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**ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA SCHOOL IN MARTHASVILLE  
TO CLOSE AFTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR**

For over 150 years, St. Ignatius of Loyola School has served the community of Marthasville in Warren County, Missouri. In recent years, St. Ignatius School has experienced decreased enrollment and run a deficit that has required more than 50% of their annual Sunday offering to support school operations. Despite efforts from community partners and parishioners to increase enrollment and fundraise, the parish will also require funds from their strategic reserves to complete this school year, as enrollment continues to drop.

Because of the continued enrollment and revenue declines, and the need to draw from parish savings, St. Ignatius School requires archdiocesan permission to extend teacher contracts for the 2026-27 school year. This permission has not been granted, and St. Ignatius of Loyola School will close at the conclusion of this school year.

We will be offering placement assistance and other support to our faculty and staff, as well as support for our families to find a neighboring Catholic school that is a good fit for their children. I am profoundly grateful to all those who have supported the school throughout the years, particularly the parents, administrators, and teachers who have helped to raise children in our Catholic faith. Please join me in keeping all affected by these changes in our prayers.

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