


St. Bartholomew

Preschool & Elementary (K-6)
CATHOLIC SCHOOL





“The opportunity to pray and worship together creates a close connection between parents, families and school administration that is not common to many school environments.”

– TERESA KAPLER



St. Bartholomew Catholic Faith Community began in 1916 with the founding of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in beautiful Wayzata, Minnesota. The school started in the fall of 1956 and currently offers an enriching preschool through sixth grade educational experience in a Catholic environment, integrating learning and living, guided by Catholic principles.

Mission

The mission of St. Bartholomew Catholic School is to:
Educate our students' minds for academic excellence.
Challenge their hearts for community service.
Nurture their souls for spiritual growth
so that
our children will have the tools
to pursue life-long learning
to their full potential
and a desire to live and grow spiritually in Christ.



Vision

To ignite a fire in our hearts to courageously commit to act on the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Core Values

Academic Excellence • Gospel Values • Community Service
Partnership with Family • Respect for Others

Philosophy

“Christ is the foundation of the whole educational enterprise in a Catholic School”
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Following this belief, St. Bartholomew School is committed to the education of the whole person, intellectually, emotionally, morally, aesthetically and physically, in response to the gospel of Jesus as it comes to us through scripture and the tradition of the Catholic Church.

Goals and Objectives

To ensure a solid foundation in each student of the Catholic teachings and traditions of their Catholic faith.

To teach a core knowledge of skills that will enable students to demonstrate academic excellence and pursue lifelong learning.

To provide a variety of instructional strategies and learning experiences that will stimulate students and develop the following skills: observation, reasoning, understanding, remembering, imagining, creating, and evaluating.

To promote the personal growth and positive self-image of students as Christians, to encourage their best efforts, and to accept them as unique persons.



To provide opportunities for students to be actively involved in worship, to grow in their relationship with God and others, and to understand commitment of service

To offer activities which develop responsibility, leadership, and cooperation.



“The well-rounded education and Christian enrichment that our three children have received at St. Bartholomew School, has and will prepare them for adulthood. It’s a safe environment with a staff that cares.”

– LISA BASIL



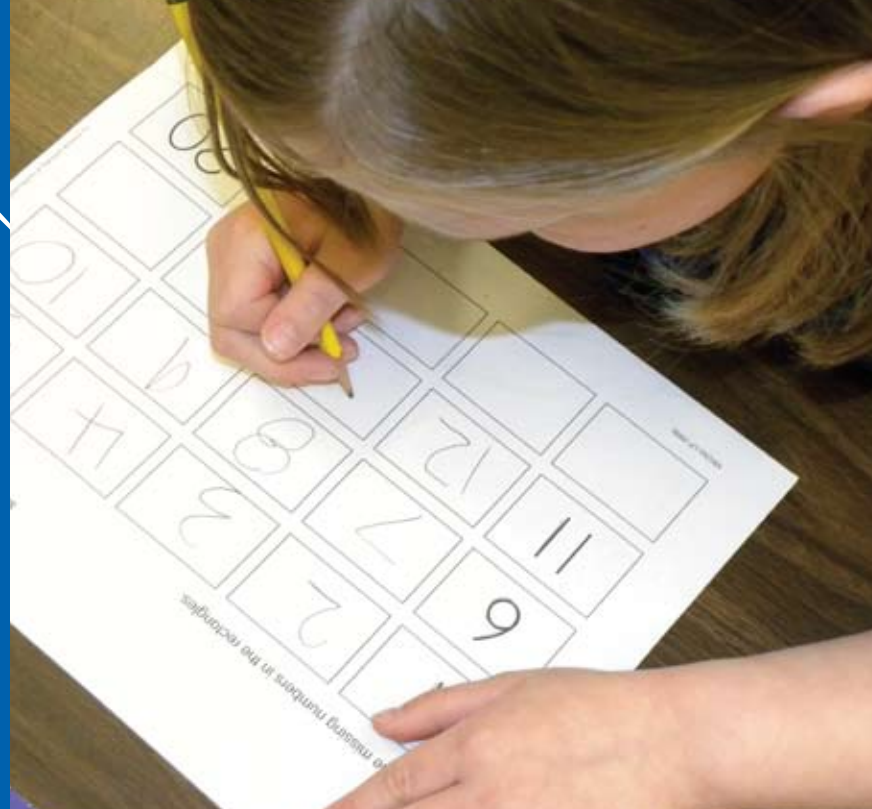
Catholic Development & Spiritual Growth

St. Bartholomew Catholic School is dedicated to ensuring the spiritual development of each student through an integrated program of Catholic religious education. Catholic values and traditions are integrated into day-to-day student activities, fostering moral and spiritual development. School parents and our parish community are encouraged to participate in our children’s spiritual development, providing intergenerational support and modeling.

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School Accreditation

St. Bartholomew Catholic School is accredited by the Minnesota Non-public School Accrediting Association (MNSAA). Accreditation represents recognition of the quality of a school program and provides outside validation that a school has met certain standards, is committed to providing a quality educational program, and will engage in ongoing improvement. Accreditation assures the public that the school program and organization will periodically undergo an intensive self-evaluation by the school community and a review by educators who are not affiliated with the school.



Academic Excellence

St. Bartholomew Catholic School is committed to developing exceptional students in a safe and disciplined environment by educating the whole student through a challenging curriculum, talented and motivated educators and parental participation. A favorable teacher to student ratio is maintained in the classroom, allowing students to experience smaller class sizes and greater individual academic attention. These factors contribute to the development of exceptional students.

Preschool Program

Children learn best through play by exploring their environment. Our curriculum is designed to help children develop and maintain positive self images, develop their own abilities to create, to learn and to explore.

Early childhood learning should be joyful and fun, in a loving and secure environment, allowing for exploration and discovery. Our program offers age appropriate activities promoting early development of the whole child. We offer four preschool programs: three-year olds, four/five-year olds, half day kindergarten readiness and full day kindergarten readiness. We offer:

- Spirituality
- Social-emotional and physical development in small and large activities
- Dramatic Play
- Creative Arts
- Music and creative movement
- Pre-reading and writing skills
- Math and science manipulatives
- Spanish



Parental Involvement

Parents are vital resources to the nurturing environment of St. Bartholomew Catholic School. Parents discover that volunteering is a wonderful way to meet other parents, to interact with the school children, to better understand school operations, and to be involved in their children's education.

Some of the other qualities that parents value in our school include:

- Modeling and teaching of Catholic values
- Focus on service learning experiences
- Daily morning prayer
- Intimate, nurturing, community environment
- Dedicated teachers and staff
- Student Buddy System – teaming older students with younger students on selected projects/activities
- Dress code/uniforms
- Family involvement and school spirit
- Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
- School Education Advisory Commission (SEAC)
- Annual Fund Committee



St. Bartholomew Catholic School Benefits



St. Bartholomew Catholic School provides a variety of enrichment opportunities and activities including:

- Weekly liturgical celebrations (Kindergarten – grade 6)
- Strong academic core curriculum
- Spelling Bee / Geography Bee / Science Fair
- Music curriculum
- Band program (grades 4-6)
- Media Center
- Smartboard Technology in each classroom
- Stationary lab and two mobile laptop carts
- Spanish curriculum (kindergarten – grade 6)
- Art program
- All day kindergarten program
- Celebration of religious holidays

We also offer:

- Before and after school care
- Hot lunch program
- Wayzata School District busing
- Tuition assistance
- Extra-curricular programs such as: Mondays After school sports, Chess Club, Choir (grades 3-6), and Life Crusaders (grade 6)

Frequently Asked Questions

“ St. Bartholomew School provides a wonderful, faith-based education which provides a solid value foundation that my children can carry with them in all their future pursuits.”

– JODENE MARQUIS

What are school hours?

Arrival: 8:10 a.m. Classrooms open.
8:25 a.m. Tardy bell.
8:30 a.m. Classes begin.

Dismissal: 3:00 p.m. Buses
3:05 p.m. Buses, Walker/Car Riders
3:10 p.m. Preschool/siblings

Is before and after-school care available?

Yes. Our extended day program, “Clubhouse,” runs from 7:00 a.m. until the start of school, and from the dismissal of school until 6:00 p.m.

Is bus service available?

Yes. Children residing in the Wayzata School District #284 may use this service.

Do the children attend Mass?

Yes. The children attend Mass every Wednesday at 8:45 a.m., except the third Wednesday of each month when they have prayer service/liturgy practice. Holy days are also observed.

Do the children wear uniforms?

Yes. A copy of the uniform policy is available upon request. The policy provides information about what to wear, how it should be worn and where items can be purchased. Used uniforms sales provide another option for purchasing gently used clothing.

What extracurricular activities are available through St. Bartholomew School?

Our children enjoy Choir, Band, Science Enrichment, Chess Club, after school Sports Monday, summer camps offered by school staff, Brownies/Girls Scouts and Cub/Boy Scouts. Some of these activities do have a fee.

How do we learn the inner-workings of the school in our first year?


We are happy to pair you with a host family who will be your guide and provide answers to you about anything from uniforms to fundraisers to classroom activities.

Can parents play a role in the day-to-day education and community needs of the school?

Yes! Parent volunteers are critical to St. Bartholomew School’s success. Numerous opportunities exist for the classroom, lunchroom, playground, field trips, fundraisers, community events and more. Each family is strongly encouraged to commit 20 hours of volunteer time to the school each year.

What types of school communications are there?

There is a weekly newsletter called, “The Bulldog Bugle.” Each Wednesday a Folder is sent home with one family member, which will include the newsletter and other pertinent information. Teachers have classroom newsletters and emails too. Our website is a great option for news and information: www.st-barts.org, click on the “School” link.



Class Sizes

St. Bartholomew School is committed to maintaining small class sizes to insure that each student is afforded an education in an environment which allows the staff to help students reach learning objectives. Small class sizes also allow the teachers to differentiate instruction to address the individual needs of students.



Curriculum Overview

St. Bartholomew School's core subjects are evaluated and updated on a rotational basis resulting in a high quality, current curriculum.

Subjects:

Religion is taught at St. Bartholomew's using Harcourt/Our Sunday Visitor curriculum. Each day students share prayer in the morning, afternoon and before meals. Students celebrate Mass weekly and observe Catholic Church holidays. Each class (K-6) plans and actively participates in the presentation of Mass during the school year. The children also present a Christmas program each year. In Grade 2, the children participate in Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation (Fall) and First Eucharist (Spring). All students study Salvation History and the Rosary.

Reading is the cornerstone of a good education, that is why St. Bartholomew challenges readers of all levels. The Macmillan/McGraw Hill series is used for all language arts, including reading spelling and grammar. The series is aligned with National standards and includes comprehensive screening, diagnostic and placement assessments, as well as ongoing informal assessment. It incorporates literature rich with learning targets for all readers; approaching, on-level, and beyond-level. For Handwriting, the Zaner-Bloser method is taught. Accelerated Reading, and Fluent Reader programs offer students the opportunity to improve reading skills and strategies at their personal rate and level. Students also regularly visit our beautiful library/media center.

Mathematics is taught using the Saxon method. Students in grades 2-6 are assigned by ability to a math grouping. This allows the teachers to challenge the students at each level of learning. Math Olympics, an enrichment program, is offered as well.

Science students are engaged with a hands-on science curriculum that leads them to learn scientific concepts and to develop the ability to think scientifically through their own inquiries, investigations, and analysis. Students in grades K-5 use the Delta/Foss System with 6th grade using a middle school physical science program from Prentice Hall. As a graduation requirement, all students are required to participate in a Science or Invention Fair.

Social Studies is brought to life by the use of core concepts using multiple strategies. Houghton Mifflin Social Studies is the textbook resource for grades K-5. The focus is on history, geography, world and cultural studies, economics, and civics. The 6th grade focuses on Minnesota History and current events. Study skills such as time management, reading strategies, note taking, test taking and listening skills are expanded across grade levels with a culmination unit at the 6th grade level.

Physical Education, Spanish, and Music classes are taught by faculty specialists for all students, grades PreK-6. These classes are attended twice weekly for 30-40 minutes.

Art class is held each week for grades PreK-6. Age appropriate instruction is provided and the year concludes with an Art Fair/Talent Show in May. Additionally, an Art Enrichment program for grades K-6 raises awareness of artists and their works, as well as genres of various periods.

Technology is integrated into the curriculum, is used in all core subjects and all curriculum includes extensive on-line resources for students, teachers and families. At St. Bartholomew, technology is used to enhance the teaching and learning process, to stimulate creativity and self discovery, to communicate more effectively, to solve problems, and access information. Technology is a useful tool to meet the needs of all learners and to foster creative approaches to our curriculum. Whether in the computer lab, using lap top computers, or classroom smart boards - St. Bartholomew students use technology daily in their pursuit of academic excellence and spiritual growth.

Discipline With Purpose is a 15-skill, developmental process that progressively challenges the students in an age-appropriate manner to reflect on their behaviors, attitudes and decisions so they can choose to change, establish healthy boundaries and limits, and grow in God's love to become productive citizens.

Academic competitions in which St. Bartholomew students participate include Spelling Bee, Geography Bee, Math Olympiad, Science Fair and Invention Fair. Students also participate in writing workshops and submit short stories to the Anthology of Short Stories by Young Americans and other publications.




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