CHRIST THE KING
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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We encourage students to live by the tenets of their faith, to stand up for their principles, and to make a difference in their world.

WHY CHRIST THE KING?

At Christ the King, we strive to make your decision-making journey regarding your child's education one of ease. As your dedicated partners, we stand ready to address your inquiries, guide you through our campus, and most importantly, provide you with comprehensive information to familiarize you with the vibrant community at Christ the King.

Parents are drawn to the close-knit community atmosphere we offer. Our focus on providing a Catholic Education in an intimate setting makes the connection between our students, faculty and staff apparent immediately upon entering our doors— you can sense it, feel it, and know it.

Christ the King is built on the tradition of the Congregation of Holy Cross, which is rooted in a commitment to providing quality education while embodying the values and principles of the Catholic faith. Christ the King aims to foster the holistic development of individuals, nurturing their intellectual, spiritual, and moral growth.

Christ the King is a high-performing Catholic School in South Bend, IN.

Christ the King School was founded in 1953 to fill a need for quality, faith-based education on the north side of South Bend. The school is the largest ministry of our parish and enjoys the generous support of parishioners, past and present parents, alumni, and friends.

While we are strongly rooted in the Catholic tradition, we welcome children of all faiths and celebrate religious diversity as a mandate of our mission. Roughly 16% of our children come from religious backgrounds other than Catholicism. Our curriculum is expansive, personal attention to our students is high, and our resources allow us to address each child as an individual in order to maximize his or her potential for growth.

At the center of a Christ the King education are the five Holy Cross Pillars that guide us as a school community.

Our teachers provide students with a sound knowledge of their faith, an understanding of Catholic moral and social teaching, an strong curriculum in literature, history, mathematics, science and the arts. Christ the King School continues to excel in the academic arena, having received the Blue Ribbon School designation from the U.S. Department of Education in 2008.

The Goals of a Christ the King Education.

- A personal and active faith in God
- A deep respect for intellectual values
- A social awareness which impels one to act
- The building of community as a Christian value
- Personal growth in self-awareness

Christ the King has a small community feel with the spirit and resources of a larger school.

We have four distinct units on our campus: Early Childhood (Pre3, PreK 4, Kindergarten), Primary (1st and 2nd grade), Intermediate (3rd, 4th, and 5th grade), and Middle School (6th, 7th, and 8th grade). This structure allows us to focus on what students need to be successful, academically and spiritually, at each grade level.

Christ the King uses instructional aides, a resource room, and differentiated instruction to ensure that each child gets personalized attention. Our students are nurtured by loving and caring teachers.

Christ the King's population fluctuates slightly from year to year. We are a diverse community, spanning all socio- economic and cultural backgrounds.

We provide state-of-the-art facilities that give our students the proper tools to succeed.

Chris the King School is located on the corner of US-933 and Darden Rd. on the North side of South Bend. One large building, totaling nearly 100,000 square feet, spans the two-plus acre campus. A beautiful addition to the school was opened in 2002. The new expanded facility contains 2 classrooms for each grade, a library, computer lab, science lab, art room, music room, Spanish room, resource room and gymnasium.

In the Fall of 2020 another addition was completed. A new gymnasium and eight new classrooms were unveiled. This space has allowed us to open a new preschool program and a second gymnasium.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Children are guided in a loving, Christian atmosphere, rooted in our mission and in tune with their abilities and potential.

The Early Childhood Program consists of a 3-year-old program, a 4-year-old PreK, and Kindergarten. The 3-year-old and 4-year-old programs have half- and full-day options.

The Early Childhood Program provides a secure and stimulating environment to engage the active minds of three, four, five, and six year olds. Our literacy based approach integrates the study of language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

Our curriculum is designed to stimulate curiosity and creativity. The school places a strong emphasis on building a solid foundation for academic success while instilling values of compassion and respect. Enriching group experiences promote sociability, sharing, spiritual growth, and concern for peers and the environment.

Proper Placement in early childhood is important for school success.

The Focus of our Pre-Kindergarten Program

- Love of learning
- Positive self-esteem
- Awareness of/sensitivity to others
- Verbal skills development
- Social skills development
- Problem solving
- Listening and following directions

Each early childhood classroom has a teacher and a full-time aide. In addition to everyday curriculum, students participate in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Art, Music, Spanish, Physical Educations, Technology and Library.

All students entering Kindergarten are required to take Kindergarten Diagnostic Instrument, a comprehensive screening instrument designed to assess developmental readiness skills in children 5-6 years of age.

Our Kindergarten education places a strong emphasis on the foundational skills essential for future academic success, including literacey, numeracy, and social development. The curriculum aligns with state standards, fostering a well-rounded educational experience that addresses cognitive, emotional, and physical aspects of a child's growth.

PRIMARY

The Primary program is rooted in love and strives to help students share their unique gifts and appreciate the gifts of others.

Our Primary Unit consists of 1st and 2nd grade. Teachers use programs geared to different developmental stages and learning styles and provide a solid foundation in basic skills needed to master the subject matter. Students develop their reading skills over the course of their time in the Primary Unit. Students are frequently assessed on their reading level and a reading program is tailored to meet each student's needs.

Curriculum such as Art, Music, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Spanish, Technology, Library and Physical Education further enrich the learning experience. Students are encouraged to integrate the materials into their lives joyfully and to be independent and take responsibility for their learning. Teachers and parents work closely together to help them with age-appropriate study and organizational skills.

During these years, we place emphasis on the developmental stages and learning styles of each student.

Christ the Kings's Primary Unity houses two classrooms of 1st grade and 2nd grade. Each classroom has a lead teacher and an instructional assistant.

We surround our daily learners with caring adults who help them grow up to be their best selves. This is why we have plenty of adults on board - teaching assistants, specialty faculty, and resource support staff - so that learning can be individualized.

The Curriculum at Christ the King

- Language Arts
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Religion
- Spanish
- Music
- Technology
- Library
- Physical Education
- Community Service
- Art

INTERMEDIATE

Our curriculum includes training in community responsibility and development of personal gifts and interests.

Our Intermediate students (Grades 3, 4, and 5) have a contagious enthusiasm for learning. They have a joyful energy about them and take great delight in their independence. Our well-trained teachers take into consideration the special needs of students at this age and give detailed attention to skill building. We emphasize writing, critical thinking, and effective speaking in every subject.

Research and collaboration are all essential components of our teaching process. Hands-on learning continues to be important for students at this level, and field trips are interspersed throughout the year. Enrichment programs such as Art, Music, Physical Education, Technology, and Spanish are also important elements of the curriculum.

Christ the King nurtures curious and confident students for the next chapter of life.

The Intermediate Unit forms the bridge between early learning and the increasingly demanding academic curriculum of Middle School. Our goal is for the students to feel confident to take on new challenges.

This program houses three grades with two classes per grade. The maximum number of students in each classroom is 30 with a full time teacher and shared aide for each grade.

Focus on What Counts

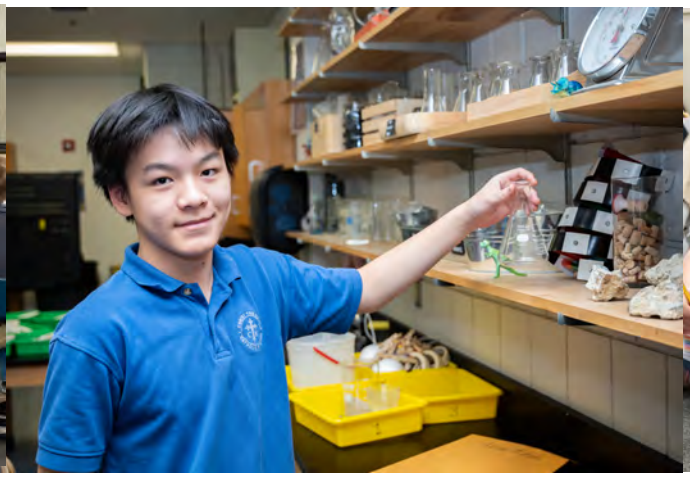
- Faith
- Arts & Sciences
- Critical thinking
- Writing
- Speaking
- Real-life problem solving
- Friendship

MIDDLE SCHOOL

We prepare our students to lead a purposeful life, to pursue their dreams and to adapt to life's challenges.

Our Middle School program provides a solid foundation in the arts and sciences and prepares our students for success at the high school level and beyond. Christ the King students have a history of excelling at the high school level, making up a large percentage of the local high school's honors program.

The curriculum helps students learn the skills of inquiry and critical thinking and guides them to becoming better learners. Students are also required to participate in the school's Community Service Program, designed to instill moral courage, compassion, and a proper sense of duty. Through involvement in co-curricular activities and athletics, students have many opportunities to discover, their talents and follow their interests.



A rigorous academic program prepares our students for the challenges of high school.

The Middle School accommodates three grade levels (6-8), featuring two classes per grade. At Christ the King, we closely monitor class size to ensure focused attention and personalized instruction from dedicated teachers in the subjects of Language Arts, Mathematics, Religion, Science, and Social Studies.

Middle School students also participate in the enrichment programs including Art, Music, Physical Education, Technology, Library, and Spanish.

Next Steps for Success

Christ the King puts great energy into preparing our Middle Schoolers for High School. We offer tour days, fairs and Q&A sessions to familiarize students with local high-achieving high schools and all students are properly placed and prepared for the future.

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

FAITH & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Our religious values at Christ the King are central to the life of our school.

We, as the Christ the King School community, seek to further God's kingdom by developing spiritual and scholarly Christians who know, understand, and live their faith. We are first and foremost a Christian community, where we are expected to help each other learn and grow, treating each other with respect and generosity. This community extends to parents and families, as we acknowledge that they are the primary educators of their children.

We form students who know their faith by holding ourselves to rigorous standards of scholarship, encouraging excellence from our teachers, staff and students. We form students who understand their faith by challenging our students to apply their knowledge to the world around them so that they will remain lifelong learners committed to seeking truth. We form students who live their faith by integrating prayer, sacraments, service and catechesis into our curriculum at all levels.

We are focused on creating spiritually good people, pure in heart, who long for the Blessed Sacrament.

Our students prepare to receive their First Communion and First Reconciliation in their 2nd grade year. The 2nd Grade teachers are part of the sacramental preparation team that prepares our children for these sacraments.

Students begin the preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation as 7th graders, and they receive the sacrament in the fall of their 8th grade year. The Confirmation program includes Catechesis, service hours, and a retreat that helps them prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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GUIDANCE/COUNSELING

We feel that it is important to create a supportive environment which promotes successful learning to help children thrive.

Christ the King is blessed to have counseling services provided by a licensed counselor available to all students, individually, in small groups, and in the classroom. Our counseling program is both proactive in providing skill development for social and emotional growth as well as responsive to student needs.

The goal of school counseling services is to support students in resolving challenges that impact them in the learning environment, to guide students in developing friendship skills, and to prepare students to maximize the benefits of their educational opportunities.

KINDNESS

The overall theme of the counseling program is ***Kindness***. Our counselor initiates activities and engages with students at all grade levels to teach and encourage kindness to one another. Our Pre-K and Kindergarten students in particular enjoy visits from the "Kindness Ninja" who reminds them of the importance of kindness each day.

SECOND STEP

Second Step is our Kindergarten-6th grade research-based Social Emotional Learning program. this program provides lessons to guide students in acquiring skills for learning, friendship building, and self understanding. Our counselor visits each classroom twice monthly to provide interactive lessons with our students, engaging them in group discussion as well as partner and small group activities.

BUDDY PROGRAM

We pair up older grades with younger grades at CKS to meet quarterly. This gives our younger students a chance to meet more students in our community and, our older students the chance to be good role models for their younger peers. PreK is paired with 4th grade, Kindergarten with 8th, 1st grade with 6th, 2nd grade with 7th, and 3rd grade with 5th.

LEADERSHIP

Seventh graders participate in leadership development with our counselor each month. Our young leaders learn to work collaboratively with a variety of classmates as well as gain understanding of leadership styles and skills by participating in engaging activities and lessons.

HIGH SCHOOL BOOTCAMP

Eighth graders meet monthly with our counselor to prepare for high school and post-high school opportunities. Students explore high school courses and extra-curricular options as well as college and vocational opportunities.

PARENT ACTIVITIES

We are proud to foster a strong community at Christ the King.

We recognize that not only do children want activities to meet and socialize with peers, but so do parents! It is important and fun to get to know other families. We are proud to offer many opportunities.

PARENT BOOK CLUBS

Parents are invited to meet quarterly to discuss a book that is mutually decided upon. Adults have fun chatting and enjoying comradery.

KINGS FEST

This is our biggest adult event of the year. We enjoy food and local craft beers under a tent on the lawn of Christ the King. Lawn games, music, and s'mores are provided. A fun time is had by all.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Gather a group of friends and join us in the new gym for a fun night. 10 rounds of trivia questions are asked and one team winner will be crowned!

PARISH PICNIC

This is a fun family event under a tent on the lawn of Christ the King. There are fun games for children and lots of socializing. It is always a fun way to wind down the summer and kick off another great school year!

HASA

Join our Home and School Association to meet other parents, provide fun activities for our students and help support our hard working teachers. HASA meets every other month, typically on Mondays.

DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE

This is an opportunity for Christ the King dads to hang out while treating their daughters to a fun night out. This event is held in the church basement in February.

MOTHER/SON AFTERNOON

This is a fun afternoon for Christ the King mothers and sons. In the past, this has taken place at Four Winds Field watching a South Bend Cubs game and at Potawatomi Zoo enjoying a wine night alongside the animals.

SCHOOL AND PARISH AUCTION

Our biennial School and Parish Auction is a fantastic event where we all come together to celebrate CKS and raise funds to help better our school community.

ATHLETICS

We believe that achieving your personal best is always something to cheer about.

The philosophy of our athletics program is to structure teams into both developmental and competitive levels, to instill Catholic values and to promote good sportsmanship and teamwork. We believe in creating true leaders on and off the field and that every experience is an opportunity to stand up for what is really important.

Christ the King is a member of the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) and begins competition in the 5th Grade. Students in grades 5-8 are eligible to participate in football, soccer, cheerleading, softball, cross country, volleyball, basketball, baseball, wrestling, lacrosse, tennis, and track & field.

Christ the King has one of the most competitive programs in the city, holding a number of championship titles and is always a fierce contender.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

Learning doesn't stop when the last bell rings at Christ the King.

KING'S CLUB

Kings Club serves school families who desire before and after school care in a Christian environment. The program promotes healthy child development by involving children in physical and creative play time. Activities include games, arts and crafts, and free play, both in the gymnasium and outdoors. Children who have homework or prefer to read may do so.

Registrations are accepted at any time during the school year. Kings Club is a self supporting program funded by monthly fees. Fees are paid based on days contracted by parents.

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Clubs foster mutual respect and personal responsibility in every participant.

Our students join clubs to have fun, pursue a passion, and even explore potential career paths. By applying what they learn in the classroom to the club projects, they gain experience that translates beyond grade school into active participation in high school and beyond.

GAME CLUB

The Game Club meets after school to play board games and work together on puzzles, fostering teamwork and cooperation. Game Club is offered to children in all grade levels.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The student body elects their own middle school officers which include 2 presidents, 2 vice presidents, and 2 scribes. These officers are in charge of committees in which students can participate to help improve the school and create events such as dances, rallies, and fundraisers.

CRAFT CLUB

Students meet several times a semester to sample new supplies and practice different craft techniques . Club time is a time to share creations, experiment, and meet with other students who share a love of art!

BAND LINK

BandLink is run and sponsored through the Notre Dame Band, and begins in 4th grade. The students rent their own instruments, but the program itself is free. Students are mentored by members of the Notre Dame Orchestra and Marching Band.

GIRLS ON THE RUN

Girls on the Run inspires girls in grades 3-5 to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience- based curriculum which creatively integrates running.

BOY SCOUTS

Both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts programs achieve the BSA's objectives of developing character, citizenship, and personal fitness. Cub Scouts are for Grades 1-5 and Boy Scouts are for Grades 5-8.

LITURGICAL CHOIR

Liturgical Choir is open to students in grades 3-8. Students practice at least twice a month and sing at all- school liturgies. They also perform at special school and church events, and even caroling at local nursing homes.

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

NJHS
The National Junior Honor Society is for 7th & 8th Grade students who have outstanding academic performance, meet all service requirements, and are CKS Ambassadors displaying Christian character.

ROBOTICS
The CKS robotics team works hard designing, building, and programming robots to complete challenges as part of competing in First LEGO League tournaments. This STEM group is open to 4th-8th grade students.

ALTAR SERVERS
Students in 5th-8th grade may sign up to be altar servers at weekly school masses and/or weekend masses.

BOOK CLUBS
Students in grades 4th-8th may join Book Club. They decide on a title, read the book independently, and then come together during their lunch to discuss and have fun. A variety of teachers and parents serve as moderators.

YEARBOOK
Students in grades 7th and 8th photograph events and moments throughout the year. They also are in charge of designing layouts, responsible for organizing sales and delivering cherished memories to their fellow students.

SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING COMPETITION
Students in grades 7th & 8th are able to submit work in 29 categories of art and writing for their chance to earn scholarships and have their works exhibited and published.

QUIZ BOWL
Students in grades 7th and 8th can compete in meets with students from other Diocesan schools. Quiz Bowl questions span the entire spectrum of the middle school curriculum and also include current events, sports, and popular culture.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE
This is an academic competition that covers geographic topics and is sponsored by the National Geographic Society. The questions are designed to inspire and reward students' curiosity about the world. Middle School students are able to compete at the state and national level.

SCIENCE FAIR
Seventh graders have the opportunity to engage with the scientific method by designing and performing their own experiment. They do research, gather data, analyze the data, and present it to judges, classmates, and family. Those who perform well at the Christ the King Science Fair are invited to the Regional Science Fair at Notre Dame. 6th and 8th graders are also invited to participate.

ECONOMIC MALL
The Economic Mall is hosted by 8th graders every year. They learn about starting a business, budgets, inventory, pricing and advertising. Each "store" creates craft and food items to sell to the CTK community. All profits are used to fund the 8th Grade Service Immersion trip.

ADMISSIONS & FINANCIAL AID

We invite applications from all families interested in becoming a part of the Christ the King family.

We invite you to come visit us at Christ the King. The application process is quite simple. PreK is the main entry point of the school, at which point testing is not required. If your child is entering Kindergarten, they will be given a kindergarten readiness exam. If your child is entering at any other level, they will be given a customized math, reading, and writing assessment. Our primary grades tend to reach capacity very quickly, but openings do occur. We encourage any and all families to apply regardless of current enrollment or financial status.

The standard admissions process includes an application, a tour (if desired), an assessment (if applicable), and registration fees.

You can afford a Catholic education.

One in two Christ the King students receives financial aid. There are many different financial aid options available to our school families, including school vouchers, scholarships, and parish tuition assistance. Our administration will work with families to secure whatever financial aid they need. Simply put, we will do whatever it takes to make a Catholic education accessible to any family who desires it. That's our mission. Even if you don't think you can afford it, talk to our administration about your options. You might be surprised to find that a Catholic education is within your reach.

All families who wish to apply for financial aid will need to pick up applications in the main office. Applications are due in mid-April each year.

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1 - WHISPER
2 - TABLE TALK
3 - OUTSIDE

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