

Enrollment Packet



Inaugural Year
2025 / 2026





Our Mission

Inspired by the life and faith of St. Carlo Acutis, our school daily challenges students to grow in holiness, excel academically, and live the gospel virtues in a Christ-centered community.

Our Vision

This school will shape new generations of leaders, who, like St. Carlo Acutis, seek truth, serve others, and use their talents to bring Christ to the world.



THE ACADEMY OF ST. CARLO ACUTIS

DEUS NON EGO

Dear Parents,

It is with great gratitude that we are ready to begin registration for the inaugural school year of the Academy of St. Carlo Acutis. The establishment of our new school marks a significant milestone, not only for our students and families but for Catholic education in our diocese. Catholic education in the Diocese of Peoria began in the Illinois Valley, and while our schools have evolved over the years, one thing remains constant—our community's unwavering commitment to providing an excellent Catholic education for our children.

We especially want to extend our heartfelt thanks to our teachers. Their dedication and passion for Catholic education has been instrumental in making this transition possible. Their sacrificial service and commitment to our students is truly inspiring. We are also deeply grateful to you, our parents, for your patience, trust, and partnership as we take this first step together as a unified school system.

We know that challenges and questions will arise along the way, but we move forward together, strengthened by our shared mission. The children, their faith, and their future are at the heart of everything we do, and it is because of them that we continue this journey with dedication and hope. We look forward to an amazing year ahead, filled with growth, learning, and the blessings of our shared Catholic faith.

Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us!

Nathan Boudreau

Rich Koehler

Deb Myers

Deus Non Ego!

“Holiness is not a process of adding anything, but of subtraction. It is a removal of myself to make space for God. . . Not I, but God!”

Bl. Carlo Acutis



Seventh Grade students from each of our schools participate in a NET Team retreat at St. Bede Abbey.

Our Core Values

Unity

The strength of our school is rooted in the unity of our families, parishes, and wider community, forming the foundation of a shared success.

Sustainability

Through responsible stewardship and intentional growth, we ensure that our school remains both affordable and accessible for generations to come.

Integrity

We are committed to nurturing the whole child—spiritually, intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally—fostering a well-rounded and faith-driven education.

Tuition Schedule

All families, of any faith, are welcome at our school—and all families will benefit from parish subsidies. Still, it is the particular mission of a Catholic parish to partner with families actively practicing and raising their children in the Catholic faith. As such, actively practicing Catholics registered and supporting a local parish receive an additional subsidy from their parish of registration. This is reflected in the *Parishioner Tuition* rate.

Aside from parish subsidies, our fundraising helps keep tuition affordable. We try to find fundraisers throughout the year that bring us together as a school, engage the wider community, and provide goods and services that we would need to purchase anyway. These efforts historically provide for approximately 15% of our budget. We have one required fundraiser that each family participates in.

The materials fee, due at the beginning of the school year, pays for the purchase of textbooks, classroom supplies, and other equipment our students need. The fee is non-refundable since these purchases are made early in the year.

Our school day start and end times will be staggered between the elementary schools and middle school to facilitate easy drop-off and pickup. Before and aftercare will be provided at each campus.

Tuition Assistance is available. We are committed to welcoming all families to our school. Assistance for K-8 education is available through the FACTS Grant & Aid Application program. FACTS provides an objective and confidential assessment of need. The process includes an application, the upload of supporting financial documents, and a processing fee. The school will refund this fee if assistance is not recommended.

Because the Diocese of Peoria Spalding Scholarship Fund significantly funds our financial aid, applications should be complete by April 25th for returning families.

Free and reduced lunches are also available for those who qualify. Those completing tuition assistance applications are encouraged to complete the simple lunch application as well.

Kindergarten to Eighth Grade

Parishioner Tuition	12-Monthly Payments	10-Monthly Payments	Full Year Payment
1 Child	\$313	\$375	\$3,750
2 Children	\$422	\$506	\$5,063
3+ Children	\$516	\$619	\$6,188

General Tuition	12-Monthly Payments	10-Monthly Payments	Full Year Payment
1 Child	\$406	\$488	\$4,875
2 Children	\$548	\$658	\$6,581
3+ Children	\$670	\$804	\$8,044

Materials Fee	\$350 Per Student
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Fundraiser*	30 Tickets per family @ \$25 Each
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* While the details of the fundraiser are still to be determined by the fundraising committee, the financial responsibility represented in this schedule is accurate.

Questions and Answers

What is the enrollment process?

FACTS Management has begun the process of integrating family and student records into our new school system. Current school families should have received notice to re-enroll in their Facts Payment Plans / Financial Aid account. New families can begin their enrollment—just use the link for new families on the website: academyofstcarlo.org

Which extra curriculars will be offered?

Our unified school will have expanded resources and opportunities for athletics and extracurricular activities. While it is too early to provide a complete list, we plan to build on the best programs from each of our current schools to serve all students more effectively.

What is the school day schedule?

Next year's schedule and calendar are nearly complete. You can see our current working calendar on the website. There will be staggered start and end times for middle school and elementary school to facilitate easy drop-off and pickup. Before and aftercare services will continue to be available at each campus.

Will there be a lunch program?

We are planning a unified lunch program and menu for all school buildings. We will continue our collaboration with the Illinois School Nutrition Program to ensure that lunch and milk remain affordable for all families or provided at little or no-cost to those who qualify.

Are teachers moving to different buildings?

In late January, our teachers completed a survey to share their ideas and preferences for the upcoming school year. All current teachers have been invited and encouraged to return. We are finalizing plans with teachers, which will involve some building and classroom adjustments. Teachers for grades 5-8 will be based at the Peru campus, while preschool and elementary teachers will be stationed at either the Oglesby or LaSalle campuses.

What is the required fundraiser?

Each of our current schools has a primary fundraiser to help offset tuition costs, typically a raffle-style event that allows the broader community to support student education. Our fundraising committee will develop the details of the new fundraiser, which will be announced before the school year begins. While the financial obligations outlined in the tuition schedule are accurate, the type and number of tickets may be adjusted depending on the chosen fundraiser format.

Will the new school have a new uniform?

Yes, students will have a new uniform. We believe that simple, neat attire helps students perform their best while also making wardrobes easier and more affordable for families. Please see our current dress code on the website.

Home of the Miracles



Miracles are defined as surprising, welcome events – the work of divine agency. They are God's wonderful presence among us. The most amazing miracle is the miracle of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

This miracle changed Blessed Carlo's life. He attended Mass daily, sought out the Lord in adoration, and directed his talents with technology to promote the many extraordinary miracles of the Holy Eucharist. May God continue to work in the lives of our students – making them true Miracles!

Preschool Plans

Our preschool focuses on socialization, academics, and kindergarten readiness in a nurturing faith-centered environment. Please reach out or come in for a visit. Our program requires children be three or four years old by September 1st. Preschool programs are available at the LaSalle and Oglesby campuses. We hope to make your family a part of the Academy of St. Carlo Acutis!

The cost of our program is subsidized by our local Catholic parishes and by regular school fundraisers. We ask all families to participate in one fundraiser as detailed below. The materials fee is due at the beginning of the school year. Because it is used primarily to purchase classroom supplies, it is non-refundable.

We will be offering full-day and half-day options for our preschool program. Either is available for five days per week or three days (Tu., Wed., and Thu) Extended care is available before and after regular school hours. Preschool children with older siblings can follow the tuition schedule for K-8 families.

Preschool (3 year-old and 4 year-old)

Preschool Tuition	12-Monthly Payments	10-Monthly Payments	Full Year Payment
Full Day, 5 Day	\$375	\$450	\$4,500
Full Day, 3 Day	\$292	\$350	\$3,500
Half Day, 5 Day	\$292	\$350	\$3,500
Half Day, 3 Day	\$250	\$300	\$3,000

Fundraiser*	Full Day, 5 Day	30 Tickets @ \$25 Each
	Full 3 Day or Half 5 Day	20 Tickets @ \$25 Each
	Half Day, 3 Day	15 Tickets @ \$25 Each

Materials Fee	\$400
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* While the details of the fundraiser are still to be determined by the fundraising committee, the financial responsibility represented in this schedule is accurate.

Our Plans and Process

The Catholic Schools Consortium was formed to unite our school families, parish communities, and local leaders, to thoughtfully and proactively respond to the modern needs of our schools in the Illinois Valley.

We had an intensive year of exploration. We examined the answers to over 700 local surveys, received reports from architects and our finance office, and listened to the mandate given to us by our representative Steering Committee.

See the data, reports, and processes that led to the decision to unify our schools into the Academy of St. Carlo Acutis:

catholicschoolsconsortium.org



Meet Blessed Carlo Acutis

We were thrilled when Bishop Tylka announced our unified school's patron, Blessed Carlo Acutis. But what do you know about the soon-to-be first millennial saint? Let's "meet" Carlo.

Born on May 3, 1991, in London, Carlo Acutis had a deep love for Jesus despite his family's lukewarm faith. His devotion to the Eucharist led him to request First Communion at age seven, shaping his life around daily Mass and prayer.

Carlo lived joyfully in his short 15 years—excelling in school, sports, and acts of charity. He helped the poor, shared the Gospel, and even introduced a Hindu domestic worker to Jesus. His faith was his guide through high school and beyond.

A computer whiz, Carlo used technology to evangelize, creating a website on Eucharistic miracles. His exhibit, featuring 130+ miracles, became a global evangelization tool, including a stop in LaSalle in 2022.

Diagnosed with leukemia at 15, Carlo offered his suffering for the Pope and Church, passing away on October 12, 2006, with a smile, confident in his journey to Heaven. His legacy inspires young people to live their faith authentically.

As a potential patron of the internet, Carlo's message is clear: "Our aim must be the infinite, not the finite. The infinite is our homeland. We have always been expected in Heaven."



Contact Us!

Have questions? Please reach out! We're happy to talk with you, arrange a tour, and provide any information you need to make the best decision.

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