



Faith Experiences
Our Mother of Perpetual Help School
2009-2010

Prayer:

- ✘ School wide Friday Mass – each class has opportunity to plan the liturgy and participate as readers and gift bearers
- ✘ School Mass on Holy Days of Obligation
- ✘ Daily morning prayer over the PA with entire school
- ✘ Prayers before “Special Classes”
- ✘ Grace before lunch and after lunch
- ✘ Closing prayers at the end of the school day
- ✘ Prayers before academic competitions and sporting events
- ✘ Prayers before assemblies, meetings, and other school events
- ✘ Recitation of the rosary daily in October & May
- ✘ Prayer corners with the Bible enthroned in each classroom
- ✘ Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays
- ✘ Participation in Parish Forty Hours Devotion
- ✘ Stations of the Cross weekly during Lent
- ✘ Traveling icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help in each grade to remain with each family for a week of special prayers
- ✘ Choir prepares sacred music for school liturgies and prayer services
- ✘ Seasonal prayer services
- ✘ Advent Wreath Services

Learning about Catholic History & Traditions:

- ✘ Daily Religion Classes
- ✘ Weekly religion classes taught by OMPH Priests
- ✘ Classroom visits by OMPH Priests
- ✘ Students assist in Liturgical Planning
- ✘ Sacramental preparations:
 - Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion
 - Confirmation
- ✘ Recognition of the lives of saints
- ✘ Recognition of special Church years:
 - Year for Priests
 - Diocesan Marian Year
- ✘ Religious art:
 - Crucifixes -Bulletin Boards
 - Statues -Banners
 - Pictures -Art Projects
- ✘ St. Nicholas’ visits the classrooms on his Feast Day
- ✘ Blessing of Throats on Feast of St. Blaise
- ✘ Lenten Practices and Services
- ✘ Religious Movies
- ✘ Collections of Catholic books in library and classrooms

Experiencing Christ’s Way in Ordinary Living:

- ✘ Annual school themes– ex. “Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Our Hope, Our Guide, Our Trust
- ✘ Regular reception of Reconciliation
- ✘ Retreats with Young Apostles from LCHS
- ✘ Prayer Partners – each grade is matched with another grade, students receive partners with whom they share time during the school year and for whom they are to pray
- ✘ Catholic Schools Week Celebrations
- ✘ Essay/Picture Contests on religious themes
- ✘ Prayers for the sick
- ✘ Prayers for the benefactors of the school
- ✘ Catholic/Christian perspective related to academic curriculum on daily basis

Vocation Awareness:

- ✘ Redemptorist Priests involved in everyday school life and activities
- ✘ Vocation Day visits from Priests & Sisters from various religious orders
- ✘ Vocation Awareness lessons:
 - Movies
 - Reading and learning
- ✘ Vocation Cross – moved from grade to grade – the students pray for an increase in vocations and to be open to their own vocations

Community Service and Outreach:

- ✘ Holy Childhood Association Mission collections
- ✘ Connections of students with newly baptized parishioners through Development
- ✘ Pro-Life Projects
- ✘ Baby items collected for A Woman’s Concern
- ✘ Breakfast with St. Nick
- ✘ Monthly Service Projects
- ✘ Letters to Seminarians
- ✘ Valentines for Shut-ins
- ✘ Celebrate Grandparents Day
- ✘ Letters to Veterans
- ✘ Candy Sale to benefit Bernardine Sisters
- ✘ Collection of canceled postage stamps for missions
- ✘ Food Bank donations
- ✘ Eyeglass collection
- ✘ Concerts, plays & programs
- ✘ Rosary Club to make cord rosaries for newly baptized