

June 7, 2024

Dear Parishioners,

This past weekend our team met with leaders from all of the churches in our family of parishes and a group from the Archdiocese to discuss the long-term success of Catholic education in our family's area. The main topic of discussion was the successful launch and ongoing success of our new, centralized Catholic high school, Archangels Catholic. Fr. Scott Hastings, Vicar General for the Archdiocese, led the meeting.

Fr. Scott's message highlighted that he and Archbishop Lucas see our area as growing, thriving and well positioned to expand the reaches of Catholic education in the Northeast part of Nebraska. As a showing of his strong support and belief in continuing the long tradition of Catholic education in our area, Archbishop Lucas has generously provided financial support to aid in the inaugural year of Archangels Catholic High School in the amount of \$200,000, in conjunction with the further support described below, for a total of \$500,000.

In addition, the archdiocese is providing us tools to create a plan of self-sustainability into the future. As part of the collaboration, we have secured two Excellence Grants in the amounts of \$200,000 and \$100,000. The \$200,000 grant will be used to establish an Advancement Office to support the Catholic mission of our family of parishes. The \$100,000 grant for branding will aid in the purchase of uniforms, signage and other branded items for the high school. The Excellence Grants are funded from the money raised during the Archdiocese's Ignite the Faith Campaign that launched in 2012.

In the coming months we will continue collaboration with the Archdiocesan team to assist Fr. Stan with the administrative complexities of our family of parishes and the successful launch of our Advancement Office.

We are thankful for the support of Archbishop Lucas and Vickie Kauffold, Archdiocesan Superintendent of Schools, who administers the Excellence Grants. Their financial gifts exemplify their unwavering support and belief in Catholic education in our family of parishes.

We are excited about the coming school year, and we invite you to reach out to any member of the transition team with questions.

Blessings,

The Transition Team