



HOLY FAMILY
SCHOOL INNER CITY YOUTH
FOUNDATION



Annual Report
2025



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YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Holy Family School Inner City Youth Foundation supports Holy Family Catholic School (HFCS) so that it can provide an exemplary education and prepare its students for high school using the Foundation's resources.

As a result of the generosity and support of our donors, we look forward to the future and all the opportunities that it will bring our students.

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A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear friends and supporters of Holy Family Catholic School, As the newly elected Foundation president (I've been on the board for nearly 8 years), I open with a sincere and heartfelt thank you to all who support the Holy Family Catholic School mission. We exist to serve the children of inner-city parishes, many immigrants and most still learning the English language. To these families, we offer an elementary and middle school education based in Catholic faith and community. And, thanks to so many skilled teachers, administrators, donors (large and small), we are succeeding.



As we plan for the 2025–2026 academic year, we are beginning to feel the positive impact of the Students First Act. This 2023 law established the Education Savings Account (ESA), which provides nearly \$8,000 per child for tuition, fees, and qualified education related expenses. While ESA is a tremendous resource, Holy Family School continues to require significant funding to bridge the many gaps that ESA does not cover. This year we are updating low-voltage wiring (internet cabling), window glazing (safety and privacy), PA/emergency alert system, and numerous building and grounds repairs. All routine in the name of maintaining a top-notch educational facility.

Thank you all for being instrumental in this endeavor. Your time, your prayers, and your generous financial support sustain this extraordinary effort. I invite you to stay engaged and to share your ideas and feedback as we continue helping these youngsters learn with Christ at their side.

Lastly, please join me in thanking Bill Noth, our outgoing Foundation president. Bill invited me for coffee about a month ago to discuss "board succession." Before I'd sipped my grande Veranda Blend (light ice), he had me agreeing to take on this role. Thank you for the opportunity, Bill. Thank you for the trust. I will continue to lean on you and all the great board members as we take on new challenges and celebrate the youth of Holy Family Catholic School.

Best regards,
Joe Price Board President



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A LETTER FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

The 2025 - 2026 school year is underway with a great group of faculty/staff and students. Our faculty, staff, and students were excited to come back and be together as a community. We hosted our back to school drop off night and our parent meeting night and both had outstanding attendance. I am grateful for the support of our community in my transition as the principal. It truly is an amazing place to be. The start of our 2025 - 2026 school year brings some changes with a few new staff members and students and we are excited to welcome them all into our school Community. This year's theme is "We All Belong Here".



Practicing our faith is the foundation of all that we do at Holy Family Catholic School. This year we are focusing on creating an atmosphere of community through continuing our faith practices already established, but also to introduce the practice of Adoration to our students. This is a key role in developing our whole student through the lens of the catholic faith. Building a community can only strengthen our growth and developing relationships and skills to handle these relationships will only help us grow personally and spiritually through the bonds we develop. Every year students are administered the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress. We are proud of our students' achievements, especially as schools around the country continue to wrestle with learning loss. This data source is just one of many teachers utilize to guide instructional decisions to enable our students to receive targeted instruction based on their individual needs. I am continually amazed and forever thankful by the support Holy Family receives from individuals and organizations. Holy Family is the model of how a school can serve those with significant needs in a manner that is impactful and effective and continues to help our students grow in their faith. I want to thank all of those who give their time, talent, and treasure to ensure our school carries out our mission of providing a faith-filled quality education to our community of learners. Holy Family is truly a special place unlike any other.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Paulette Neuhalphen-Theisen
Principal, Holy Family Catholic School



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EDUCATIONAL NUMBERS

MATH

KINDERGARTEN-GRADE 1

6% Aggressive Growth in Early Math Skills

90% On Track in Early Math Skills

GRADES 2-5

17% Aggressive Growth in Math Fluency

34% Advanced Growth in Math Fluency

READING

4% Aggressive Growth in Early Reading Skills

88% On Track in Early Reading Skills

15% Aggressive Growth in Reading Fluency

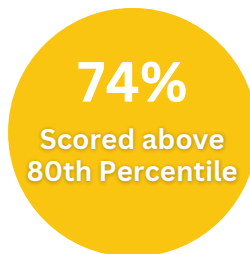
30% Advanced Growth in Reading Fluency

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Math
Fluency (80%+)



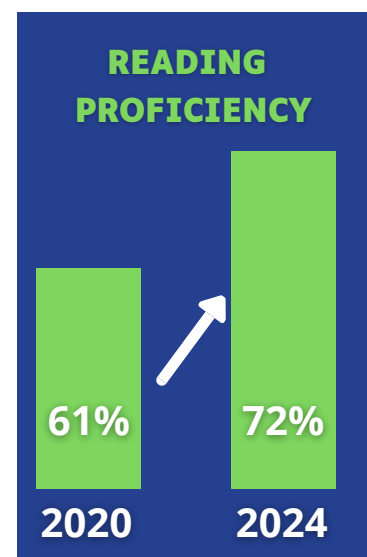
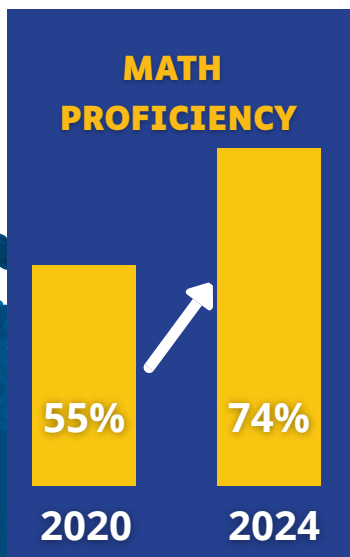
Math
Computation (80%+)



Reading
Fluency (80%+)



Reading
Comprehension
Speed (80%+)

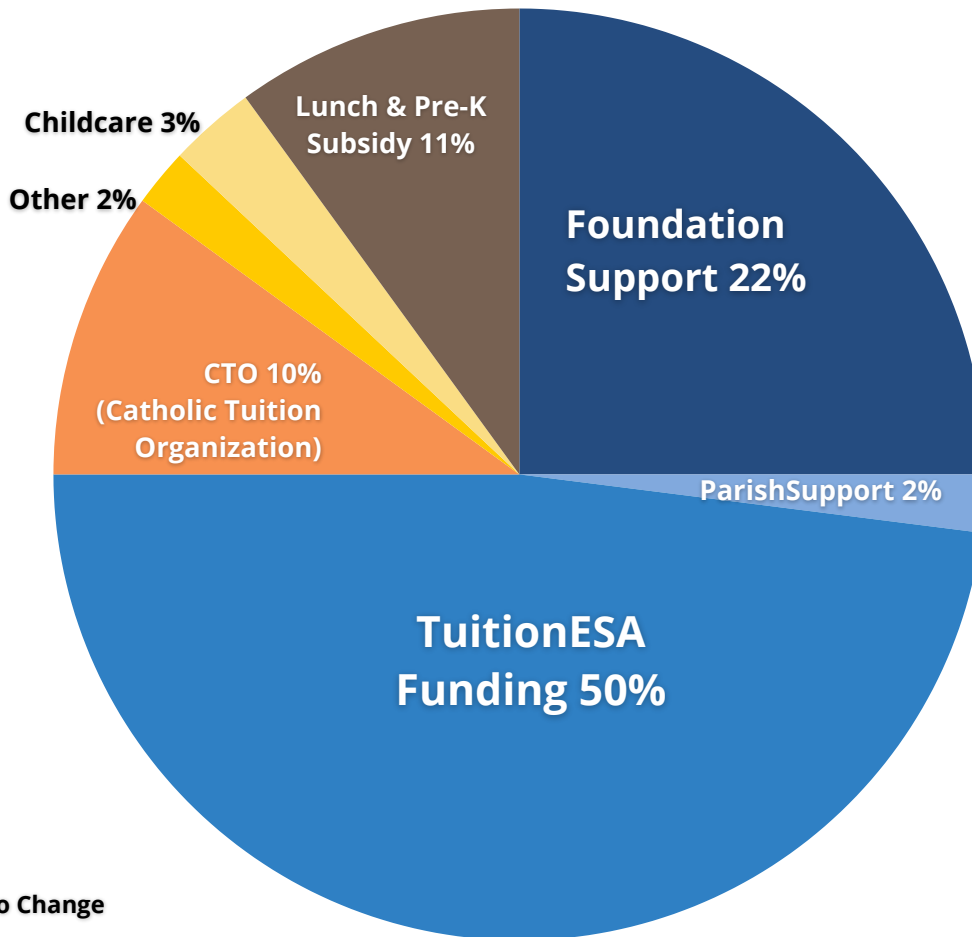


Test Sources: FASTBridge and NWEA Map Assessments



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EXPECTED SOURCES OF FUNDING 2025/2026



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As the only year-round school in the Diocese of Des Moines, Holy Family maximizes student learning with 15 additional school days and breaks throughout the year are timed to help reduce learning loss.

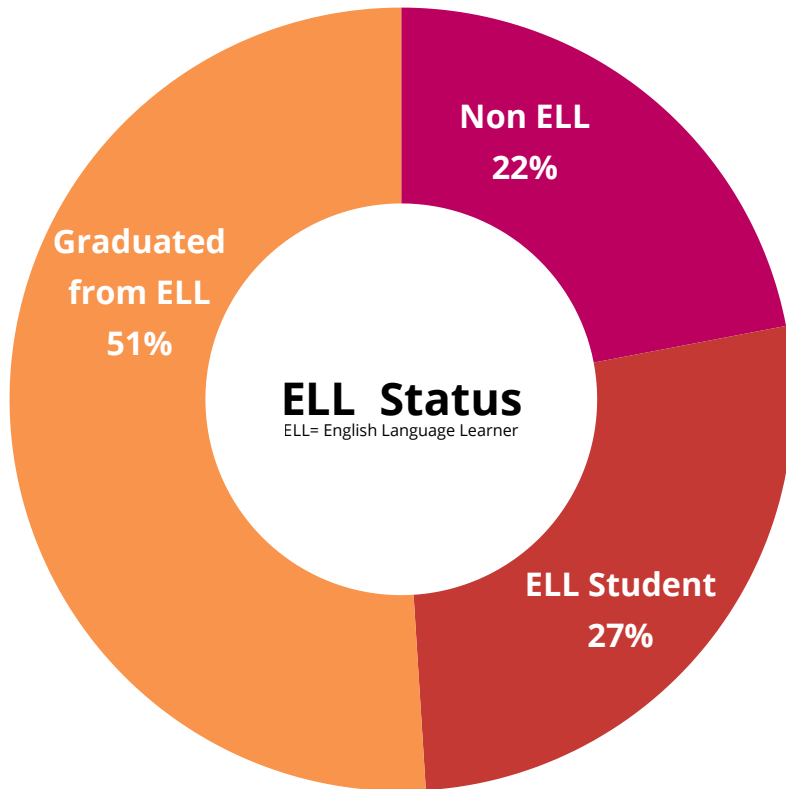
The financial support that the Foundation provides is critical to the operating budget and long-term sustainability of Holy Family Catholic School.





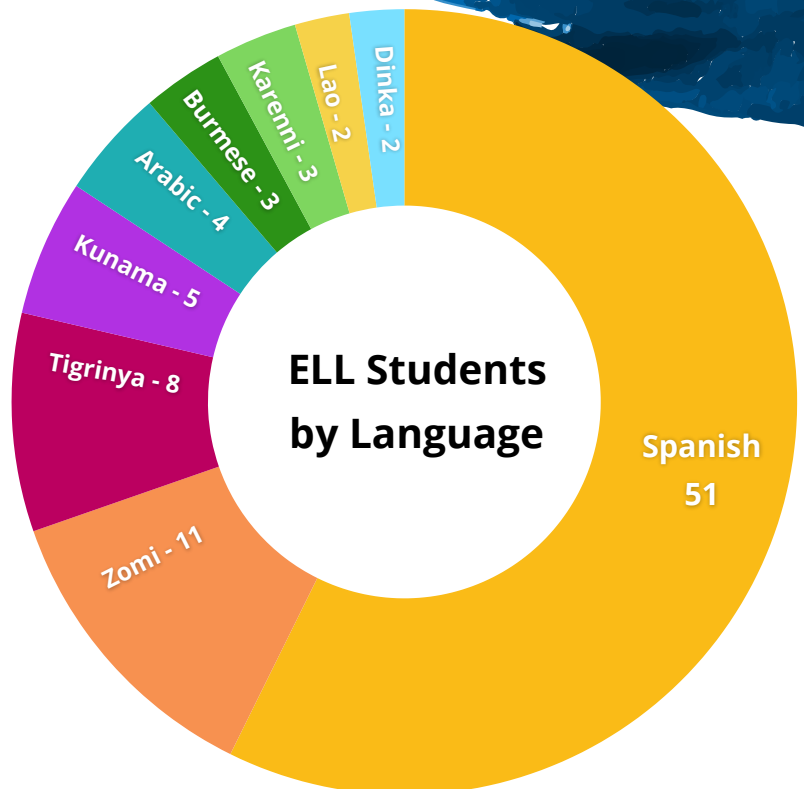
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Cultural Diversity Summary



"The things that make me different are
the things that make me."

-Winnie the Pooh



Countries represented at Holy Family

EGYPT - EL SALVADOR - ERITREA - ETHIOPIA - HONDURAS - KENYA - LAOS - MEXICO - MYANMAR
PHILIPPINES - SOUTH SUDAN - SUDAN - UGANDA - UNITED STATES - VENEZUELA - VIETNAM



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SCHOOL UPDATES

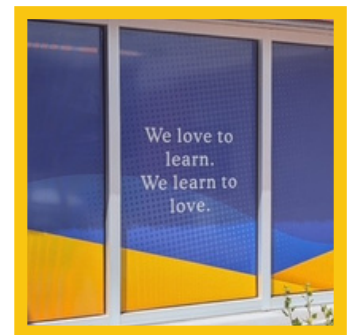
With support from the HF School Inner City Youth Foundation and grants from Prairie Meadows and The Lynch Family Foundation, Holy Family School made several school and facility upgrades in the past year including:

- repairing and replacing the sidewalks surrounding the school to ensure regulatory compliance and pedestrian safety.
- applying vinyl graphics to the classroom windows, entry vestibule, Principal's office and all doors, providing a fresh look and increasing security by allowing visibility from the interior of the school only.
- replacing and updating the school's network wiring and installing a digital public announcement (PA) system, greatly improving the speed and quality of all school related communications, particularly in cases of emergencies.
- installing a new oven for the cafeteria kitchen thanks to a Food Service Equipment Assistance Grant from the State.

Special thanks also goes to the Chrysalis Foundation for their ongoing support towards after school creative learning programs for middle school girls and to all who donate to the Foundation and help make these essential upgrades possible.



New security vinyl window wrapping





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WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Every year we host two fund-raising events. In the summer we have a golf outing and in the fall we have our auction, Barn Bash. Be on the look out for invitations in the mail. You can also find updates on our website!

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram!

We would love to see more of you on our Facebook page! You can find us by searching our username:

 @HFCSfoundation  @hficy_f

WAYS TO GIVE

Online

You can make a one-time or recurring gift on our website, www.hfcsfoundation.org.

By Mail

Checks can be mailed to:

Holy Family School Inner City Youth Foundation (HFSICYF)

PO Box 8437

Des Moines, IA 50301

Matching Gifts-Contact the Human Resources office of your employer to find out if they will match your donation.

Gifts of Stock-Donating shares of appreciated stock can provide tax benefits while avoiding capital gains.

Bequests/Beneficiary Designations-Designate the Foundation to receive a bequest under your will, or name the Foundation as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, financial account or retirement plan.

Donor Advised Funds-Recommend a grant to the Foundation from a donor-advised fund you have created.

Qualified Charitable Distributions-Those age 70-1/2 or older can transfer up to \$100,000 (adjusted annually by IRS) from your IRA accounts each year directly to the Foundation and other charities. The transfers count towards any "required minimum distribution" and you do not recognize taxable income on the transfer.

Note: The above information is for educational purposes only. For legal or tax advice, please consult your advisors.

**For general questions, please reach out to us at
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