



## 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk