



Official Proclamation

City of Hastings, Michigan



In Recognition

St. Rose of Lima School 100 Years' Celebration

- Whereas:** St. Rose of Lima Catholic School was founded in 1917 by the Sisters of St. Joseph from the former Nazareth College in Kalamazoo, Michigan. St. Rose began with an enrollment of 40 students in grades 1-8; and
- Whereas:** In 1924, the school building was expanded from two to four classrooms. High School programs were added at this time, and were offered until the beginning of World War II; and
- Whereas:** 1961 brought a new school building which expanded classrooms to seven. In 1997 a new school complex was built consisting of seven classrooms, a gym/all purpose room, an adult education room, a multi-media room used for the library and computer lab; and
- Whereas:** Current school program is comprised of preschool through sixth grade with an average enrollment of 80 students. In 2015 St. Rose introduced an after-school daycare program, and in 2016, the Rose Garden Preschool began; and
- Whereas:** St. Rose has been guided through the years by the Diocese of Kalamazoo, while following the Michigan Department of Education standards as basis for their curriculum, while also offering band, technology, art, and physical education through shared teachers with the Hastings Area Schools. The current staff of five teachers and an administrator have 80 years of combined teaching experience, are State certified while meeting and exceeding professional development as required by Michigan's Department of Education, and;
- Whereas:** St. Rose of Lima offers extra-curricular activities including: Science Olympiad, Boy and Girl Scouts, 6th Grade Leadership Council, theater through the Thornapple Arts Council. Swimming lessons, community parades, Ski Club, Scripps National Spelling Bee, Bring it on Book Challenge, Vacation Bible School, and a variety of sports and camps through the YMCA.

Now Therefore, I, Mayor David J. Tossava on behalf of the City of Hastings and the Hastings City Council, do hereby wish to express our sincere congratulations on the 100th Anniversary of St. Rose of Lima School.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Hastings, Michigan, to be affixed this the 29th day of January 2018.


David J. Tossava, Mayor