

Saint Olaf Catholic School



Wednesday Principal's Letter January 24, 2018

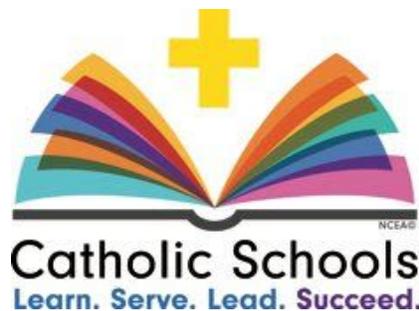
Your kingdom is right and fair. Love and truth are in all you do. PSALM 89:14

Saint Olaf Catholic School, established in Bountiful in 1960, offers a learning environment which includes growth in religious awareness and appreciation of morals and values, the superior academic achievement of Catholic School Students and a secure and disciplined setting.

Saint Olaf Mission Statement:

"We **R.I.S.E. as a community of learners, continually growing as Christ-centered individuals throughout life's Journey."**

Responsibly, Intellectually, Spiritually, Emotionally



Please join us for National Catholic Schools Week, our annual celebration of what makes education at Saint Olaf Catholic School outstanding. Starting with Sunday Mass on January 28 at Saint Olaf Catholic Church, we have a whole week of activities planned to show what our students are accomplishing and to celebrate the community we have built to educate tomorrow's citizens and church leaders. The theme of our celebration is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." The theme encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. We are teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities. 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 why families make sacrifices to provide their children with a Catholic education. I hope you will visit our school during Saint Olaf Catholic School's celebration of National Catholic Schools Week to enjoy our students and celebrate their faith development. Please bring your friends and neighbors, particularly those who may be considering Catholic education for their children. I am grateful every day for the teachers, staff, board members, parents and volunteers who make our school a success. National Catholic Schools Week is a good time for all of us to thank them for their dedication and service.

SUNDAY January 28th: Celebrate Our Parish

Catholic schools benefit all year long from the religious guidance, prayers and support parishes provide. Many parishes join in the National Catholic Schools Week celebration by devoting a Mass to Catholic education. Schools start the week by inviting parishioners and community members to parish-centered events and school open houses that feature their outstanding academic programs, religious education and service opportunities.

*Saint Olaf Students will be reading at Mass on Sunday to celebrate our Catholic School. (These students and families have already been contacted by the school.)

*Any student who attends Mass on Sunday at Saint Olaf Catholic Church will be eligible to a casual dress day on Tuesday January 30th.

MONDAY January 29th: Celebrating Our Community

A central aspect of Catholic education is learning the importance of service to others. When students take part in service activities—both local and beyond—they demonstrate the values and faith they gain through their Catholic education and learn how to make the world a better place. When they observe how others serve the community, they gain an appreciation for how they can continue to serve others their entire lives.

*We will be hosting an open house from 12-2PM and a celebration of our community from 6:00-7:30 PM. Please come and join us and celebrate our students and all their good work.

*We will be performing and recognizing random acts of kindness throughout the day.

TUESDAY: Celebrating Your Students

Schools celebrate students during National Catholic Schools Week by planning enjoyable and meaningful activities for them and recognizing their accomplishments. We encourage students to reflect on the benefits of Catholic education and how the grounding in faith, knowledge and service it provides will help them throughout their lives.

*School-wide scavenger hunt to occur throughout the day.

*Students who attended Mass at Saint Olaf Catholic Church will be allowed to have a casual dress day.

WEDNESDAY: Celebrating the Nation

On National Appreciation Day for Catholic schools, students, families, educators and other Catholic school supporters communicate the value of Catholic education to government leaders. They share information with leaders on the significant contributions Catholic schools make to the nation and their role in preparing students to be good citizens. They pray for the nation and recognize all those who serve it.

*Students will be writing letters/signing letters to thank Saint Olaf Church Parishioners.

* Social Media takeover and blitz. 8th grade students will be helping to take over the school social media to celebrate and share their Catholic school education.

THURSDAY: Celebrating Vocations

By focusing on faith, knowledge and service, Catholic schools prepare children to use their God-given talents to the fullest later in life. National Catholic Schools Week offers an opportunity for students to explore the many life paths that enable them to use their talents well in the service of God and others.

*We will pray to honor Saint Olaf and other important Saint's throughout the day.

*Students may dress for their future career.

FRIDAY: Celebrating Faculty, Staff and Volunteers

Teachers are the backbone of Catholic schools. On this day, schools honor teachers, as well as administrators and staff who support teachers in their important work, and thank the parents, grandparents, alumni, parishioners and school board members who provide volunteer service.

*We will be honoring our teachers throughout the day.

*We will be performing and recognizing random acts of kindness throughout the day.

Happening this Week:

Brown Envelopes will come home next week with EDP Tax Documents enclosed

1/28 St. Joseph Catholic High School Open House 2-4pm

2/6 3rd Quarter MidTerms go home

January Events:

Catholic Schools Week (January 29 – February 2)

May your life be filled with love and light,

Mr. McFall