



## WISCONSIN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### GOVERNOR EVERS PROCLAIMS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Governor Tony Evers has proclaimed January 25 through January 31, 2026, as Catholic Schools Week in Wisconsin. The proclamation coincides with the national observance of Catholic Schools Week and recognizes the over 275 Catholic schools in Wisconsin serving over 52,000 Wisconsin students.

Catholic education has nearly two centuries of history in Wisconsin. While Catholic education has been celebrated for generations, we have celebrated Catholic Schools Week in the United States since 1974. As noted in the proclamation, Catholic schools provide “a learning environment that emphasizes the formation of Catholic values and a commitment to community service.”

The Governor’s words are in keeping with the theme of Catholic Schools Week, “Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community.” The annual week-long observance celebrates a vital ministry of the Church and a valuable community resource, our Catholic schools. For tens of thousands of students in Wisconsin, Catholic schools have provided this opportunity and will continue to do so for generations to come.

Catholic schools across Wisconsin are hosting many events in observance of Catholic Schools Week, including Masses, open houses, and special activities for students. To find out the special ways in which this week is being celebrated, contact your local Catholic school or visit the school’s website.

**A copy of the Governor’s proclamation is attached.**

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For more information, contact David Earleywine at 608-257-0004.



# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; since 1974, Catholic Schools Week has celebrated Catholic education across the United States, and this year's theme is Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community; and

*WHEREAS*; throughout the state, Catholic schools have educated countless students in preparation for their responsibilities as members of society; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin is home to hundreds of Catholic schools that offer religious-based education to tens of thousands of students annually, providing a learning environment that emphasizes Catholic values and a commitment to integrity, compassion, and community service; and

*WHEREAS*; this week, the state of Wisconsin recognizes Catholic Schools Week and wishes the students, families, teachers, administrators, and staff well as they celebrate;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim January 25 – 31, 2026, as

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin  
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in  
the City of Madison this 5th day  
of January 2026.

*Tony Evers*  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State