



Catholic Schools Week

February 1 — February 5, 2021

Seton Catholic School serves the parishes of St. Elizabeth Pastorate. This includes St. Clement, Bankston; St. Patrick, Epworth; St. Joseph, Farley; St. John the Baptist, Peosta; and St. John the Evangelist, Placid.

As a first-year administrator, I had (and probably still have), a lot to learn (Hey, it's only February!). This year COVID-19 has thrown everyone for a loop. Although this is my first year as a principal, it is EVERYONES first year with a pandemic. The *most* valuable thing I have learned this school year is that my faith life and my work life have come together in unity and it happened at just the right time.

Over the summer, we came together as a school community and we talked about what is best for students. The problem was we did not know what was best at the time. We did not have all the details. We did not know what school, in light of COVID, would be, and we did not know what kind of restrictions would be placed on us. We didn't agree on everything, but we did agree on the most important things, like in person instruction 5 days a week.

To figure out what we needed to have 5 days a week of in person instruction, we needed to have faith, trust and patience. A normal day at Seton Catholic in February is very different than a normal day in September. We had to adjust as went along, different procedures, different CDC recommendations, different County Health Department requirements, different teaching strategies. Like the rest of the country, we did not know what to do or how to do it and there was never a guarantee that it was going to work. However, we had faith that what we were doing was God's will and that we can do it with His help.

Because of COVID, we started this school year keeping students as far apart as possible. They stayed in their classroom, and in their pods. Gradually we have been able to lift our restrictions in a safe, slow, and calculated manner. In Peosta, we opened mass so that the entire school (including PreK) can attend. In Farley, we started with teachers moving from class to class, but transitioned to our normal middle school schedule with students moving from room to room. Now, here we stand the week of Catholic Schools Week, the week where we celebrate who we are and what makes us special and we will finally be bringing the whole school under one roof in Peosta. Still, this Quest day will not look as it has in the past, but the spirit of Quest day, (the community building, the comradery, and the faith) is present now more than ever. This year we have been tested in the fire and we have come out stronger and more resilient.

Seton Catholic has earned a very special place in my heart in a relatively short amount of time. The Seton staff, including myself, is honored to continue to strive to figure out exactly what is best for *your* student. Thank you for trusting us with their education (and therefore their future), thank you for choosing Catholic Education, and thank you for choosing Seton Catholic School.

- Eric R. Meyer, Principal
Seton Strives

Join Us Every Week!

Celebrate mass with us on Tuesdays at 8:45 AM on our Facebook page and Wednesdays at 8:45 AM at St. Joseph, Farley.



QUICK FACTS

Current Enrollment	Budget - \$1,799,598
K - 8 = 290	Tuition = \$2,165 - 44%
Preschool = 49	Parish Investment - 35%
Student Enrollment Ratios	Fundraisers/Donations - 21%
Peosta—17:1	
Farley—15:1	

To learn more about Seton Catholic School, visit www.setonschool.org.

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Mission

Seton Catholic School, a Preschool through Eighth grade educational ministry of the St. Elizabeth Pastorate, provides a Christ-centered education to assist families in cultivating spiritual growth, academic excellence, and emotional development; to form the next generation of disciples to teach, witness, and share the gospel.

Vision

Seton Catholic School will be regarded as a leader in Catholic Education throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque for faith and moral development. We will empower students to recognize and cultivate his or her God given gifts and talents, to achieve success today, and be prepared for leadership tomorrow.



Catholic faith
Schools service
Week knowledge

I believe one of the greatest things we have done as parents is have our children attend Seton Catholic School. Seton has created a culture that teaches and cultivates values such as compassion, faith and empathy. Although we try our best as parents to live by these values, it is sometimes not enough. We are grateful that our children are surrounded by teachers and administrators that believe what we do and are sincerely invested in the future of our children.

-Josh Jasper, Seton Catholic parent

DID YOU KNOW? All schools within the Archdiocese of Dubuque are accredited through the Iowa Department of Education. This means they must meet all of the DE requirements for nonpublic schools, including alignment with curriculum standards and reporting student assessment data. In addition, all administrators and teachers are licensed through the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners.



Prayer for Catholic Schools

Dear Lord,

Bless those who work and learn in our Catholic schools.

Give our teachers the grace every day to be models of you to all they meet.

Give our students the desire to learn their lessons, and also grow closer to you through our Mother and our older siblings, the Saints.

Give our administrators the guidance they need, to balance the needs of the school with a life modeled on you and your compassion.

Give our school parents the understanding, to make the most of school based on you for the academic and spiritual lives of their children.

Amen.

Seton Catholic not only provides a sound educational experience for my children, but more significantly, it provides an excellent Christian foundation. The small class sizes allow for personal academic attention and an intimate environment that encourages friendships that will last a lifetime.

My children are not just well educated; they are Christians with sound values and faith, greatly due to Seton Catholic's influence in their everyday lives.

We can't thank the Seton Catholic teachers and administration enough for such a tremendous education for our children.

-Seton Catholic parent of recent graduate

Thank you to the parishioners of St. Elizabeth Pastorate for their support of Catholic Education. We recognize that Catholic Education is a huge investment for the parishioners and we take the responsibility of being good stewards very seriously. Thank you for allowing parents to have a choice in education. Your support is appreciated and we hold you all in our prayers.