



2025 St. Mary's MISSION APPEAL

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St. Mary's Mission School provides education for future generations of the Red Lake Nation

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November 29th & 30th, 2025



Will You Invest In Their Hopes and Dreams?

\$20 provides snow pants for a student

\$30 provides school spirit wear for each student

\$50 provides a student portrait and class photo

\$70 purchases Catholic Curriculum for two students

\$100 provides a student desk

\$500 purchases new furniture

\$16,000 provides a new school sign

\$17,000 provides benefits for a faculty
or staff member

\$65,000 purchased a used 20 passenger bus

\$125,000 installs a new playground

We depend on the generous donations of individuals, businesses, churches and foundations off the reservation to help our school thrive and our students pursue their dreams. While many on the Red Lake Indian Reservation struggle with poverty, families who send their children to St. Mary's are not poor when it comes to dreams for their children.

Please visit www.crookston.org/SMMA to donate online today or contact Joe Lichty with further questions at 218-281-4533 Ext. 455. We are grateful for your donation!

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every person needs to know that they are loved. Since 1858, St. Mary's Mission School has been a place where young people can encounter love. We want each student to be seen for who they are: a precious child of God. St. Mary's Mission is a much needed strong and steady presence in the community, preparing students to know their dignity and make a difference in the world.

You are an essential part of this mission. Your support of St. Mary's Mission Appeal helps ensure that every student receives an opportunity to grow in academic excellence, moral character, and a deep connection to their faith.

Here's how you can help:

- Pray for our students, teachers, and families
- Consider a one-time or monthly gift
- Share our mission with others who may wish to support Catholic education

Thank you for walking with us in this vital work. I look forward to all that God will continue to do through our shared efforts.

Sincerely in Christ,

The Most Reverend Andrew H. Cozzens, S.T.D., D.D.
Bishop of Crookston

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is a true honor and blessing to serve as the new pastor of St. Mary's Mission. Since arriving, I have been moved by the goodness of God and the many ways His grace is at work here at St. Mary's Mission.

Our school is more than just a place to learn; it is a cornerstone of our mission. Just this past April, 17 students from St. Mary's Mission School were baptized! As a priest, it is a profound joy to walk with our students and their families, guiding them into a living faith with Jesus and the Sacramental life of the Church.

As we journey together in this Jubilee Year of Hope, I can think of no better sign of hope than our students. Each day, they show us that the future of the Church is alive and growing.

That's why your support of the St. Mary's Mission Appeal is so vital. Your gift provides tuition assistance, classroom resources, and helps sustain our dedicated teachers.

Every child matters. Every gift helps. And through your prayers and generosity, our students experience the love of Christ and a community who believes in them.

With hope in Christ,

Fr. Thomas M. Niehaus J.C.L.
Pastor, Bemidji State University Newman Ministry and St. Mary's Mission



Principal Update,

It is with great joy that I introduce myself as the new Principal of St. Mary's Mission School. Having had the honor of teaching 4th grade at St. Mary's Mission School, I am excited to serve in this new capacity. I am originally from Minnesota. I received my undergraduate degree from Butler University, my master's degree from Indiana University, and my PhD from the University of Minnesota. This is my 20th year as an educator, and I have served in a variety of different roles (classroom teacher, literacy interventionist, college professor, etc.).

Enrollment at St. Mary's Mission School continues to be around 60 students and we're excited to welcome even more students soon! We have a dynamic staff, and we welcomed a new PE teacher last year and a new 2nd/3rd grade teacher this year. We continue to offer small class sizes to better meet our learners' individual needs. Our learners love going on field trips, participating in activities like Indigenous Games, and having their families stop in for community events like St. Nicholas Day and Breakfasts with Grownups.

Our mission is rooted in the Gospel and the teaching ministry of the Catholic Church. Each day, St. Mary's Mission School helps our students grow in wisdom, virtue, and faith. Our students not only learn the truths of our Catholic faith but are also encouraged to live them.

I invite you to join us in prayer and support. Your generosity makes Catholic education possible for our children, ensuring that they can grow in faith, academic excellence, and cultural pride. With your help, we can continue to walk together grounded in support of our learners as they gain a Catholic education and are enriched by the traditions of the Red Lake Nation.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership. May God bless you abundantly for your faith, generosity, and love for our children.

In Christ,

Alyssa M. Schindler



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