



## What's So Special About St. Mary's School?

### Our Mission

As part of the evangelization mission of St. Mary's Parish, St. Mary's School is dedicated to teaching children to know, love, and serve God, to developing their spiritual, academic, social, and physical gifts, and to promoting responsible Catholic Christian citizenship.

### Our Vision

St. Mary's Catholic School is a faith community committed to enriching the lives of our students through knowing, loving, and serving God. The students will achieve academic success through creative teaching strategies, increased technology, and an up to date curriculum based upon the national Common Core Standards of learning. The school will offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities that support social interactions, physical development, and creative expressions. The students will also continue their commitment to the service of others within our community and surrounding areas. St. Mary's Catholic School will challenge each family to live their faith through participation in weekly Mass, daily prayers, and the sacramental life of our universal Church.

### Our Motto

To Know. To Love. To Serve.

### Your Opportunity

Tuition for the 2016-2017 school year is \$2,500 for parish-affiliated families. This is one of the most reasonable tuition rates in the Peoria Diocese, many being two times that amount. Financial assistance is available and based upon your family's income, number of dependents, and any extenuating circumstances; therefore, no specific dollar amount automatically qualifies your family. St. Mary's Parish will do whatever we can to meet your family's financial and educational needs. Please contact the school office or the parish office if you have any financial concerns.

The returns on investment for a comprehensive Catholic education are countless. An enhanced education provides your student with a lifetime of opportunities. Last year, several of the top ten in the graduating class at PTHS attended St. Mary's School. Over the past fifteen years, nine students from St. Mary's have received the Scholar Attitude Award from the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA). Survey research also indicates that graduates of Catholic schools are more likely to complete college and on average they earn more money than Catholics who don't attend a Catholic school. Most importantly, a higher percentage of Catholics who attend Catholic schools report that they continue to practice the faith.