



ARCHDIOCESE
of DUBUQUE

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024

"Last year I was visiting our Catholic High School and I ran into a student who is a parishioner in the halls. I asked where they were off to and they told me they were heading to the chapel to spend some time in adoration of our Lord in the Eucharist.

Where else do our students have the opportunity to encounter Christ so easily and joyfully? Our schools not only teach our students about the sacraments, but give them the opportunity to engage in them during their regular daily lives."



FR. DENNIS CONWAY

WORSHIP

"Catholic Schools help to fulfill the mission of the Church by being a wonderful supplement for parents teaching their children not only academics and other skills necessary for our world; but of course authentic Catholic Education seeks to develop the entire human person.

Catholic Schools are an integral part of the Church's mission as the sign of salvation by permitting students to partake in the various liturgical roles at Mass in addition to opportunities for receiving the sacrament of reconciliation during the Advent and Lenten Seasons.

Catholic Schools help to fulfill the mission of the Church by beginning and sustaining the rhythm of the school day with prayer; another fundamental aspect of formation for living a life patterned after Christ.

Catholic Schools help to fulfill the mission of the Church by fostering and sustaining academic excellence that helps the individual who has received Catholic education be a good disciple and citizen therefore being salt and light for the world."



FR. DON HERTGES

MESSAGE

"Since I am new to the archdiocese in the role of archbishop, I made the rounds of the deaneries to visit, pray and share a meal with the priests. One of the things I asked them was how and where they experience joy in their priesthood.



ARCHBISHOP THOMAS ZINKULA

Many priests said that visiting Catholic schools, celebrating school Masses and hearing confessions of students, and teaching in classrooms give priests life. Priests are energized by the joy and enthusiasm of youth, and by their excitement about learning our Catholic faith."

"In the Gospel of Matthew chapter 25, Jesus makes it clear that we will be judged and separated according to our service to our least brothers and sisters. Our Catholic School students are given opportunities to serve and use their talents, and from what I have witnessed, they serve our community with joyful enthusiasm. Giving back to the community and putting their faith in action from a young age will hopefully transition to a lifelong mentality which will benefit the Church and our world."



SERVICE

FR. ANDY UPAH



"If we truly want to encounter Jesus (and as Christians and Catholics, we do!), He will be revealed in the community of his disciples. Our parishes and our Catholic schools form followers in the way of Christian community. If you want to encounter Jesus, visit our schools. See Jesus in the faces of children and adolescents growing together, being stretched and formed in the values of faith and best of all working together in all kinds of ways to make Christian faith real. I love seeing this often in our students, faculty and parish."



COMMUNITY

FR. NEIL MANTERNACH





EXCELLENCE BY THE NUMBERS

100%



GRADUATION RATE

100%



SCHOOLS ACCREDITED BY
IOWA DEPT. OF EDUCATION

19



LANGUAGES SPOKEN

10%



STUDENTS WITH SUPPORT
VIA AN IEP OR
ACCOMMODATION PLAN

14%



STUDENT DIVERSITY

18%



K-12 STUDENTS RECEIVING FREE
OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS

35%



K-12 STUDENTS RECEIVING
STO ASSISTANCE

42%



K-12 STUDENTS
RECEIVING AN ESA

104%



ENROLLMENT, COMPARED
TO LAST YEAR

Academic Excellence

State Testing (% of Students Proficient)

ELA	Iowa	Archdiocese	Math	Iowa	Archdiocese	Science	Iowa	Archdiocese
5th	69%	82%	5th	71%	85%	5th	63%	77%
8th	76%	93%	8th	72%	90%	8th	66%	85%
10th	73%	84%	10th	66%	80%	10th	62%	78%

