

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This week (January 25 – 31, 2026), as the Church in the United States celebrates National Catholic Schools Week (CSW), we joyfully recognize the blessing that our parish school, Our Lady of Grace School, is to our community and the Church. This year's theme, "*Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community*", perfectly captures the heart of our mission: to form students in holiness, provide outstanding education, and send them forth to serve God and others.

Our Catholic school exists to help parents fulfill their primary role as the first educators in faith, grounding all learning in the person of Jesus Christ. Our educators go beyond textbooks, integrating the Gospel into every subject, helping students build a personal relationship with God and develop moral integrity. We are incredibly proud of the academic achievements and the Christ-centered environment at Our Lady of Grace School. Our dedicated teachers and staff, driven by a vocation to serve, form not just minds, but whole persons—body, soul, and spirit.

As I reflect on the blessings of this occasion, my heart is overflowing with gratitude for the dedicated teachers and supportive parents in our cluster community.

To our Principal Dr. Gena McGowan, teachers and staff: Thank you for living out the Church's evangelizing mission daily. You are doing more than teaching stories and lessons; you are planting seeds of unity – truth – love in young hearts. To our dedicated parents: Thank you for your partnership with us in this vital ministry. Thank you for trusting us to walk alongside you in this mission. And to our wonderful students: Thank you for living witnesses to the joy of Catholic education. Thank you for praising God in songs and proclaiming God's Word. You don't just learn here; you encounter Jesus who we are called to be saints in your daily lives, a journey strengthened by the Eucharist and our community prayers.

I invite you to participate in our school's Catholic Schools Week activities, especially the following events:

Sunday, January 25th	Coffee and Donuts after 9:00 a.m. Mass
Wednesday, January 28th	Grandparents/Special Friends Day
Friday, January 30th	OLG Talent show—1:15 p.m.
Saturday, January 31st	Open House for New Families—10 to 12:30 p.m.

Let us pray for our school, its mission, and for all those who make it possible. May our community continue to be a beacon of hope, drawing strength from Christ to build God's Kingdom.

Fr. Luke
Parochial Administrator