



100 Years of Faith, Hope, & Love Newsletter

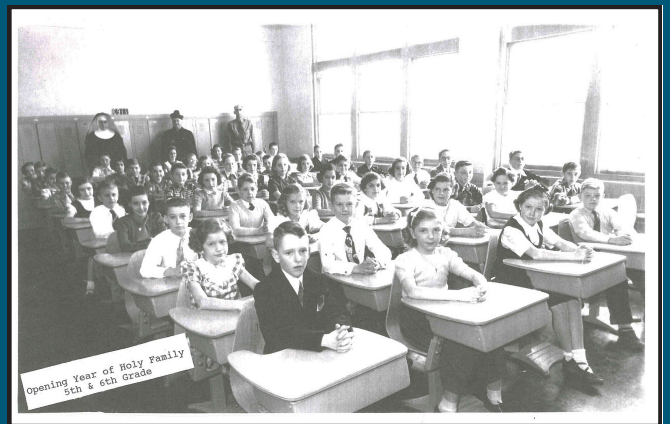
A THRIVING CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN ST. LOUIS PARK

Est. 1951

*“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”
Proverbs 22:6*

HOLY FAMILY PARISH SCHOOL OPENS

In 1951, the doors of a brand new brick building on Lake Street and Zarthan Avenue opened to 350 eager pupils. Under the care of Fr. Francis Wilkins and the tutelage of six Servite sisters, these young people became the first students of Holy Family Parish School. In the early years, each classroom hosted two grades, since only the top of floor of the building had classrooms.



FORMING GENERATIONS OF CATHOLICS

Throughout the 1950's, Holy Family Catholic Church continued to grow, and with it, the need for authentic Catholic education. More Servite Sisters were assigned to the parish school, allowing it to accommodate grades 1-8.

These sisters lived in what is now the Rectory.

By the end of the decade, Holy Family Parish school had grown to an enrollment of 500. During this period, students watched as the former A-frame church building was lifted and rolled away down the street after its purchase by the city. Even after only a few years in the church/school building, the growth of Holy Family parish necessitated another expansion.

