



## Sacred Hearts School & Catholic Identity

The **distinguishing characteristic** of a parochial school is its **CATHOLIC IDENTITY**.

**Parents choose Sacred Hearts School** for three main reasons:  
**Catholic Identity/Faith Formation, Academic Excellence, Sense of Community.**

Integral to her mission, Sacred Hearts School demonstrates faith in action throughout the school day.

The **school day** begins and ends with **student led prayer**.

The **Faculty** gathers weekly for a **morning prayer service**.

The **Faculty** serve as positive role models who exemplify **faith in action**.

**Religion Classes meet daily.** The program topics vary each year and include: **Sacraments, Commandments, Church, The Creed, Morality, The Person of Jesus, Prayer, Mass**

The student community attends **First Friday Liturgy**; each month is hosted by a different grade.

**Clergy presence** in the school is manifested by regular visits, classes taught, vocation talks, monthly liturgy, reconciliation, and availability for questions, or counsel.

The **Annual Christmas Show and Christmas Pageant** is a treasured tradition.

Lent is highlighted by the **SHS Breakfast Club**. Students and Faculty opt to attend 7AM Mass followed by a light breakfast.

**Service/Outreach Projects** are regularly/seasonally embraced by the students and staff alike.  
Projects include/have included:

- **Monthly Food Drives** to benefit the Sacred Hearts Parish Food Pantry
  - The **Thanksgiving Adopt-A-Family** Project
  - The **Sponsor-A-Family Christmas** Project
- The **South African Elementary School Outreach** Project
  - **Winter Coat Drive** to benefit Ruth's House
- **Love Lunches** prepared for Community Action Drop-In Center.

### ONGOING:

- Students in Grades 4 – 8 volunteer as **Altar Servers** in the Parish.
- Student in Grades 6-8 serve as **Student Lectors** at weekend Parish Masses.
- Students from several grades participate in the **Parish Children's Choir**.
- Students in Grades 5 -8 serve as **Cantors** at school and parish liturgies.