

# LNMV Catholic Education Center



## Retiring Our Building Debt and Maintaining Our Education Facility

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### The History of Our Education Programs

In the decade before and after the Civil War, communities of German, Czech and Prussian heritage were established in this region. Their Catholic churches were soon to follow.

Then came the opening of parish schools - Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church (Veseli) in 1916, St. Nicholas Catholic Church (Elko New Market) in 1916, and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (Lonsdale) in 1917.

These schools were merged in 1969 becoming the LNMV Area Catholic School. The priority on Catholic education continues to this day.

For 50 years, these Catholic communities have collaborated and cooperated to provide religious education for children and youth in the three parishes.

In 2005, the new building in Webster was constructed on land contributed by a school family. It provides the space needed to educate our children and youth through the LNMV Religious Education Program and Holy Cross School.



Religious Education Students gather in the gym on a Wednesday evening during Lent for Benediction and The Stations of the Cross.



Holy Cross School second grade students show their patriotic spirit!



Three parishes, united in one mind, heart, and spirit to provide for the education of our children, youth and teens; the future of our Catholic Community!

## How Did We Build?

Our Catholic Education Center was constructed in 2005 at a cost of \$5,500,000. An initial capital campaign raised \$4.2 million. An initial mortgage at a rate of 6.25% allowed the project to be completed. Subsequent campaigns have been conducted to help retire the mortgage debt, which now stands at \$350,000.



## Parish Subsidies

Each parish provides a monthly subsidy to support the operating budget for the total education program. The subsidy represents the difference between the actual cost of education and the amount charged for each student's tuition and fees. Each parish also provide funding to support the ongoing cleaning and normal repairs that occur within the education facility.

## After 5 Campaigns, Are We Certain This is the Last One?

We've been at this process a long time. Slowly, but surely, we have chipped away at the loan principal through the generosity of dedicated parishioners and school alumni.

In reality we have done very well to maintain the operating budget and pay down the building mortgage. Now, it is time to finish the race and start planning a mortgage burning ceremony as we cross the finish line!

## What's the Campaign Name?

Catchy phrases. Clever themes. Appealing graphics. They may look and sound great, but nothing works better than the old-fashioned, roll-up-our sleeves and get it done spirit. As a result, this may be the first campaign in our history with no name. Plain and simple - it's time to retire the mortgage.