

RICHARD SCHULZE FAMILY FOUNDATION OFFERS \$25,000 CHALLENGE MATCHING GRANT

An amazing \$750,000 opportunity has been presented to Catholic schools across the Diocese of New Ulm! Richard Schulze, founder and chairman emeritus of Best Buy Co., Inc., and his foundation, the Schulze Family Foundation, has offered the Diocese of New Ulm a "Challenge Matching Grant" to assist our 13 elementary Catholic schools in enhancing educational excellence as well as growing enrollment. St. Mary's Catholic School is excited to report that we have been offered a \$25,000 matching grant from the Schulze Family Foundation.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Each Catholic elementary school in the diocese is challenged to raise \$25,000. Schools that meet this Challenge would, in return, receive from the Schulze Family Foundation \$25,000, which totals \$50,000 back to the school.

MATCHING GRANT GUIDELINES

Donors to the Challenge Matching Grant must be: A "new donor" (one who has not financially supported a Catholic school in the diocese)

OR

A previous donor whose donation "exceeds" their largest previous donation to a Catholic school.

DEADLINE

The goal deadline for our school to raise \$25,000 is December 31, 2021. All donations must be collected by this date to meet the requirements for the match.

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

Simply send your gift using the envelope provided inside, visit our website for online giving or feel free to call if you wish to discuss other options.

HOW WILL WE USE THE MONEY?

This grant will be used to expand our learning program by providing resources and opportunities for students who wish to learn beyond the expected curriculum. Classes offered would consist of (but not limited to) the following: Languages, pottery, stained glass window making, carpentry, home economics, robotics, solar and wind energy, astronomy, animals and wildlife. Some of these classes may be taught by community members skilled in these trades. As part of this expanded learning program, we also envision an outdoor classroom to enhance the learning experience. We believe this enrichment program can reach all students and inspire them to learn more about themselves, their interests, and the world around them.

We would also like this program to be an attraction and recruitment tool for others to join our school program. St. Mary's is blessed with a strong core curriculum that truly prepares our students for their futures. It is now our desire to provide opportunities for enrichment beyond the core curriculum. In this way, we hope to help all of our students discover an untapped interest, expand a current passion, or even plant the seed for a future career or lifelong hobby. We are so excited about offering this to our students and we want to truly amaze them with the opportunities that we will create, as well as show them what businesses and services are available within our community.

We are proud of the great tradition of Catholic education here at St. Mary's School. This is a place where successful adults and strong leaders are formed. We instill strong values in students and develop hearts committed to faith and service. We hope you will partner with us in this worthy mission.