

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS  
DIOCESE *of* DES MOINES

EXPECT MORE.  
**EXPLORE  
CATHOLIC  
EDUCATION.**

# DIOCESE OF DES MOINES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Christ the King  
PS3, PK4, K-8  
Des Moines

Sacred Heart  
PS3, PK4, TK5, K-8  
West Des Moines

St. Augustin  
PK4, TK5, K-8  
Des Moines

St. Malachy  
PS3, PK4, K-8  
Creston

Dowling Catholic  
9-12  
West Des Moines

Shelby County Catholic  
PK4, K-6  
Harlan

St. Francis of Assisi  
PS3, PK4, K-8  
Des Moines

St. Patrick  
PK4, K-8  
Perry

Holy Family  
PK4, K-8  
Des Moines

St. Albert Catholic  
Birth-2, PS3, PK4, K-12  
Council Bluffs

St. Joseph  
PK4, K-8  
Des Moines

St. Pius X  
PK4, K-8  
Urbandale

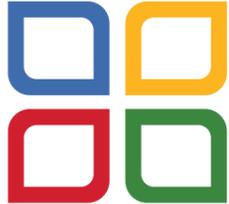
Holy Trinity  
PS3, PK4, TK5, K-8  
Des Moines

St. Anthony  
PS3, PK4, K-8  
Des Moines

St. Luke  
K-8  
Ankeny

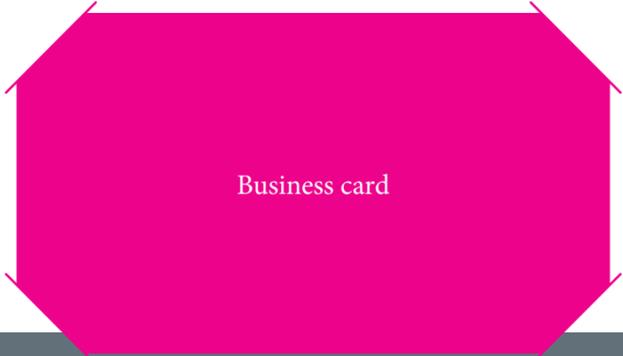
St. Theresa  
PK4, K-8  
Des Moines

# OUR MISSION



Catholic schools in the Diocese of Des Moines are collaborative communities of spiritual formation and academic excellence, **where students grow in faith and wisdom and emerge as responsible citizens** dedicated to the practice of life-long discipleship.

Located throughout the Diocese of Des Moines, our 16 schools challenge students to aim higher academically, spiritually and personally. At Diocese of Des Moines Catholic Schools, we believe Catholic education should be rooted in **faith**, focused on **excellence** and supported by a caring **community** while also providing the best **value** to our families. Our schools deliver more for each and every student because we believe you should expect more from your child's education.



# EXPECT A FAITH-FILLED ENVIRONMENT.

At Diocese of Des Moines Catholic Schools, faith is incorporated into the daily curriculum to provide a foundation for success. Faith formation promotes a relationship with Christ and teaches students how to live the Gospel through love and service to others. While Catholic faith is the cornerstone of our schools, we welcome students of all faith traditions.

Daily exposure to our faith-based mission and a caring culture enables students (Catholic and non-Catholic) to learn about the divine teachings of Jesus Christ and freely discuss the compatibility of faith, science and reason without government restrictions or interference.

Through the lens of Catholic social teaching, we encourage our students to respect the diversity, dignity and beliefs of all in pursuit of knowledge and truth through critical thinking and constructive debate. This helps form strong principals, a moral center and a vibrant community that celebrates all achievements for the common good.



Our schools develop character through **an education rooted in faith and service.**

# FAITH BY THE NUMBERS.



**90%**  
Catholic



**700+**  
all-school  
Masses annually



**10%**  
other  
faiths



**120,000**  
service hours  
annually



Faith formation promotes a **relationship with Christ.**



# EXPECT EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION.

Our schools provide a caring, creative and quality learning environment for students in PreK - 12th grade. Our class sizes are small, but the subjects we teach are big. In addition to Common Core-aligned curriculum, we offer STEM education, fine arts, language immersion and diverse learner support.

Excellence is relentlessly pursued in academics by instilling a culture of continuous improvement. As a result, our schools challenge all students to aim higher academically, spiritually and personally.

#### Our students:

- Accept Church, civic and personal responsibility, demonstrating global awareness and social justice principles.
- Access and communicate information and ideas in various ways, including through technology.
- Think critically and creatively to solve problems and react constructively to change.
- Cultivate an understanding and appreciation of science, math, history and the arts.



Our schools strive for excellence through **creativity, problem-solving and innovation.**

# EXCELLENCE BY THE NUMBERS.



**13:1**  
average student  
to teacher ratio



**FIVE**  
schools with Blue  
Ribbon designation



**ALL 16**  
schools have state  
accreditation

## Academic Outcomes

	3rd grade	8th grade	Our students scored
<b>Reading</b>	<b>83rd</b> percentile	<b>88th</b> percentile	<b>8.8 percentage points higher</b> (3rd - 8th grade)
<b>Math</b>	<b>81st</b> percentile	<b>84th</b> percentile	<b>9.9 percentage points higher</b> (9th - 11th grade)
<b>Science</b>	<b>90th</b> percentile	<b>94th</b> percentile	than other schools across <b>all core subjects</b>

#### Diocese of Des Moines Catholic Schools:

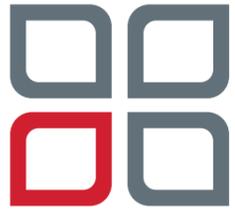
- 100% graduation rate
- 96% college attendance rate

#### Other Catholic schools:

- 99% graduation rate
- 88% college attendance rate



Catholic school students **consistently outperform public and other private school students** on standardized tests.



## EXPECT A CARING COMMUNITY.

If you walk the halls of our Catholic schools, you'll discover not just a great learning environment, but also an opportunity to form lifelong friendships with students and families who have the same values, aspirations and desires to advance the common good. We partner with our parishes and parents to create a welcoming community that helps students feel more secure, allowing them to focus on their education.

Our schools have a rich tradition that binds our communities and connects families, teachers and staff on a deeper level. Many of our faculty attended Catholic schools and grew up in our communities. Because of these relationships, they are personally invested in the success of our students and schools.

### A regional school system

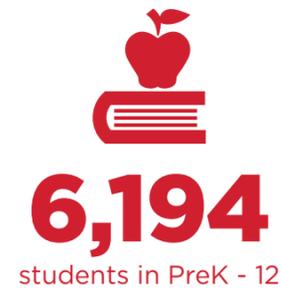
We offer 16 Catholic schools across three regions including the Des Moines Metro, Council Bluffs and rural communities (Perry, Creston and Harlan). These three regions collaborate to ensure best practices in education, long-term viability of our schools and academic excellence for all students.



Our schools **build community through Christ** and a network of parishes and schools.

# COMMUNITY BY THE NUMBERS.

## Our Schools



## Our Diocese



This sense of belonging helps students feel **more secure**, allowing them to **focus on their education**.

# EXPECT THE BEST VALUE IN EDUCATION.

Investing in your child's education with a Catholic school in the Diocese of Des Moines is about more than a number written in black and white — it's about our multi-dimensional teaching approach for the mind, body and soul.

It's about the daily exposure to our faith-based mission and a caring culture. It's about having quality and supportive educators with challenging lesson plans and new technologies at your disposal. It's about a creative, disciplined and welcoming environment. It's about learning "Life's Biggest Subjects" and celebrating moral achievements, not just test score results.

An education at Diocese of Des Moines Catholic Schools is an investment in your child's future, and it might be more affordable than you think. Tuition assistance is available through grants, the Catholic Tuition Organization (CTO) and more.



If you desire a Catholic education for your child, **we will help you find a way.**

## VALUE BY THE NUMBERS.

**40%** of students receive tuition assistance (CTO)

### Return on Investment



**91%**  
attend Catholic high school



**100%**  
graduate high school



**96%**  
attend college

**\$13.2 million**

in college scholarships were awarded to our 2020 graduates



Are you ready to **expect more?**  
Contact our admissions team at [expectmore@dmdiocese.org](mailto:expectmore@dmdiocese.org) to schedule your personalized tour.

