



January 2026

Dear Prospective Family,

St. Sebastian STEM Academy is a new Catholic school in the Village of Sturtevant. We have a family-oriented atmosphere, which creates a sense of warmth and inclusivity that you will feel as you walk through our building. We are committed to providing a faith-based education while maintaining high academic standards. Our teachers, support staff, students, families, and parish have worked together to make St. Sebastian STEM Academy a wonderful place. Our mission statement, "St. Sebastian STEM Academy is a Catholic School community that models Jesus's love, faith, kindness, and compassion toward each other while working together to solve problems in order to make a difference in our community and world," is integrated into everything we do.

St. Sebastian STEM Academy offers a curriculum in all core academic areas: ELA, Math, Religion, Science, and Social Studies. Additionally, we provide Art and P.E. at each grade level. Our learning environment is hands-on and problem-solving oriented across all subjects. A distinctive feature of our STEM program is the daily STEM time which includes the PLTW (Project Lead the Way) curriculum starting from 3K. PLTW engages students through exploratory learning that feels like play. For example:

- 3K: Floating and Sinking, Healthy Habits
- 4K: Living and Nonliving Things, Spatial Sense and Coding
- 5K: Pushes and Pulls, Sunlight and Weather
- Grade 1: Light and Sound, Observing the Sun, Moon, and Stars
- Grade 2: Living Things: Diversity of Life, Grids and Games

Our classrooms are equipped with flexible furniture and seating to facilitate student collaboration. Each student has access to an iPad as a learning resource. Our dedicated staff does a fantastic job of meeting each student's needs and appreciating every God-given gift of our students. We strive for success in each child as we monitor their academic progress and social development.

We pride ourselves on our community-oriented school culture, hosting various events throughout the year involving our families, including STEM Nights, Early Childhood Nights, and holiday parties. We build relationships with each student, family, and community member to help our school succeed.

Thank you for your interest in St. Sebastian STEM Academy. Contact me at 262-425-0009 or jthoennes1@sienacatholicschools.org if you have any questions. Please visit our website at stsebacademy.org for more information.

Thank you,
Jordan Thoennes
St. Sebastian STEM Academy
Principal



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RACINE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM

RACINE PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM (RPCP)

In concert with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), Siena Catholic Schools participate in the Racine Parental Choice Program. The Choice Program is an annually renewed program that will follow a student through 12th grade if paperwork is submitted each February.

To determine if your family is eligible for the Racine Parental Choice Program, two criteria must be met:

1. Income: The adjusted gross income from the Federal 1040 must be less than what is outlined. **Families with married parents receive a \$7,000 credit that is subtracted off of their AGI to determine income.**

2026-27 Income Limits by Family Size

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Yearly Income</u>
2	\$63,450
3	\$79,950
4	\$96,450
5	\$112,950
6	\$129,450

For each additional member add \$16,500

2. Residency: All students must provide documentation that they meet the residency requirement specific to the program each year. Students must reside in the Racine Unified School District.

The Siena Catholic Schools' RPCP open enrollment periods are the 1st through the 20th during the months of February, March, April, May, June, July, and August. Families interested in learning more about the Choice Program should contact the Siena Catholic Schools Admissions Office at admissions@sienacatholicschools.org or (262) 812-0155.

New Choice Rule: Applications started at any point must be completed during the same month. For example, an application that is started on February 3 MUST BE completed by February 20, or you will need to wait until the following month's Choice open window of March 1, and so on.

Para preguntas o ayuda con cualquier paso arriba, por favor contacte a Coordinadora de Admisión Bilingüe al (262) 753-1471.



JOHN PAUL II ACADEMY



OUR LADY
OF GRACE
ACADEMY
Racine, WI



St. Catherine's
High School



St. Rita
School



ST. SEBASTIAN
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TUITION & PAYMENT OPTIONS

TUITION FOR THE 2026-27 ACADEMIC YEAR

St. Catherine's High School

High School: \$13,239

TUITION FOR THE ELEMENTARY (K3-8) 2026-27 ACADEMIC YEAR

- First Child: \$4,418.00
- Second Child: \$3,313.50
- Third Child & beyond: \$2,209.00

TUITION PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Option 1: Payment in full online using bank account or credit card by August 27, 2026. This is processed through Blackbaud Tuition Management. Parents will receive information and instructions for Blackbaud Tuition Management in a separate email.
- Option 2: 12 monthly payments. This is processed through Blackbaud Tuition Management. Parents will receive information and instructions for Blackbaud Tuition Management in a separate email. A \$56 Blackbaud Tuition Management registration fee will be charged, payable at the time the contract is signed. Automatic payments are also available.
 - *Payment Months*: Payments are due by the 28th of each month, July 2026 through June 2027.

THE SIENA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

The Siena Promise Scholarship is a renewable \$2,500 high school tuition grant for families that meet the following criteria:

- Has attended a Siena Catholic School or religious education program at a Siena parish for three years or more
- Is in good financial standing and behavioral standing
- Meets academic standards for St. Catherine's High School

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OPTIONS

Financial aid is offered to any family that displays financial need after completing the financial aid application through Blackbaud Financial Aid. Siena Catholic Schools covers the cost for all applicants. **Please speak to Kellie Rapp, Director of Admissions & Financial Aid, prior to applying for Financial Aid.**

The Spring application period opens **February 2, 2026.**



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friends 

fun! 

MY success



TUITION

- All Siena Catholic Schools participate in the Racine Parental Choice Program. Families who qualify for Choice do not pay for tuition. That's right: a secure, faith-based, college and career ready education can not only be affordable...it might be free!
- Call 262-812-0155 for inquiries regarding qualifying for the Choice Program, financial aid, need based awards or scholarship opportunities for your tuition to be affordable.
- No child will be turned away from a Siena Catholic School due to finances; scholarships, need-based awards, payment plans and financial aid are available.

GRADES 3K-12

- Your child can attend faith-filled Catholic schools from the time they are 3 or 4 years old until they graduate from high school.
- Students who attend Siena Catholic Schools achieve higher scores than their public school peers, including Racine Unified School District.
- All students attend Mass weekly and take religion classes. Middle school and high school students are also required to volunteer in the greater Racine community.
- 100% of Siena Catholic School students graduate!

You can also text 262-977-1558 or email:
admissions@sienacatholicschools.org
 ¡Hablamos Español!

SECURE

- The safety of our students and school communities is our number one priority. Schools are locked at all times, visitors must register at the front office and wear a name badge, and all staff and students participate in safety drills monthly.
- All schools have established relationships with local law enforcement and are routinely trained in safety response protocols in the event of an emergency.
- All employees, volunteers, and coaches are required to pass a background check and complete Safe Environment Training prior to working with any students.

OPEN HOUSES

Catholic education is the affordable advantage you can offer your child. Scholarships, financial aid, and the Racine Parental Choice Program can make this a reality!

**CALL 262-812-0155
OR TEXT 262-977-1558 NOW!**



John Paul II Academy
Tues., February 10 | 5-7 p. m.
2023 Northwestern Ave.
johnpaulacademy.org



Our Lady of Grace Academy
Wed., January 28 | 5-7 p.m.
1435 Grove Ave.
olga.org



St. Joseph Catholic School
Mon., February 2 | 5-7 p.m.
1525 Erie St.
st-joes-school.org



St. Lucy Catholic School
Thurs., January 29 | 5-7 p. m.
3035 Drexel Ave.
stlucysschool.com



St. Rita Catholic School
Tues., January 27 | 5-7 p. m.
4433 Douglas Ave.
st-ritasschool.org



St. Sebastian STEM Academy
Tues., February 3 | 5-7 p. m.
3030 95th St., Sturtevant
stsebacademy.org



St. Catherine's High School
Tours, visits by appointment
1200 Park Ave.
saintcats.org

www.sienacatholicschools.org

GET TO KNOW OUR SCHOOLS

- If you cannot attend any of our open houses, please
 - call 262-812-0155 or text 262-977-1558
 - email admissions@sienacatholicschools.org
 - ¡Hablamos Español!
- Because of our small class sizes, teachers, students, and families get to know each other well
 - class size range in elementary schools: 9-24
 - average class size at St. Catherine's High School: 17
- All of our schools utilize STEM-focused curriculum through Project Lead The Way. If you are interested in STEM-based learning starting as young as 3-year-old kindergarten, check out St. Sebastian STEM Academy.
- In addition to English/reading, science, math, religion, and social studies, our students enjoy music, art, and physical education. Some of our schools offer foreign languages. Clubs and sports are enjoyed from middle school through high school.
- Before and After School Care is available at:
 - John Paul II Academy
 - St. Joseph Catholic School
 - St. Lucy Catholic School
 - St. Rita Catholic School
- Free and reduced lunch is available at all of our schools. We ask that families fill out the free and reduced lunch application.

Ask our Admissions team about the Siena Promise Scholarship!

JOURNEY TO ENROLLMENT

Apply Now: go to www.sienacatholicschools.org/apply and fill out the online application.

Events & Education: learn about our schools by visiting their websites and social media accounts, or by attending any of the Siena community-wide events.

Tour: Plan on attending open houses and taking a tour, or schedule a private tour by contacting the Admissions Office.

Shadow: St. Catherine's High School offers prospective students the opportunity to shadow a current student. Reach out to the St. Cat's Main Office to schedule.

Application: applications for enrollment and financial aid/Choice are separate and filled out and submitted online.

Acceptance & Enrollment: families are informed of their acceptance and placement in Spring.



Elíjate Educación Católica

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Haciendo lo mejor
que puedo

☆ mi
futuro

😊 comunidad

amigos ✨

diversión!

💡 MI éxito

MATRÍCULA

- Todas las Escuelas Católicas de Siena participan en el Racine Parental Choice Program. Familias que califican no pagan matrícula. Así es: una educación segura, basada en la fe, lista para la universidad y carrera no sólo puede ser accesible... ¡podría ser gratis!
- Llame al 262-812-0155 para consultas con respecto a la calificación para el Programa de Choice, ayuda financiera o becas para que su matrícula sea GRATIS. También puede enviar un mensaje de texto al 262-977-1558 o envíe un correo electrónico: admissions@sienacatholicschools.org
¡Hablamos Español!
- Ningún niño será rechazado en una escuela católica de Siena por motivos económicos; hay becas, ayudas económicas basadas en las necesidades, planes de pago y asistencia financiera disponibles.

GRADOS 3K-12

- Su hijo/a puede asistir a una escuela Católica basada en fe desde la edad de 3 o 4 años hasta graduarse de la escuela secundaria.
- Estudiantes que asisten a Escuelas Católicas de Siena logran calificaciones más altas que sus compañeros de las escuelas públicas, incluyendo el Distrito Escolar de Racine Unified.
- Todos los estudiantes asisten a misa semanalmente y toman clases de religión. Estudiantes de escuela media y secundaria también están requeridos a ser voluntarios en la comunidad de Racine.
- 100% de los estudiantes de Escuelas Católicas de Siena se gradúan!

SEGURIDAD

- La seguridad de nuestros estudiantes y la comunidad escolar son nuestra prioridad número uno. Las escuelas están cerradas en todo momento, los visitantes deben registrarse en la oficina principal y deben llevar una placa de identificación. Todo el personal y los estudiantes participan en simulacros de seguridad mensualmente.
- Todas las escuelas han establecido relaciones con la ley local y son rutinariamente entrenados en protocolos de respuesta de seguridad en caso de emergencia.
- Todos los empleados, voluntarios y los entrenadores deben pasar una verificación de antecedentes y completar entrenamiento sobre ambiente seguro antes de trabajar con cualquier estudiante.

OPEN HOUSES

Una educación Católica es la ventaja accesible que le puede ofrecer a su hijo/a. Becas, ayuda financiera y el Programa de Racine Parental Choice pueden hacer esto realidad!

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O Mande Mensaje de Texto al 262-977-1558



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CONOZCA A NUESTRAS ESCUELAS

- Si no puede asistir a nuestras Open Houses
 - Llame al 262-753-1471
 - Mande correo electrónico a admissions@sienacatholicschools.org
 - ¡Hablamos Español!
- Debido a nuestras clases pequeñas, maestros, estudiantes y familias se llegan a conocer muy bien
 - Rango de tamaño en clases de primaria: 9-24
 - Tamaño promedio de clase en St. Catherine: 17
- Todas nuestras escuelas utilizan plan de estudios enfocados en STEM a través de Project Lead the Way. Si está interesado en aprendizaje basado en STEM que comienza desde los 3 años, informese sobre St. Sebastian STEM Academy
- Además de inglés/lectura, ciencias, matemáticas, religión y actividades sociales. Durante sus estudios, nuestros estudiantes disfrutan de música, arte y educación física. Algunas de nuestras escuelas ofrecen idiomas extranjeros. Clubs y deportes se disfrutan desde la escuela media hasta la secundaria.
- Cuidado antes y después de la escuela está disponible en las siguientes escuelas
 - John Paul II Academy
 - St. Joseph Catholic School
 - St. Lucy Catholic School
 - St. Rita Catholic School
- Almuerzo gratuito o reducido está disponible en todas nuestras escuelas. Pedimos que las familias completen la solicitud de almuerzo gratis o reducido.

¡Pregunte a nuestro equipo de admisiones sobre la beca Siena Promise!

COMO INSCRIBIRSE

Aplica ahora: ingrese a www.sienacatholicschools.org/apply y complete la aplicación en línea.

Eventos y educación: conozca nuestras escuelas visitando sus sitios web y cuentas de redes sociales, o asistiendo a cualquiera de los eventos para toda la comunidad de Siena.

Recorrido: planee asistir a jornadas de Open House y realizar un recorrido, o programar un recorrido privado comunicándose con la Oficina de Admisiones.

Shadow/Visita Escolar: St. Catherine's High School ofrece a los futuros estudiantes la oportunidad de seguir a un estudiante actual. Comuníquese con la oficina principal de St. Cat's para programar una cita.

Aplicaciones: las aplicaciones de inscripción y ayuda financiera/Choice son completadas y enviadas en línea.

Aceptación e Inscripción: se informa a las familias de su aceptación y colocación en primavera.

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una docena de razones para elegir escuelas católicas

Cultivamos un cuerpo docente y a personal dedicado, solidario y eficaz.

Brindamos un ambiente seguro y acogedor para todos.

Ofrecemos una educación que combina la fe y la doctrina católicas con excelencia académica.

Colaboramos con los padres en la formación en la fe de sus hijos.

Establecemos estándares elevados de logros para nuestros alumnos y les ayudamos a alcanzarlos.

Contamos con planes de estudio académicos balanceados que integran la fe, la cultura y la vida.

Usamos la tecnología de manera efectiva para optimizar la educación.

Inculcamos en nuestros alumnos el valor del servicio al prójimo.

Enseñamos a nuestros alumnos a respetarse a sí mismos y a respetar a los demás.

Ponemos el énfasis en el desarrollo moral y la autodisciplina.

Preparamos a nuestros alumnos para ser ciudadanos productivos y líderes del futuro.

La tasa de graduación de nuestras escuelas secundarias es de 99 por ciento. 85 por ciento de nuestros graduados asisten a la universidad.

