



# MAKING A **DIFFERENCE**

FOR STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES IN SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN



ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE  
**CATHOLIC**  
*Schools*

2021 - 2022 Impact Report

Dear friends,

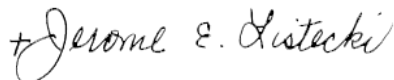
Here in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, our Catholic schools “educate a city.” With nearly 27,000 students enrolled in 85 elementary schools and 16 high schools, and thousands of alumni working across the 10 counties of southeastern Wisconsin, the positive impact of Catholic education is tangible.

From small rural elementary schools to large urban and suburban high schools, our students are being formed with purpose in the values of our faith, allowing them to reach their fullest potential. This report highlights just some of the ways our schools are improving student outcomes, strengthening families and making a difference in their communities.

As schools across the country work to close the learning loss gap that so many students experienced during the pandemic, our Catholic schools have continued to excel in keeping students on track. The innovative approach of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee has created models for other dioceses to emulate – models that will assist in keeping Catholic schools viable for years to come.

Don’t take my word for it. I invite you to take a look at the data and hear from some of our outstanding graduates and the business leaders who work with them. I think you will agree that Catholic schools are needed now more than ever, giving hope to students, families and our communities throughout southeastern Wisconsin.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerome E. Listecki". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki  
Archbishop of Milwaukee







**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.





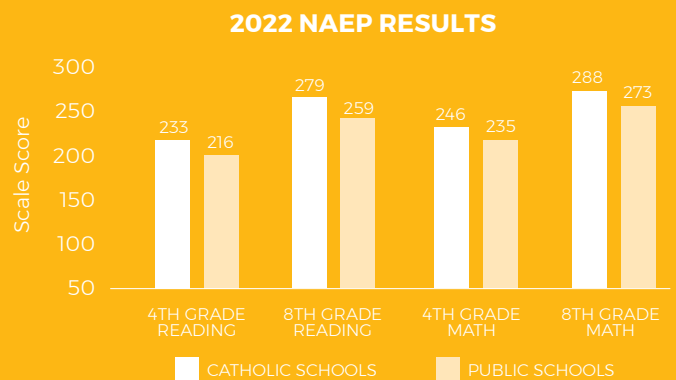


**EDUCATING  
STUDENTS TO  
REACH THEIR  
FULL POTENTIAL  
THROUGH FAITH,  
ACADEMIC  
EXCELLENCE AND  
SERVICE TO THEIR  
COMMUNITY.**

Through dedicated, in-person learning environments, Catholic schools have sustained their mission, even in the face of difficult times, to provide excellent education. Despite the challenges schools across the region faced these past few years in providing classroom learning, students in Catholic schools continue to stay on track.

**Seton Catholic Schools**, a system of 11 elementary schools in Milwaukee, serves the largest number of students enrolled through the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program. Student academic performance showed strong results for the 2021-22 academic year. Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) testing showed students **grew on average 132% in Math and 128% in English.**

According to the U.S. Department of Education's National Assessment of Educational Progress report, Catholic schools outperformed public and charter schools in key categories, including math and reading scores. Academic performance data for Archdiocese of Milwaukee Catholic schools indicate a similar trend.







is like a  
**MUSCLE**  
WHEN I  
*exercise it,*  
it gets  
**STRONGER.**

SMS





**INSTILLING  
STUDENTS  
WITH A MORAL  
COMPASS THAT  
GOES BEYOND  
THE CLASSROOM.**

The holistic nature of Catholic education integrates important life values like compassion, integrity, leadership and unity – values that employers desire and communities need to thrive.

In a survey of Catholic and public high school graduates, ranking how their school scored on teaching core values, alumni from Catholic high schools rated their schools higher on a scale of 0-5.

#### Compassion



**4.2 vs. 2.8**

#### Leadership



**4.0 vs. 2.9**

#### Teamwork



**3.9 vs. 2.9**



Unity



3.8 vs. 2.7







**PARTNERING  
WITH PARENTS  
TO BUILD  
STRONGER  
FAMILIES AND  
COMMUNITIES.**

When choosing a school, survey results show that parents of all backgrounds prioritize a safe learning environment, strong character development and challenging academics as the most important characteristics. Our Catholic schools embody these values through mission-driven faculty and staff, high parental involvement and a curriculum consistent with foundational truths that support families.

**“The Power of Choice”** Currently, **73 Catholic schools** in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee participate in Wisconsin’s Private School Choice programs. For the 2021-22 school year, **12,319 students** were enrolled through School Choice, giving more families the ability to choose a school that fits their child’s needs, and our children an even greater opportunity for academic success.







**“We teach you like family”** is more than just a slogan you hear at Catholic schools. Parents report their children’s school experience strengthens family bonds. All faculty in Catholic Schools receive training in the certification program, *Sustaining the Mission*. An emphasis on respecting parents as the primary educators of their children helps foster positive relationships between home and school.





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“The benefit that we have seen from our child is that he is more respectful, more polite and likes to pray. And **we pray more now as a family** at meals.”

- JOSÉ, PARENT

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“**We share more time together.** We go to church. That’s definitely something we started doing after my kids started going to Catholic schools.”

- FRANK, PARENT







**CATHOLIC  
EDUCATION  
– MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE  
FOR THE  
FUTURE OF OUR  
COMMUNITIES.**

Catholic schools operate as intentional communities, in service to the local community. Students, families, faculty and staff experience authentic kinship and connection, impacting their sense of belonging and a higher purpose. Graduates bring this experience to the workplace and their communities, demonstrating greater preparedness, leadership and civic engagement.

**Data points from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's High School Study suggest that on a scale of 0-5, Catholic school graduates compared to public and charter schools ...**



**Manage multiple responsibilities**

**4.5 vs. 3.8**



**Are more likely to take on leadership roles**

**4.1 vs. 3.3**



**Communicate better verbally**

**4.4 vs. 3.9**





Communicate  
better in writing

**4.5 vs. 4.0**



“In my experience in the private sector and with Seton Catholic Schools, graduates of Catholic schools were always ready with the skills required to accomplish our goals – the values of hard work, respect and care for others, and personal integrity.

**There is an intellectual honesty that these graduates bring to their lives and to their work.** Graduates of Catholic schools stand out for their abilities.”



**– JOAN M. SHAFER**  
RETIRED EXECUTIVE  
VICE PRESIDENT, WEC ENERGY GROUP,  
FORMER CEO SETON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**“Business leaders value academically prepared graduates that have ethical and moral qualities.**

Catholic schools provide education that is Christ-centered and forms men and women with a moral compass to lead and contribute to their businesses, communities, governments and families.”



**– SHARON DEGUZMAN**  
MANAGING DIRECTOR, SENIOR PORTFOLIO  
MANAGER, BAIRD ADVISORS, MILWAUKEE













## The word is in – our graduates highly value their Catholic education experience.

The Catholic school difference has a direct impact on post-graduation outcomes and opportunities. Numerous alumni testimonies highlight how their Catholic education experience continues to impact their contributions at work, in their families and within their communities.

**Graduates from Catholic schools** consistently demonstrate the value of their education with higher outcomes in college and beyond than their public school peers.



Attended college immediately after high school



**98% vs. 76%**

Earned a bachelors, masters or Ph.D./ advanced degree



**90% vs. 61%**



Earned a college scholarship(s)



**57% vs. 35%**

Graduated college in 4 years



**52% vs. 48%**







“I am grateful for the support I received and the **values instilled**, which have proven invaluable for my career in medicine.”



– **ADDISON**,  
**ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON**,  
CATHOLIC CENTRAL  
HIGH SCHOOL '93

“At Dominican, we learned that **service, commitment, respect** and **emotional intelligence** would be necessary to excel in all aspects of our future lives. These values would be necessary at home, at work and in our communities.”

– **J. R.**,  
**FORD MOTOR COMPANY**,  
OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE  
(NOW NORTHWEST CATHOLIC),  
DOMINICAN HIGH SCHOOL '13







Across the **10 COUNTIES** of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, from urban neighborhoods to rural towns, **85 CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY** and **16 CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS** are positively impacting life in southeastern Wisconsin for students, their families and communities. Parish and donor support, along with the growth of the School Choice programs in our schools, continue to help make Catholic education accessible and affordable to more families who desire all that Catholic schools have to offer. Alumni, families and community leaders are thankful for the difference Catholic schools have made for **OVER 175 YEARS** and look forward to a bright future.

# 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\*\*  
Lumen Christi, Mequon  
Mary Queen of Saints Catholic Academy,  
West Allis\*  
Messmer Catholic Schools, Milwaukee  
Mother of Good Counsel, Milwaukee  
Nativity Jesuit Academy, Milwaukee  
Northwest Catholic School, Milwaukee\*  
Notre Dame School of Milwaukee,  
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  
St. Francis Borgia, Cedarburg  
St. Francis de Sales School, Lake Geneva  
St. Gabriel, Hubertus  
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

St. Matthias, Milwaukee  
St. Monica, Whitefish Bay  
St. Peter, Slinger  
St. Peter, East Troy  
St. Rafael the Archangel, Milwaukee\*  
St. Rita, Racine\*\*  
St. Robert, Shorewood  
St. Roman Parish School, Milwaukee\*  
St. Sebastian, Milwaukee  
St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, Milwaukee\*  
St. Vincent Pallotti, Milwaukee  
Waukesha Catholic School System,  
Waukesha  
Wauwatosa Catholic, Wauwatosa

## 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

\* a Seton Catholic School

\*\* a Siena Catholic School



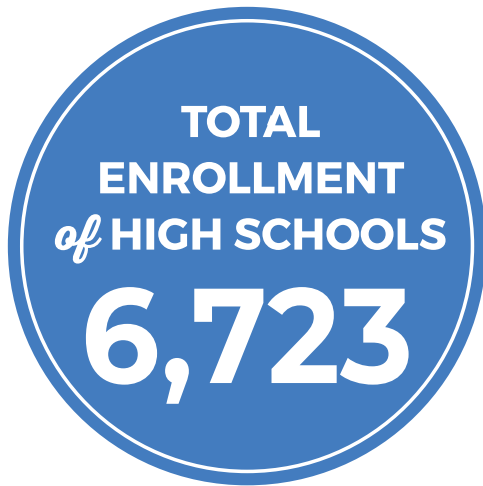
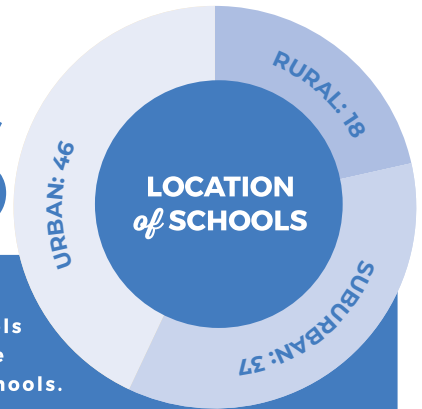
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CATHOLIC  
SCHOOLS

*Total Enrollment*  
OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

# 20,246

Archdiocese of Milwaukee ranked **14<sup>th</sup>** in total number of students in Catholic schools among all the archdioceses/dioceses in the United States & **8<sup>th</sup>** in total number of schools.



*Total*

ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Professional Staff*

# 1,803

# 73

— SCHOOLS —  
*in the* PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM

# 179

YEARS OF  
*service*



# 676

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