

# DIocese OF SAGINAW CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



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## *Witness the Difference*

Happy 2017-2018 Catholic Schools Week!

I'm excited to share the Good News related to OUR Catholic Schools!

As we begin OUR annual observance of National Catholic Schools Week, we want to thank you for everything you have done over the past year to aid us in OUR mission at the Diocese of Saginaw.

OUR Diocese theme, *Witness the Differences* builds upon the more global theme of all of the Catholic schools celebration theme *Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.* Both encompass the core values and beliefs that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples, and enriched citizens in OUR communities, OUR educators are growing along side with OUR students in these same areas of importance.

Within OUR Catholic schools, we are *all* learners, servants and leaders. These shared qualities are what make OUR Catholic schools work. They are what make OUR Catholic schools succeed.

On Wednesday, January 31st, the Gospel Reading is Mark 6:1-6. Mark's Gospel passage calls us to preach and teach among our own people. "When the Sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him?" We should follow Christ's example and evangelize in OUR communities, schools, and workplaces.

Sharing OUR Catholic education is a gift. May we be open to sharing this gift with those around us.

We are grateful for the support you provide to OUR schools. Your efforts make it possible for us to offer a Christ centered, quality educational alternative to the families of OUR community. You are an inspiration, and are a reflection of true community service, and moral & spiritual role models for OUR students. Check out the Diocese of Saginaw website, [www.saginaw.org](http://www.saginaw.org) to view a sampling of events happening at OUR Catholic schools.

Yours in Christ,  
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**ALL SAINTS CENTRAL, BAY CITY**

**SACRED HEART ACADEMY, MT. PLEASANT**

**NOUVEL CATHOLIC CENTRAL, SAGINAW**

**ST. MARY SCHOOL, ALMA**

**AUBURN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL, AUBURN**

**ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER, BEAL CITY**

**OUR LADY OF LAKE HURON, HARBOR BEACH**

**BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL, MIDLAND**

**SAINT BRIGID OF KILDARE SCHOOL, MIDLAND**

**ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL, PINCONNING**

**ST. ELIZABETH AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOL,  
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