

Dear Friends of St. Mary Parish School,

In just a few weeks, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will be observing Catholic Schools Week. For the St. Mary Parish School community, this is an exciting time as we commemorate our special role as a Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee since 1954!

To kick off our Catholic Schools Week festivities, St. Mary Parish School will be hosting its annual Open House on Sunday, January 26th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. On behalf of the wonderful staff at St. Mary Parish School, I warmly invite you to join us in celebrating the start of Catholic Schools Week by visiting our Open House. There is so much excellence to showcase—excellence in our students' achievements, excellence in our faculty and staff, and excellence in the supportive faith-filled learning environment we create for our students and their families. Please extend this invitation to prospective families, friends, neighbors, colleagues, or anyone interested in learning more about our wonderful parish school.

We are eager to further highlight St. Mary Parish School as one of the premier faith-based educational communities in the area. It is a great honor to lead a school that has been dedicated to ensuring academic success, spiritual growth, and opportunities for ministry and service for 70 years.

We continue to partner with Project Lead the Way (PLTW) which provides our students with high quality curriculum and instruction in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics through the PLTW and Launch programs. These programs provide our students with opportunities to engage in real-world, applied learning experiences that empower them with the skills they need to thrive in college, their future careers, and beyond.

As a Catholic school, our students' education extends beyond academics. Alongside our strong academic program, we are dedicated to nurturing our students' spiritual growth and engagement with their faith. This commitment is reflected in various daily practices and other opportunities:

- **Daily Prayer:** We encourage our students to start and end their day with prayer, fostering a personal connection with their faith and creating a sense of community.
- **Weekly Liturgies:** Our students actively participate in weekly Liturgies, which serve as an important time for worship, reflection and growing as disciples.
- **Religious Instruction:** Our comprehensive religious education curriculum is designed to teach students about their faith, its values, and its traditions. This instruction equips them with a solid foundation for their own spiritual journey.
- **Community Service Opportunities:** We emphasize the importance of serving others as a manifestation of one's faith. Our community service initiatives allow students to engage with and support those in need, cultivating a spirit of compassion and responsibility.

Through these combined efforts, we aim to develop well-rounded individuals who excel academically while also embodying the core values of our faith in their everyday lives.

Once again, I personally invite you to join us for our Open House on Sunday, January 26th. Come celebrate with us, witness firsthand our dedication to delivering exceptional Catholic education, and learn more about how we prepare students to create a positive and lasting impact in the world!

Thank you for your prayers and your unwavering support of our mission in Catholic Education. I wish you and your loved ones God's blessings in this new year.

Faithfully,

Linda Joyner