



Academic Excellence

(For more information please refer to our
Web-Site: www.st-mary.org)

Accreditation

Our school is accredited by the Michigan Non-Public School Accrediting Association (MNSAA)

Faculty

Our classroom teachers, all of whom are state-certified professionals, are dedicated to guiding the development of each and every student.

Testing

Students in grades 1 through 8 are given the IOWA Achievement Test each October. Our students consistently score above the national average on this test.

Curriculum

The St. Mary Catholic School Curriculum has been developed through the use of national standards and provides for the spiritual, academic, physical and social needs of each student. The fundamentals of learning and spiritual development are represented in our diverse curriculum.

- **Religious Education** – Daily lessons are taught on the teachings of the Catholic Church and give support for living a faith-filled life.
- **Language Arts** – Daily Language Arts classes include English, phonics, reading, spelling, vocabulary, literature, speaking, listening and critical thinking skills
- **Mathematics** – Daily lessons in problem-solving, data interpretation, manipulatives, computation, algebra and fact memorization.
- **Science** – Daily lessons in Science include environmental, life, earth and physical sciences.
- **Social Studies** – Daily lessons in Social Studies encompass geography, current events & history.
- **Computer** – Weekly classes focus on hardware, software, parts of a computer system, software applications and keyboarding skills.
- **Art** – Weekly class time nurtures each child's creative spirit while teaching the fundamentals of art.
- **Music** – An expanding study of the elements of rhythm, pitch, form and harmony including music from other regions and cultures. Students perform a varied repertoire in a small group and ensemble setting.
- **Spanish** – All students are introduced to the Spanish language and culture through weekly classes. Students in middle school attend two classes per week.
- **Physical Education** – Students experience a diverse curriculum that includes sports, personal fitness, team building, adventure and dance/rhythmic activities.
- **Library** – Weekly visits to the library for K-5th grade help to foster and develop the "reader" in each and every child while providing opportunities to explore literature, improve academic and research skills and develop an appreciation and love of reading.

Enrichment

- Curriculum-supporting Assemblies
- Family Activity Nights
- Outdoor Education Experience (Grades 4 – 6)
- Spelling Bee/Geography Bee
- Math Competitions
- Learning Fair
- Martin Luther King Day Service Projects
- Instrumental Music (5 – 8)