

LIVING, LEARNING, AND LOVING
OUR FAITH, TOGETHER WITH JESUS.

ST. RITA CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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School**

A SIENA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WELCOME!

St. Rita's is nestled near the family-friendly suburb of Caledonia, St. Rita School is truly mission-driven: 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. We are committed to providing a safe and welcoming learning environment that meets the needs of all learners while actively learning about and living our Catholic faith. St. Rita's staff is dedicated to providing a full range of educational programs inspired by the Gospel message.

St. Rita's strong mission statement that entwines many aspects of imitating Jesus Christ in a thriving and excelling academic and faith-based environment.

The mission of St. Rita: Living, Loving, and Learning our Faith

- 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.

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.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Striving for academic excellence, St. Rita's is committed to enriching the lives of each student. 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 many years, providing stability, consistency, expertise and experience. Teachers and staff challenge students to problem-solve, work in groups, and stretch their minds. We hold all staff accountable to infuse their faith throughout the day and help students create an environment that genuinely cares for others and for God's creation.

St. Rita's has a robust curriculum that is rigorous. The following are many of the courses offered:

- Middle School Math
- Grade 8 Algebra (at St. Catherine's High School)
- Science
- Reading
- Language Arts
- Religion
- Social Studies
- Art
- Physical Education
- Music
- Library

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

We also have an extensive guided reading library that has many options to intrigue all readers. In addition, St. Rita's has a full time Learning Support Specialist who works as a student/teacher centered coach who assists classroom teachers, creates lessons and courses tailored for our student's differing levels of learning.

EXTRACURRICULARS

After school clubs and enrichment programs including athletics, tutoring, academic support, robotics, cooking, art, fairytale, STEM club, battle of the books, and cheerleading are just a few.

ROYAL PARENT STUDENT ASSOCIATION (RPSA)

St. Rita's has an exemplary RPSA that works to support all staff, students and families. Their tireless efforts to ensure staff and students are taken care of and celebrated; makes them a dedicated parent/student association that understands families are an integral part of ensuring student success at St. Rita's.

We look forward to meeting you and sharing our story!



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 have the opportunity to 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.

HISTORICAL SNAPSHOT

St. Rita opened in September of 1929, under the direction of two Racine Dominicans. St. Rita opened with seventy students under the direction of the two Dominican sisters from St. Catherine's Convent. Parishioners came from 15 different nationalities and the first pastor, Father Alpius Reuter, worked in 9 languages to communicate with the community. Through the efforts of Father Reuter, the name was changed from Ives to St. Rita.

In 1952, the parish purchased the North Racine School (now Lathrop Furniture on HWY 32) to accommodate the growing school enrollment. Three years later, the first five rooms of the current school building were completed and occupied by students in grades one through four. The following year, grades five through eight were added. In 1966, the gym, cafeteria and science rooms completed the school.

In 2021, early childhood grades, known as 3K and 4K increased St. Rita's enrollment. St. Rita's enrollment is approximately 220 students in grades 3K, 4K, Kindergarten through grade eight. We have generations of families attending our school and the families are always proud to share their stories. Many are proud to come back and provide service to our students and community. We love to learn how St. Rita's played a role in their lives.