

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*The mission of St. Joseph School is to build a Catholic environment that promotes excellence in learning and development of the whole person through the Gospel message. Together with parents, staff, and our parish community, we seek to form leaders by guiding our students to their highest levels of spiritual and academic potential. We offer an environment which encompasses a quality academic curriculum, mutual respect, intellectual curiosity, and service to others.*



## **PHILOSOPHY**

As part of the St. Joseph Parish family, we believe that the faith we all share involves a commitment calling for our personal leadership to develop and instill spirit and respect for all. As a Catholic school we are a community of faith in which the Gospel message, our Catholic heritage, worship, and service are integrated into the school experience.

We believe that Jesus, our ever present teacher, is the inspirational model for our parents, students, faculty, and staff. Students learn to recognize God's presence in a caring community. They learn to respond to that presence through prayer and liturgical involvement, through application of the Gospel in everyday events, and through awareness of and concern for social justice. They learn to make His presence real through respect for one another and through service to St. Joseph Parish, the church, the community, and the world. We provide a peaceful and safe environment that respects religious and cultural diversity.

St. Joseph School is committed to offering its students the opportunity to develop their individual talents and abilities. We provide quality academic instruction designed to challenge each student to self direction. In the academic sphere, students are guided to develop basic skills and to acquire knowledge that is the foundation for further learning in the academic, practical, and technological world in which we live. They are helped to grow toward learning to think morally, rationally, logically, and critically.

We recognize parents as the prime educators of their children, especially in moral and emotional development. We acknowledge and support our parents as our partners in Catholic education. We seek to create a strong faith community that encourages parental involvement in nurturing Christian values, sharing faith experience, building self esteem, and developing talents. Coupled with parent cooperation, we encourage growth in the level of faith a excellence possible for each student.