

Proclamation

City of St. Joseph, Missouri

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

WHEREAS, Catholic education was established in St. Joseph in 1855, with the opening of the girls' Academy of the Sacred Heart and the boys' Christian Brothers High School, which opened in 1867; and

WHEREAS, today Catholic schools serve over 1,200 students in St. Joseph; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools encourage students to reach high academic achievement, reinforce family morals and values, as well as teach critical thinking and problem solving as they prepare youth for a world that is constantly changing; and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph Catholic schools, along with Catholic schools across the Nation, are joining together to recognize families for their sacrifices on behalf of their children's education and to praise administrators, teachers and staff for their dedication and professionalism.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ken Shearin, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of St. Joseph, do hereby proclaim the week of January 26 through February 1, 2009 as **Catholic Schools Week** in St. Joseph, Missouri.

FURTHERMORE, I join with students, parents, faculty and administration of our Catholic schools to celebrate National Catholic Schools Week, with the national theme of "*Catholic Schools Celebrate Service*". I also join with the citizens of St. Joseph in celebration of the valuable contributions Catholic schools make to the communities they serve.

ISSUED: This 23rd day of January, 2009

Ken Shearin

Mayor

