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## **ST. MONICA CATHOLIC SCHOOL TO CLOSE AFTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR**

*From the Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis:*

“While providing Catholic Education in St. Louis County for more than 100 years, St. Monica School has faced ongoing challenges due to inconsistent and declining enrollment. As of today, fewer than 120 students are enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year, including one grade level in which only three students have enrolled. This trend means that continuing to provide quality education at St. Monica School would require support that would negatively impact the parish’s finances and impede other crucial parish ministries.

After consultation with parish and archdiocesan leaders to explore possible cost-reducing options, we have determined that such changes would take away key services and resources from students and teachers and still require an unsustainable parish subsidy. For these reasons, it is necessary to close St. Monica School at the end of the 2023-2024 academic year.

The Archdiocese of St. Louis will provide placement assistance to St. Monica School faculty and staff, as well as enrollment assistance to families who wish to place students into other Catholic elementary schools.

The parishioners of St. Monica can indeed be proud of the long history of educating children in the faith. I am profoundly grateful to them, to all the administrators, teachers, and staff who share their gifts to help raise children in our Catholic faith, and to the parents who make a commitment to Catholic education.

Please join me in keeping all affected by these changes in our prayers.”

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