



St. William School

Religion Class, Liturgy and Prayer

Also, under the umbrella of our Catholic Community of Caring Program, St. William School offers opportunities for religion class, daily prayer and monthly liturgy or mass.

Religion Class:

Religion class is offered every day for one half hour. Through religious education, students develop the knowledge, beliefs, skills and values needed to build a relationship with God. It is an essential and integral part of a Catholic school. Religious education has four essential characteristics. It is Trinitarian. It recognizes God as the creator. It recognizes Jesus, his Son, who reveals God to us and, in turn, reveals God's Spirit. It is based on Sacred Scripture. It is also based on the life experience of students. Religious education is presented within the tradition of the Catholic Faith Community which provides students with experiences of prayer, faith, love and justice. Teachers and students integrate gospel values in day to day activities as well as in service projects in the school and community whenever opportunities arise. Religious education programs are authorized by the Bishop of the local diocese.

Information on the teaching of human sexuality, grades 4-12, is available under Parent Resources: <https://www.cssd.ab.ca/Parents/ParentSupport/Pages/default.aspx>

Prayer:

School wide, classroom and individual prayers are encouraged at school. We begin each day with a student led prayer over the intercom. Morning prayers are compiled in our St. William Prayer Student Prayer book that is accessible on our school altar. Students also lead prayer at lunch in the school gym. Teachers also provide many opportunities for classroom and individual prayer times. Students are encouraged to offer prayers of thanksgiving, celebration, wonder and petition for needs.

School Liturgy and Mass:

Each year the September newsletter will outline our liturgical schedule for the year. Monthly school liturgies or masses are prepared by our students and parents are warmly welcomed to attend! St. William School has our pastoral needs served by St. Cecilia Parish. Traditionally, the school has an Advent Family Mass at the church in December. Classroom teachers will also host individual classroom liturgies throughout the year, especially in Advent and Lent as we follow the Catholic Church calendar of liturgical seasons.

Sacraments:

Sacramental preparation classes are offered through the church. Please watch for information to be published in our monthly newsletters. We ask parents to apprise the school when your child(ren) have received a sacrament as we will celebrate his or her journey with Jesus during our June liturgy.

St. Cecilia Parish Web Site: <http://parish.stceciliacalgary.com>

