



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States; and

WHEREAS, it starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2026 is January 25 through February 1; and

WHEREAS, the theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2026 is “Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community;” and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members; and

WHEREAS, through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation; and

WHEREAS, each day a different entity is celebrated: Sunday, our school parish; Monday, community; Tuesday, vocations; Wednesday, nation; Thursday, students; Friday, faculty, staff and volunteers; and Saturday, families; and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph Catholic School is celebrating its 100th year of providing Catholic education in the City of Fort Collins.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Emily Francis, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim January 25 - February 1, 2026, as

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 3rd day of February, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk