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ANNUAL REPORT 2021 - 2022

Every effort was made to ensure the accuracy of this report. We apologize for any errors or omissions.

LETTER FROM MRS. HALLIGAN, PRINCIPAL

St. Joseph Catholic School completed its 72nd year of providing high-quality academic and faith experiences for our Pre-Kindergarten through 8th-grade students. Our theme for the 2021-2022 school year was “Stronger Together: As we learn, serve, and grow together in Christ”. We lived this out in many ways this year.



Learn: Our dedicated teachers worked tirelessly to implement research-based practices. This enabled us to assist our students in achieving success and growth academically. Teams were trained in Multi-tiered support system (MTSS) practices, coached to lead Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), and What I Need (WIN) time became a part of the everyday schedule. Teachers analyzed data, implemented interventions, and progress monitored their students to get them where they needed to be.

Serve: Individual classrooms wrote letters to our homebound parishioners and letters to our service men and women. Our teachers performed works of service over their Spring Break, including volunteering at homeless shelters, cleaning up their neighborhood park, and visiting Mercy Hospice.

Grow: Our students grew academically, spiritually, physically, and emotionally throughout this past school year. Initiatives involved the implementation of Hawk’s Way, which focused on the expectations of respect, responsibility, faithful, and safety.

These are just a few of the wonderful things going on at St. Joseph Catholic School. It will be amazing to see the future of our little school and where the Holy Spirit will be taking us as we look forward to a renovation and addition to our school!

God bless,

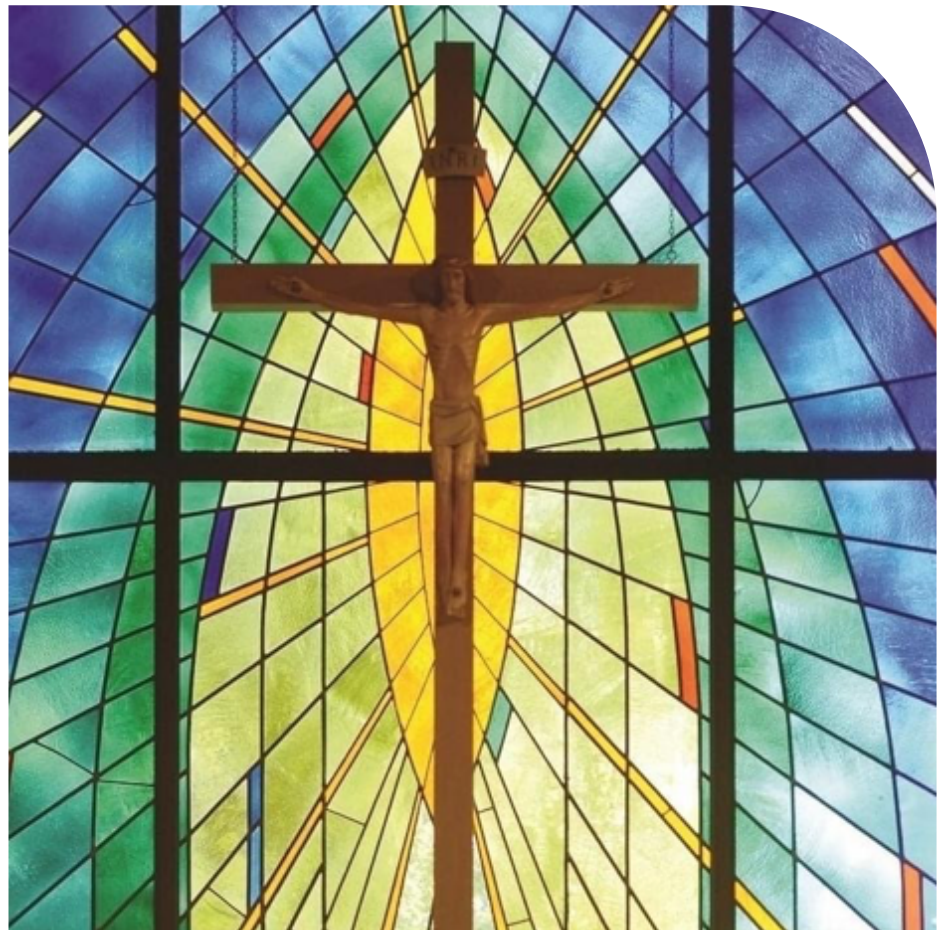
Mrs. Jodi Halligan
Principal



OUR MISSION

Together, we are St. Joseph. A healthy, growing and welcoming faith community that brings people to Christ, forming intentional disciples and sending them out to transform the world. Every member is committed to worship, grow, serve, connect and give.

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Des Moines are collaborative communities of spiritual formation and academic excellence, where students grow in faith and wisdom and emerge as responsible citizens dedicated to the practice of life-long discipleship.



OUR VALUES

BODY OF CHRIST

Together we are the body of Christ. We are His hands and feet in the world. Each member of the St. Joseph faith community brings unique gifts and talents in support of the Church's mission.

LOVE

Together we love God with our whole hearts, minds and souls, and love our neighbors as ourselves.

TRUTH

Together we live out the truth. Jesus is the truth, the way and the life. We are dedicated to the truth of Christ and His Church. We are committed to growing in the knowledge and wisdom of Christ's teachings.

RESILIENCE

Together we are resilient. We persevere in Christ and the gates of hell will not prevail against us. When faced with challenges or tragedy, we respond as a family to support each other and build up our faith community.



OUR TEAM

- Father Joseph Pins, Pastor
- Jodi Halligan, Principal
- Front Office Staff
 - Krystelle Cortes-Ryan
 - Kristin Hook
- Casey Gawronski, Preschool
- Chelsea Keeney, Kindergarten
- Debbie Murphy, 1st grade
- Anna Denniston, 2nd grade
- Barbara Basch, 3rd grade
- Cadee Arroyo, 4th grade
- Meghan Guitter, 5th grade
- Faith Bos, 6th grade
- Maria Anderson, 7th grade
- Chelsea Krastel, 8th grade
- Classroom Associates
 - Lisa Hernandez, PK
 - Beth Hrastich, K
 - Kim Detrick, K
- Bus Drivers
 - John O'Connor
 - Kim Detrick
- Resource/Enrichment
 - Danielle McCarty, EL
 - Kenzi Ramer, EL
 - Gloria Gomez-Moore, Title I Math
 - Katie Stimson, P.E.
 - Courtney Albers, Music
 - Jazmine Johnson, Art
 - Jennie Gervais, Band
 - Cathy Robey, Technology
- Hawk's Club
 - Lauren Mauritz, Director
 - Lisa Hernandez, Associate
 - Taylor Kemp, Associate
- Brianne Tigges, Nurse
- Lunchroom Staff
 - Angie Pauscher, Director
 - Jill Kelly, Associate
 - Dawn Sinnott, Associate
- Custodians
 - Elizabeth Gavin
 - Bailee St. Arnold
 - Dan Schmitz

BOARD OF EDUCATION

- Will Utter
- Aimee Lovan
- Tess Trump
- Marissa Grimes
- Celia Shedd
- Josh Little
- Donna Boettger
- Father Joseph Pins
- Principal Jodi Halligan

HOME & SCHOOL

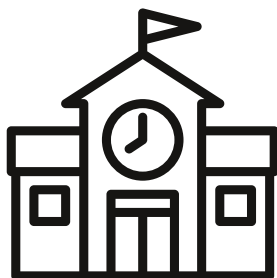
- Katie Austin
- Mary Dietrich
- Stephanie Dabney
- Andrea Negrete
- Elyse Rogers
- Jen Little
- Nora Schatzberg



SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022 BY THE NUMBERS

195

PK-8 Students



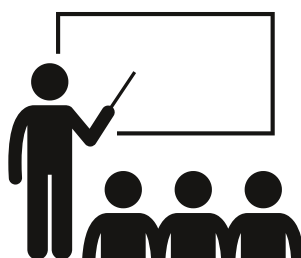
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New Students (K-8)

46%

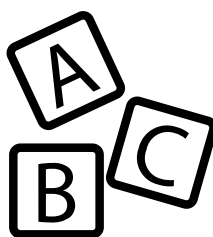
School Diversity



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Class Ratio (1-8)

10:1

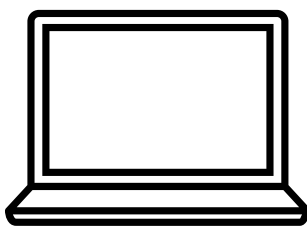


Class Ratio (Early Childhood)

85

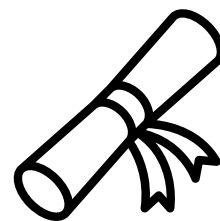
School Masses

210



Devices to Support
Learning

120



Hours of professional
development



A FAITH-FILLED ENVIRONMENT



"Catholic education encompasses the whole student; St. Joseph is forming modern-day disciples through intentional instruction for both the mind and spirit. I believe the missions program and weekly masses at St. Joseph are just a few examples of what a strong faith-based education should be founded on."

- St. Joseph Parent



FAITH

At St. Joseph Catholic School, we value faith. Gospel teachings are integrated into the curriculum and our school day begins and ends with prayer. We celebrate the Sacraments and weekly Liturgies as an entire school, and while Catholic faith is the cornerstone of our school, we welcome students of all faith traditions.



As a community of faith, students participated in 85 all-school Masses. Additionally, 17 students received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation.



Our students participated in monthly mission days to learn about the charity we were supporting and raised over \$6,500. Our middle school students participated in Meals from the Heartland and packaged over 50,000 meals.



Volunteerism and community outreach are a cornerstone of the Catholic faith, and our students provided 1,056 hours of service throughout the local community during the 2021-2022 school year.



EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION



"The teachers and staff really care for their students. The differentiated learning in the classrooms allow students of all levels to succeed."

- St. Joseph Parent

EXCELLENCE

At St. Joseph Catholic School, we value knowledge for ALL students. Therefore, we provide a warm and caring environment that challenges our students to learn the essential curriculum regardless of their learning rate or style.

Our teachers use standards-based evaluation tools, FASTBridge for grades K-5 and the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) for grades 6-8, to identify student goals for learning and provide individualized student support to ensure these goals are met. These assessments help our teachers better understand student progress and needs. Moreover, this additional layer of data allows teachers to focus on essential skills and better track student growth. In the 2021-2022 school year, school-wide proficiency levels increased by 34% (K - 5) and by 16% (6 - 8).

K-1 Assessment Highlights (based on FASTBridge Assessment)

- 39% of students in grades K-1 made *aggressive* growth in their early math skills as measured by the FASTBridge Early Math Assessment.

2-5 Assessment Highlights (based on FASTBridge Assessment)

- 83% of students in grades 2-5 are on track in their math fact fluency.
- 25% of our students in grades 2-5 made aggressive growth in their math comprehension.
- 23% of students in grades 2-5 are advanced in their math comprehension skills.
- 31% of our students in grades 2-5 made aggressive growth in their reading fluency.

6-8 Assessment Highlights (based on NWEA MAP Assessment)

- 12% of students in grades 6-8 scored above the 80th percentile in Math.
- 12% of students in grades 6-8 scored above the 80th percentile in Reading.
- 20% of students in grades 6-8 scored above the 80th percentile in Language.
- Overall, our eighth-grade students scored 8 points above the national average in Language.

**Aggressive growth is defined as a score increase from fall to spring greater than 75 percent or more of their peers nationally.*



EXCELLENCE

St. Joseph Catholic School participates in the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP). ISASP is a standards-based assessment designed to inform schools and families on how students perform on the Iowa Core Academic Standards. Students performing at the proficient level demonstrate adequate competency in the knowledge, skills, and abilities that meet the requirements for their grade level associated with academic readiness for college and a career in the subject area.

2022 Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP)

	State of Iowa (Percent Proficient)	St. Joseph (Percent Proficient)
5th Grade English Language Arts	67%	81%
5th Grade Math	65%	63%
5th Grade Science	61%	75%
8th Grade English Language Arts	76%	96%
8th Grade Math	67%	86%
8th Grade Science	67%	100%



A CARING COMMUNITY



The St. Joseph Church and School community can best be described as close-knit. Whether you are part of a prayer group, athletic team, school staff, or church volunteer, we all know and care about each other. Everyone here believes that our ultimate goal is to help ourselves and others to be closer to Christ and to make it to heaven. We help each other, pray for each other, and work together as a church and school to be one community united in meeting that goal.

- St. Joseph Teacher



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

The motto of St. Joseph Church and School is “Together; we are St. Joseph.” This motto embodies the spirit of the St. Joseph community. Our school serves seven school districts and students representing many nationalities, ethnicities and races. Our St. Joseph family supports one another, comes together in times of need, and lives out the mission of creating intentional disciples to go out into the world and share the good news of Christ.



St. Joseph church parishioners and school families raised \$1.4 million toward our \$6.8 million capital campaign effort to build a new addition to our campus that will include a new 3 and 4-year-old preschool, new middle school wing, regulation-size gym/parish activity center, and ADA compliant elevator.



St. Joseph Catholic School was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Iowa to make facility upgrades that will help the school implement security best practices in alignment with the US Department of Homeland Security. Doing so will support the safety of all who enter our community.



Students participated in the first annual Wellness Week that involved eating healthy foods, physical activity, and spiritual wellness including praying for and over one another.

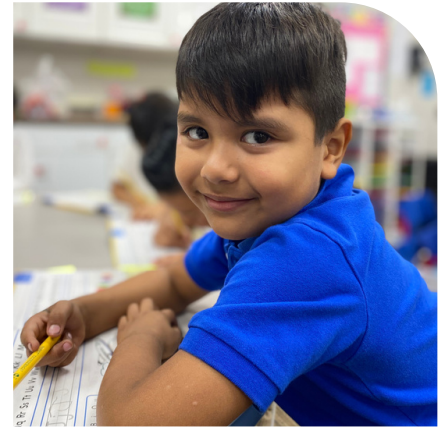


THE BEST VALUE IN EDUCATION



"When I make a tuition payment, I recall all the random times my children have brought up Christ & know how much of a difference it makes in our family's life & we know we are investing in the right thing!"

- St. Joseph Parent



VALUE HIGHLIGHTS

We help students discover their soul, build self-esteem, cultivate interests, and develop the skills and empathy needed to create a better world. Outside of the classroom, we offered athletic programs that allow students to learn teamwork, responsibility, dedication and good sportsmanship. Additionally, enrichment activities and fine arts programs were available throughout the year to help develop student interests and potential talents.



St. Joseph implemented restorative practices as a positive alternative to zero-tolerance policies and punitive discipline that promotes prosocial behavior and improved academic achievement.

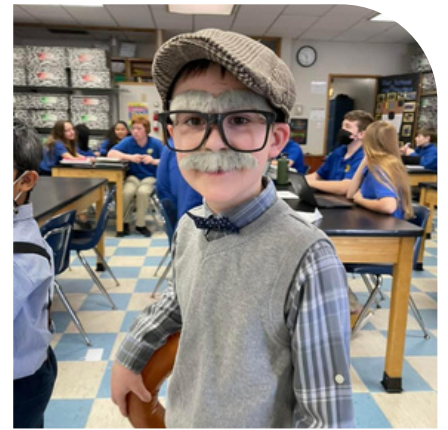


In school year 2021-2022, students participated in clubs, activities and athletic programs including Basketball, Cheer, Football, Volleyball, Track, Battle of the Books, Bricks 4 Kidz, Chess Club, Girls on the Run, Junior National Honor Society, Speech and Debate, Band, Hand Bells, and Show Choir.



St. Joseph Catholic School was voted Des Moines Best 2022 for Elementary School, Private School, Preschool, and Middle School.





THE COST TO EDUCATE

We greatly appreciate and understand the financial sacrifice our families make to provide their children with an education at our school. However, tuition only covers a portion of the cost of educating a student at our schools.

TUITION AND COST TO EDUCATE

- Cost to Educate = \$6,500/student
- Tuition = \$4,079/student

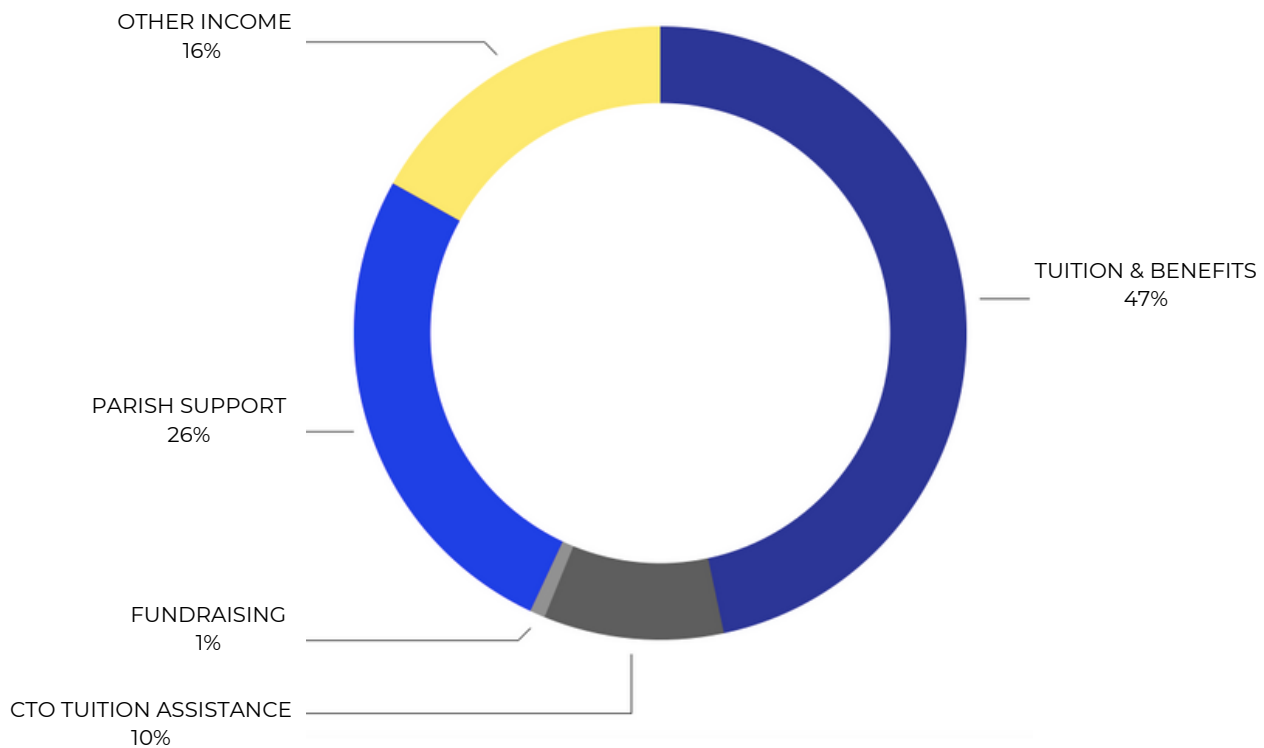
The remaining \$2,421 is supported by parish subsidies, private donations, grants, and tuition assistance resources.

As a parent, your tuition investment goes towards high-caliber educators, enhanced learning experiences, the latest technology, and moral and emotional education for your child. In addition, we offer tuition solutions and assistance programs. An education at St. Joseph Catholic School is an investment in your child's future, and no family is turned away for the inability to pay full tuition.

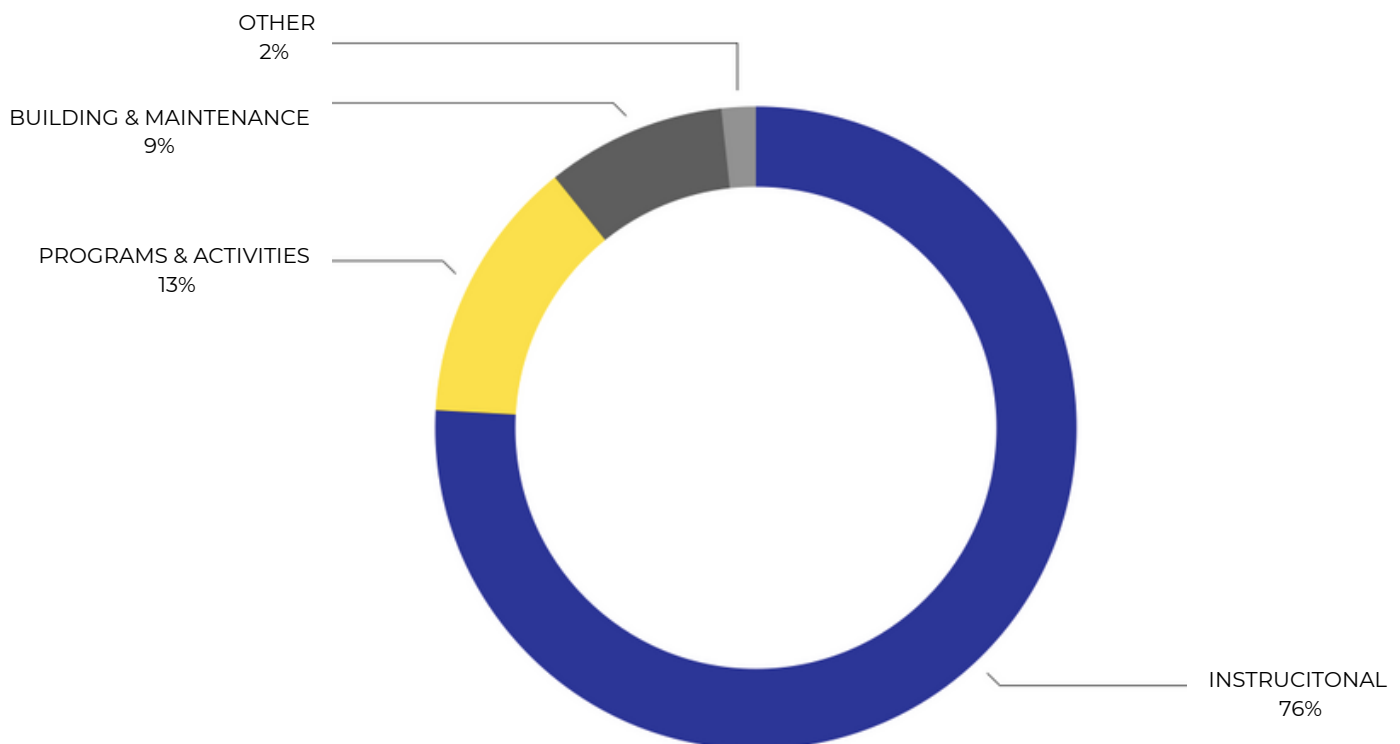
In 2021-2022, more than 60 percent of our students received assistance from the Catholic Tuition Organization, the Kremer Foundation, and parish scholarships totaling \$179,000 to make a Catholic education at St. Joseph possible. The average award was \$1,225 per student.

FINANCIAL DATA

INCOME BY SOURCE (as a percent of total income*):



EXPENSES BY SOURCE (as a percent of total expenses*):





Together we are St. Joseph!

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