

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 31st to February 6th



*“Young people today need Catholic education more than ever. In a world where truth, beauty and goodness are considered all but subjective, the Way, Truth and Life offered us in Jesus Christ are our only source of direction, clarity and hope... Being rooted in faith... (enhances) the academic quality of Catholic schools... (and) is their very motivation for excellence in all things.” ~ Bishop Michael C. Barber*

**Nearly 1.8 million students are currently educated in 6,352 Catholic schools in cities, suburbs, small towns and rural communities around the country.**

Students receive an education that helps them become critical thinkers, strong communicators and active members of society, thus equipping them for higher education, a competitive work environment, and most importantly, living a Christian life of virtue in a challenging society. “Following Christ’s example of loving and serving all people, Catholic schools proudly provide a well-rounded education to disadvantaged families, new arrivals to America and to all who seek a seat in our schools. Since the inception of Catholic schools in our country, we have always sought to welcome families of all backgrounds while maintaining our principles and teaching in a spirit of charity,” Bishop Barber said.

Catholic parents have the duty and the right to educate their children in the Catholic Faith. **Catholic schools are the principal means of helping parents provide their children with a Catholic education.** (see Code in Canon Law, 796)

“Not only does a Catholic education develop an individual’s academic talents, but it should also seek to develop a person’s physical, moral, and social talents. Most importantly, a Catholic education should deepen a person’s spiritual life and commitment to serving the Lord.” Fr. Langes Silva, JCL, JCD, Canon Law and Catholic Education.

**Holy Trinity School** is a Roman Catholic School in the Diocese of Covington.

We are also a member of the Diocese's Alliance for Catholic Urban Education (ACUE).

We work mainly with students from Dayton, Bellevue and Newport, serving the parishes of Divine Mercy, Holy Spirit, and St. Bernard, but we also welcome students of diverse backgrounds.

We now serve **Pre-School** through 8th grade!

A very low student to teacher ratio allows Holy Trinity to provide each individual student an outstanding education and Christian formation with high academic standards.

Under the direction of Mrs. Katie Jacobs as Principal, and a talented team of caring adults,

Holy Trinity offers a well-rounded curriculum including Religion, Computer, Physical Education, Art, and Music classes.

Our classrooms have the latest technology (Smart TVs, Chrome books...)

We also have a lot of fun integrating our Faith into all we do. Here are a few of the fun, faith-filled things we do:

- ♦ Acting out Gospel stories at our school Masses, Father giving church tours and visiting classrooms.
- ♦ 8th grade courtyard BBQs, climbing of church bell tower, and a talk by an exorcist on Halloween to the Jr High.
- ♦ Procession to place baby Jesus in the outdoor crib. May Crowning of Mary. Pet blessing for Feast of St. Francis.
- ♦ Processions with candles at Mass (or wearing a crown of candles on St. Lucy Day!). Eucharistic Adoration.
- ♦ Students have the opportunity to serve at our school Masses, sing in the choir, read or bring up the offertory gifts.
- ♦ Blessing of throats with candles for the Feast of St. Blaise. (Also, blessings of holy water, rosaries & other items.)
- ♦ Burning of the Palms from Palm Sunday to make the ashes used for Ash Wednesday. Stations of the Cross.
- ♦ Distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday. Honoring our Veterans for Veterans Day. Various service projects.
- ♦ And of course there will be special fun activities for Catholic Schools Week!

