



ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

St. Mark Catholic School Community Prayer Walk

Good morning, thank you for joining us today! We will gather, in a circle, at the cross outside the narthex. The prayer walk will start at 7:55 by reciting the opening prayer. We will then walk in silent prayer heading south around the church & school and continuing to walk the perimeter of the church & school until we return to the cross. We will end the prayer walk by reciting the closing prayer. After we are finished, please join the school community for mass at 8:30. During Friday masses, parents sit together towards back of the sanctuary to show prayerful support for the school while students sit with their classmates and teachers towards the front.

Opening Prayer:

Father,

We thank you for the opportunity
to begin this new school year,

and we ask that you bless
the students, faculty, and student families
that make our school a great place.

We pray that you will guide us in your ways,
so that we will seek your will
in everything that we do,
and love others as you love us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

by David Bennett

Possible silent intentions as we walk the grounds:

1. Pray for your child(ren)'s teacher(s).
2. Pray for your child(ren)'s classmates—by name for as many as you can remember.
3. Pray for your child(ren)'s last year's teacher(s).
4. Pray for each grade level in the building, both teachers and students.
5. Pray for safety around and in the school: the playground, the carpool lanes/loops, the sidewalks.
6. Pray for the leadership of the building, administration as well as support staff.
7. Pray for the specialists, remember: librarian, music, art, PE, computer, counselor, coaches, etc.
8. Pray for the cafeteria staff as well as nourishment for the children's bodies, minds and spirits this year.
9. Pray for the HSA.
10. Pray for the finances for the school, as well as the church.
11. Pray for the custodians and maintenance workers.
12. Pray for the building itself that it will maintain good working order this year such as the heating and air

conditioning, the water systems, pray against vandalism or destruction of property, etc.

13. Pray for other schools in the diocese — the feeder schools your child(ren) will attend as well as those you may never enter.
14. Pray for the volunteers to be abundant and the committees to be wise.
15. Pray for our church and its families
16. Pray for the church staff and priests.
17. Pray for any other needs that touch your heart or come to mind.

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Closing Prayer:

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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