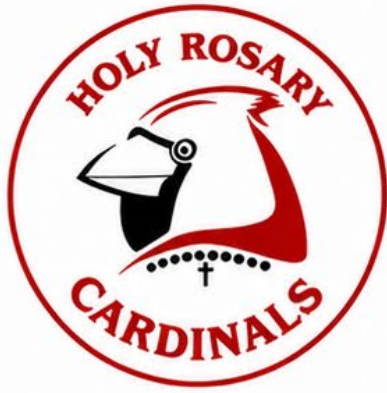
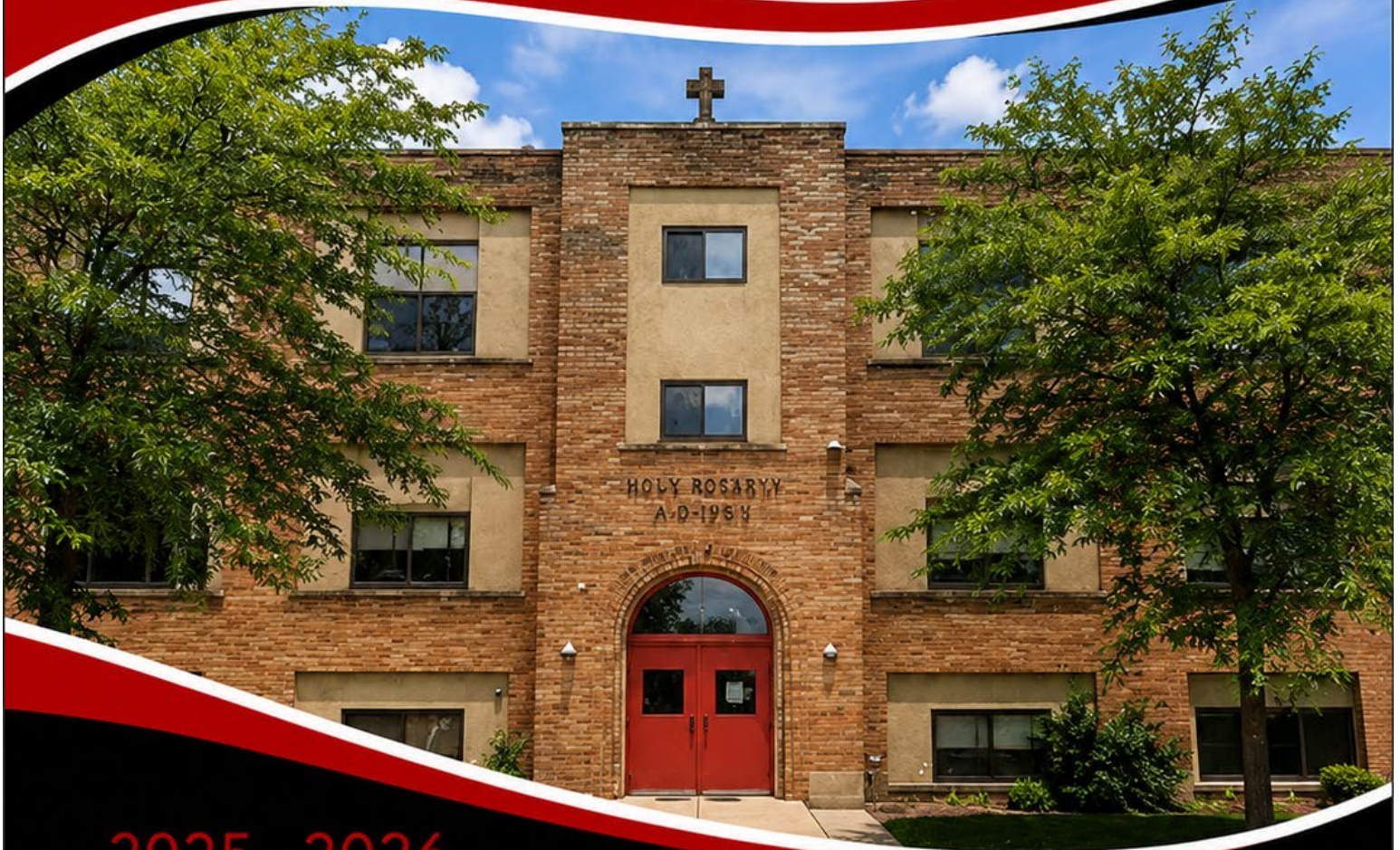




Holy Rosary

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FAITH • ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE • SERVICE



2025–2026

STATE OF THE SCHOOL REPORT



Building Hope, Faith, and Futures

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERS

*Dear Families, Parishioners,
Alumni, and Friends of Holy Rosary School,*

Holy Rosary School has proudly served the Detroit Lakes area for more than 100 years, providing children and families with an outstanding Catholic education rooted in faith, academic excellence, and service. Guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ, we strive each day to nurture the spiritual, intellectual, and personal growth of every student while preparing them to become compassionate leaders and faithful disciples.

Holy Rosary School is blessed with an exceptional team of educators, staff, clergy, and volunteers who work together to create a welcoming environment where students can thrive. We are also deeply grateful for the support of our families, alumni, parishioners, donors, and community partners. Your generosity of time, talent, and treasure allows us to continue providing a high-quality, faith-based education while keeping Catholic education accessible for future generations.

On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff of Holy Rosary School, thank you for your faithful support and belief in our mission. Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial contributions make a lasting difference in the lives of our students and strengthen the future of our school. Together, we are building a community where faith grows, learning flourishes, and every child is encouraged to use their God-given gifts to serve others.

We invite you to read this report and celebrate with us all that God has accomplished through the Holy Rosary School community during the 2025–2026 school year.

With gratitude,
Cathy Larson
Cathy Larson
Principal

Fr. Nate Brunn
Fr. Nate Brunn
Pastor & Superintendent



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OUR MISSION

Holy Rosary School Community is rooted in the Word and energized with the Spirit of Jesus Christ. We cultivate our community to live as Jesus taught within the Catholic tradition. We strive to build Gospel values and promote academic excellence.

SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS

Holy Rosary School is accredited through the **Minnesota Nonpublic School Accreditation Association (MNSAA)**. As part of the accreditation process, Holy Rosary develops and monitors a long-range School Strategic Plan with measurable objectives, action steps, and timelines. Progress is reviewed annually and reported to MNSAA. The highlights below summarize progress made during the **2025–2026** school year.

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OBJECTIVE 1:

Foster Christian character development in students.

- Continued full implementation of the Education in Virtues program.
- Monthly virtues integrated into Morning Prayer, religion classes, and daily school life.
- Families received monthly virtue resources to encourage growth at home.
- Students recognized through the “Caught Practicing Virtue” initiative.
- Spring music program celebrated the virtues learned throughout the year.
- Faculty began developing a more intentional framework for classroom and schoolwide service opportunities.

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OBJECTIVE 2:

Promote academic success of all students through enrichment and support opportunities.

- Classroom volunteers continued to provide additional academic support at both the elementary and middle school levels.
- Teachers participated in professional development focused on math instruction, new ELA standards and benchmarks, and implementation of IXL.
- IXL was introduced in Grades 2–8 for Math and Grades 2–5 for Reading.
- Teachers and the principal met regularly to analyze NWEA MAP assessment data, set instructional goals, and personalize learning opportunities for students.

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OBJECTIVE 3:

Increase family engagement within the school community.

- Family engagement continued through events such as Family Fun Night, Family Bowling Night, Students vs. Staff Sports Night, and the PTO Golf Scramble and Family Fun Day.
- These events have become annual traditions and we hope they will continue in the future.
- A new Family Mentorship Program was launched, pairing School Advisory Council volunteers with new families to help them become familiar with school traditions, events, and procedures.

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OBJECTIVE 4:

Become more financially stable to provide a quality education for students.

- Jamie McDougall, Director of Stewardship and Development, and Principal Cathy Larson completed advancement training through the University of Mary Winona.
- A comprehensive Development Plan was created for the school.
- The plan includes goals for major gifts, annual giving, grant support, and expanded donor cultivation and communication.
- Fundraising efforts and endowment opportunities continued to be reviewed by school and parish leadership.
- Donor recognition and stewardship efforts were strengthened through ongoing communication and outreach.



SPRING 2026 ASSESSMENT RESULTS & ENROLLMENT TRENDS

ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

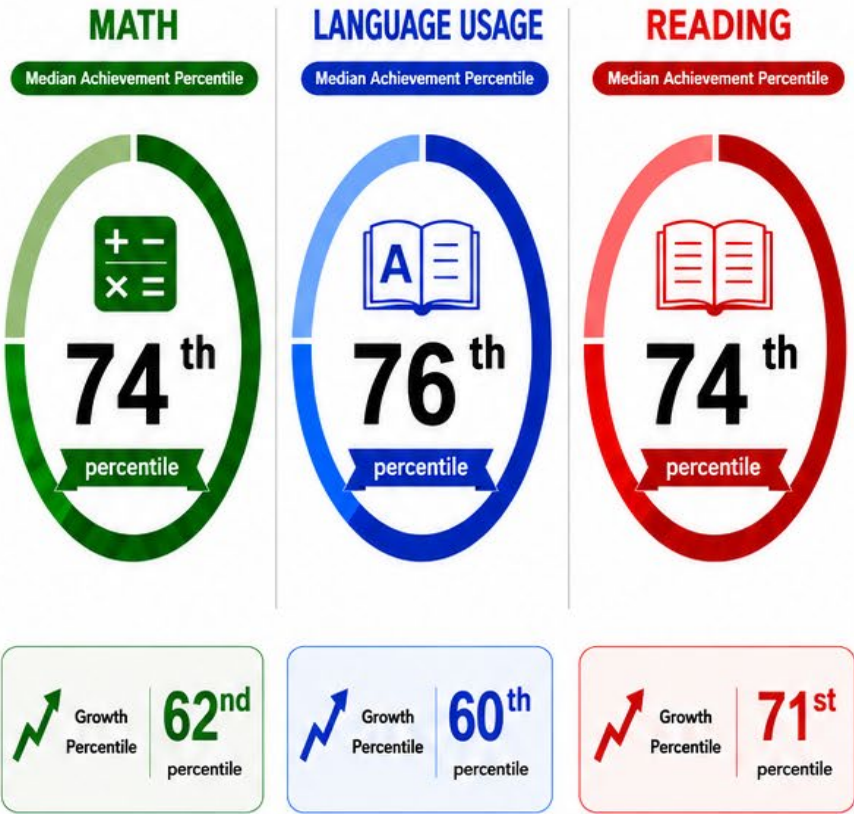
Each fall and spring, Holy Rosary School administers the NWEA® MAP® (Measures of Academic Progress) assessment to students in Kindergarten through Grade 8. Students in all grades are assessed in Math and Reading, while students in Grades 2–8 also complete the Language Usage assessment. The information gathered from these assessments helps teachers monitor student growth, evaluate curriculum, and make instructional decisions that best meet the needs of individual learners. Because many factors can influence assessment results, standardized test scores are viewed as one important measure of student progress alongside classroom performance and teacher observations.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND GROWTH

Spring 2026 assessment results reflected strong academic achievement and growth across all content areas. Holy Rosary students earned a median achievement percentile of 74 in Math, 74 in Reading, and 76 in Language Usage, indicating that our students performed as well as or better than approximately three-fourths of students nationwide. In addition, our students demonstrated excellent academic growth, achieving a 62nd percentile in Math Growth, a 71st percentile in Reading Growth, and a 60th percentile in Language Usage Growth.

SPRING 2026 ASSESSMENT RESULTS

Holy Rosary School Median Percentiles



Percentiles compare Holy Rosary School student performance to that of students nationally in the same grade.

ENROLLMENT SUMMARY

Enrollment declined slightly from the previous school year. Holy Rosary School concluded the 2025–2026 school year with 141 students enrolled in Kindergarten Prep through Grade 8. Holy Rosary remains committed to strengthening enrollment through intentional marketing, family engagement, and community outreach efforts.



Enrollment History Over the Past 10 Years

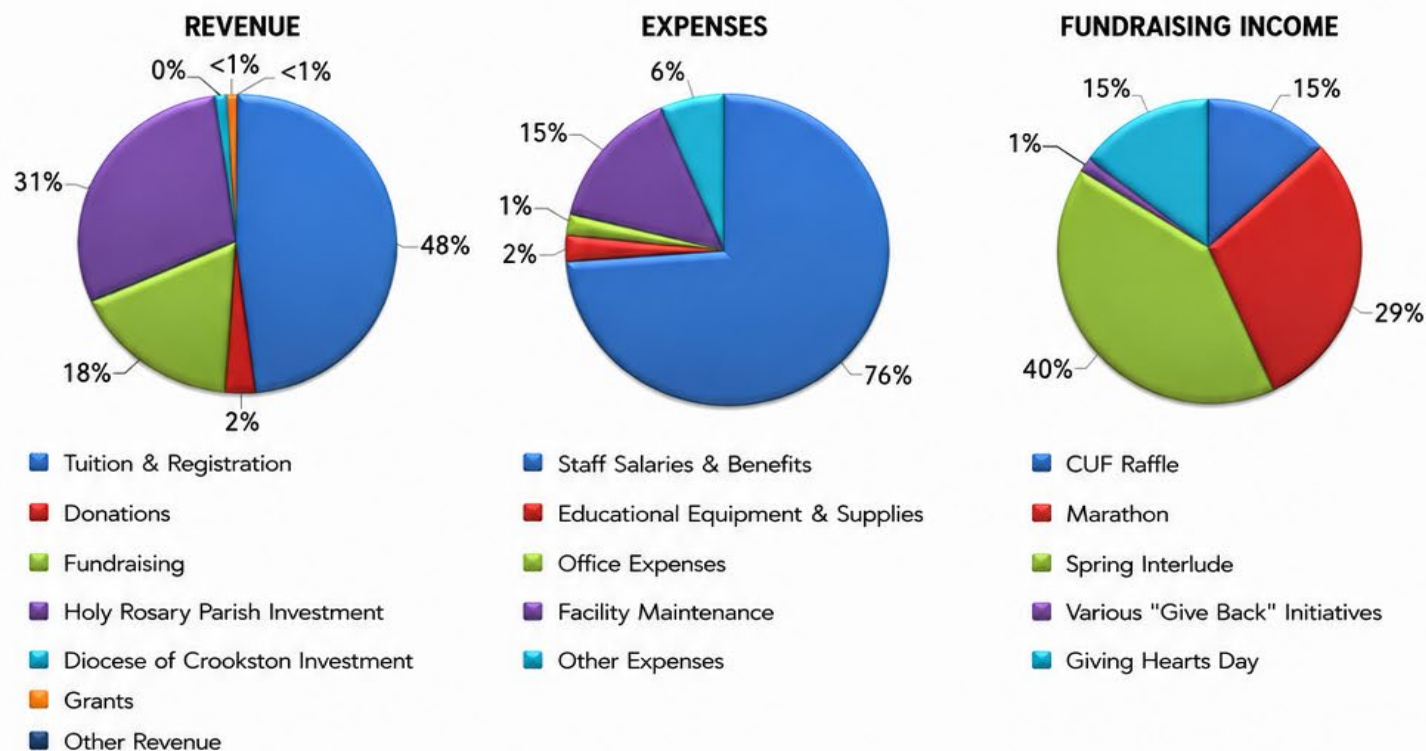


FINANCIAL REPORT

The following charts detail our revenue and expenses for the 2025–2026 school year.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Holy Rosary School is committed to the responsible stewardship of all resources entrusted to us. Our financial planning focuses on maintaining long-term stability while continuing to invest in the academic excellence, faith formation, and well-being of our students.



WHERE YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Your support helps provide quality instruction, updated curriculum, and the resources our students need to thrive.



FAITH FORMATION

We nurture students in their faith through daily prayer, sacramental preparation, and Gospel-centered teaching.



STUDENT WELL-BEING

Programs and services that support the physical, emotional, and social well-being of every child.



FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Investing in safe, modern, and welcoming spaces that enhance learning and community.



COMMUNITY & SERVICE

Encouraging a spirit of service and leadership that reflects the love of Christ in our school and beyond.



THANK YOU!

We are grateful for our students, families, parishioners, alumni, and benefactors. Your prayers, generosity, and partnership make our mission possible and help shape the future of Holy Rosary School.



BUILDING A LEGACY OF FAITH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

Our Catholic faith inspires faithful stewardship of the many blessings God has entrusted to us.

Stewardship is more than supporting the needs of today—it's ensuring that the gift of our faith will continue to flourish for generations to come. One of the most meaningful ways we can fulfill this responsibility is through an endowment.

An endowment is a permanent fund created to support the mission and ministry of Holy Rosary Catholic Parish and School. Gifts to the endowment are invested with care and aligned to our beliefs. A portion of the earnings is used each year to support school needs while the principal is preserved to generate earnings in the future. In this way, a single gift can continue to bear fruit year after year, creating a legacy of faith.

An endowment is more than a financial resource; it's a statement of hope and commitment. It reflects our belief that the school that has nurtured our children and our families should remain strong and vibrant long after we are gone. Through an endowment, we help ensure that future generations will have a place to learn, to grow in faith, and to experience the love of Christ within a caring Catholic community.

The blessings we enjoy today are possible because of the sacrifices and generosity of those who came before us. Their stewardship built our school, supported our families, and passed on the faith that we cherish. Now, we have the opportunity to continue that tradition by providing a foundation of support for those who will follow us.

By contributing to an endowment, we are planting seeds that will grow far beyond our own lifetimes. We are investing in the future of Catholic education and helping ensure that the Gospel continues to be proclaimed in our community for years to come.

You may choose to support a single endowment or distribute your gift among multiple funds. Legacy gifts of less than \$10,000 will remain anonymous. Over time, you and your family can make additional contributions to the principal, and when cumulative donations reach \$10,000, the legacy gift may be named in honor of your family or loved ones. As it continues to grow, its impact at Holy Rosary Catholic Parish and School will grow for generations to come.



WHY AN ENDOWMENT MATTERS



Permanent fund supporting Holy Rosary Catholic Parish & School



Principal remains preserved



Earnings support today's students



Gifts continue for generations



Creates a lasting legacy of faith



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“Together, through faithful stewardship and generous hearts, we can build a legacy that honors God, serves His people, and secures the future of Holy Rosary Catholic Parish and School for generations yet to come.”

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LEAVING A LEGACY

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INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF HOLY ROSARY SCHOOL

Holy Rosary School is blessed to have established endowments that provide for students, their families, and our staff. The **CATHOLIC EDUCATION FUND** and the **SAM MATTIOLI FUND** are two such endowments.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION FUND

This fund provides tuition assistance to families who might not otherwise have the financial means to enroll their children at Holy Rosary School. It reflects our commitment to Catholic education as an essential mission of our parish, ensuring that every child has access to a faith-filled learning environment – no family is turned away.

Through this fund, we support not only academic excellence but also the spiritual growth and formation of each student, nurturing their faith as they learn, grow, and encounter Christ.

CURRENT PRINCIPAL
\$428,796.95

The legacy gifts that make up a principal amount of \$428,796.95 in the Catholic Education Fund are:

• Clem & Kathryn Foltz	• Eunice Matter-Fernholz	\$12,000.00
• Anonymous	• Adolph Larsen	\$27,900.00
• Martinson Family	• Anonymous	\$125,000.00
• George & Lillian Maruska	• Jerry & Nancy Matter	\$63,000.00
	• Other Combined Contributions	\$34,923.20



SAM MATTIOLI FUND

Established in honor of local teacher and Holy Rosary parishioner, Elvira (Sam) Mattioli, this fund supports staff enrichment and retention at Holy Rosary School. It helps the school remain competitive with local public-school salaries, enabling us to attract and retain dedicated employees who embrace our mission of serving families and modeling the love and example of Christ.

Through this support, Holy Rosary School continues to provide students with a strong faith-based education led by a committed and talented team.

CURRENT PRINCIPAL
\$124,155.66

- ✓ Began through Spring Interlude fundraiser
- ✓ Continues to grow each year
- ✓ Supports teacher recruitment
- ✓ Supports teacher retention
- ✓ Helps Holy Rosary remain competitive



LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

If you would like more information or have questions about making a contribution to either of these endowments, or if you're ready to leave a legacy gift, please contact:



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ALUMNI RECOGNITION

Our alumni continue to make us proud as they go on to achieve success! Their accomplishments are a testament to the strength of our school community and the lasting impact of a faith-based education.

This past spring, Detroit Lakes High School held its annual Academic Awards Night, and Holy Rosary alumni were well represented among the honorees:

- 80% of Holy Rosary graduates currently attending Detroit Lakes High School achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Ava Klemm, a 2022 Holy Rosary graduate, earned AP Scholar distinction, an academic recognition awarded by the College Board to students who demonstrate outstanding college-level achievement through Advanced Placement (AP) examinations.
- Zada Foltz, a 2022 Holy Rosary graduate, was nominated for the AAA Award, which recognizes excellence in academics, arts, athletics, leadership, and community involvement.
- Jaci Loeffen, a 2022 Holy Rosary graduate, was recognized for academic excellence while participating in athletics.

OTHER NOTABLE ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- This year, Detroit Lakes High School had 31 members of the National Honor Society; 8 of the members are former Holy Rosary students.
- Alumnus Joshua Stone, a 2026 graduate of Lake Park Audubon High School, was named Valedictorian of his graduating class.
- Peyton Lorentz and Audriana Flugel, 2023 graduates of Holy Rosary, took lead roles in the high school musical *Grease* this past fall.
- Several other Holy Rosary alumni distinguished themselves through achievements in athletics, theater, music, and other extracurricular activities throughout the year.



ALUMNUS SPOTLIGHT: JON PATRICK STONE

After graduation from Lake Park Audubon High School in 2021, Jon Patrick Stone entered college seminary at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary for the Diocese of Crookston. In 2025, he received a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota.

He completed his first year of major seminary at Saint Paul Seminary at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. Jon looks forward to ordination to the Transitional Diaconate in the spring of 2028 and ordination to the Priesthood in the spring of 2029.



ALUMNI, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We value our alumni and want to keep you connected to the Holy Rosary community. **Visit our alumni page and submit your updated contact information:**



holyroarycs.org/alumni/

