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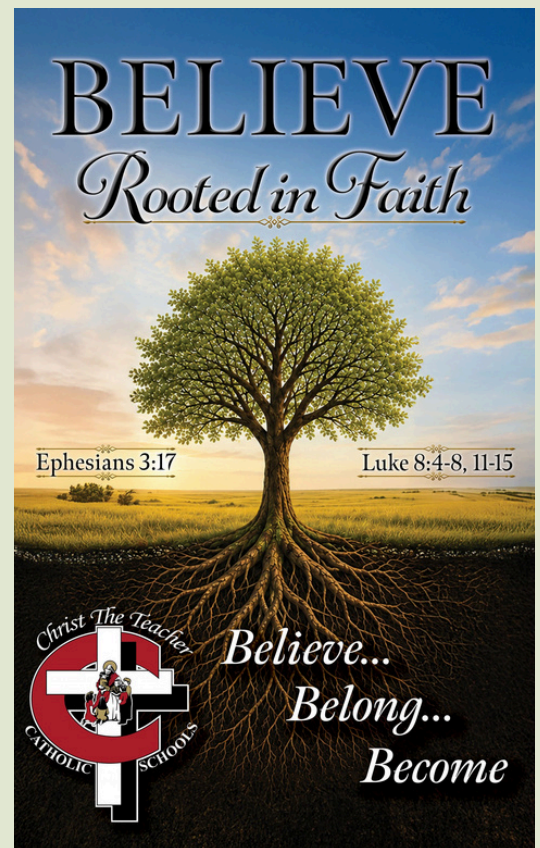
FAITH FORMATION IN CHRIST THE TEACHER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



September 2026

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The 2026-2027 theme for Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools is *Believe*, the first of a three-year journey into our division motto *Believe...Belong...Become*. This newsletter is intended to highlight some of the faith formation opportunities in Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools. Thank you to all involved in planning, leading, and supporting the faith formation opportunities available within CTTCS.



Staff gathered to open the 2026-27 school year with prayer and thanksgiving during the Opening Mass and Faith Inservice at St. Henry's Parish in Melville. Thank you to Father Wilfred, Father Melchor, Deacon Dave, and all who led ministries. Following Mass, Roy Petitfils facilitated our Faith Inservice, building on the theme of Believe. To close the day, Service Awards were presented to staff, recognizing their years of service with Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools. Congratulations, thank you, and may God continue to bless your vocation as educators. Pictured above are CTTCS Board Chair Patricia Zaryski, CTTCS Religious Education Consultant Deanna Pellatt, CTTCS Superintendent of Education Steven Boucher, and Keynote Speaker, Roy Petitfils.



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Thank you to our Parish Priests and all who organize and lead various ministries to provide school masses and liturgies. Photos below are from celebrations at St. Mary's School, St. Henry's Jr. & Sr. Schools, and Sacred Heart High School.



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Each year, students new to Sacred Heart High School and graduating students participate in a **Candle Light Ceremony**. The Candle Light ceremony is an opportunity to welcome new students and to encourage them to let their light shine - to act as witnesses of faith, hope, compassion, and service.



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*"May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
as you are being rooted and grounded in love."*

Ephesians 3:17

Heavenly Father,
thank you for the gift of faith.
Root us deeply in Your love
and help us believe in You each day.

Lord Jesus,
live in our hearts and walk beside us.
When we stumble or lose our way,
lead us back to You.

Holy Spirit,
guide our thoughts, words, and actions.
Give us courage to persevere,
and hearts filled with kindness and hope.

Loving God,
may Your Word take root in us like seed in good soil.
As we learn, pray, and grow together,
help us remain rooted in faith and grounded in love.
Amen.

*"But as for that in the good soil,
these are the ones who,
when they hear the word,
hold it fast in an honest and good heart,
and bear fruit with patient endurance."*

Luke 8:15



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