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Dispelling the myths of a Catholic education



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In central and southern Indiana, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis offers 68 choices where nearly 24,000 young people encounter Christ through an enriched, holistic and formative educational experience, yet there seem to be several myths about Catholic education that exist:

- Catholic schools only serve Catholic youths. Our schools welcome families of different faiths; in fact, more than 21 percent of the students we serve this year celebrate other faiths. We are proud to share our Catholic faith and invite all who are interested in sharing in the mission of our schools: forming young people through holistic, engaging and academically excellent programming that integrates faith, culture and life as modeled by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
- Catholic schools only accept students who maintain a high GPA. Our schools offer diverse programming for students of all abilities. All strive to meet the learning needs of students through specialized personnel, enriched programming

and well-researched instructional practices. Additionally, the majority of our schools proudly work with local public schools to provide benefits and services to students who need additional supports.

- Catholic schools are intended for affluent families. Our schools open their doors to all who desire a quality, Catholic education regardless of financial means. Fortunately, we live in a state that values educational choice for families, recognizing that parents are the first teachers of their children and deserve to select a school that best fits their values.

- A Catholic education is more affordable and accessible than many individuals think. There are numerous scholarship options for eligible families, including Indiana CHOICE scholarships, tax credit scholarships and parish or school-based tuition support.

- Catholic schools are limited in the resources provided to students. We believe strongly in being good stewards of our resources and God's creation. Our primary investment is in our stellar school leaders, teachers and staff along with the essential supports students need to be success-

ful.

Of course, we have strong science, technology, engineering and math programs and a rigorous curriculum. Our students participate in faith formation, service opportunities, prayer and other celebrations that prepare them for life.

Did you know that graduates of Catholic schools are more likely to vote, earn higher wages, be civically engaged, be more committed to service as adults and even demonstrate more tolerance of diverse views than their peers? Research over the past two decades continues to illustrate the favorable results produced through Catholic education and formation.

Choosing a high-quality, Catholic education for a child is perhaps the greatest investment one can make in his or her future. The Archdiocese of Indianapolis invites all who are interested in learning about the holistic education and formation we offer to visit our schools in your area.

For more information you may also check out the Office of Catholic Schools' special publication: <http://www.archindy.org/OCS-Special-Publication-2017-2018/documents/OCS%20Special%20Publication-2017-2018.pdf>.

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WORDS FROM OUR STUDENTS

What makes Roncalli special

By **Madeleine Russell, senior**

Everyone has a favorite thing, something special, but what is it that makes that something special, special?

For some people it is a family picture, a childhood stuffed animal, a favorite movie, a favorite place to eat or a favorite pair of socks, but what is it that makes Catholic school special?

Almost everything I listed above was a physical object that eventually we may outgrow, that will change, or that we may even lose. A Catholic education is something that will not be outgrown, lost or forgotten or change.

I have been in the Catholic school system since kindergarten. When I was younger, understanding the importance of a Catholic education was hard for me. But now that I have grown up some, matured a little bit, and have seen more of the outside world, I know why it is important.

The value of a Catholic education goes beyond the religion class. It is about being able to pray in school, being able to express your faith beliefs in a safe place, being able to ask questions about your faith, and knowing there is a safe place for you to believe in your faith.

There is something about walking into a building every day knowing that I will see Christ, knowing that my relationship with him will change in some way, and knowing that God will be with me even when I am no longer in Catholic schooling.

Have there been times when I want to know what it would be like at a different school? Yes, of course, I have had those thoughts, but I would not want to go anywhere else besides a Catholic school.

By **Kathleen Soller, senior**

Besides religion classes, my faith surrounds me every day because it is incorporated into every aspect of Roncalli. By introducing me to amazing people, helping me to hold strong in my faith during times of adversity and shaping me into the girl I am today, my religious education has greatly influenced my life.

The two most amazing women in my life have been religion teachers of mine. Mrs. Samuelson taught me in the sixth and seventh grade, and I still remain close to her. When I was in the hospital last summer undergoing chemotherapy, she made sure that I continued to have a strong faith, and she even helped me to work on a painting of mountains that I was doing.

The other woman who had great influence on me was my 11th-grade ecumenism teacher, Mrs. Williams, who is small and fiery and knows how to hold the attention of her classes. I am inspired by her because she is a single mom of two boys, one with severe mental and physical handicaps.

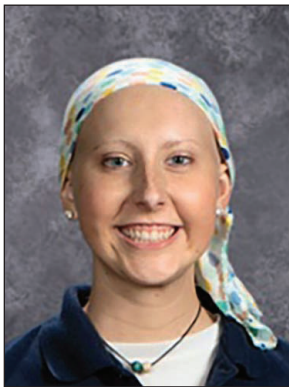
She handles all of her struggles with strength and grace. When I was in the hospital she always emailed me to make sure I was doing OK. She always gives me a hug whenever I see her in the hallways. Religion teachers are the best teachers because they love what they teach, they love their students, and they love God with all their hearts.

If it were not for my religious education making my faith so strong, I would probably hate God right now. Fighting cancer was the hardest thing I have done, but my faith made it easier. During my chemotherapy I received hundreds of cards from people saying they were praying for me. My tumor was gone after only one round of chemotherapy, and I know that is because of all the prayers.

There is no school I would rather attend than Roncalli. I know that I am surrounded by people who love and care about me. There are many things in this world that can influence teenagers – both good and bad. I am blessed because my religious education has influenced me the most.



Madeleine Russell



Kathleen Soller

By **Morgan Kincaid, senior**

Before attending Roncalli I went to public school, a place where faith was hard to find. I have grown up Catholic and attended St. Jude Parish for many years. I enjoy talking about my faith and living it, which is difficult to do in public schools.

For the most part, any talk about religion was forbidden at the schools I attended. Not being able to talk about God with my peers hindered my Catholic journey.

Before I came to Roncalli I went to Mass weekly, but I was not fully living the Catholic life. I treated others the way I wished to be treated, but I did not dedicate my life to God.

My perspective changed from the minute I walked into Roncalli as I could talk about my beliefs and learn about my faith. I have grown so much in my faith during the past four years.

I have become more involved in my faith by helping teach religious education, helping with the confirmation program at St. Jude and doing service projects. Not only has my experience at Roncalli helped me to share my beliefs, but it has also challenged me to stay true to my beliefs even when others disagree.

Roncalli has challenged me in my beliefs and given me the religious growth I so desperately needed. Getting a Catholic education has made me into the person I am today, someone who loves God and wants to spread his message by serving others.

By **Kellen Schreiber, senior**

Roncalli and St. Barnabas have been my home away from home. As I have progressed and gone through one grade after another, one thing has been there for me since the beginning: God.

God is the reason I went to those schools, He is the reason all the kids are able to get such a high level of education. As I reflect on my time at a Catholic school, I realize just how much a Catholic education has meant to me.

My Roncalli family guided me to my faith. Just walking through the halls helps me really understand how special the school is. Not many schools allow students to stop what they're doing and pray together from 9:13-9:16 a.m. and at 9:20 a.m. Thursdays.

My classmates and I have been together ever since we were in kindergarten. This is one of my favorite things about Roncalli and any Catholic school. I feel like if I ever needed help with anything, I would be able to count on any of my classmates for help, and I know I would do the same for them.

As I close the chapter on my high school life and start to write a new one, I plan to take what I have learned from these wonderful 12 years.

A great president named John F. Kennedy said, "Forgive your enemies, but don't forget their names." In 20 years I will not remember the grade I got in chemistry with Mrs. Rose or the grade I got in world history with Mrs. Bemis, but I will remember the memories that I created with the people from Roncalli and the gift of my Catholic education.



Morgan Kincaid



Kellen Schreiber

A career in Catholic Education

By **Chuck Weisenbach**
Roncalli principal

During my 12 years of Catholic education at St. Jude and Roncalli, my life was touched countless times by teachers, administrators and coaches.

I felt a strong inner pull to give back. When I graduated from Butler in 1983 I really did not consider any other teaching options other than those in Catholic education.

I have great respect for public education and those who teach in our public schools; however, I believe with all my heart that no educational experience compares to the experience found in our Catholic schools. The mix of a faith-based education with academic excellence and a strong sense of community makes for an educational experience that is unmatched.

With over 290 years of Catholic education in America, I feel as if our schools are truly one of the great wonders of the world and one of the greatest assets in America.

Through 35 years of working in Catholic schools, I feel as if I have never worked a day in my life. It is a life-giving vocation!



Chuck Weisenbach



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Roncalli alumni spotlight: Jaclyn Bevis, 2006 grad

Jaclyn Bevis joined the NBC2 team (Fort Meyers, Fla.) in July of 2014 as a reporter.

She previously was the weekend anchor in Terre Haute at WTHI, the CBS affiliate.

A graduate of Butler University, Bevis is a huge Butler basketball fan, following the Bulldogs to the NCAA championship game in 2010 and 2011. Other than Butler sports, she loves Notre Dame and all things March Madness. Florida teams are on her list to experience and learn to love.

During and after college, Bevis worked with Webstream Productions Inc. on live sporting events produced for collegiate conference websites, the NCAA and the Indianapolis Indians.

In Terre Haute she was honored with an Indiana Broadcasters Award for her special series documenting the first local police department's Citizens Academy. From feeling the pangs of a Taser to completing her first triathlon, she enjoyed lots of what life has to offer in front of the television cameras for the Wabash Valley to see.

"My time at Roncalli prepared me well for the challenges of college, academically and socially," she said. "The principles I learned in my four years at Roncalli I still rely on today. I continue to challenge myself on a regular basis."

"Living more than 1,000 miles away from many family and friends, they continue to ground me, show me support and encourage me every day."

Roncalli students in action:
See Page 4.



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Sam Payson delivers a "heater."



Orchestra members Dianna Perez (left) and Shannon Mitchel.



The senior class at a pep rally.



The marching band performs at a football game.



Senior Lauren Frey sets a teammate.



Archbishop Charles Thompson and seniors Evan Shiefelbein and Elizabeth Woodruff at an all-school Mass.

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About our school ...

By **Ruth Hurrle, principal**

When you visit Central Catholic you immediately feel a vibrant sense of family and a welcoming spirit.

In my first year as principal I have seen the community rally together in ways I would never have imagined:

- The support shown to our eighth-grade teacher, Margee McHugh, as Roncalli's Alumni of the Year.
- The effort and persistence of our families to create a beautiful new tradition for celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe, with a new statue dedicated Dec. 12.
- Our growing extracurricular programs.

These efforts make me so proud to return to my roots in the Southside and to Catholic education after 20 years.

A special tradition Central Catholic has introduced this year is the celebration of our alumni. We know that we are standing on the shoulders of giants on the Southside. We have welcomed more than 10 Central Catholic graduates at our morning assemblies to celebrate their accomplishments and learn from their wisdom.

In our second year as a Notre Dame ACE Academy, we continue our commitment of providing an excellent Catholic education to as many students as possible. We are blessed at Central Catholic to make this a reality through generous financial aid for our families, and strong academic and school support for our entire faculty and staff.

We strive to live our core values of seek, persist, excel, love and serve, and we are rooted in the belief that we are all called to be saints.

Hurrle is a 1992 graduate of Roncalli and an active member of St. Jude Parish.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Peyton Schnitzmeyer (from left), Elizabeth Collins, Cora Perme are ready to play chess.

Thankful for their Catholic education

By **Sebastian Trejo, fifth-grader**

Did you know that Catholic schools help you achieve your goals of college and heaven?

Getting a Catholic education is a unique experience. The classes are seemingly tougher, and the workload seems just a bit heavier because of the fantastic education. Later on you might be in one of the top colleges. That would be because of the work you've put in elementary school.

I am glad to be at Central Catholic because we go to Mass every Wednesday, and it helps me be a better person. We get to learn about Christ every day, and that helps me grow in my faith.

Those are the reasons going to a Catholic school helps you reach your goals of college and heaven.



Sebastian Trejo

By **Peyton E. Schnitzmeyer, Fifth-grader**

A Catholic school provides a good education. We work hard at everything we do. The teachers are nice and are always here to help you. I have straight A's because of these teachers!

We are all very kind to one another, and we are pushed to accomplish great things. We learn things that challenge our minds, and when we're having trouble teachers, principals and vice principals help. I really hope that you will send your child to a Catholic school too.

Catholic schools don't only help you get into college. They also help you get into heaven. You can pray whenever you want to. We go to Mass every Wednesday and Saturday or Sunday.

We don't only learn all of the basic subjects, we also learn religion. We celebrate the many saints, God, Jesus and Christian holidays. In this school we know that even the smallest actions are big ones in the eyes of God.



Peyton E. Schnitzmeyer

By **Emma Jordan and Sebastian Gomez, second-graders**

College and heaven are two goals we work to reach at Central Catholic School. We learn good manners, math, different cultures, Spanish and new words. We go to church so we can bless others. We can also be holy when we pray and help others. We can try to be saints.

By **Kennedy Fouts, eighth-grader**

Why am I thankful for my Catholic education? It gives me the best outlook on life. The reason I like having a Catholic education is because I get to attend Mass with my friends every week.

Another reason I like having a Catholic education is because I get to have a religion class. I get to ask questions about my religion, which I couldn't do at a public school. The good part about having the religion class is I always have someone there to help get through the hard times of my journey. Another good thing about Catholic education would be how the teachers are always there to push you to do your personal best in everything that you do, without pushing you way too hard.

Lastly, my teachers have always taught us to persist in everything we do and to always excel. Without my teachers telling me this, I don't know if I would be as confident as I am today. Central Catholic is the home of the saints. Central Catholic has helped me grow up in so many ways.

My experience here will impact my future greatly because I will never give up on anything. By attending Central Catholic it will help me keep a strong connection with God in the future. My teachers' strong faith has rubbed off on me. I am happy that I am able to go to my amazing school.



Kennedy Fouts

Christian Sandoval
Eighth-grader

The reason I am thankful for my Catholic education is because it teaches me how to be closer to Jesus. It also teaches me to think about what I am going to do in life, like becoming a priest.

I like that we celebrate Mass as a Catholic school. Central Catholic has taught me how to have confirmation, and my first communion taught me how to be a server at church.

Central Catholic helps you to never give up in life. It is a great school and all of the teachers help if you need help on assignments.

All the teachers treat you with respect, and they think about your future ... like where you will go to high school. Central Catholic has taught me a lot, including how to be closer to God.



Christian Sandoval

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Kindergartners Sophia Conteras, Isaiah Hensley, Jury Barragan, Valentina Montoya recite the "Pledge of Allegiance."



Pre-kindergratners Genesis Gonzalez, Lizbet Garcia Gutierrez, Emily Mendoza, Melanice Franco, Juan Alvarez, Zaret Christopher Diaz-Diaz, Gael Romero-Vidal, Vanessa Gomez-Quiroga, Sebastian Garzar-Martinez and Leslie Reyes agree that nothing beats recess.

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What Holy Name means to me

By Hannah Cobb
Eighth-grader



Hannah Cobb

Pope Benedict XVI once said, "A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints."

Our teachers teach us to know, love and serve God. This is one of the reasons why going to a Catholic school is important to me.

Going to Holy Name means I will learn more about my faith every day; it means that each morning when I wake up I know it will be amazing, and someone will make you happy when you are sad.

Going to Holy Name also means that no matter what happens each day, you'll go home with a smile and you'll meet a friend you'll have forever. We go to church every Tuesday and Thursday to grow closer to God.

Going to Holy Name has been important to me and my future because I have met great friends and I have caring teachers. Holy Name hasn't only taught me important life lessons, it has also taught me how to share them with the world.

By Joe Curd, eighth-grader



Joe Curd

Going to Holy Name is one of the best choices my parents have made for me. It makes me feel safe knowing there are teachers who really care for me. They want me to have a stupendous and positive learning environment. Going to a Catholic school has prepared me for high school and put Jesus in the center of my life.

As Pope Francis says, "Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Education is an act of love; it is like giving life." This quote explains why it's a gift for students who have teachers like I do.

The learning is always positive and fun because our teachers are always helping and preparing us for high school, college and the future.

I feel that Sheryl Sandberg's quote – "Being confident and believing in your own self-worth is necessary to achieving your potential" is telling me that you have to be confident in yourself to see the realness of positivity.

The greatness of Catholic schools comes in learning about Jesus and placing him in your heart forever and ever.

By Charlie Buckel, seventh-grader



Charlie Buckel

The most important thing about going to a Catholic school is that I can learn about my faith every day. In social studies we learn about what is going on in our world, and we connect it to our Catholic teachings. We pray in every class, and I see signs of my faith around the classrooms too.

We go to Mass two days each week besides going on the weekends. We have the opportunity to serve and sing at Mass. We get the chance to go to reconciliation, and we go to adoration once each week.

Going to a Catholic school means that I am making friends with people who are Catholic or Christian like me. This makes me feel like I have better friends and role models.

My dad went to Catholic grade school, and my mother has taught at my school for almost 20 years. My older sister and older brothers graduated from here and from a Catholic high school, and my little brother goes to school with me.

I know Catholic schools give a strong education because everyone in my family has learned enough to have graduated from colleges with great degrees and have jobs that make them happy. I know that I will do the same.

My mother did not go to a Catholic school, but she says, "Even though parents should be the first teachers of their children, I certainly appreciate all the help I have received from our Catholic school in raising intelligent and caring children."

By Willington Randall, third-grader



Willington Randall

It is a privilege and to go to a Catholic school. Catholic schools are different than other schools because we have religion class and Mass. We also pray and sing.

We get to pray, love, serve and know God. We have special teachers. My religion teacher, Mrs. Allen, teaches us a lot about God. Father Bob is special because he leads Mass and helps spread the word of God. He knows a lot about God. Even though I have not been baptized, my school makes me feel welcome and closer to God.

A Catholic school helps us make good choices that will lead us to heaven. It makes my soul brighter to go to Catholic school. At Holy Name we are a holy family.

By Alysa Neibert, fourth-grader



Alysa Neibert

Going to Catholic school means that you can learn about religion and go to church.

We have adoration during the school day. I like it because you can pray for others and yourself. We also get to go to confession during Advent and Lent. I like confession because God washes away all the sins that you confessed. We also have rosary winners on Fridays. At our school we pray in the morning, before lunch and during special classes.

I like to pray at school because I can pray for anything. It is good to pray a lot. That is what I like about going to a Catholic school.

By Dorothy Butts, fourth-grader



Dorothy Butts

I think going to a Catholic school is amazing. You get to go to Mass, do fun projects in religion and, most importantly, grow closer to God.

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning we go to Mass. We sing hymns and listen to Father Bob tell us interesting stories. On Thursday we get to have church buddies with kindergartners, which is pretty cool!

Every afternoon we go to religion class. We pray and then we read from our textbooks, which is really fun. After class our teacher, Mrs. Allen, who is really nice, lets us ask questions right before we leave, and we get rewards.

Going to a Catholic school is not just about religion class and going to Mass. It is showing how much we love God.



Third-graders Abby Stuck (left) and Brooke Wolford help each with their studies.



Third-graders Keenen Bier and Zane Blanchette are reading buddies.



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The eighth-grade class enjoys the wilderness on a retreat.

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Why I love Nativity Grade School

By **Charlie Schoettle**, eighth-grader

Nativity is a place where we can learn and get involved in various activities. Each weekday we learn about things that we will remember and use for most of our lives: math, the English language, our faith, the science of how our world works, our history and many other things.

Nativity is also a place where you have many opportunities to get involved in almost anything you would like to. You can play football, basketball, volleyball, soccer and other sports. These sports help you get to know people better and meet new people.

The interesting thing is how these opportunities and the knowledge that is offered are often interwoven with each other. You may learn something from a club that you can apply to school. You may learn something from school that you can apply to a sport or vice versa. Something like a good and hard work ethic will apply to every area of your life and will continue to help you for the rest of your life.

All of these things, the essential learning and the countless opportunities make Nativity mean so much more than it already had to me.



Charlie Schoettle

By **Leighton Bray**, third-grader

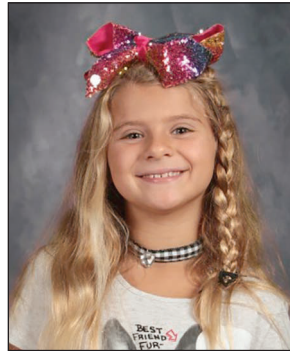
Do you go to a Catholic school? I do!

When you go to a Catholic school you get to have religion class. Religion is all about Jesus and God the Father. They are important people to this world. Jesus gave his life for us, which was very nice.

Another reason a Catholic education means a lot to me is because you get to learn about Jesus and God. It also makes people better, and it can change peoples' lives. They will follow the Ten Commandments and will feel better.

My favorite part of a Catholic education is giving money to the poor. The reason why is because many people do not have a house, food, clothes or money. If we donate some of those things, we can make a world of difference.

I love to write about God, Jesus and being in a Catholic school. I am so lucky to go to a Catholic school.



Leighton Bray

By **Ainsley Newett**, eighth-grader

I have been a Nativity Titan for nearly 11 years. Attending Nativity has been one of the greatest blessings I have ever received. Walking into Nativity every day is one of the most normal and comfortable parts of my life. I feel so loved and cared for when I am at school. Being in such a caring environment helps me to learn more, not only about the core subjects but also about my faith.

At Nativity our faith is prioritized. Every Thursday we attend Mass and learn about our faith. We attend religion class to study the Bible, pray and discuss our beliefs. Our faith follows us to every class, sporting event and musical performance.

One of the best parts about attending Nativity is playing sports. I play basketball, volleyball, kickball and soccer and have made a lot of friends. I have learned and grown so much with the help of our coaches. They give so much time to help us improve and succeed, and they set a good example for us to follow.

Our teachers try their best to help us learn what we need to. Before tests and quizzes, many teachers will help us before or after school if we need help studying. Our teachers do a good job of accommodating all of our academic needs.

Whether it is playing sports, attending classes or praying at church, attending Nativity has helped me in all aspects of my life. I love being a Nativity Titan!



Ainsley Newett



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Eighth-graders (front) Carlie Young, Abbey Scheil; (middle row) Lili Wisler, Jillian Lynch, Madeline Mader, Mady Pillow, Shannon Curtis; (back) Sophia Taylor, Ainsley Newett, Cara Włodarczyk, and Catherine Guilfoxy ham it up in the photo booth during the homecoming dance.

By **Carlie Young**, eighth-grader

After attending Nativity for almost 10 years, I can say that I wouldn't have wanted to spend my time anywhere else. Nativity has given me a great education, provided me many opportunities for my interests and given me a strong foundation for my Catholic faith.

But most importantly, Nativity is full of kind and welcoming people.

Each day I look forward to going to school. I play four sports, sing in two choirs, serve at Mass and participate in student government.

I have incredible teachers who do a great job to make us better students. My coaches work hard to make us more sportsmanlike, and I've become very close with my classmates over the years.

One of the little things I appreciate is how I always begin my day here. When my parents drop me off in the mornings, Nativity's principal and priest are always standing at the door to greet me and other students. Even a simple, "Good morning!" and a smile can help me start my day off right.

Nativity means a lot to me. It's a place where I go – not just to learn – but to grow in my faith, intelligence and overall kindness.



Carlie Young



First-graders Teagan Hatcher, Elijah Vickrey and Joel Elrod enjoyed an early Thanksgiving Day dinner.



Eighth-graders (from left) Carlie Young, Sophia Taylor, Lili Wisler, Ainsley Newett and Madeline Mader after they completed the Nativity Festival 5K in August.

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Fifth-graders Casey Newett, Samantha Durm, Drew Kill, Desmond Stephenson, Callie Elrod, and Maggie Smith collected baby items for St. Elizabeth Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Services of Indianapolis.



Missy MEndoza works with Ely Agresta and A.J. Colbert.

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Nativity Catholic School recognizes every student has a different ambition ... even if it changes a few times between Preschool and 8th grade. Giving students a strong academic, faith based environment to develop and grow is at the heart of Nativity.

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From the principal... Kent Clady

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Students attend a weekly all-school Mass. The school fosters spiritual growth through preparation for first Holy Communion and first reconciliation. Daily prayer, religion classes and special liturgical celebrations provide an environment where students can live their faith every day.

Numerous service opportunities give students the chance to experience the joy of giving. We adopted a sister parish, St. Georges in Bassin-Bleu, Haiti. Our students and families have donated thousands of dollars over the past several years to feed and educate 1,200 students there, in addition to helping build schools for nearby students.

We will host an open house from 6-7 p.m. Thursday.

An amazing experience

By **Caroline Kauffeld**
Eighth-grader

Going to a Catholic school provides an amazing education, a great sports system and the freedom to learn about my faith.

What has impacted my experience the most is that we are a true family. I feel that no matter who I am talking to it feels as if I'm with my real family at home. I wouldn't want to go to any public or prep school because Our Lady of the Greenwood is my home, and that's what makes Catholic schools so special to me.

You spend 180 days at school each year ... over 1,000 hours of learning goes by each year. Why would you go to school that doesn't encase you with love and encouragement?
My school provided this for me the minute that I walked into the building. I was new in town and a nervous 6-year-old. All my friends were hundreds of miles away, but by the end of my first day I didn't miss them as much because I met new friends who instantly accepted me.

At any average public school there are many students in your grade, and I bet that you won't know all of them on a personal level. At Our Lady of the Greenwood there are about 40 kids in the eighth grade. I know every one of my classmates and something personal about them. Every eighth-grader knows a kindergarten or a first-grader. We talk to them and hug them in the halls. We are a family.

Sophie Guerretaz, eighth-grader

I have gone to this school for 11 years, and my experiences at Our Lady of the Greenwood have been the greatest.

I am involved in sports, the musical and Girl Scouts. I have learned so much about how to show good sportsmanship on the court, how to work with people in the musical to put on a great performance each year, and in Girl Scouts about how to help the community in different ways. I have truly learned what being a true Christian means.

Everyone who goes to this school is friendly and always polite, and we truly are like one big family. All of the teachers make each class fun, different and interesting. Every time we go to lunch the lunch ladies are always fun to talk to, and all of the grades get to interact, help and work with one another.

My favorite part of the day is walking in the doors in the morning and always being greeted. There is never a dull moment at this school. I will be sad to leave this amazing school and this big family that is so close to one another.



Caroline Kauffeld

Zander Hooten, eighth-grader

This is my ninth year at Our Lady of the Greenwood. The impact that it has had on my life is unbelievable. My favorite things about it would have to be the friends I have made and the religious atmosphere.

I feel like at a Catholic school it is easier to make friends because the class size is smaller than public schools. In kindergarten the teachers do a great job in bringing the kids together. Most of my friends I met when I was in kindergarten. My friends and I do everything together - from sports to projects and to video games. None of this would have been possible without my school. My friends are a bonus to my family. We are growing up together in and out of school.

Probably the best thing about Our Lady of the Greenwood is religion. We have not only been given the privilege to go to Mass but we also get to take part in Mass. Students do the readings, serve, set up the Mass and even sing in the choir. We also have a 45-minute class period for religion. We learn about the Lord and all of his teachings.

I can confidently say that Our Lady of the Greenwood has changed my life. My parents are responsible for sending me here. My future is better because of their decision. If you are thinking of sending your kids to any Catholic school, I swear you won't regret it.



Zander Hooten



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The student body divided up into "families" and did service projects in the fall.

The family of second-grade teacher Jimmy Wiltsee, which featured (from left) Ellie Barajas, Faith Wagner, Simon Inkenbrandt, Eleanor Carney, Arlene Cabrera Rojas, Liam Stamper, Roxy Moore, John Parrett, Elizabeth Hurst, Joey Weiner, Sam Scott, Lilly Roell, Alex Olivares and Alexis Brock, cleaned up the school yard.



Pre-kindergartners brought their teddy bears to school for a picnic. The smiling faces belong to Abraham Wilson, Claire Holman, Drew Allen, Lucas Sexton, Miranda Castellanos, Sarvesh Ravikummar, Owyn Bonner, Jennifer Quintana-Flores, Mallory Johannigman, Stella Droste, James Gallagher and Rhett McManus.



Sophie Guerretaz

"All of creation waits with eager longing for God to reveal his children."

- Romans 8:19

Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic School

Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic School is one of the largest ministries of Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic Parish, and it exists in order to carry on the teaching ministry of Jesus Christ and his body on Earth, the church. It is a happy home for roughly 500 students, faculty, and staff.

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Why I love SS. Francis & Clare

By **Ellie Bishop**, fourth-grader

What I love about SS. Francis & Clare is Mass. We have Mass two times a week, and we learn about Jesus, God and Mary. What we do is the homily, petitions and more.

On Mass day the second-graders have their first communion so they walk down the aisle with eighth-graders.

What I love about my school is Faith in Action. That is when we wear spirit wear and do nice things for people. For example, we give food or cleaning products to the food pantry. During Christmastime we sign up to bring in a certain item, then we wrap it and give it to a family. It feels great. Doing it is also fun.

I also love the education. What we do for education is fun. We have fun activities that the teachers give us, or the kids create some fun. Sometimes a kid could be funny and cause the fun. Even though it sounds like we have a lot of fun we also learn a lot. I have learned multiplication, division and more.

I love the fun we have at our school.

By **Jillian Canfield**, fourth-grader

My school means a lot to me, and I love our clubs. I do ceramics. I love making things with clay. It's more fun to make things out of clay than to paint them.

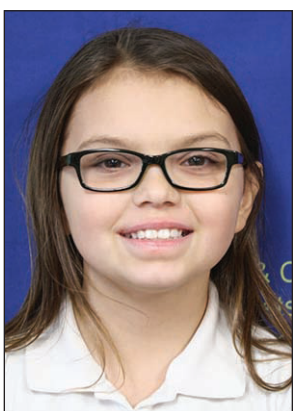
Something else I like about my school is the teachers. My favorite year was third grade. Favorite teacher is easy, Mrs. Fitz. She was really nice to me. All of the teachers teach the kids really well, just like Mrs. Fitz and Mrs. Doherty. Well at least that's what I think.

I also really like field day. Field day is a day that you are outside all day. You do fun activities. I love that you get exercise during it.

I love SS. Francis & Clare.



Ellie Bishop



Jillian Canfield

By **Cameron Cox**, fourth-grader

What I love about SS. Francis & Clare is our study trips. One of my favorite trips was when we went to Blue Springs Caverns. We learned a lot about rocks and minerals. That was what we were learning in class, so that was a perfect place to visit.

I also love our all-school Masses. We have a very nice priest, and we receive the body and blood of Christ every time we go to Mass. Our class goes on Thursdays and Fridays.

I love Faith in Action too. My favorite one is Christmas angles. We get presents for a family that cannot afford them. I got the family a gift card from a grocery store. Then we wrap them in wrapping.

I love my school.

By **Wyatt Meyers**, fourth-grader

I have a lot of friends who keep me company. We play sports at recess. My friends are Hudson, Connor, Tyler, Franky, Vinny Landon, Gavin, Wyatt B. Baylee, Rylee, Bradford, Sky, Logan, Jackson and many more.

I like my teachers. They are fun and nice. We do science projects like who polluted the Potomac River. My teachers are Mrs. Doherty and Mrs. Bullock.

I love the Catholic Youth Organization. It gives us exercise. It also lets us meet new people if they are a part of the church. It is fun to play ball and make friends.



Cameron Cox



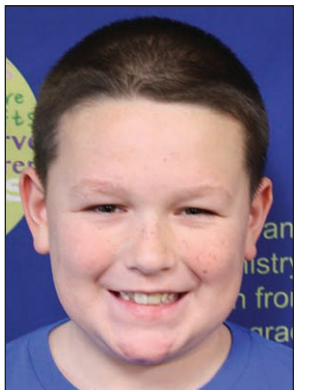
Wyatt Meyers

By **Tyler Cary**, fourth-grader

What I love about SS. Francis & Clare is my friends. A few of them are Hudson, Landon, Franky, Vinny, Jameison and Wyatt. All of my friends are nice. It is good to have friends; without them you will be bored.

I love how we have Faith in Action. I like the Christmas angles. We give presents to the people who don't have any. We also donate food to the pantry. I hope to keep doing this.

Another thing I like is our study trips because they are so fun. We get out of school. We also get to be with friends. I like going to places that I have never been.



Tyler Cary

By **Aurelia Marley**, fourth-grader

What I like about my school is Faith in Action. This winter we got to help a family. We got to wear a fish shirt.

I also like Spanish, art, music and gym. I probably like art, music and gym the best.

Something I also like are the teachers. If it wasn't for the teachers, no one could teach us. Teachers are so important. I have had a mom as a teacher and Mrs. Doherty as a teacher.

I love SS. Francis & Clare.



Aurelia Macley



Eighth-grader Sam Secrest and second-grader Luke Senac work on an activity for Spirit Buddies, which meets at once a quarter.



Preschooler Aubrey Barger participates in a Faith in Action project of stocking the local pantry. A different grade level takes the lead each month to plan a project for the entire school.



Principal Betty Popp (left) and Assistant Principal Rebecca Stone enjoy lunch with (clockwise, from left) Lexi Nalley, Ella Tygrett, Audrey Howe, Andrea Papesch, Alexis Tobolski and Shyanne Greb.



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Mass is an important part of a Catholic education.

"But it is not just creation alone which groans; we who have the Spirit as the first of God's gifts also groan within ourselves as we wait for God to make us his children and set our whole being free."

- Romans 8:23

St. Barnabas

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School feels like a second home

By **Kaylee Heidelberger**
Seventh-grader

Every morning at St. Barnabas we start our day in prayer. In these moments, we are all one: one heart, one voice, one school. The prayer states, "Let these walls be full of contentment and peace. Let love live here: love of God, love of self, love of one another, love of human kind, love of life."

Every day we are taught how to execute these goals. The strong community that the staff and volunteers have built help me extend my faith by living through their works of mercy. They have created a safe environment for the students to learn.

The core lesson of everything we do throughout our day is centered toward Christ, no matter what the lesson is.

The staff makes it their sole duty to deepen the faith of those around them. They have built a place where we can feel safe and be our true selves. One example is in the morning when we arrive at school. Assistant Principal Mr. Schnarr is always there to greet us with a smile, no matter the weather.

Math teacher Mr. Bauman has students read the daily Gospel, and he teaches us the meaning before starting class.

The relationships we build with our peers and all parishioners makes my Catholic faith so great.

I am extremely grateful for the experience I have had at St. Barnabas. Everyone here is my second family; it is my second home.



Kaylee Heidelberger

By **Anita Conn**, sixth-grader

As Pope Francis says, "Let the church be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven."

Other students and I are lucky to have our faith extended from church to our school. We are all together as a family; we get to celebrate freely, and we get to be involved in service projects that bring us closer to God and one another.

We celebrate with one another and share God's love freely. We go to church every Wednesday as a school. My class and I listen to the Gospels and homilies, sing and celebrate the sacraments. It is so great when our whole school comes together to receive the Eucharist.

Our school is involved in service projects like the canned food drive and the St. Nick stockings. This year we donated over 10,000 cans and 60 stockings of toiletries.

During youth ministry events we learn more about prayer and God's love for us. We combine lessons with other fun events such as prayer and breakfast, where we eat doughnuts and pray.

One of my favorite things about St. Barnabas is that we are together as a family. When we pray we share our personal intentions with each other. This helps us all become more aware of each other's hardships so we can be there for students in our school. When others are going through tough times we try to do what we can to help. One important lesson I have learned at St. Barnabas is that even in bad times there is still good in the world.

At St. Barnabas we practice mercy, love, hope and forgiveness. We celebrate our faith, do acts of service and are a family. We believe that all people, not just those in our school or church, are special. Going to a Catholic school has helped me embrace the good in me.



Anita Conn



The Neu family at Mass.



Hannah Reilly, Avery Wernke and Louisa Matis are buddies.

By **Nicholas McCoy**, second-grader

I like going to a Catholic school because my teachers inspire me to learn about God and follow his steps in Christ.

St. Barnabas is like family to me. We learn together, play sports together and pray together.

That is why I love going to St. Barnabas.



Nicholas McCoy

"You and your children must obey these rules forever."

— Exodus 12:24



The seventh- and eighth-grade football team.



Pastor Anthony R. Volz and Associate Pastor Joe Rautenberg celebrate Mass.



Grace Sipe and Madelyn Endris are aspiring musicians.



Emily Mawi eyes her science project.



Annabelle Collins is looking for some treats.

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What a Catholic education means to me

By **Jean-Luc Euzen**, eighth-grader

As I reflect upon my nine years of going to St. Jude, I realize how fortunate I have been to be able to go to a Catholic school. Through activities like Mass, we grow closer to each other and to Christ, and we can openly practice our faith.

Being in an environment where I can openly practice what I believe provides me with a sense of comfort. I have been able to learn about and understand in depth the traditions of the Catholic faith. Mr. Kelly is teaching us about the Stations of the Cross in preparation for our eighth-grade presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. By being taught and having the opportunity to reflect upon the Stations of the Cross, I feel that my classmates and I will feel more connected to them while presenting them.

Catholic schools also focus on helping us to live out our faith through service, which cultivates a sense of awareness by exposing me to new people, ideas and situations. This exposure generates within me a sense of compassion for others and gratitude for the blessings in my life. Going to a Catholic school has instilled within me many virtues and beliefs that I will use and be affected by for the rest of my life.



Jean-Luc Euzen

make them feel a little better. Also, when someone doesn't understand something, they will work with them or go over something more than once to make sure they understand.

I think going to a Catholic school is an amazing opportunity for me.

By **Ella Shelburn**, sixth-grader

Going to a Catholic school has always been a great experience for me.

I think my teachers are magnificent role models because they work hard to teach me academics and how to be a good person. If I am having trouble with a certain class, they will help me understand the lesson and teach me something new.

Most importantly, they teach me how to accomplish goals, be kind, love and accept one another and to do what Jesus would do. I learn about God at Mass, in religion class and through my teachers' actions.

Learning about God is important. We learn about God in religion class and at Mass. I love reading Bible stories because they are interesting and teach me how to be a better person. Another one of my favorite things about religion class is going on prayer walks because they help me think about God and be closer to him.

I love St. Jude because I have a marvelous education, a loving school family and I am able to have a strong faith in God. I feel blessed to be able to go to such an excellent school.



Ella Shelburn

By **Kathryn Kirschner**, sixth-grader

RING! RING! The bell had just rung. Another day at St. Jude had begun.

What St. Jude means to me? It means that every morning I wake up knowing that I am going to learn in a safe environment with people I trust. It means I get to see friends who make me happy and care about me. It means I get to participate in activities I enjoy and that I get to learn something new every day. From going to Mass to learning about my faith, I've loved almost every moment of my time at St. Jude.

Each year my teacher has brought something unique to the learning experience. My fourth-grade teacher was creative and made everything we did enjoyable. My fifth-grade teacher gave us many projects in science and helped us understand the material. All of my teachers have helped me and given me the confidence to try harder.

I participate in volleyball, track and theater. Whenever I play sports here, I always get included, and my coaches always help me when I don't understand something. In theater, I learn how to cooperate with other people, and it also boosts self-confidence.

The top things in my life are my faith, family and friendships. St. Jude teaches me how Masses work and about the Holy Trinity. This school shows me how much our families matter. St. Jude teaches me how to build friendships and treat everyone with respect.



Kathryn Kirschner

By **Anna Elpers**, seventh-grader

A Catholic education means everything to me. Learning about our important leaders' pasts and how they have affected cultural life can be influential. Just like learning history, religion class can introduce us to role models and good behaviors that we should strive to be like.

Understanding how church services work has made my experience during Mass much more indulging and easier to follow.

I am getting a good education. My grades will help me get into a good high school, a good college and hopefully a good job. Grades are important to my family and me because they show effort and progress, and can also show you areas that you need to improve upon.

We have a program called The Leader in Me, which gives all students – one classroom at a time – the chance to participate in helping any community or business by choosing a good deed to do.

Our class, Mr. Mattingly's class, chose to donate books and toys to Riley Hospital for Children.

A Catholic education has thoroughly deepened my knowledge of my religion and will continue to as I complete grade school and move onto high school.



Anna Elpers

By **Hannah Morgan**, seventh-grader

A Catholic school is a place where people can come together to learn about their faith, letting people experience and learn the way that they should live their lives.

At a Catholic school the children learn more common sense so that they can be amazing students. Teachers won't ever give up on a child no matter how annoying or nice a person is. They care that you do well in school and push you to do even better than you even knew you could do.

I loving being at a Catholic school. The teachers make everything so fun and try their hardest not to get mad or yell at us. They never put me or other students down.

If someone is stressed, they will find a way to comfort the person to



Hannah Morgan

Grateful (Continued from Page 1)

Known for popping in classrooms and sharing science and math facts, Shelburn said he enjoys it when struggling students turn the corner and start to achieve in the classroom.

"I truly enjoy the people I encounter on a daily basis, and by people I mean students, teachers and parents."

Time management is key to Shelburn because there are many priorities on his long list of daily duties. "There's a limited number of hours in each day, and I have lot of things I must do. I've got 500 kids here."

Coaching football is one of the things he finds time for. "We haven't won any titles while I've been here, but we have fielded some pretty good teams."

Shelburn, who praises his parents, Mike and Connie, for the examples they set for him and his siblings while growing up, likens being a principal to a head coach.

"Education is a challenging field because it is always changing. There is always more to learn and the opportunity to get better. You never arrive at the finish line."

When away from school, Shelburn sees himself as a home improvement type of guy. "I like building furniture and decorative items," he said. "I'm starting to work with metals and learning how to weld. I'm lucky that my wife (Sarah) is equally creative. We have a lot of shared interests."

Shelburn attended St. Jude and Roncalli, where he was a lineman on the 1993 state championship football team (14-0). He recalls that Mike Bohn rushed for 3,165 yards that season to lead the country.

Shelburn earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Indianapolis and played and helped coach football as a graduate assistant.

He and his wife have three children, Sophie, a sophomore at Roncalli; and Max and Maggie, eighth- and fifth-graders at St. Jude, respectively.

His older brother, Ray, was a running back for the Rebels and a three-time Golden Gloves champ.

"The reason he was so good was because he always practiced on me," laughed the younger Shelburn, whose other siblings are Anthony and Nick Shelburn and Frannie Yohler.

"I am very grateful for the opportunity that I have been given here. I have a special connection to this place; perhaps God had a hand in me being named principal. I am proud of what we have accomplished and excited about the direction we are headed."



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Luke Swartz was a starting offensive lineman on the Indiana seventh-grade All-Star football team that won the national championship in Canton, Ohio, on a windy, snowing day in late December.



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St. Jude fifth-grader Maggie Shelburn (center) won the National Junior Tennis and Learning essay contest and was honored in August in New York City, where she attended a luncheon and Arthur Ash Kids Day.

She is seen with (from left) Dan Faber, David Dinkins, Nick Bollettieri, Katrina Adams, D.A. Abrams and James Blake at the Yale Club in New York.



St. Jude's speech team placed fifth among the 23 teams competing at the Cathedral meet Jan. 13.

Dating back to the early 1990s, the team enjoys continued success under the guidance of coach Susan Denzler, who squads have boasted as many as 70 members.

This year's squad includes (from left) Hannah Pierce, Catherine Lehner, Erin McNulty, Daniel Striegel, Jean Luc Euzen, Amanda Wolf and Emily Wolf.

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Why I love my school

By **Ben Swiezy**, fourth-grader

I love St. Mark because it prepares you for a great life.

The first thing I will tell you is that Father Bill says great homilies every Tuesday and Friday. He loves us so much and lets us pet his dog. He hands out treats to those who answer his questions right at Mass.

The second thing I want to tell you is the high expectations at St. Mark. The teachers make sure we follow six great rules.

The third thing I want to tell you is the fun activities. We have a day when students dress up like their favorite sports team. Over holidays the cafeteria workers put up decorations.

The last thing I love about St. Mark is the specials. The gym class lets us work with all our abilities and lets us learn new things. The art teacher has a lot of experience with art and lets us work on awesome projects. The music teacher teaches other things than just music. She teaches us things to become a better person in life.

When you walk in St. Mark you feel cared for and loved. We care for all our students, and Mr. Albertson, our principal, does a great job. My teacher, Mrs. Merkel, makes sure we are not misbehaving so we learn. Mrs. Farrell is a teacher who cares too.

Life is short and St. Mark lets us look forward to enjoying every day here because we won't be here forever.



Ben Swiezy

By **Mya Galbreath**, fifth-grader

St. Mark is an outstanding choice for your child. Everyone here will welcome you and help you get used to things. St. Mark, which is graded as an A school, is keen on helping students improve their learning skills.

The main goal for every teacher is to help students be as prepared as they can be for the lives to come their way. When you need help the teachers explain it to you in ways that help you understand it. The support staff is amazing. The teachers aren't boring; they make learning fun because they know how to laugh.

The school has lots of after-school activities and sports. The coaches are great at their sports and very educated in them. The coaches help you be the best in the sports that you play.

The Spell Bowl team is for fourth- through sixth-graders, and it helps kids with their spelling a lot. We have band for fifth- through eighth-graders.

St. Mark has a tremendous amount of fundraisers to buy items for our classrooms and teachers. We have lots of field trips because of the fundraisers. As an extra that St. Mark has is Chromebooks for students to work on.

We are tremendously faithful at St. Mark. We have Mass twice a week, and almost all of our classes start with a prayer. We have reconciliation during Lent and Advent. There is barely any schools that offer all of these in the faith department. Our priest and deacon are better than any priest out there. When they say homilies the kids can walk out of the church and tell their teachers or parents that they have learned something.

We make the Burmese community welcome at St. Mark.

After all of the things that you have just heard, I'm pretty positive that you will send your kids to St. Mark. And if you do and one of them is in my class, I'll make sure that they are welcome.



Mya Galbreath



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ST. MARK SCHOOL
It's playtime. ... And what youngsters don't like to play in the leaves?



Time for a treat.



Isn't this exciting!

By **Hailey Schoettle**, fourth-grader

Going to St. Mark is a gift every day because we are different than other Catholic schools.

I have been to a couple of schools and St. Mark is the finest. My family has been going here for generations ... my grandpa, my dad and many others in my family. Now my little sister, my cousin and I are attending this great school.

This school helps me grow closer to God every day. I love the diversity my school has. We have so many different backgrounds that make us all unique. No one is left out. We all think of each other as equals. We respect and care about each other like we are one huge family.

I think a great staff makes a great school. My teachers are awesome, and they all make sure I understand things. They act like they really care about my future. Our teachers go above and beyond to make sure no one is left out, and they enforce the rules but are still fun. Our principal has a daily talk with every classroom to make sure we are doing the right thing and following in God's path.

St. Mark offers so many activities to interest everyone, even parents. We have many Catholic Youth Organization sports. My favorites are volleyball, basketball and kickball. We have huge holiday plays that involve all grades.

St. Mark Catholic school is the best place for any child because we love and care for each other. Like I said, we are one big family!



Hailey Schoettle

By **Far Men lang**, fifth-grader

St. Mark is the one school that you're looking for, right? Well if it isn't, there's really no other schools besides this one.

St. Mark has Mass twice a week and students get to participate. Our priest is so caring; sometimes he might surprise you and your class at lunch.

Our school has the opportunity to tutor students who are struggling with academics. We have advanced Chromebooks for students to use for learning and just for fun.

There are teachers who help others learn how to speak English. St. Mark sets high expectations for different grades and it helps students reach those expectations.

St. Mark has clubs and sports for children who want to join. The coaches really let the children get engaged with what they're doing.

Something that I like is that your coaches can take you to games if you don't have a ride and you can carpool with them. These groups have teammates who guide them through what's happening if they don't understand that well.

St. Mark is a productive and educational school that your kid might enjoy going to. This school is probably the best school I've ever attended. I love going here. St. Mark Lions!



Far Men lang



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What a Catholic education means to me

By **Kinkade Zientara**, fifth-grader

A Catholic education means a way to learn about Jesus, Mary, the saints and the angels during religion class. We get to go to Mass twice a week. It is a way to connect with God during religion. We can read the Bible. All of this means love. God's temple is built of love. My Catholic education experience is great because I get to learn about God. When I was younger I never knew that a Catholic education could be so great. Our former principal, Mr. Hansen, used to say, "St. Roch is a family." A Catholic education makes us smart. In the future we will be able to go to a good college then get a good job. When we retire the money from that job will be able to support us. A Catholic education makes for a successful life. Catholic education also involves specials. In physical education we get to exercise for 45 minutes twice a week. In Spanish we get to learn a different language and sing songs. In art we get to color different things and learn new ways how to color and draw. In music we get to learn how to sing different notes and new songs. In computer we get to learn how to type faster and how to code.



Kinkade Zientara

By **Callaway Marsh**, fifth-grader

A Catholic education can change someone's life. I have had six years of Catholic education and each year I feel lucky to attend a school like St. Roch, which is a place where I feel cared for and safe. Every Sunday I attend Mass with my family. Something that sets me apart from other kids who attend Sunday Mass is the fact I get to go to Mass twice during the week with my classmates. This privilege gives me the chance to participate in the Mass doing readings and singing in the choir. Catholic schools offer religion classes, which gives us the chance to read stories about Jesus' life. I really enjoy religion class, and I enjoy the opportunity to find ways to discuss Jesus and his lessons in other subjects. Talking to Jesus helps me feel strong and calm. By attending a Catholic school I am able to talk to Jesus through daily prayer. We start and end each day with a prayer. I have a sister and two brothers who go to St. Roch with me. I know it is a sacrifice for my parents to send us there because a Catholic education is expensive. But my parents always say, "It is worth it." I know my life will be changed forever because I am able to attend a Catholic school.



Callaway Marsh

By **Mirabella Gaskill**, Third-grader

A Catholic education means big smiles on students' faces when teachers help them, or when students become good friends. That's why I love a Catholic education and having a great school. We have Catholic Schools Week, and we dress up crazy and have fun. Our principal is so, so nice. Our teachers never give up on us and believe in us at all times. All the teachers get that we have after-school activities and never get mad. St. Roch teachers never mislead or tell us to do wrong. A Catholic education is important because religion is a way to teach kids to be nice and good. I love that everyone is nice and never bullies. We get to go to Mass and sing in the choir. The teachers are caring and love us so much. They love it when we are inspired about something or comment that something happened to us. All the teachers are humorous and make us happy even on the darkest days. We are taught to be nice and not to bully. Our principal works hard to make the world a better and nicer place. We might have rules, but they keep us safe, and they do not keep us from having fun. I love a Catholic education because of all these things!



Mirabella Gaskill

By **Chloe Painchaud**, sixth-grader

What I love about St. Roch is that we are kind and friendly to everyone we meet. St. Roch has fun teachers and amazing classes. I also love that we have religion class to teach us stories about God, who influences me every day when I am at home, school and everywhere I go. We also have an anti-bully rally to teach others to be kind and respectful to others. Everyone is family at St. Roch, and we help each other in every way. We have a great arts department to teach students music, art and foreign language. I absolutely love to paint and draw. I play the piano, and I am in band and choir. But I would not be myself without the religion, which we have every day in the mornings, and we even go to Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays. All the teachers make it fun to learn and help us out in every way possible. Everyone hangs out at recess and sits next to each other at lunch. We collect shoes, mittens, hats, gloves and scarves for people who sadly don't have the money to buy them. Without St. Roch I wouldn't be who I am today. I wouldn't be as confident or know as much about God as I do. I feel like I'm accepted, and I owe it all to the Catholic teachings at St. Roch.



Chloe Painchaud

From the principal... Amy Wilson

Choosing a career in Catholic education was an easy choice for me. From my elementary years at Holy Name to my high school years at Roncalli and through my college years at Marian University, Catholic education is all that I have ever known. I thank my parents for the sacrifices they made to send me to Catholic schools. It was my appreciation for their sacrifice that led me to a career in Catholic education. My Catholic education, along with my family, has given me my moral compass. I will always be grateful, and always give back to the education that formed me into who I am today. I have always felt blessed that the career I have chosen has never felt like a job, but always like an extension of home.



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The Christmas program proved to be a hit with everyone.



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County Sherriff's Department. The stories of his humanity are legendary, and that list of deeds continues to grow. Many parishioners say he is best known for his faith, humor and humility and being joyous. Wilmoth said he has no intention of retiring as long as he enjoys good health. "I'll do this as long as the Lord wants me to ... and I guess the bishop will have something to say about it too."



Making fruit baskets for the parish's Mayfest is an annual tradition for Wilmoth.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ST. ROCH SCHOOL
The Rev. James Wilmoth and longtime St. Roch teacher Dick Gallamore.



Wilmoth smiles for the photographer in between landing the big ones on a fishing trip.



Taking in a little Irish music while vacationing in Ireland.



Luke Schott, son of Joe and Candice Schott, is baptized by Wilmoth.



Wilmoth has seen the school's kickball teams win many trophies.



Wilmoth at an undated May crowning with Julie and Mark McGuire and their daughter, Grace.

Key to success

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Sponsel said his clients aren't just customers – they are friends. "You'll see this in every solution we sell. You'll hear it in our voices when we speak to you. You'll even smell it in the freshly baked chocolate cookies that await you in our showroom."

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"We work with clients of all shapes, sizes and industries – including health care, schools, government and high-end residential," said Sponsel, 62, who has four children, Deanne, David, Michael and Shelly, and nine grandchildren with his wife of 35 years, Cathy.

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"We (the seniors) were goofing off one day and Father (James) Wilmoth, our athletic director, was upset with our behavior and called us out. Leaders have responsibilities," he said. I have never forgotten that.

– Denny Sponsel

with all key stakeholders." And while Sponsel's business can be demanding, he's not sure if it's any more difficult than his eighth-grade football practices were. "Coach Jim McGinley was so tough on us. His favorite saying was, 'When the going gets tough, the tough get going.' I think about that saying all the time, especially when I think about my responsibilities with the company. When a tough situation arises, you have to lean back and toughen up."

Sponsel's time at Latin School, where he led the Cougars' basketball team to its first winning season wasn't any easier.

"We (the seniors) were goofing off one day and Father (James) Wilmoth, our athletic director, was upset with our behavior and called us out. Leaders have responsibilities," he said. I have never forgotten that."

And something else that he hasn't forgotten is the virtue of being generous. "Catholic teachers always told us to be generous. And my company is. We are engaged in many philanthropic projects, and we are always helping the less fortunate."

While most people feel ill at ease when addressing large groups, Sponsel welcomes the opportunity and can thank his grade school music teacher, Sister Mary Estelle, for that. "Before our recitals, which were performed in front of more than 400 people, Sister Mary insisted that we were prepared to play (Sponsel was a pianist). She placed so much emphasis on that. The same goes for addressing a group; you have to be prepared. I remember that she played and taught every instrument," he said.

"I wouldn't trade my Catholic education for anything; it groomed me for life and its challenges."

Cancer (Continued from Page 1)

the community of those fighting the disease. "That they realize it's people in the community, it's your neighbors and every little bit you do will help fight the fight," Dreibelbis said. All proceeds from the game were donated to the American Cancer Society, which had an information booth at the game. Pizza and nacho dinners were sold as part of the fundraiser. Pink Coaches Vs. Cancer T-shirts were sold and worn by cheerleaders, students and coaching staffs from the teams. Coaches vs. Cancer has a personal meaning for Beech Grove athletic director and head basketball coach Matt English. English has had cancer twice and is in remission. It returned in December of 2016 and he finished treatment in November. His wife, Angela, was on hand assisting with the fundraiser Friday night. "Last scan everything looked good," she said. Beech Grove won 68-49 and are 11-4. The Hornets also won the Chick-fil-A Challenge between the two schools by \$29.



Beech Grove students wore Coaches vs. Cancer shirts in Friday's win for the Hornets.



Beech Grove students Makenna Schneider (left) and Elizabeth Pich celebrate as the Hornets won the Chick-fil-A challenge against Lutheran.

Treating the flu

By Dr. Sarah Stelzner
Ekenazi Health pediatrician



Dr. Sarah Stelzner

During this more difficult than usual cold and flu season, many of us have felt ill and asked ourselves these familiar questions: Should I go to the drugstore to buy an over-the-counter remedy, go to my doctor or an urgent care center to get an anti-flu medication, or would I be better served staying home drinking fluids, resting and taking medicine for fever and pain?

It is important to understand viruses like the flu to help you decide how to deal with a potentially serious situation. You can ease the misery at home by drinking lots of fluids, ingesting some hot soup or herb tea with honey and getting plenty of rest. You'll also want to humidify the air. Try a warm compress over your forehead and nose to relieve headache or sinus pain, and battle a sore throat with cough drops, throat lozenges and honey, which can also be effective at easing a troubling cough.

To open clogged airways, bring a pot of water to a boil and remove it from the heat. Drape a towel over your head, close your eyes, and lean over the water under the "tent," breathing deeply through your nose for 30 seconds.

If you live alone and have a family member or friend who has offered to check in on you and make sure you have everything you need, welcome their generosity with open arms. Their kindness and personal touch will be a tremendous comfort to you.

If you are having problems breathing, extreme discomfort, holding down or taking in liquids or noticing a decrease in your urine output, you should seek care immediately. A health-care provider may prescribe Tamiflu to help decrease the symptoms of influenza if it is within 48 hours of developing the infection.

If your symptoms are severe enough that you decide to go to your doctor, an urgent care clinic or the emergency room, it's a good idea to bring a list of all the medications you take, including over-the-counter medicine, vitamins and supplements. This list should include how much of each medication you take as well as how often you take it, in addition to a list of allergies.

If you are in need of a pediatrician for your child or a primary care physician for yourself, please call 317-880-8687 or visit www.eskenazi-health.edu/doctors.

Roncalli principal awarded grant



Chuck Weisenbach

Roncalli Principal Chuck Weisenbach has been awarded a second Lilly Creativity Fellowship grant. Weisenbach received one of these grants nine years ago and used it to "walk in the footsteps" of the school namesake, Angelo Cardinal Roncalli (now St. John XXIII). The grant allowed Weisenbach to travel to the place of Roncalli's birth and baptism, the site of his seminary training, his ordination and many of his pastoral assignments. Shortly after Weisenbach's first pilgrimage, the school developed the Walking in the Footsteps of Roncalli pilgrimage program for faculty and staff. The initiative has given the opportunity for more than 30 member faculty and staff members to immerse themselves in the life, formation, ministry and charisms of St. John XXIII. Weisenbach will use this grant to visit Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey and the Holy Land – places that didn't see on his original journey.

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