

Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and at Catholic East Elementary School



Fulfilling the purpose, achieving the promise.

How are Catholic schools in the archdiocese performing? How is my parish's school doing?

These are fair questions to ask, because we emphasize Catholic education as a top priority. Parents and parishes invest precious resources in schools year after year. Beyond the financial commitment, we entrust our schools with the responsibility of passing on the Catholic faith. We expect our schools to form well-educated, faith-centered young men and women who become not only good Catholics, but also good citizens.

With that in mind, this report card presents you with global and local perspectives on Catholic schools. First, it reviews the archdiocesan context, and second, provides an overview of your parish school. As a whole, it demonstrates the value of Catholic education, offering lifelong advantages in an increasingly secular world while teaching eternal truths about the kingdom of God. It is an education you can have faith in.

Faith in our investment

- Parents make sacrifices to afford tuition because they believe in the lifelong benefit of Catholic education.
- Parishes support their schools, designating an average of 37% of budgets for subsidies and scholarships.
- The Faith In Our Future campaign is raising funds to assure long-term viability of schools and generates grassroots support for education.

Faith in our formation

- Schools fulfill the four-fold purpose of Christian education: 1) Gospel proclamation; 2) Christian community; 3) Service; 4) Thanksgiving and worship.
- Provide 35 hours each week in an environment permeated by faith and Gospel values
- Evangelize and develop holy young men and women
- Prepare citizens for full engagement in democracy and commitment to the common good
- Shape leaders for Church and society

Faith in our academic excellence

- Personalized instruction and higher performance.
- Recent data shows the average grade school student performed above the 73rd national percentile in 3rd grade on the Iowa Test of Basic skills and maintained this high performance over five years to 7th grade across all subject areas.
- High school students achieved ACT test scores above Wisconsin and national averages.
- 99% graduation rate in high school
- 94% of graduates go on to college or technical school.
- \$36 million in scholarships and financial aid was awarded to high school graduates in 2007, recognizing their high level of achievement in Catholic schools.

At Catholic East, we bring home the archdiocese's emphasis on quality Catholic education. With the support of our entire parish family, we pass on the Catholic faith and values. We are pleased to report our highlights from the past school year. We are enrolling now! Contact our Director of Enrollment, Carolyn Collins, to set up a tour by either phone 414-964-1770 or email collinsc@archmil.org.

Faith Formation

Religious instruction is an integral part of each school day at Catholic East. It includes:

- Catholic based education focused on educating the whole child
- Worship and prayer opportunities
- Preparation for First Reconciliation/First Communion

Academic Excellence

Parents can have faith in the quality of our curriculum at Catholic East. During this past school year we introduced several new initiatives, such as the addition of a K3 program and a focus on 21st Century technology. Our students achieved high marks on standardized tests: the Iowa Test and WKCE.

Staff Recognition

We're blessed with a highly-qualified and skilled staff. All teachers are certified by the state of Wisconsin. Teachers receive outstanding professional development through our partnership with Schools That Can Milwaukee.

Physical Facility

Catholic East continues to be a good steward of parish resources. Within the last year, we made the following improvements and additions to maintain an up-to-date learning environment

- Addition of a new campus at Holy Rosary
- Smart Boards in each classroom
- Remodeling of SS Peter & Paul Campus

Volunteer Support

We are grateful to our pastors, our principal and staff, our school board and the many parishioners, volunteers and benefactors who support our school in the areas of donations, governance, development, fund raising, visionary planning, coaching, and assisting in the classroom and special events.

