

ST. DIDACUS PARISH SCHOOL

PHILOSOPHY

St. Didacus Parish School shares the common mission of Catholic education to proclaim the message of Jesus, to create Christian community, to worship God, and to serve one another and the world. Our school supports and enhances the parents' role as the primary educators of their children.

We engage students from all cultural backgrounds in a developmental curriculum promoting spiritual growth, academic excellence, and social responsibility. The school identifies its wider community as faculty and staff, students, families, parish, interested outside individuals and groups, neighbors, and alumni. Within this dynamic, the young learner develops as a whole child, grounded in God's love, preparing to shape his/her life in a pattern of excellence, morality, service, and commitment.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Didacus Parish School is a Catholic elementary school engaged with parents, community, and child in the ongoing educational development of the student. We empower the student to be spiritually, academically, and socially prepared to live today and tomorrow both morally and effectively.

SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

1. A Christ-centered person who:
 - a. knows, respects, and values Catholic beliefs
 - b. respects and appreciates God's gifts
 - c. understands that moral choices have consequences
 - d. answers the Gospel's call to serve others
2. A life-long learner who:
 - a. uses information, technology, and media respectfully
 - b. learns independently and cooperatively
 - c. practices critical thinking, problem-solving, and computational skills.
 - d. applies organizational skills to achieve short and long term goals
 - e. knows the importance of physical well-being
 - f. demonstrates his/her best effort in using his/her God-given gifts
3. An effective communicator who:
 - a. reads for understanding
 - b. writes and articulates ideas clearly and correctly
 - c. actively listens
 - d. has experienced a wide range of activities in the fine arts
4. A responsible citizen who:
 - a. is reliable, trustworthy, and courteous
 - b. demonstrates an awareness of cultural diversity
 - c. learns and practices civic responsibility both locally and globally