

A message to the faithful of the archdiocese from Archbishop Michael Jackels

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Catholic Schools Week message

The Archdiocese of Dubuque is blessed to have strong and vibrant Catholic schools. They play a very important role in the ministry of the Church and partnering with parents in the faith formation of their children. Our schools nurture students' minds and hearts so that they can go out into the world to spread the love of Jesus. As I visit our schools to celebrate Mass and participate in special events, I am struck with the enthusiasm of the students and their desire to want to grow in their faith. Particularly during the recent "Year of Mercy," examples of service activities were bountiful in our schools. This daily witness to loving both God and neighbor is at the heart of why we so strongly support Catholic schools. During this Catholic Schools Week I want to personally thank all of the priests, parishioners, parents, teachers, and staff who work together to provide the opportunity for high quality Catholic education for our students.

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