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Mayor Ames to proclaim importance of Catholic schools

Beaumont Mayor Becky Ames will join hundreds of Catholic school students at 10 a.m. Feb. 2 at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, Beaumont, in honor of Catholic Schools Week.

Mayor Ames will make a proclamation before the Mass celebrated by Bishop Curtis Guillory, SVD.

“This year we’re celebrating the great value that Catholic schools are to our nation and local community,” superintendent of Catholic schools for the Diocese of Beaumont, Nancy Collins, said.

“We have high academic standards, a 99 percent graduation rate, and our students are educated with strong moral values. That makes a significant contribution to the American Society,” Collins added.

This year’s theme is A+ for America Catholic Schools. The entire week will be dedicated to striving for excellence in and out of the classroom.

Service is one aspect of a Catholic education that continues to set it apart from a public education. Each year students complete hundreds of hours of service work. In addition to students and school faculty, the Southeast Texas agencies that have been served by the students from the six local Catholic schools are also invited to share in the celebration.

Each school has several activities lined up throughout the week. Msgr. Kelly Catholic High School will hold a prayer service in honor of the parents/guardians, volunteers and clergy who sacrifice to make Catholic education possible for the students. St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School will have a priest appreciation day. St. Mary Catholic School will have a grandparents day brunch, and all six schools will have an open house.

More on Catholic Schools Week and the Catholic schools in the diocese can be found at www.dioceseofbmt.org.

Monsignor Kelly Catholic School
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(409) 866-2351
www.kelly.beaumont.tx.us

Our Mother of Mercy Catholic School
3360 Sarah Street, Beaumont
(409) 842-5534
www.josephite.com/parish/tx/omm

St. Anne Catholic School
375 N. 11th Street, Beaumont
(409) 832-5939
www.stannecatholic.org

St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica School
850 Forsythe, Beaumont
(409) 832-3486
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St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School
3840 Woodrow Drive, Port Arthur
(409) 962-3011
www.stcats.org

St. Mary Catholic School
2600 Bob Hall Road, Orange
(409) 883-8913
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