



St. Ignatius Catholic School Celebrates Catholic Schools Week 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

This past week, January 29 - February 4, the students and staff at St. Ignatius Catholic School celebrated Catholic Schools Week! Daily activities were planned to acknowledge our Catholic faith and to celebrate the community we have built to educate tomorrow's citizens and church leaders. The theme of our celebration was "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service."

The theme encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples, and enriched citizens in our communities, our staff is growing with them. In Catholic schools, we are all learners, servants, and leaders. These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work. They are what make Catholic schools succeed. The theme also focuses on key elements of Catholic education: faith development, academic excellence, and dedication to service. These elements set Catholic schools apart from other educational options. They are the reasons why families make sacrifices to provide their children with a Catholic education.

Throughout this special week, students participated in a fundraiser for the Pregnancy Options Resource Center in Alpena, made cards for our homebound parishioners, and enjoyed a presentation from the Raven Hill Discovery Center on lizards, snakes, and turtles. They also spent an afternoon at Nautical Lanes for pizza and bowling, had a teacher swap at the school, and participated in several themed dress up days.

Now, more than ever, a Catholic education is truly an investment in the future and worth the consideration of every family. I am grateful for the dedication and commitment of our pastor, teachers, staff, parishioners, parents, and volunteers who make our school a great place to worship, learn, and serve. Together we pray for God's continued guidance as we educate our children in His ways and model His love to everyone we meet.

Yours in Christ,

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