations and exploration, and, for many, reconnection to church during the COVID-19 pandemic.

At St. Augustine we pray personally and lead others in prayer in our classrooms and school community. Each Monday morning, students in various classes from grades 10-12 lead school in prayer over the intercom to our entire school.

- Kari Davidson, Acting Principal



École Mother d'Youville School

Students at MDY are currently fundraising to support Lurana Shelter. We stress the importance of having fun when we fundraise, but also the educational piece behind why we support those in difficult situations (cultural context).

With support from Gerald S. and Sister Mary Clare Stack from Catholic Social Services, students in both grade 5/6 and Junior High received separate presentations on the "why?" behind our Lenten fundraiser.

Each presentation spoke to the two feet of support: charity and social justice. In addition, the junior presentation touched on the services that shelters provide and how students can give back through prayer and almsgiving. Lastly, students learned about domestic violence and the support needed for those escaping this tragedy.

- Jordan Robinson, Principal



- MDY GIVES BACK -

Our Lenten Service Project Benefits the Lurana Shelter which assists victims of Family Violence.

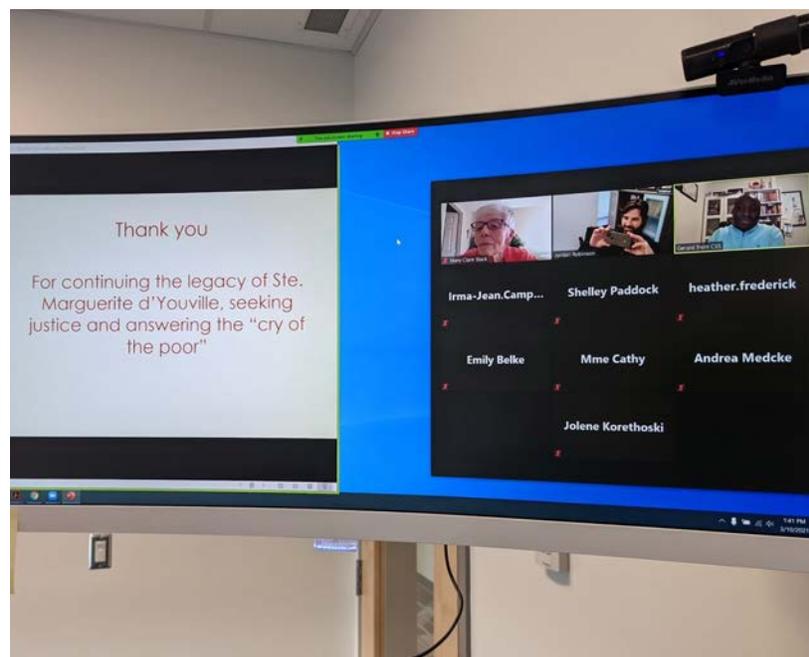
HOW CAN I HELP?

- Donate on School Cash
- Bring in Grocery Giftcards (Walmart, Superstore, Sobeyes, etc.) to your home room or drop them off in the office

GIVING BACK IS SWEET

- The student who has the highest donation will win their own bubble gum machine
- Class prizes: \$200 for hat day, \$500 for PJ day, and the class with the most donations gets a movie with popcorn on the gym's big screen
- School Prizes: \$2,000 earns timbits for all of MDY, \$3,000 for beach day, and \$5,000 means the classes vote for Mr. Robinson's next haircut (each \$100 a class brings in earns them 1 ballot to vote with)

THANKS FOR HELPING SUPPORT THE LURANA SHELTER!



École Mother d'Youville School

One of the themes that we have really tried to incorporate into our year is the message of "Together-Apart." This has allowed us to look outside the box when it comes to witnessing the faith and has created the opportunity for us to connect with our sister school in Beaumont, Académie Saint-André Academy, and our online students.

Through this connection, we have shared in our virtual masses, liturgies, and prayer celebrations including our Catholic Education Novena, Advent Wreath Celebration, Christmas Mass, and Ash Wednesday Celebration.

We are stronger when we are together; being able to share community with our future students and the siblings of some of our students has allowed us to really build on connecting us with our Parish community, our Catholic school community, and our family. COVID-19 may have changed how we are able to celebrate, but it has also allowed us to strengthen our connections within Beaumont.

- Angela Rastovski, Vice Principal

