



## STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS (Grades 5-8)

Students at St. Joachim Catholic School are becoming:

### 1. Active Faith-filled Catholics who

- a. pray.
- b. understand and participate in the Mass, teachings, and traditions of the Church.
- c. practice ethical and moral decision-making reflecting Catholic teachings.
- d. seek and offer forgiveness while demonstrating compassion.

### 2. Lifelong Learners who

- a. plan and achieve goals in the pursuit of knowledge.
- b. read for learning and pleasure.
- c. demonstrate self-discipline and self-motivation.
- d. demonstrate effective organizational, study, and time management skills.
- e. apply appropriate research skills as a responsible digital citizen.
- f. develop creativity and an appreciation for music, literature, and art.

### 3. Effective Communicators who

- a. express opinions and ideas effectively, insightfully, and respectfully through various modes of communication.
- b. speak publicly with confidence and poise.
- c. demonstrate active listening skills.
- d. work cooperatively with others.

### 4. Globally Aware and Responsible Citizens who

- a. appreciate and understand similarities and differences among cultures.
- b. understand and actively participate in the democratic process.
- c. resolve conflicts peacefully.
- d. take responsibility for choices.
- e. respect and care for the environment and all of God's creation.
- f. seek to understand current events and their impact on society and Catholic teachings.

### 5. Independent Critical Thinkers who

- a. recognize individual strengths, talents, and areas of growth.
- b. think analytically and synthesize information to form conclusions.
- c. understand the relationship between cause and effect.
- d. distinguish between fact and opinion to support a position.
- e. persevere in efforts to analyze problems and formulate solutions.