

Leading THE WAY

Archdiocese of Milwaukee Catholic Schools
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Vision. Catholic schools transform our local and global communities into centers of faith, hope and charity by educating students to be disciples of Jesus Christ.



Mission. Schools in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee are committed to educational excellence and a Catholic culture that fosters faith, service and personal responsibility, all in the name of Jesus.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In 2020-2021, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee ranked 12th among all archdioceses/dioceses in the United States in the number of Catholic school students and 9th in the number of Catholic schools. Our significant presence positions us to guide the development of our youth, contribute to the stability of our community, and strengthen the future of our Church.

Innovation has been key to keeping Catholic education accessible, particularly throughout the months of the pandemic. I'm impressed by and grateful for the creativity and heroic hard work of school principals, administrators, teachers and staff, who make a daily difference in students' lives. Thanks also to our families for the tremendous effort they've undertaken, and to the parish and community supporters who help make it all possible.

Together we carry out Jesus' commission to form disciples—educating students in mind, body and spirit. Join me in celebrating and supporting the success of Catholic education, as our schools lead the way to Christ.



Jerome E. Listecki

The Most Reverend
Jerome E. Listecki
Archbishop of Milwaukee





Dear Friends,

The COVID-19 school year of 2020-21 was filled with stories of generosity, perseverance and courage. From developing detailed safety plans, to providing Chromebooks and meals to students and their families, to hybrid teaching that tested the stamina of even the most seasoned educators—our leaders, teachers and staff poured out their hearts for those in their care.

Our donors stepped up to support individual schools and the Grant Initiatives for Today's Students (GIFTS) program, which this year distributed \$200,000 to 37 schools. The GIFTS program expands schools' ability to meet needs that are beyond immediate, practical budget items and creatively address local needs.

Our students and families could not have been more supportive. Students worked to adjust to different classroom experiences as routines were upended. Virtual learning wove families even more tightly into the fabric of daily school life. Parents adapted schedules, work commitments, and daily routines to accommodate learning. We learned, prayed and forged ahead together.

With Jesus Christ at the center, our schools continue to thrive, adding new chapters to the story of Catholic education. Joyfully and consistently, we lead the way.



Kathleen A. Cepelka

Kathleen A. Cepelka, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Catholic Schools

Leading THE WAY



For nearly 180 years, Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee have guided students to an excellent education. The 2020-21 school year, while unusual in so many ways, saw our leadership continue strong and steady. As we have from the beginning, our schools develop the whole child, deliver a robust academic curriculum, and cultivate love for God and neighbor.



CATHOLIC TRADITION

Leading with light

The light of our Catholic schools shines, attracts and directs. Through the darkness of the COVID-19 pandemic, we stood as beacons for students, families and communities, powered by the strengths of our Catholic tradition: faith, courage, compassion and a commitment to excellence.



St. Eugene School, Fox Point. The St. Eugene Shining Light Service Club met virtually after school, working on projects such as making fleece blankets for Children's Hospital; decorating "twiddlemuff" sensory therapy tools for residents with dementia at the Elizabeth Residence; and making Christmas tree angels for the Milwaukee Catholic Home.





BRIGHTENING THE SCHOOL DAY

With virtual and hybrid learning, families experienced even more directly how all aspects of the curriculum are infused with prayer and Catholic values.



Catholic Memorial High School, Waukesha. How do you celebrate graduation in a pandemic? Catholic Memorial High School chose to delay its Baccalaureate Mass and ceremony from May until August so the event could be held outside, with room for social distancing and families seated in pods. Other schools opted for creative celebrations including home-delivered caps and gowns, yard signs and diplomas.

St. Bruno Parish School, Dousman, received \$5,000 to purchase Joia tubes for the band program. During the pandemic, students learned and performed global rhythms on Home Depot buckets. Joia tubes let students build on this knowledge, offering rich, melodic, specific pitches. Students can learn and compose basic hymns and other melodies, performing for the school and the community.



ILLUMINATING LIFE

Catholic schools have always been a source of hope for school life, daily life and eternal life. Our Grant Initiatives for Today's Students (GIFTS) program offers schools additional resources to spread lifelong light.



St. Thomas More High School, Milwaukee, received \$5,000 for career education in fast-growing industries such as healthcare, manufacturing and computer science. St. Thomas More is the first area Catholic school where students can earn certifications such as the Certified Nursing Assistant credential and the Manufacturing Skill Standards Council Certified Production Technician Safety Certificate, laying the groundwork for long-term professional success.

ACADEMICS

Leading with innovation

In an unprecedented school year, committed teachers maintained excellent academics—whether learning was in-person, virtual or hybrid—even finding ways to hold physical education and extracurriculars virtually.



St. Mary's Springs Academy, Fond du Lac. To keep students connected during virtual learning, St. Mary's Springs Academy provided Chromebooks to students and internet hotspots to families in underserved rural areas. An online Ledger Learning Guide gave families instant access to resources such as weekly learning targets, education standards and course objectives.





St. Agnes School, Butler, received \$10,000 to increase enrollment—raising local awareness of the school’s educational priorities, values and achievements, thereby expanding the school’s capacity for evangelization. Through improved marketing, a more useful database, a more effective website and better branding, St. Agnes seeks to grow its “One Family.”



FUTURE-FORWARD THINKING

We combine rigorous academics with the recognition that each student is unique, progressing through various stages of growth and development. Along the way, our Grant Initiatives for Today's Students (GIFTS) program helps schools address student needs creatively.



St. Lucy Catholic School, Racine, received \$5,000 for modular tables to replace a classroom's traditional desks. The tables can be used as individual stations for independent work, or be moved together for collaborative work or differentiated instruction. The interchangeable tables support the school's intense focus on balanced literacy, data-driven instruction and individualized instruction.



ADVANCING ALONG NEW PATHS

Teachers emulated the Divine Teacher, Jesus Christ, forging ahead in a time of uncertainties and precautions...continuing their own professional development as they guided students with courage, care and sacrifice.



Seton Catholic Schools, Milwaukee. Small-group targeted instruction is used throughout the 11-school Seton Catholic Schools network to address learning gaps. Titled WIN (What I Need Now), the program guides groups of five to eight students in subjects such as math, ELA, vocabulary and technology. Teachers report that WIN tremendously accelerates skill development and learning.

INTEGRATING FAITH, CULTURE & LIFE

Leading with responsibility

Our schools do not exist in isolation. They're at the heart of our communities, which makes it essential that we respond to societal challenges thoughtfully and consistently. We've laid out five guiding principles to ensure students understand their responsibility to act as disciples of Jesus Christ.

These guiding principles are:

1. Catholic Social Responsibility provides the foundation for instructing and forming our school communities on social issues. At every grade level, we teach according to themes identified by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

- Life and dignity of the human person
- Call to family, community and participation
- Human rights and responsibilities
- Treatment of the poor and vulnerable
- The dignity of work and the rights of workers
- Solidarity with the human family
- Care for God's creation

St. Adalbert | Milwaukee



**Dominican High School
Whitefish Bay**



St. Mary | Waukesha



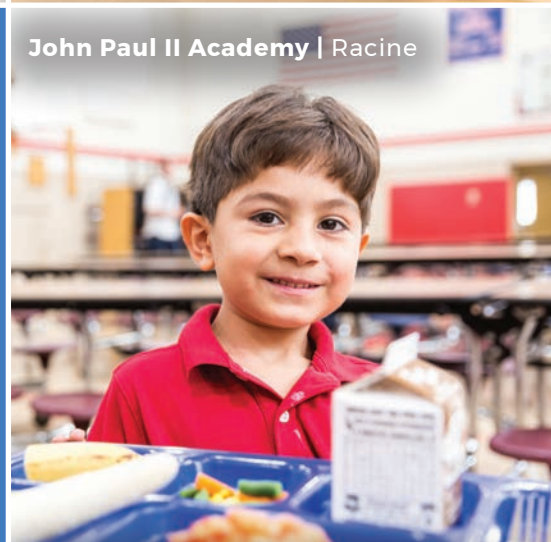
St. Dominic | Brookfield



Schools across the archdiocese

Hundreds of thousands of meals were provided by our schools to local families, regardless of where their children attended school, when public schools were forced to close. Our schools also created food pantries and gathered essential supplies for those in need.

John Paul II Academy | Racine



Holy Trinity | Kewaskum



**St. Mary Parish School
Menomonee Falls**



Christ Child Academy | Sheboygan





2. Catholic schools participate directly in the evangelizing mission of the Church and, as such, are called to “make disciples of all.” Our schools welcome and are accessible to students of all backgrounds, abilities and academic goals.

3. Central to their mission, Catholic schools will educate the whole student by effectively integrating faith, culture and life. We develop a Catholic worldview to give students the tools to make good decisions. They learn to not simply accept or reject culture, but to transform it as they put faith into action.



St. John Vianney, Brookfield, put a high priority on communications during the pandemic. Each time St. John Vianney school learned of a significant contact or a COVID-19 positive, Principal Brian Shimon personally called every family affected. He estimates that he made more than 800 calls to families throughout the school year.



4. Catholic schools will teach and model the essence of Catholic social action: love for God and neighbor. Our schools are communities based on cooperation among educators and families, bishops, and the Church—with the profound interactions between educators and students at the heart. All instruction is supported by the Gospel, Church teachings and participation in sacraments and prayer.
5. Respect for all people will be a fundamental expectation for every member of our Catholic school communities. We are committed to the belief that every human being, from conception until natural death, is created in the image of God, redeemed by Jesus Christ and intrinsically worthy of respect.



St. Sebastian, Milwaukee. Amid the civil unrest in reaction to the killing of George Floyd, a St. Sebastian student worked with school administrators to organize a conversation with a team of Black police officers. Students could ask questions and hear of the team’s experiences as both Blacks and police officers.



SCHOOLS IN THE *Archdiocese of Milwaukee*

Elementary Schools

All Saints Catholic School, Kenosha
 Blessed Sacrament, Milwaukee
 Blessed Savior Catholic School, Milwaukee
 Burlington Catholic, Burlington
 Catholic East Elementary, Milwaukee*
 Christ Child Academy, Sheboygan
 Christ King School, Wauwatosa
 Divine Mercy, South Milwaukee
 Divine Savior Catholic School, Fredonia
 Holy Angels, West Bend
 Holy Apostles School, New Berlin
 Holy Family, Whitefish Bay
 Holy Trinity, Kewaskum
 Holyland Catholic School, Malone
 John Paul II Academy, Racine**
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 Northwest Catholic School, Milwaukee*
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 Milwaukee
 Our Lady of Grace Academy, Racine**
 Our Lady Queen of Peace, Milwaukee*
 Prince of Peace, Milwaukee*
 Shepherd of the Hills, Eden
 St. Adalbert, Milwaukee
 St. Agnes, Butler
 St. Alphonsus, Greendale
 St. Andrew Parish School, Delavan
 St. Anthony School, Milwaukee
 St. Anthony on the Lake, Pewaukee
 St. Boniface, Germantown
 St. Bruno, Dousman

St. Catherine School, Milwaukee*
 St. Charles, Hartland
 St. Charles Borromeo, Milwaukee*
 St. Dominic, Brookfield
 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Sheboygan
 St. Eugene, Fox Point
 St. Frances Cabrini, West Bend
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 St. Gregory the Great, Milwaukee
 St. Jerome Parish School, Oconomowoc
 St. Joan of Arc, Nashotah
 St. John Paul II Catholic School, Milwaukee
 St. John the Baptist, Plymouth
 St. John the Evangelist, Greenfield
 St. John Vianney, Brookfield
 St. John XXIII, Port Washington
 St. Josaphat, Milwaukee
 St. Joseph, Wauwatosa
 St. Joseph, Racine**
 St. Joseph, Big Bend
 St. Joseph Catholic Academy, Kenosha
 St. Joseph Parish School, Grafton
 St. Jude the Apostle, Wauwatosa
 St. Katharine Drexel School, Beaver Dam
 St. Kilian, Hartford
 St. Leonard, Muskego
 St. Lucy, Racine**
 St. Margaret Mary, Milwaukee*
 St. Mary, Mayville
 St. Mary, Hales Corners
 St. Mary Parish School, Menomonee Falls
 St. Mary's Springs Academy, Fond du Lac
 St. Mary's Visitation, Elm Grove
 St. Matthew, Campbellsport
 St. Matthew, Oak Creek

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High Schools

Catholic Central High School, Burlington
 Catholic Memorial High School, Waukesha
 Chesterton Academy, Menomonee Falls
 Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, Milwaukee
 Divine Savior Holy Angels High School,
 Milwaukee
 Dominican High School, Whitefish Bay
 Marquette University High School,
 Milwaukee
 Messmer High School, Milwaukee
 Pius XI Catholic High School, Milwaukee
 St. Anthony High School, Milwaukee
 St. Catherine's High School, Racine**
 St. Joan Antida High School, Milwaukee
 St. Joseph Catholic Academy High School,
 Kenosha
 St. Lawrence Seminary, Mt. Calvary
 St. Mary's Springs Academy, Fond du Lac
 St. Thomas More High School, Milwaukee

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** a Siena Catholic School

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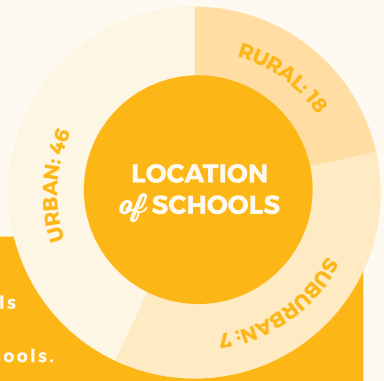
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**CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS**

Total Enrollment
OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
20,228

Archdiocese of Milwaukee ranked **12th** in total number of students in Catholic schools among all the archdioceses/dioceses in the United States & **9th** in total number of schools.



Total
ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL

Professional Staff
1,870

72

SCHOOLS
in the PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM

178

YEARS OF
service

629

SECONDARY SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL STAFF

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