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# **THE HEART OF RACINE**



















#### ABOUT SIENA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF RACINE

Siena Catholic Schools of Racine unites the area's five Catholic elementary schools (John Paul II Academy, Our Lady of Grace Academy, St. Joseph Catholic School, St. Lucy Catholic School, St. Rita Catholic School) and one high school (St. Catherine's) in a regional model of Catholic education intended to preserve the individual identity, history, and uniqueness of each school while maximizing the impact of collective strength. Supported by the 11 Racine-area Catholic parishes and the traditions of the Racine Dominicans, Archbishop Jerome Listecki announced approval of the system formation in May 2017.

#### **OUR MISSION**

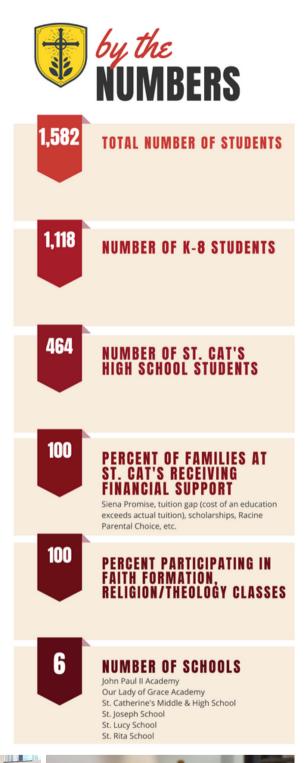
Siena Catholic Schools of Racine ignites a spirit of excellence in faith, knowledge, and service, inspiring students to be who God created them to be.

#### **OUR VISION**

Rooted in Christ's teachings, our graduates are prepared to be successful leaders in college, career, community, and the Church.

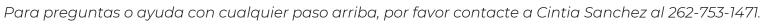
#### THE SIENA ADVANTAGE

We believe that when you give students the right foundation, they're able to grow beyond measure. So, while our stats do measure up to some of the best in the state and the country, we also value the heights our students reach on a personal, spiritual, and communal level. Because when they're rooted in faith and tradition, they're able to grow in mind, body, and faith. Discover the Siena Advantage.



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## WHO WE ARE, WHO WE SERVE, WHAT WE DO

#### WELCOME ALL

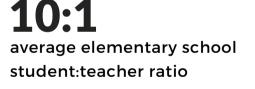
At Siena Catholic Schools, open doors lead to lifelong growth. This is why we open our schools to a diverse student and employee population. Our Catholic conviction calls us not only to open our doors to others outside the faith, but to openly seek them, spreading the mission to anyone willing to learn and grow with us.

#### **GROW TOGETHER**

We value small class sizes, but large communities. Behind every student lies a support system of educators, family, parishes, friends, leaders, and many others that steer students to reach their full potentials.

Siena Catholic Schools participate in STAR testing three times per school year (progress monitoring and reporting). STAR testing is used to support student growth and highlight exemplary teaching. Siena Catholic Schools participate in all state testing for transparency and accountability.

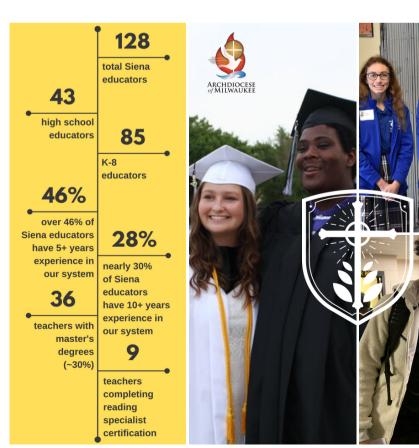
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- 11th: ACT Exam

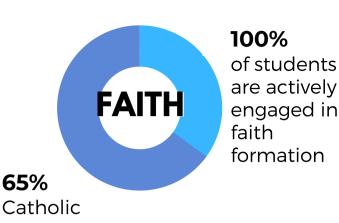


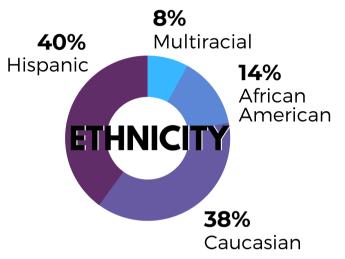
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**9:1** average high school student:teacher ratio

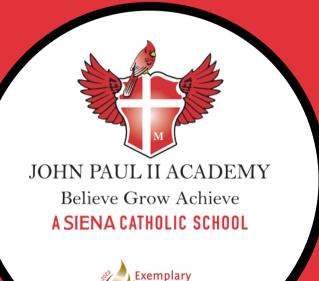
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# BELIEVE GROW ACHIEVE

John Paul II Academy is a thriving Catholic School. Our legacy of strong academic achievement began over 100 years ago when the Racine Dominican Sisters opened their first school in conjunction with Sacred Heart Parish.

Recognition

Today John Paul II Academy is recognized by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee as an Exemplary School in Educating the Whole Student based on the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools.\*

**AN EXEMPLARY SCHOOL** 

Earning this Exemplary Award means that during a rigorous application and review process we were found to have demonstrated innovation and outstanding results in educating the whole student.

John Paul II Academy believes it is important to educate the whole student. This includes the spiritual, intellectual, moral, physical, emotional, and social growth of each individual student. This is accomplished through rich coursework including:

- Math
- Science
- Reading
- Language Arts
- Religion
- Social Studies

- Art
- Physical Education
- Spanish
- Guidance
- Music

Technology, including Chromebooks and iPads, is integrated throughout all core subject areas and is available to all students 4K through 8th grade. We also have an extensive guided reading library that has many options to intrigue all readers.

## **BEYOND THE BOOKS**

- **FAITH** Students begin their day with breakfast and morning prayer and pray again before lunchtime. Mass is celebrated weekly, on holy days, and during other special occasions.
- ACADEMIC SUPPORT Our school has a full time Learning Support Specialist who works to create lessons and courses tailored for our student's different levels.
- FLEXIBLE SEATING Several of our classrooms offer flexible seating to meet the physical needs of our students.
- **EXTRACURRICULARS** After school clubs and enrichment programs include scholastic competitions, peer tutoring, academic support, robotics, student council, art club, drama club, choir, athletics, and Boy & Girl Scouts.

## **Uniquely John Paul II Academy**

We are thrilled to have a full time licensed counselor on staff. Our counselor spends time in the classroom on a bi-weekly basis teaching all students social and emotional skills through the Second Step® program.

This program teaches students to become better equipped to manage their own emotions, form healthy relationships, make good decisions, and cope with everyday social and academic challenges, which in turn makes them better equipped to learn. Also taught is the Virtue of the Month where emphasis is placed on teaching a specific skill such as honesty, respect, gratitude, forgiveness or discipline. Learning virtuous behaviors helps our students to commit themselves to doing the right thing regardless of the consequences, thus, forming students who become agents of change for the good of society.

These programs have positively impacted our student selfconcept as well as our school culture.

## PARENT ENGAGEMENT

We encourage our school families to be involved in their children's education and offer many opportunities to do so. Two of our favorite events are math and literacy nights. These fun-filled evenings help families build an appreciation for both reading and math in addition to strengthening those vital skills.



Catholic education is important to our family because it teaches our kids to be respectful, kind, and to help others while keeping Christ in their lives.

> Antonio & Paola Rodriguez, Parents of Antonio ('17), Cris ('20), Adan ('25)





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## OUR LADY OF GRACE A C A D E M Y Racine, WI

## A SIENA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

#### **MISSION:**

We live the Catholic values of trust, respect, dignity, and forgiveness.

We educate and form children to see through the eyes of Christ, embracing faith, hope, and love.

We are Honor, Integrity, Discipline... We are Our Lady oF Grace Academy

## **PARTNER WITH US!**

In its simplest, most-elegant form, the primary purpose – the mission, vision, and philosophy – of a high-quality Catholic school can be expressed with three simple, but very powerful words: AUTHOR OF HOPE.

What does this mean? As a school community, we will work to assure every parent that their children will be known, valued, and respected as an individual person, and that each day we will strive to help their children grow in all ways: spiritually, academically, emotionally, physically, and socially. In partnership with our school families, we recognize our students as unique individuals and treat them respectfully. They are enabled to become fully alive human beings who know what it is to love self, others, and God.

Our Lady of Grace Academy develops the intellect while providing a safe, caring environment in which scholars mature and reach their potential. Christ is always present, whether in the classroom, on the playground, at Mass, or during extracurricular activities.

Our Lady of Grace Academy believes it is important to educate the whole student. This includes the spiritual, intellectual, moral, physical, emotional, and social growth of each individual student. This is accomplished through rich coursework including:

- Math / Accelerated Math
- Science
- Reading Language Arts
- Religion

- Social Studies
- Art
  - Physical Education
  - Spanish
  - Music

Technology, including iPads and Chromebooks, is integrated throughout all core subject areas and is available to all students 4K through 8th grade.

## **BEYOND THE BOOKS**

- FAITH Students begin their day with student-led prayer during the morning meeting. Students also lead weekly Mass as well as holy days and during other special occasions.
- ACADEMIC SUPPORT We have a full-time School Counselor as well as a full-time Learning Support Coordinator as well as Educational Assistants for K4 - 5th grades.
- EXTRACURRICULARS We provide multiple opportunities for our students to learn new skills and widen their interests. After school clubs and enrichment programs include scholastic competitions, student council, athletics, and Boy/Girl Scouts.







## STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

STEM at OLOGA includes studying all aspects of the science field. Project Lead the Way has given the students an opportunity to explore computer programming and engineer various items, including drawing in two and three dimensions with attention to detail and measurements for their drawings. Legos are used to increase a students' knowledge of the engineering process. While schools have been virtual students have done different virtual labs on the following topics: population change and growth over time, introduction to microscopes, design labs to convert energy into useful forms, crack the code with morse code, magnet strength, clouds and the water cycle, and many more.





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#### MISSION

St. Catherine's educates students in the Catholic faith, fostering an environment of academic and behavioral excellence to create lifelong learners and globally responsible citizens.

#### VALUES

St. Catherine's is built on the Dominican values of study, prayer, service, and community. We are celebrating 155 years of Catholic, Dominican education and continue to promote diversity and respect.

## ACADEMICALLY STRONG, CHRIST-CENTERED

Racine St. Catherine's curriculum is designed to challenge students while both providing a strong foundation of knowledge and allowing the opportunity to explore different fields of study.

St. Catherine's

A SIENA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The school is dedicated to continuous innovation, and in the interest of preparing students to excel in an increasingly technological world, every Angel completes curriculum on an Apple iPad. Interdisciplinary instruction connects all subject matter to the main theme that is then taught across different subjects. By connecting all subjects, students naturally delve deeper into the material which helps them think more strategically, comprehend better and remember longer. At this critical time in a child's social, emotional, physical, and intellectual development, we believe the moral strength a student receives from an education firmly rooted in faith directly impacts the person they become. Students attend monthly liturgies and prayer services and are encouraged to join the school's Campus Ministry group to help coordinate, lead, and serve at these gatherings.

From the time they begin at St. Catherine's, students follow a comprehensive program administered by the Guidance Department that is designed to aid them in their path of self-discovery in order to grow spiritually and mentally in preparation for life beyond high school, whether that be college, trade school, the military, or a career.



## The Initiative For St. Catherine's

Phase I: gym, auditorium renovations (complete)
Phase II: new roof, tuckpointing (complete)
Phase III: new STEM/science labs, restrooms (complete)
Phase IV: team lockers, fitness center, restrooms, STEM/science lab renovations, school store
Phase V: new Chapel, new front entrance, new elevator, ADA bleacher expansion, art wing

# Student Life

St. Catherine's offers many athletic and extracurricular activities intended to help our students develop skills outside of the classroom while pursuing their passions.

On-stage in the Foster Auditorium. Behind the camera shooting pictures for The Lance. Playing in front of a full house in the historic John F. McGuire Gymnasium. These are the places where leaders are developed and passions are discovered.



## The Angel Way

Being an Angel charges each of us to live up to a higher level of expectations in our academic, professional, and personal spheres. All members of our community, regardless if they are students, parents, faculty, staff, administration, or alumni are bound to conducting themselves by the "Angel Way" as outlined in these values:

- Spirituality
- Tradition
- Education
- Accountability
- Integrity
- Commitment



## **Faith Formation**

Faith Formation – the forming, shaping, and strengthening of the spiritual awareness and response of our students, faculty, and staff – is the mission of Campus Ministry.

Faith Formation at St. Catherine's is affected in various ways, but primarily through:

- Student and faculty-led communal prayer experiences
- Liturgical celebrations, guided reflection/input sessions
- School and faculty retreats
  - Christian service projects
- Community outreach experiences

School Retreats: each class takes one of the four Dominican Pillars. The aim is to grow each St. Catherine's student in their understanding of this Dominican approach to the personal faith formation of one's discipleship.



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St. Catherine's





#### **MISSION:**

St. Joseph School is a vital part of the parish community, reinforcing the parish mission to foster Catholic education. Our school's staff, students, and families unite to create a school community that nurtures holiness and develops the whole child, utilizing one's individual talents to attain requisite skills for life as a Catholic. In so doing, we seek to emulate the faithful obedience, vibrant hope, and joyful love exemplified by our patron, Saint Joseph.

## **JOIN THE ST. JOE'S FAMILY!**

At St. Joseph School, we help students learn by providing a quality education. We help students serve by offering a variety of service projects throughout the school year. We help students lead by showing them how to set a good example and we help students succeed by the support that is provided each and every day.

Our teachers challenge students to problem-solve, work in groups, and stretch their minds. Our teachers infuse their faith throughout the day and help students create an environment that genuinely cares for others and for God's creation.

Do you want your child(ren) to have a quality academic experience in a highly supportive and loving environment? Please visit our school to learn about the blessing of a high-quality Catholic education at St. Joseph School. We look forward to meeting you and having you join the St. Joseph School Family.

St. Joseph School believes it is important to educate the whole student. This includes the spiritual, intellectual, moral, physical, emotional, and social growth of each individual student. This is accomplished through rich coursework including:

- Math
- Language Arts
- Physical Education

- ScienceReading
- Social StudiesArt
- SpanishMusic

Technology, including iPads and Chromebooks, is integrated throughout all core subject areas and is available to all students 4K through 8th grade.

## **BEYOND THE BOOKS**

- FAITH Our students attend weekly Mass, monthly Adoration, as well as holy days and other special occasions where each grade level is responsible for planning parts of the Mass. We also pray the Rosary monthly and community service is a regular part of our Catholic Identity.
- ACADEMIC SUPPORT We maintain high expectations for all of our students while recognizing and valuing their learning differences. Our teachers monitor student performance and learning needs. They provide guidance and support for student success through differentiation, interventions, and strategies.
- EXTRACURRICULARS After school clubs and enrichment programs include scholastic competitions, school patrols, choir, athletics, and Boy & Girl Scouts.

## St. Joe's - a long, rich history

St. Joseph School has been educating families for over 150 years. From the moment you walk through the doors, you will feel like you are part of our family. We have generations of families attending our school and the families are always proud to share their stories.







As parents, we want to guide our children as best as we can and Catholic education allows a seamless continuation of our teaching of faith, kindness, and morals.

> Jim and Cheryl Westfall, parents of Margaret ('23), Mary ('25), Jack ('27), Patrick ('29)





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#### **MISSION:**

St. Lucy Catholic Parish School is a community of parents, students, parishioners, and staff: faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church, providing a full range of educational programs inspired by the Gospel message.

With all of the school options available to your family we are honored you are considering St. Lucy's for your child(ren). At St. Lucy, we are committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment that meets the need of all learners while actively learning about and living our Catholic faith. Our staff is dedicated to providing a full range of educational programs inspired by the Gospel message.

As parents, your support and engagement with our mission, our staff and our school will have a

## FAITH & FAMILY

profound effect on your child's/children's education. At St. Lucy, your involvement is strongly encouraged as an essential piece of their education. When parents engage in their children's school lives, students have the home support to not only finish their assignments, but also to develop a lifelong love of learning. Additionally, it sends the message that you value their school community. The staff of St. Lucy acknowledges that you are the primary educators of your child(ren) and look forward to partnering with you on a successful educational journey.

St. Lucy's believes it is important to educate the whole student. This includes the spiritual, intellectual, moral, physical, emotional and social growth of each individual student. This is accomplished through rich coursework including:

- Math / Accelerated Math
- Science
- Reading
- Language Arts
- Religion
- STEM Project Lead the way
- Social Studies
- Art
- Physical Education
- Music
- Spanish

Technology, including iPads and Chromebooks, is integrated throughout all core subject areas and is available to all students 3K through 8th grade.

## **BEYOND THE BOOKS**

- FAITH As a school, we start and end each day with prayer, and attend Mass weekly. Students also participate in daily religion classes.
- EXTRACURRICULARS We provide multiple opportunities for our students to learn new skills and widen their interests. After school clubs and enrichment programs include scholastic competitions, athletics, Lightning Theater, Girls on the Run, Mad Science, Chess Scholars, Boy/Girl Scouts.
- ACADEMIC SUPPORT Full Time Learning Support Coordinator who supports the administration and classroom teachers in designing differentiated instruction to meet student's needs as well as is working with small groups of students on sharpening specific skills for success.

## Hands-on learning, engaged minds!

St. Lucy is dedicated to providing our students with educational programming that is focused on best practices and high-quality education. Our educational opportunities in the classroom are truly focused on achievement for all students and we strive to challenge each student appropriately based on their academic needs.

We are very excited to share that we are working with our

students to engage them in all content areas with a strong emphasis on science, incorporating STEM learning activities. Our classes provide hands-on learning in the lower grade levels while middle school has lesson modules from Project Lead the Way, a STEM program that engages students in solving real-world challenges and inspiring them to see their futures in a whole new way.

## St. Lucy Fun Fact:

25% of our current school families have at least one parent who is a St. Lucy alum. That is pretty incredible!!



Attending St. Lucy is a long-standing family tradition! The love and support we received over the years have been invaluable to me, my 5 sisters, our 3 children, 3 grandchildren, 4 nieces, and 1 nephew. Throughout our years at St. Lucy, we learned the true meaning of hard work, respect, love, and faith in GOD.

Sue ('80) & Walter Davis, parents to Adam ('15), Joey ('12), Amanda ('02)





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#### **MISSION:**

Living, Loving, and Learning our Faith, Together With Jesus.

LIVING as members of our Catholic Parish Faith Community,

LOVING God and all His creation, and

LEARNING for our future on earth and in heaven.

### **AN EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP**

Nestled near the family-friendly suburb of Caledonia, St. Rita School is truly missiondriven: our identity as a Catholic school is woven into every aspect of school life and each child's personal relationship with Jesus is forefront. We foster this relationship with daily religion class, daily prayer, weekly Mass, and seasonal religious activities. We encourage our families to carry on this mission at home by attending mass each weekend and setting and achieving faith goals. Speaking of families, St. Rita families are incredibly involved in the school and parish community. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or dear family friend, the involvement of family at St. Rita School is paramount to the success of the students. We have an excellent record of family participation in all school events, ranging from conferences to concerts. Our priority is to partner with families to provide the best educational experience for all students.

St. Rita School believes it is important to educate the whole student. This includes the spiritual, intellectual, moral, physical, emotional, and social growth of each individual student. This is accomplished through rich coursework including:

- Math / Accelerated Math
- Social Studies

- Science
- Reading
- Language Arts
- STEM Project Lead the Way
- Art
  Physical Education
- Music
- Religion

Technology, including iPads and Chromebooks, is integrated throughout all core subject areas and is available to all students 5K through 8th grade. We are 1:1 with Chromebooks in second through eighth grade and iPads in kindergarten and first grade.

## **BEYOND THE BOOKS**

- FAITH As a school, we start and end each day with prayer and attend Mass weekly. Students participate in daily religion classes. Faith formation practices include adoration, rosary, and retreats.
- EXTRACURRICULARS Opportunities to learn new skills and explore interests include volleyball, cross country, basketball, track, curling, scholastic competitions, Tablesetters Service Club, English Fest, Battle of the Books, STEM Club, Multicultural Club, Yearbook, Drama Club, Study Club, and Math Club.
- **STAFF** Our staff is led by principal Jennifer Jeffers, a two-time National Board Certified educator, WATG Gifted Educator of the Year, and Herb Kohl Fellowship recipient. Our teachers hold Wisconsin teaching licenses and Archdiocese of Milwaukee religious education certification. A majority of the staff have been a part of the school for multiple years, providing stability, consistency, expertise, and experience.

## Partnering With Our Community

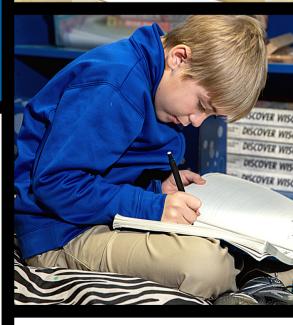
"Living, Loving, and Learning our Faith" is more than our mission; our identity as a Catholic school is woven into every aspect of school life. One of those aspects is volunteering in our community.

St. Rita's students have the opportunity to volunteer at St. Monica's senior living and residential facility throughout the school year. Students play games, sing songs, make cards, and visit with the seniors.

Additionally, our school also supports the Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization (HALO). Students make and donate fleece blankets and the staff prepares and serves a meal.









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