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Photo (cover)
A view of Holy Family
Catholic School taken after
Ball Team Construction, LLC,
completed building renovations.
Credit: Jacob Sharp.

Photo (right) Marty Flaherty,
Principal, with Holy Family
Catholic School students.



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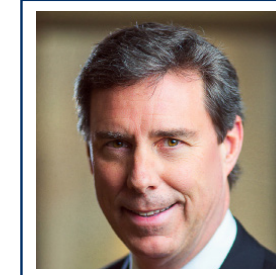
We exist to encourage, solicit, and manage funds that provide Holy Family Catholic School (HFCS) with sufficient resources necessary to ensure an exemplary education designed to meet the needs of its students.

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Our theme for the year, "Built on a Strong Foundation," has become even more suitable as we weathered the unexpected during the 2019-20 school year. Through the strong leadership of Principal Marty Flaherty, the staff at Holy Family Catholic School was able to pivot swiftly in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Teachers transitioned from in person to online learning, which provided our multicultural student population a seamless transition with little lapse in learning. That ability, made possible by the partnership between the school and Holy Family Catholic School Foundation, continues to signify the importance of the mission of the Foundation, the financial support of the endowment, and the need for preparedness today and for the future.

The pandemic has forced organizations to rethink processes and respond by becoming more technologically advanced. Fortunately, the forethought to include increased technology capabilities during the foundation's recent capital campaign benefitted the school by creating a solid platform and allowed online learning to take place this spring. We are grateful to those who contributed to upgrading the school's technology and facilities just a few years ago.

Today, we owe a debt of gratitude to those who had the wisdom some 20 years ago to prepare for the future. In the late 1990's, a group of Foundation Board members had the foresight to establish Holy Family Catholic School Foundation, creating an endowment for the school, and a safety net for our students, families, and staff. That safety net made a difference this year.

And today, as always, we owe a debt of gratitude to you -- the loyal supporters of Holy Family, who have generously provided for the needs of the school through the Foundation.

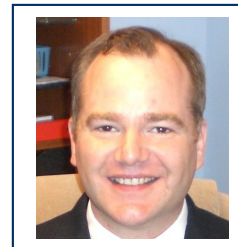
As my years of rewarding board service comes to a close, I am pleased to report that Janet Holms will be serving as our new Board Chair. Janet has been a long time Board member, and has a deep understanding of the school (having been a teacher at Holy Family for over three decades). In partnership with the school, foundation board and staff, and our Canonical Administrator, Fr. John Bertogli, Janet will continue the meaningful work of ensuring a bright future for the students and families of Holy Family Catholic School, now and for years to come.

Thank you again for your support!

Steve Whitty
Board President,
Holy Family Catholic School Foundation

Leadership

Family



The 2019-2020 school year will be long remembered as the time when everything changed, especially as it relates to educating our youth. There is much to be grateful for, especially for the many heroes who have emerged because of the world-wide pandemic.

During our recent Capital Campaign, we became a “one-to one school”, which enabled each student access to a laptop computer. Before we left for Spring Break, we identified those families who needed technology in the home and provided one of our laptops to utilize if we were unable to return to school. We were able to ensure our students had the necessary tools to participate in remote learning due to the commitment of our supporters.

Remote learning presents many challenges, yet our teachers embraced the opportunity. They spent many hours planning and changing every aspect of teaching to provide our students with purposeful activities to foster academic and spiritual growth.

None of our work would matter if we did not have adequate parental support. Many of our parents lost their jobs or work in conditions ripe for exposure to illness. Despite their challenges, they worked diligently to support our efforts to provide our students with a truly 21st century education.

I am grateful for the heroes who have stepped forward to bring some sense of normalcy to our community of learners. I hope and pray we will be able to see our students in the hallways of Holy Family School next school year. Regardless, we will be ready to meet their needs no matter the circumstances and that would not be possible without the support of our stakeholders.

Martin Flaherty

Martin Flaherty
Principal, Holy Family Catholic School

Faith

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Philippians 4:13



HOLY FAMILY At a Glance

250 STUDENTS
in grades Pre-K through 8

100 PERCENT
of our students are eligible for some level of tuition assistance

99 PERCENT
Graduation rate

95 PERCENT
of our students attend Dowling Catholic High School

90 ESL STUDENTS
(English as a Second Language)

12 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED
Vietnam - Laos - South Sudan - Sudan
Eritrea - Ghana - Kenya - Egypt - Mexico
El Salvador - Columbia - Myanmar

10 LANGUAGES SPOKEN
English - Spanish - Dinka - Shulluck
Arabic - Burmese - Koran - Zomi
Vietnamese - Laotian

Dedication



Perseverance



Computers for every student allowed us to transition to online learning when COVID-19 forced closure in March. We continued our school year completely online.



Partnerships with the Des Moines Public Schools and the Des Moines Area Religious Council Food Pantry provided nutritional needs for students and families during the time they were away from school.

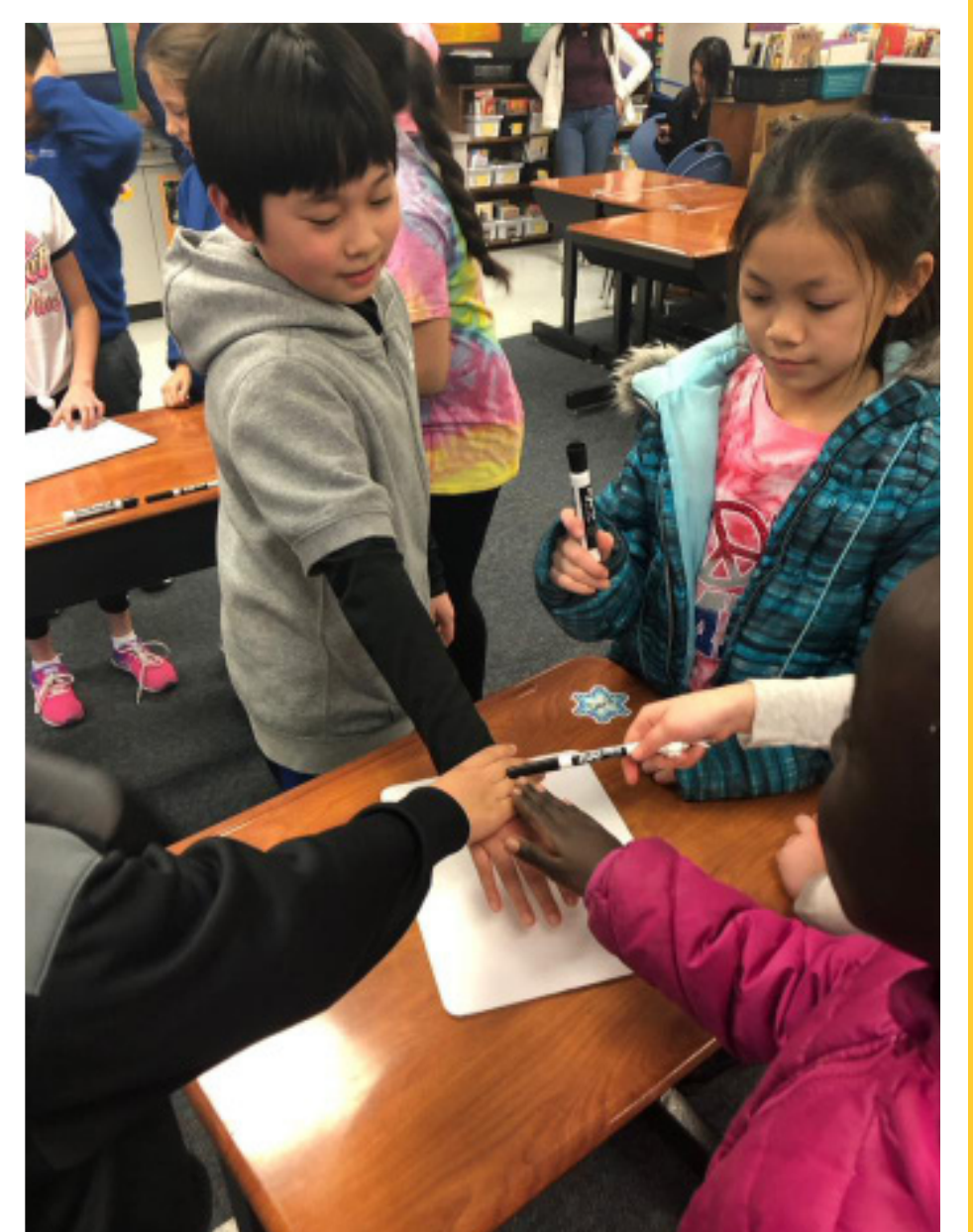


Ensuring that all students had internet access at home was a priority as the learning shifted online. We will continue to ensure that our students and families have the technology needed to guarantee success.



The purchase of masks, sanitizer, disinfectant, and protective equipment, combined with smaller class sizes, and strategically placed learning areas, will allow our students to return to a school with the best safety measures implemented.

“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love, and of self-discipline.”
2 Timothy 1:7



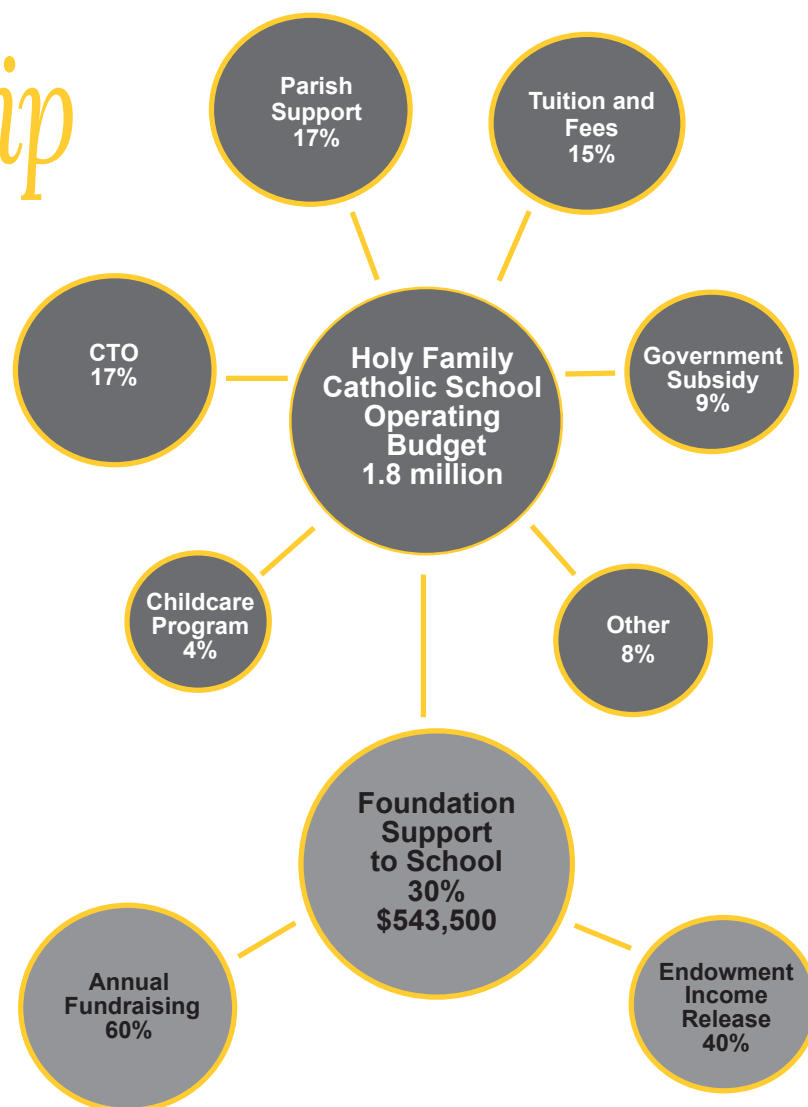
Stewardship

The financial support that Holy Family Catholic School Foundation provides is critical as the single largest source of revenue to the annual operating budget and long-term sustainability of Holy Family Catholic School.

30 percent of the school's \$1.8 million budget is made possible by the Foundation.

Thank you for giving joyfully and sacrificially to the next generation.

Your annual contribution to the **Barn Bash, Annual Golf Event, Adopt a Student, and the Annual Appeal** impacts the lives of students today.



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Last year, Holy Family Catholic School Foundation was named as a beneficiary by an anonymous donor who worked through the Catholic Foundation of SW Iowa to direct a \$250,000 planned gift.

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BARN BASH 2020

October 1-10
Online Auction

October 10 @7PM
Livestream Event

MORE DETAILS
COMING SOON!

Join us at our annual events

Our golf event, held each spring, is a chance to enjoy a day on the course with friends. All proceeds benefit our students. This year we hosted a "golf as you wish" event in June and July at Legacy Golf Course. Golfers chose their own date and tee times and received a great swag bag!

Every fall, we host Barn Bash, our largest annual charitable event. We gather together for an evening of delicious food, a live auction full of unique items, and an opportunity to assist Holy Family Catholic School with tuition assistance funds, student field trips, special events, school supplies, and other operating expenses.



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