



# Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Denver

Catholic schools are a ministry of the Archdiocese of Denver and help parents in their crucial role of providing a quality Catholic education to their children. Catholic preschools in the Archdiocese of Denver are essential in assisting parents with the religious and educational upbringing of their children. We equip children with practical skills and the values of our Catholic faith.

St. Mary's and St. Bernadette's are Catholic parishes in the Archdiocese of Denver that operate vibrant Catholic preschool programs serving Denver-area families.

## Archdiocese of Denver



The Archdiocese of Denver is the spiritual home to about **610,000 Catholics** across **148 parishes**, stations, and mission parishes in northern Colorado.



We oversee, guide, and support **36 preschools** serving around **1,500 students** each year.

Central to the Catholic faith is a commitment to education. Our Archdiocese has been **operating schools** in Colorado **for over a century.**



The families that we serve come from diverse backgrounds and economic circumstances.

**20% of families** who send their children to our schools qualify for Colorado's **free and reduced-price school meals program.**



### St. Bernadette's Catholic Parish



St. Bernadette's Parish was **founded in 1947** in Lakewood, Colorado, and is dedicated to Bernadette of Soubirous. We first opened a parish school in **1953**.



Today, our parish school, Wellspring Catholic Academy, serves many families of limited means. **85% of families** attending our preschool receive free or reduced-price meals.



In 2023, families received **over \$250,000** in scholarships.

### St. Mary's Catholic Parish



St. Mary's Parish was **founded in 1951** in Littleton, Colorado and is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We have operated a preschool program as a ministry of the Parish since **2006**.



**25% of students** who attend St. Mary's preschool receive tuition discounts or scholarships.



We are an **inclusive preschool**, meaning that we provide services to students with disabilities, including students with Down syndrome and autism.