

Testimonials from our Parents

I remember sitting in church years ago listening to someone talk about gathering support for a new Naperville Regional Catholic School. I also remember thinking that it wasn't for our family. We chose to live where we do because of the good public schools. When it was time for our oldest, Charlie, to begin Kindergarten, we considered the neighborhood school and the school where he attended preschool. Also, at the gentle urging of my mom, we went to the All Saints open house. We heard Dr. Renehan speak of the mission and the vision for the school, and it was all we needed to hear! We thank God every day that we made that choice. We can see the difference in our children's development of their faith. Our younger son, Michael, talked about, "Jegus, Mary, and Jophes," at a much earlier age. We share a time of prayer together every night as a family. And, we have become more involved in our parish as a result of our kids attending All Saints. Another large benefit to All Saints would be the friendships we've made. Our kids have made wonderful friends, and we, as a result, have made life-long friendships with other parents. The school has made such a positive impact on all of our lives. I can't imagine what our life would be like if we did not make that choice!

Chris Gambs, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

We have been with All Saints Catholic Academy since the school opened its doors in 2005. When we first moved to Naperville, I was told how fantastic academically the schools were and that is true. However since my husband and I went to Catholic Schools, we felt we wanted the same educational experience for them as well. We soon found out that there weren't enough Catholic Schools in the area.....so we prayed. Shortly thereafter we read in the paper there was a new Catholic School opening in the area.

We truly believe that a catholic school education is a gift, which will become a part of who our children are and will help to shape their character. We felt very strongly that this was a gift we wanted to pass on to our children. Jim and I feel very strongly that giving our children a strong foundation of their faith will help to reinforce what we are teaching at home.

All Saints Catholic Academy has truly surpassed our expectations both in academics and in living our Catholic faith. All Saints embraces servant leadership not just through its teachings but enables the students to live their faith everyday. The students are learning in an environment surrounded by God's love. When I drop my children off at the front doors of school, I know they are taught and cared for by people of strong faith who have truly become an extension of our family. All Saints Catholic Academy embodies our Catholic beliefs and enables our children to be proud of their faith. The children learn world cultures while incorporating social justice issues. The compassionate giving which the children experience throughout their school year teaches them to be saints within their parish, community and world.

All Saints Catholic Academy has provided a diverse, rich academic environment filled with faith and love.....our prayer answered!

Jim and Maureen Juhas, Holy Spirit Catholic Community

The one thing I love about ASCA is that we know what the purpose of the school is. It is to create, nurture, and deepen and wonderful relationship with God.

I believe that the lower number of students per class allows children to be active participants in the educational process. In addition, each child gets a wonderful opportunity to develop a spiritual and educational relationship with their teacher and classmates.

Helping to open and create a brand new school was an exciting opportunity for Karen and me. Now that it is open, we see our roles as to help build and nurture new meaningful and lasting traditions.

Mike Snyder, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

ASCA provided our family the opportunity to be a part of the development and growth of a new Catholic school that is focused on preparing future leaders with a keen sense of responsibility in a diverse world.

Colleen Ryan, St. Margaret Mary Parish

We want to teach our children and help teach other families that when you put Christ first in your life, He always provides. This is a hard lesson to live by since we as parents worry about time, money, and other worldly things, but when Tammy and I have made decisions that put Christ first, we have ALWAYS been rewarded with a means to find the time, money or what ever the world has challenged us with.

Mike and Tammy Kuppinger, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Our journey to All Saints Catholic Academy began when our oldest daughter was only a year old. We heard about the Naperville Regional Catholic School committee through our parish, St. Margaret Mary, and I got involved right away. There were other Catholic grade schools in the area, but with waiting lists, and not associated with our home parish. My husband, Brian, attended Catholic school his entire life. I, on the other hand, attended Naperville public schools through eighth grade, and then went to a Catholic high school by choice. The difference was beyond compare. The feeling of belonging, of family, of service was tangible even as a teenager. Given the choice, even with the excellent academic record of our area public schools, we could not pass up the opportunity to be part of the All Saints family.

Cindy Flynn, St. Margaret Mary Parish

When Mike & I first bought a house in Naperville, we didn't even inquire what school district it was in--we were so certain that we would be sending our children to Catholic schools. Both of us are the product of 16 years of Catholic education, and we wanted to give our children the same gift we had received: the opportunity to be surrounded by faith throughout our days. Imagine our surprise when we discovered that given the long waiting lists at local Catholic schools, we were unlikely to be able to send our children to Catholic schools.

Our children started school in District 203, and we had a great experience there. Our parish's religious education program helped them grow in their faith, and they were doing well. However, we felt there was something missing, and I always felt a tinge of longing whenever I heard my siblings and friends in other cities talk about their children's experiences in Catholic schools. When our parish began to investigate starting a new school, we signed on to help those efforts, and we were thrilled when the school opened in time for our children to benefit.

All Saints has given our children the rich, faith-filled experience we had hoped for. In addition to providing an excellent education, All Saints is a community where each child is treasured, and where parents form great friendships. By participating in weekly Masses and having several opportunities each year to plan and lead the liturgy with their classmates, the students at All Saints develop a sense of ownership and responsibility for the liturgy that bodes well for the future of our Church. They learn that science and faith do not have to be in competition--that we can fully explore the wonders of our world while growing in appreciation to the God who created it. And they learn that, like Peter, James and Andrew in the gospel, each of them is personally called to be of service to others.

Theresa Hawley, St. Margaret Mary Parish