

Spiritual

St. Simon the Apostle Catholic School is committed to providing a Catholic, faith-filled education to all of our students. Catholic identity and faith-based service are at the core of every lesson, activity



and initiative. Students celebrate weekly Mass and participate in the Liturgy of the Word by serving as altar servers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, ushers or as a part of the music ministry. In addition, St. Simon students reenact the Living Stations of the Cross during Lent, participate in Adoration and Reconciliation, celebrate Holy Days, as well as assist during weekend Masses.

Second grade students receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Our eighth grade students are welcomed into the church as young adults through the sacrament of Confirmation. Daily prayer and religion classes are also provided for our students to help them grow deeper in their faith. Our student body begins each day with prayer. We also pray throughout the day, including the Angelus, when the entire school pauses at noon and prays as a community. In addition, students participate in daily catechism classes to help them develop their Catholic identity and faith.

We believe we are all called to serve others through Baptism and provide a multitude of opportunities for our St. Simon students to share their gifts and talents with those in need. Students in Pre-K through eighth grade actively participate in a variety of service activities throughout the year. Each grade level has a specific charity or service project they support. For example, Kindergarten students travel quarterly to a local nursing home to provide entertainment and companionship. Our fourth grade students design and make a unique Rosary, solicit prayer requests for the monthly praying of the Rosary, and facilitate a Living Rosary for the student body. Our sixth, seventh and eighth grade students participate in a Day of Service. Students travel in teams to local charities and assist with a variety of tasks. Several of the duties our middle school students assist with include sorting donated clothing and food items, serving food at local shelters, visiting the elderly, and painting and cleaning. Our students develop as servant leaders by supporting the needs of those in our community.

