



Dear School Family and Friends,

I have had the privilege of serving Epiphany Catholic School as an educator and now principal for over twenty-five years. This school has been blessed for over 60 years, to be a part of Epiphany Catholic Church and the greater Columbia County. In the past six years, with the acquisition of three school vehicles, we have expanded to include students from Suwannee, and Lafayette counties. During this time, I have watched the school grow in faith, Catholic traditions, and service. Strong in academics and faith, the classes are filled with future leaders and global citizens. Rich in diversity, culture and our Catholic tradition, we pride ourselves in being a school that expands our students' minds, builds their faith, and enriches their lives. Alumni of our school span the globe and are vital members of our communities, near and far.

As we teach our students to live in a digital world, we continue to focus on personal relationships, empathy, and compassion. Communicating both orally and in written form are critical skills that all students in the 21st century must master; our programs and curriculum support personal academic success as well as teamwork.

At Epiphany Catholic School, we consider Catholic education to be integral to our mission of spreading God's word. That's why the **Ensure the Tradition Annual Fund** is so important. Your generosity helps us to meet the ever-increasing costs to operate our programs and allows for us to be able to make a Catholic education affordable for any family who wants their child in our Christ centered learning environment.

Together-as teachers, parents, administration, staff, religious, and members of our parish community, we can ensure that this great gift of a Catholic education will be available in our area. We ask that you and your family review the brochure materials and prayerfully consider how you can help us fulfill our mission.

Thank you for your consideration. We ask that you keep us in your prayers and know that you are in ours as well.

Yours in Christ,

Rita M. Klenk
Principal, Epiphany Catholic School

Fr. Robert Hoffman
Pastor, Epiphany Catholic Church



Mission Statement of Epiphany Catholic School: Epiphany Catholic School fosters high expectations in a Christ centered environment for all students in FAITH, ACADEMICS, and SERVICE within the Catholic tradition.

FAQs

- 1 What are the class sizes?**
Epiphany Catholic School has an average student teacher ratio of 12:1* with some classes slightly larger or smaller.
- 2 Does my child have to be Catholic to attend Epiphany Catholic School?**
No, currently our student population is made up of over 50% of non-Catholic students. We encourage families of ALL faiths to attend our school. Annual discounts are given for 1/2 or full payments in advance.
- 3 How much is tuition?**
Our tuition is \$6,113 per child, with a St. Francis Scholarship given to registered parishioners of Epiphany Catholic Church amounting to a \$500 discount per child.
- 4 Do you provide financial aid?**
Yes! In addition to state funded Step Up For Students, Florida Empowerment Scholarships, McKay and Gardiner Scholarships, Epiphany Catholic School also has a *St. Pope John Paul II Scholarship* awarded by Epiphany Catholic Church based upon family income and needed assistance.
- 5 What kind of extracurricular activities do you offer?**
Depending on the grade level, we offer Co-ed Soccer, Archery, Drama, History, Art, Robotics and Lego Clubs. We also offer the opportunity to participate in the Choir. Catholic students may also become Altar Servers and Sacristans.
- 6 What kind of technology does your school offer?**
Our teachers have plenty of technological resources at their disposal for classroom lessons. While we are still a traditional school when it comes to curriculum, we do have classroom carts of laptops, tablets and desktops available for integration of curriculum content and student use. Teachers also use Google Classroom and Google Suite for any online learning needs.



Ensure the Tradition



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Faith, Excellence, Tradition, Longevity

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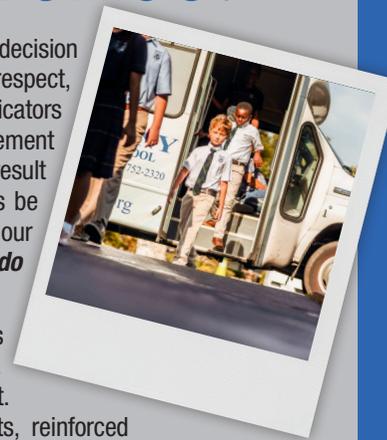
Making a Difference!

Sending our two children to Epiphany Catholic School was the best decision we made as parents. Epiphany Catholic School taught them respect, problem solving skills, how to be great critical thinkers, communicators and leaders. They went on to take honors and advanced placement classes in high school and assume student leadership roles as a result of the academics and faith they received. Epiphany will always be a part of our family and we will always be grateful for helping our children to become who they are today. - **Barbara and Eduardo Florez, parents of Alumni, Camille and Ito Florez**

We would highly recommend Epiphany! The education was superb and the teachers were compassionate, kind, and educated. The principal was involved at all times. All our needs were met. It prepared our children for SFCA, instilled great study habits, reinforced outstanding moral values, and fostered community involvement. - **Peggy and John Craig, parents of Alumni, Annabelle and John Craig**

Students who attend Epiphany Catholic School, through the dedication and professionalism of its teachers and staff, are prepared both academically, spiritually, and emotionally for a successful high school experience including honors and Advanced Placement courses. The students are encouraged and challenged to reach their full potential. As a grandmother of two former students, one with autism and the other Type 1 diabetes, I was grateful for the care and patience extended to not only my grandchildren, but to all students regardless of their strengths and abilities. Epiphany teachers and staff are catalysts that enable young minds to grow and learn and succeed. - **Barbara Hollingsworth, grandmother of two Alumni, Zane and Hannah Hollingsworth**

A great place to start your future. There's no other school that can give you such opportunities and great memories. An educational and spiritual journey! - **John Craig, Alumni**



Student Life

Joanna's Story

I entered Epiphany as an 8th grader in August 2016. At the time, they started a new program called the Rural Education Initiative and had just gotten 2 new buses to provide transportation for students from St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and San Juan Mission Catholic Church in Live Oak and Branford. My younger brother was starting in fourth grade. At the time, I wasn't sure I wanted to transfer schools. Once I got settled in, I began to see all of the benefits to being in a Catholic school. In my old school, I was not encouraged to do my best and be academically successful, in fact, I wasn't doing very well. The teachers at Epiphany, were helpful and caring. The work was very challenging for me but the teachers and students in my class were always there to help. I was able to grow and develop my love of Art as well. With the help of the school and their Madrina, Mrs. Sonia Romero, I was able to enter St. Francis Catholic Academy. I went on to excel in my classes, become involved in campus clubs and sports, deepen my faith and my relationship with God and develop and advance my artistic skills. I now attend Santa Fe College in Gainesville on an Art scholarship. I am so very grateful for the opportunity that was given to me years ago and I am blessed and honored to call myself an Epiphany Alumni.

Joanna Patricio, Alumni



Philosophy of Education

Catholic Faith-based Programs

- Instill a love, knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith
- Integrate instruction with Catholic values and Catholic tradition
- Encourage and lead students to become actively involved in their parish communities
- Provide opportunities for weekly Mass, school wide Adoration, school wide Reconciliation services, recitation of the Rosary, participation in the Stations of the Cross
- A safe and nurturing environment where students can develop and foster their relationship with God
- Consciously choosing to utilize God's gifts and talents for the greater good and in service to others

Academic Excellence

- Promotes life-long learning, nurturing and building the development of the whole person to their fullest potential
- Forms and teaches students to become productive, virtuous global citizens and church leaders
- In accordance with Pope Francis' Laudato Si, to become good stewards of their environment and to live in and foster a more humane and just society
- Fosters a culture and climate in which academic excellence is achieved through the application of critical thinking skills, engaging and rigorous curriculum standards, a global perspective and an emphasis on serving others through service and stewardship

And now it's your turn, your generosity can make a difference in the lives of the children at Epiphany Catholic School. On November 14th we will have a special day of giving, we are encouraging all families to share your support for our school on (or before) this day. We are asking all families to participate in any way possible.

First, **pray** with and for us. Next, **learn** more about our great school and share something positive with someone you know. Finally, **participate** – we are encouraging everyone to make a commitment to prayer and, those that are able, to financially support our school. You can mail in your gift, drop it off at the office, use the enclosed envelope and drop in this week's offertory, or give online by going to our website. If you have any questions about our programs please contact the school office.



You can give now at <https://ecslc.churchgiving.com/ws/opportunities/EnsuretheTradition> to support our school.

