

# ANNUAL STATE OF THE SCHOOL REPORT

St. Peter Catholic School



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ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
7129 COUNTY ROAD K, MIDDLETON, WI 53562-3912

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## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families, Friends, Parishioners and Alumni of St. Peter Catholic School,

We have just celebrated the Sesquicentennial of our school--150 years of Catholic Education here in Ashton! We are unique in the way that we have prayerfully, passionately, and tenaciously clung to the values of our ancestors who believed that children needed to first and foremost be educated in their Catholic faith.

In celebrating this occasion, it is apparent that faith and community are so strongly interwoven here they cannot be separated. It is this faith in our loving God and your commitment that kept the doors of our school open, helped us to continue to grow and improve, and allowed us to teach children **that their goal** should always be heaven and no less! And it is this community, who through their acts of service are doing the necessary work of St. Peter Parish.

The purpose of this booklet is to give you an overview of our school, and thank all of those people who continue to support us through their service, their time, their talent and their treasures.

May God Bless You,

Kathi Klaas, Principal

### VISION STATEMENT

## **Scholarship-Service-Salvation**

### MISSION STATEMENT

*St. Peter Catholic School is dedicated to continuing the strong tradition of Catholic Education, academic excellence, and the formation of morals, values, and the faith in a Christ-centered community.*

## FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS

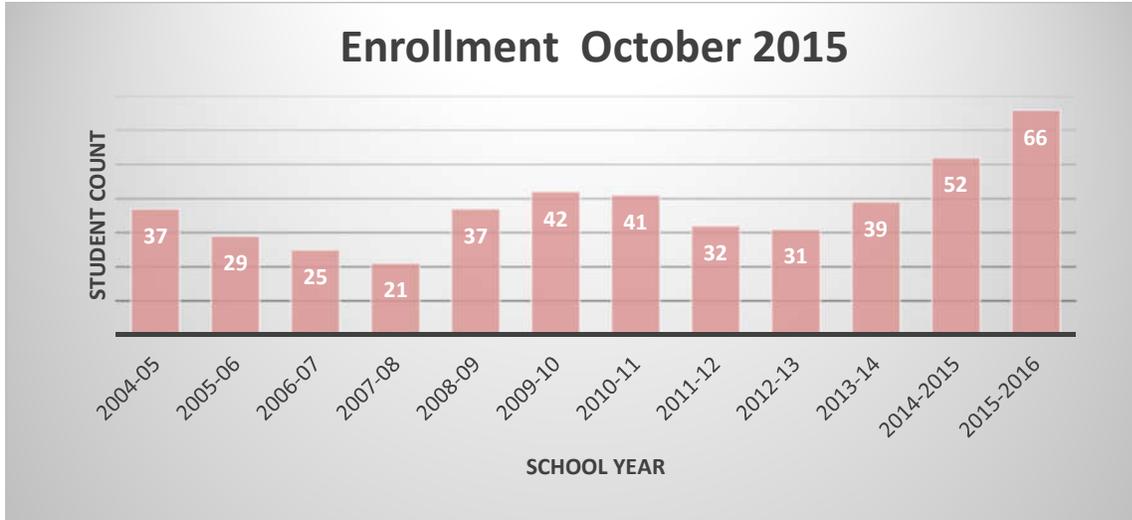
At St. Peter Catholic School, we believe:

- St. Peter School exists so that the Gospel Message of Jesus Christ is taught, lived and spread.
- **PARENTS** are the first and primary teachers of the child. The parents select a school that assists them in fulfilling the promises made at the time of their child's baptism to raise their child in the Catholic Faith. Working together, parents and teachers teach the Gospel message to the child.
- Each **CHILD** is a gift from God and is created in His image. All children are loved and taught to love others as Christ loves them. Children are also taught that to learn and to use their gifts is how they honor God in their work.
- The **TEACHER** is a person who believes the truths of the Catholic Church and works with the parents of the child to teach and model the truths of our Catholic faith, infusing these truths into every area of the curriculum and modeling these truths in their own lives as well. The teacher strives to use best practices in the education field and to educate the whole child: spiritually, academically, physically and emotionally.
- The **CHURCH** is the living body of Christ on Earth, through which the Sacraments (channels of grace) flow. Frequent participation in the Sacramental life is the path to salvation.

## DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

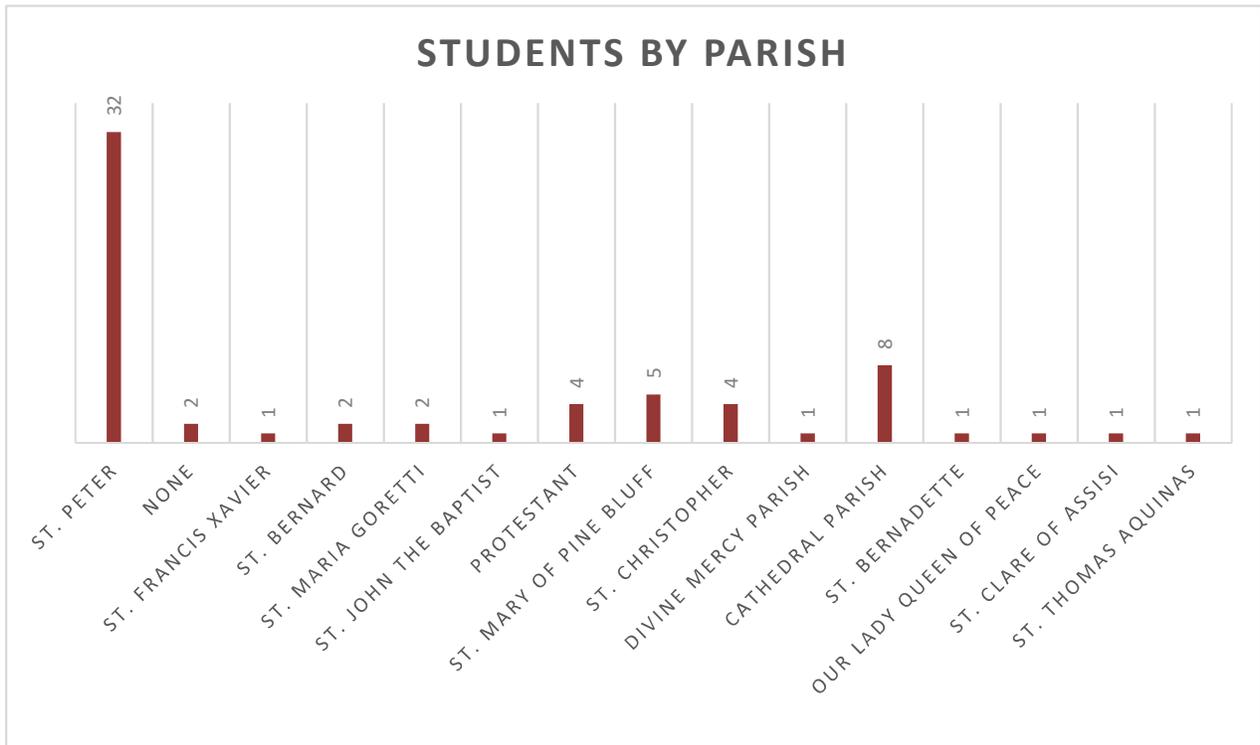
In the 2015-16 school year, St. Peter Catholic School opened with 66 students in grades Pre K -5<sup>th</sup> grade. This was an increase of 14 students from the 2014-15 school year (See Figure 1). People ask why we have had the good fortune to continue to grow. Through prayer, the work of the Holy Spirit, our strong Catholic

Identity, our faithful community, holy and dedicated staff, and a strong marketing team, our efforts continue to be fruitful.



(Figure 1)

Our enrollment numbers are representative of 40 families. These families come from St. Peter Catholic Church as well as other surrounding parishes. The graph below shows this distribution. (See Figure 2 below)



## **CATHOLIC FAITH TRADITION**

In keeping with a tradition of excellence, education in the Catholic Faith is critical to the formation of the whole child. Through religious instruction using the Faith and Life series, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and by living the liturgical seasons of the year, our students understand the prayers and the traditions of their faith.

- Mass attendance three times each week
- Monthly opportunities for Confession
- Weekly Stations of the Cross during Lent
- Praying the Rosary and Chaplet
- Learning about the saints throughout the year
- Eucharistic Adoration on the eve of the First Friday
- Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter traditions
- Bi-weekly visits from Fr. Tait



***AT ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL, WE FOLLOW ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX WHO SAID, "LITTLE THINGS DONE OUT OF LOVE ARE THOSE THAT CHARM THE HEART OF CHRIST."***

## **SERVICE**

Service to others is a critical facet of Catholic Education. Our students learn the value of contributing to the school community through small daily actions. Our older students serve the younger students by helping them at the lunch table, modeling for students the proper ways to participate in the responses and prayer at Mass, helping zip a coat or tie a shoe, and including our youngest students in their games and activities. Third grade students are taught how to serve at daily and Sunday Mass, and have this opportunity regularly. Service in the classroom

occurs through partnership/buddy activities where older and younger students work together to complete a science, social studies, art or writing project.

Community service is important to our mission. This past year our students donated 148 pounds of food to the Middleton Outreach Ministry at Christmas and Lent, all of our students collected for the **Savior of the World Children Center** in Sierra Leone. We were able to raise a total of \$981.44 which was sent to The Savior of the World Orphanage to provide food, medicine, and education.

## Financial Information

### Revenue

St. Peter Parishioners are in strong support of St. Peter Catholic School. The chart below (Chart 1) shows the different sources of revenue that we rely upon to continue to provide quality, affordable education. Our parishioners believe in making tuition within families' means because we want every family seeking Catholic Education to find it at an affordable price.

Categories	Tuition	Fees	Fundraising	Grants and Donations	Endowment Interest Income	Parish Support	Other Support	Total Revenue	% Revenue from Parish
2012-13 Revenue	\$ 37,840.00	\$ 4,391.00	\$ 13,088.00	\$ 19,496.00	\$ 26,354.00	\$ 181,060.00		\$ 282,229.00	64%
2013-14 Revenue	\$ 51,412.47	\$ 11,241.50	\$ 13,390.13	\$ 30,433.45	\$ 47,415.01	\$ 168,327.12	\$ 16,843.93	\$ 339,063.61	50%
2014-15 Revenue	\$ 80,542.59	\$12,887.62	\$ 19,776.78	\$ 33,407.03	\$ 1,495.52	\$ 181,394.23	\$ 19,093.45	\$ 348,597.22	52%

(Chart 1)

Across the Diocese of Madison, the average tuition for the first student in a family was \$2,035. At St. Peter Catholic School, the annual tuition per first student for a parishioner in 2014-2015 school year was \$1,975. While we want tuition to be affordable, we do recognize that tuition costs will need to increase in the future.

The Department of Public Instruction reported, in 2014-15, the average cost of educating a student in Wisconsin public schools was \$12,842. At St. Peter Catholic School, the Per Pupil cost in 2014-2015 was just \$6,520.45. This

difference of **\$6,321.55 per child** means a **total savings to the taxpayer of \$328,720**. Imagine the dollars that taxpayers across the United States are saved because of our local Catholic Schools!

### Expenses

The majority of **expenses** from our school are a result of staff wages and benefits. At St. Peter School we work hard to find the best teachers for our students because we know that the teacher has the greatest impact on the child’s success.

St. Peter School Expenses										
	Inst. Salaries	Maint. Salaries	Support Salaries	Employee Benefits	Admin Expenses	Op and Maint. Expense	Instruction Expense	Fees/Assessment	Other Programs	Total Expenses
Expenses 2012-13	\$ 155,274.00	\$ 5,681.00	\$ 20,240.00	\$ 35,662.00	\$ 9,277.00	\$ 33,774.00	\$ 18,958.00	\$0.00	\$ 3,360.00	\$ 282,226.00
Expenses 2013-14	\$ 173,194.00	\$ 10,153.00	\$ 23,960.30	\$ 53,929.24	\$ 13,402.25	\$ 22,025.00	\$ 24,718.94		\$17,679.43	\$ 339,062.16
Expenses 2014-15	\$ 179,663.30	\$ 11,424.45	\$ 31,496.45	\$ 39,533.26	\$ 16,282.51	\$ 33,429.64	\$ 19,377.22	\$ 194.38	\$17,196.07	\$ 348,597.28

(Chart 2)

Parish support continues to be the largest source of our revenue. Across the Madison Diocese, supporting parishes with Catholic schools contributed 42% of the school’s annual revenue. St. Peter parishioners exceeded this average, contributing 52% to the school’s annual revenue. These numbers indicate the strong commitment to St. Peter School. We are blessed that the St. Peter Parish continues to believe in the importance of having a Catholic School in Ashton, and that Catholic Education is a long-standing commitment of faith.

## Budget for 2016-17

Income	Budget for 2016
Tuition	104,528.00
School Fees	12,270.00
Fundraising	34,350.00
Other	27,403.75
Donations	23,800.00
School Support	3,750.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>206,101.75</b>

Expenses	Budget for 2016
Salaries and Wages	244,267.20
Benefits	33,647.00
Administrative	20,968.00
Operation and Maintenance	30,407.79
School	31,466.87
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>360,756.86</b>

## HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

The following list consists of the individuals and families who have generously contributed to St. Peter Catholic School in the past year. Through these donations we have been able to add new technology to our classrooms and additional WIFI support. We have also been able to update our SCIENCE curriculum this past year and make building improvements. Thank you to those who donated, as well as a thank you to those anonymous donors over the past year.

### INDIVIDUALS

Betty Adler	Louie and Rita Spahn	David and Gina Soens
Frank and Tammy Bremser	Thomas Nies	John Meinholz
Art and Lori Meinholz	Duane Hellenbrand	John and Rose Berkich
Steve and Joanne Roudebush	JoEllen King	David and Mary Meinholz
Roger and MaryEllen Frey	Ruth Acker	Earl Meinholz
Greg and Kathi Klaas	Reggie Ziegler	Lloyd and Mary Meinholz
Donald Meier	Steve and Natalie Hellenbrand	Al and Janet Wood
Dave and Sarah Spielbauer	Matt and Amanda Meinholz	Joe and Jenny Spahn
Marcel and Janice Meinholz	Brian and Julie Hornung	Robert and Coletta Wagner
Barbara Ploetz	Gary and Kim Meinholz	Tracy Meinholz
Steve Meffert	Ronald and Helen Meinholz	Andrew and Laura Forecki
Tom and Linda Rhatican	Geral and Shirley Smith	Keith and Melissa VanLanduyt

### ORGANIZATIONS/BUSINESSES

Blue Star Dairy	Cross Plains Community Bank
Connie's Home Plate	Ashton Go-Getters 4-H
Findorff	Genesis Chiropractic
SVC Plumb	Ashton Home Talent
The Ganser Company	Wagner Dairy Farm



## The Class of 2015-2016

From Left to Right:

Abria Carlson, Regan Johnston, John Tansey, Juan Calzada, Aaron Zoroufy, Mary Tejada, Anna Ganser, and Stephanie Kalscheuer

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*The Students of St. Peter School, 2015-16*

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