

## Catholic Training and Development

- Daily prayers
- Daily Religion class for elementary and middle schools
- Daily theology class for high school
- Weekly Mass
- Sacrament of Reconciliation four times a year for elementary and middle schools
- Sacrament of Reconciliation two times a year for high school
- Sacramental preparation for First Communion and First Reconciliation
- ECCSS Eucharistic Day twice a year
- ECCSS system-wide celebration of Mass three times a year
- ECCSS ECHO (Elk County Helping Others), the voice of youth ministry, with a full-range system-wide service program
- Campus Ministry at the high school
- Visible display of religious items, pictures and religious themed bulletin boards throughout all three schools
- Visits to the Blessed Sacrament during Eucharistic Adorations
- Training on the Rosary
- Liturgical services such as Advent wreath/prayer service, Lenten observances, May crowning, and Stations of the Cross.
- Student liturgical involvement: altar servers, lectors, choir
- Special guest speakers for spiritual development such as Eucharistic Miracle Talks, Vocation Days, Monthly Video Clips on religious topics, Mass Kit presentations
- ProLife and Respect for Life programs
- Middle and high school students traveling to Washington, DC for March for Life
- Middle and high school retreats for each class
- Gospel Values Character Education focus at the elementary and middle schools
- Special Thanksgiving and Christmas Student Masses at each school
- Yearly professional spiritual training for faculty
- Yearly spiritual development programs for faculty

### Mission Statement

ECCSS, a Catholic school system of the Diocese of Erie, rooted in the Gospel values of Jesus Christ, serves students throughout the region.

Committed to the highest standards of academic excellence, our **mission** is to develop the whole student in mind, body and spirit while nurturing the God-given gifts talents of each.