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### **Archdiocese of Louisville Celebrates Catholic Schools Week**

Louisville, KY - The Archdiocese of Louisville Catholic Schools will commemorate Catholic Schools Week January 25 – January 31, 2026. This year’s theme, “Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community,” highlights the schools’ focus on faith development, academic excellence, and dedication to community service. Students, families, pastors, faculty, and staff from our 48 Catholic elementary and secondary schools will join other Catholic schools nationwide in celebrating Catholic education and the vital role it has in forming the whole person. Mayor Craig Greenberg has officially declared the upcoming week as “Catholic Schools Week” in Louisville.

The celebration of Catholic Schools Week will include a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre on Tuesday, January 27 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Louisville. Archbishop Fabre will be joined by other priests of the archdiocese, along with student representatives from each school.

Amy Nall, superintendent of Catholic Schools, will present the following recognitions: **Distinguished Catholic School Leader Award** (Mary Lang, Assumption High School), **Irene Casey Catholic Inclusion Award** (Ellen Burkhardt, St. Athanasius School), and **Outstanding School Volunteer Award** (John Fanton, St. Martha School).

Debbie Tucker, a teacher at St. Rita School in Louisville, Ky., will be recognized for the distinguished **Father Joseph McGee Award for Outstanding Catholic Educator**. The Catholic Education Foundation will present the Father Joseph McGee award at the annual Salute to Catholic School Alumni Dinner on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at the Galt House Hotel.

The Catholic Education Foundation will also present awards to the winners of the poster and essay-writing contest. Elementary and high school students were invited to depict or write on the theme: “Pilgrims of Hope: Journeying Together in Faith, Service and Learning.”

The 48 Catholic elementary and high schools reside in seven counties of the Archdiocese of Louisville. Please find below a sampling of ways our schools will be observing Catholic Schools Week.

**Assumption High School (2170 Tyler Lane, Louisville, Ky.)**

Monday, January 26: Assumption High School will celebrate their alums, donors, board, and volunteers with special messages via email and social media.

Tuesday, January 27: To celebrate Catholic grade schools, students and faculty will take cookies and thank you notes to grade schools to show their appreciation.

Wednesday, January 28: Assumption High will celebrate their students with a special activity.

Friday, January, January 30: To show appreciation to parents, student leaders will hold up signs of appreciation for parents before school during carpool line. Assumption will also hold its big pep rally.

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**Bethlehem High School (309 West Stephen Foster Avenue, Bardstown, Ky.)**

Monday, January 26: Bethlehem High School will kick off Catholic Schools Week with a freshman scavenger hunt. Bethlehem will also participate in Penny Wars to raise funds for the Bread for Life Food Pantry.

Wednesday, January 28: Bethlehem High School community will participate in the school Mass followed by the Vocations luncheon.

Thursday, January 29: Students can participate in an out of uniform fundraiser to raise money to support veterans.

Sunday, January 26: Bethlehem and the St. Joseph Middle School Choir will participate in the 11 a.m. Mass at the Basilica of St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral.

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**Holy Angels Academy (12201 Old Henry Road, Louisville)**

Wednesday, January 28: Holy Angels Academy will celebrate Grandparents' Day from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 29: The students at Holy Angels Academy will participate in Religion Jeopardy. They will compete by answering clues about the Catholic faith, traditions, and teachings.

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**Holy Trinity Catholic School (423 Cherrywood Road, Louisville)**

Friday, January 30: Holy Trinity and Holy Trinity Clifton will hold a Eucharistic Procession in

their respective school at 8:50 a.m. Students will celebrate the Eucharist and traditions in the universal Church.

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**Our Lady of Lourdes (508 Breckenridge Lane, St. Matthews)**

January 26 – 30: Our Lady of Lourdes will collect items for the Waggener High School “Wildcat Food Den.” Students at Waggener can shop for free at the pantry for their entire family.

Friday, January 30: Students and faculty will participate in a school activity in the gym from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. The event will include a presentation on the Waggener High School “Wildcat Food Den” and a superhero craft to display throughout the school.

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