

St. Helen School has a proud 50+ year tradition of providing **values for a lifetime** for its students. Welcome to the tradition!

Catholic Education was so important to St. Helen Parish that its very first effort, even prior to building a church, was to build its school. The education of our young people continues as a top priority for us.

We have about 360 students in K-8. Our students have Religion class each day. Once each week the students attend Mass prior to starting their school day. Teachers and staff are committed to the “values for a lifetime” that they teach. We have two all day kindergarten sections and we offer two sections per grade level. Our school offers a full complement of special area classes including Physical Education, Music, Art, Library and Technology. We are very proud of the advances we have made in the area of technology. We have a full lab of computers for students to access. In addition, we also offer wireless lap tops to all students. All computers are networked to a server and have access to the World Wide Web. In addition, each classroom has a brand new computer. The teachers can access these new computers at their convenience, processing their grades electronically on Progress Book.

We are very fortunate to be able to offer support for our special needs students at St. Helen School. The auxiliary staff is made up of professionals supported by state dollars. We have a speech and hearing specialist, a reading/math tutor, a counselor, a resource teacher who can also offer reading enrichment, a Title 1 reading tutor, and a school nurse.

St. Helen School has one of the lowest tuition costs in the area. The parishioner tuition rate covers approximately 50% of our cost to educate a child. The parish enthusiastically contributes much of the remainder of the expense; some funding is also received from the State of Ohio. In addition, we have an endowment fund to further reduce the cost of education for families that apply and qualify through Private School Aid Service.

Our students scored at or above the Archdiocesan average on standardized tests. Our test scores nationally have averaged in the middle seventy percentile range in Language Arts and Social Studies. We score in the middle sixty percentile range for Science and Math. As you can see, our students rank well above the national average of fifty percentile in their achievement and performance. The students at St. Helen score at or above the national average on the ACRE religion assessment that is given in 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade each year. Some of our top 8<sup>th</sup> grade math students are receiving their Honors Algebra and Algebra 1 instruction at Carroll High School for high school credit.

The Parish has an active Booster Club organization. The boosters offer soccer, football, volleyball, basketball, and track to our youth. Scouting opportunities are available for boys and girls.

We thank you for considering the St. Helen Parish and School community and look forward to serving your family in the near future.

Blessings,

Father Dave Brinkmoeller  
Pastor

Miss Barbara J. Markus  
Principal