

St. Mary's Catholic Parish School

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Dear Prospective Family for St. Mary's Catholic Parish School,

We, Fr. Joe Mc Donald and myself, on behalf of the whole St. Mary's Parish School Community—welcome! We are so excited that you are interested in experiencing *our way of life* as a school. Our school community is here to assist and work with you in this most important responsibility you have as parents: *the holistic formation and education of your child*.

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Are the following characteristics in a school important to you?

- ➤ One that is infused with faith and moral values.
- A place where your child is treated as an individual, encouraged to develop his/her gifts and challenged intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually.
- ➤ Where your child knows s/he is loved, cared for, and valued.

Children thrive cognitively, spiritually, and emotionally in an environment where they are loved, cared for and valued. Since 1908, St. Mary's Catholic Parish school has had the vast and rich tradition of both faith and academic formation. As parents, you know well that you are the primary educators of your child, thus, partnering with a school that holds similar values as yours is *vitally* important for your child to feel "at home". We are grateful that you have chosen us and we are happy to partner with this in this most important venture.

Our school is accredited through the Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA). Our sense of community, parent involvement, student engagement, faith formation, and academic achievement are major strengths. We live the Gospel through our daily interactions within and outside our school community. Our student to teacher ratio assists students to receive individualized instruction and encouragement.

This past year during the pandemic, together we worked hard to be open daily and all students (Preschool through Eighth Grade) thrived as we worked together (parents, staff, students) to have a place that was healthy, safe as well as challenging for each student. We were successful in being able to be open for the entire school year .with only a handful of students (8) and staff (1) who contacted COVID during 2021-2022.

As we move into 2021-2022, we are filled with both hope and joy for the wonderful venture of learning. As we join together, let us revel in the relationships we build and cultivate with one another. *Welcome!*

Blessings,

Father Joseph McDonald III

Pastor/Superintendent of St. Mary's Catholic Parish School

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