



2021-2022 Report

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL



OUR MISSION



Faith &
Service



Academic & Character
Growth & Development.



Safe & Disciplined
Environment

St. Francis is a **Catholic elementary** school located in Marshalltown, IA. that seeks to **serve and educate the whole child**, regardless of their religious affiliation, in a **Christ-centered way of living**.

Inspired by our patron, Saint Francis of Assisi, we encourage students to **live and grow in holiness** and are dedicated to sharing our faith with others. St. Francis offers the **highest quality education with dynamic experiences** not only focused on developing students to be successful in the competitive world but in service-learning as well.

Recognizing the importance of **parents as primary educators**, St. Francis promotes parental involvement and participation to develop individuals with **strong faith, character, and passion for lifelong learning**.



OUR VISION

St. Francis Catholic School will be the model of elementary education in the Marshalltown area where the leaders of tomorrow are formed by faith, character, and intellect for many years to come.

Dear SFC Families and Friends,

It is with great joy and excitement that I share our 2021-2022 report. What a year for which to **give thanks and to take pride** in St. Francis Catholic School. I'm fortunate to see our **mission lived every day in the love and faith shown by our students and staff.**

In these pages, I warmly invite you to learn more about the Christ-centered education offered at St. Francis as part of the Archdiocese of Dubuque. We continue to build upon a strong **Catholic Christian school tradition from 1878** that places significant value and priority on **Faith & Service, a Safe & Disciplined Environment, and Academic and Character Growth and Development.** Our school is blessed by the long-standing dedication of our SFC family and the generosity and support of all our stakeholders who make possible what we do.

St. Francis Catholic School educators instruct from the **Archdiocesan content standards and benchmarks in Literacy, Math, Science, and Social Studies.** Students are also enriched with Religion, Art, Music, PE, Title I, Assisted Learning, Gifted & Talented (XLP), Technology, weekly Mass, and a plethora of other **experiential learning opportunities.**

Ultimately, St. Francis Catholic School students will graduate 6th grade with a holistic, well-rounded educational foundation that will prepare them for the future.

With the greatest integrity and responsibility, we will continue to work together to remain stewards of St. Francis Catholic School and maintain the quality that has been built by the founders of our churches and schools. **We thank you for investing in the future of our students through all the ways you support St. Francis.**

May God bless you and may God bless SFC!



Terry Eisenbarth, Principal



144

Years of
Service

214

Students
Enrolled

14

Average Class
Size (K-5)

10:1

Student:Teacher
Ratio

38

Staff Members



“It is a loving school. We
are safe, respectful,
responsible, kind, dedicated
and determined AND WE
ARE LIKE JESUS!”

-Jalyn, 6th grade



We Are Invested

100% Events made possible by family stewardship & volunteer hours



We Are Blessed

27%

Tuition paid by scholarships and grants

We Are Faithful

25

SFC 2nd Graders who received their 1st Communion

We Are Supportive

39%

Students receiving XLP/Enrichment

39%

Students receiving Support Services



We Are Knowledgeable

61%

Teachers with a B.A. & 15 hours of Graduate-level credits or a Master's degree

We Are Tech-Ready

1:1

Chromebook for every student

We Are a Faith-filled Community

89% Catholic

11% Other Faiths

We Are Diverse

65% - White

30% - Hispanic

3% - Asian

1% - African American

We Are Loving

1,000,000

Hugs and Fist-Bumps Given
(An Educated Guess)



Programs & Services

PROGRAMS

- PK-6th grades all on one campus
- Full day Kindergarten program
- Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds
- Extended Childcare for Preschool
- Before and After School Childcare
- Tuition Assistance Available
- English Language Learner Specialists
- Uniform Dress Code K-6
- Art, Music, Physical Education, Library
- Social Emotional Learning Supports

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Special Education Services provided by Marshalltown Public School
- Title I Reading and Math
- Assisted Learning Interventionists
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Bilingual Coordinator of Enrollment
- Speech/Language Pathologists (from Marshalltown Public School/Central Rivers Area Education Agency)
- XLP Extended Learning and Enrichment
- Social Emotional Learning with Center Associates

TECHNOLOGY

St. Francis Catholic School integrates technology into everyday learning.

- 1:1 with Chromebooks for students K-6
- 1:1 with Tablets for Preschool students
- All classrooms are equipped with mounted LCD projectors, screens, and soundbars
- All staff utilize Probooks
- Document Cameras in classrooms
- Educational applications and tools

“St. Francis makes me feel good and the people are respectful. I really like the library.”

-Frank, 3rd grade

Whole-Child Focused

GUARDIAN PRIDE

Guardian Pride Assembly is a school-wide Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support (PBIS) to celebrate students' behavior in line with SFC expectations:

S-hows respectful choices
F-ollows directions
C-ontributes to the learning environment
S-erves God and others

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- Band/Orchestra
- Battle of the Books
- Lego League
- Garden Club with ISU Extension

SERVICE LEARNING

- Penny Wars for local non-profit organizations
- Emergency Food Box donations
- School-wide clean-up
- 6th Grade Buddies



"SFC is a great place! I love the teachers and the activities. The teachers show us so much love and they try to make school a fun place. I would rate this school a ten out of ten!"

-Devinny, 6th grade

6%

3-year average
enrollment growth
since 2015

\$5,400,000

Thanks to the generosity of St. Francis Church and parishioners,
the school building project was fully paid off in 2021!



"Teaching at St. Francis Catholic School quickly became more than a career for me 40 years ago - it became a mission that I love. It has given me the opportunity to guide students on their faith journey and also enrich mine. SFC is a family of priests, administrators, family members, volunteers, teachers, support staff and students who are working together daily to provide and receive a quality education with Christ as the focus."

- Jill Simons

"I love talking
about God here."

-Ellison, Kindergarten





"Since starting at SFC
nine years ago, we
have built our family
here. Being able to
have a part in our
children's education
and faith life is
nothing short of a
blessing."

-Holly Erbes, Kindergarten
teacher since 2013



How We Fund Our Catholic Education

44%

Income from St. Francis Parish subsidy

10

Fundraisers directly impact SFC students

20

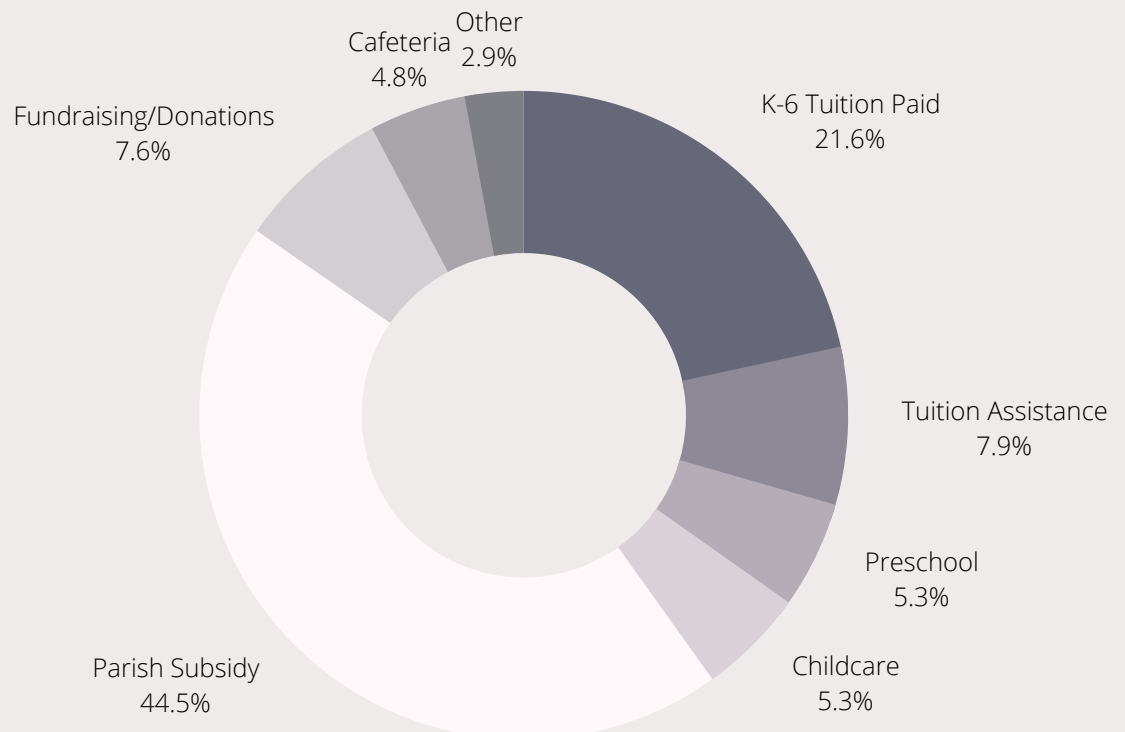
Annual hours each family volunteers to support the school

A child's education is an investment with immeasurable value.

St. Francis Catholic Church provides generous annual support of our school reflecting the **parish's strong commitment to Catholic education**. Thank you for supporting our parish and the future of Catholic education in Marshalltown.

Tuition is the next largest source of revenue followed by tuition assistance and fundraising. Our sincere appreciation for all families and community members who helped with school fundraisers, STO, and other funding tools. **We couldn't do what we do without the parents and parishioners of our community.** Refer to the back for more opportunities and ways to give.

INCOME



“Growing up I had some of the best and most supportive teachers which guided my decision to become a teacher. I made lifelong friendships and now my children are 5th generation students from my family. They are so blessed to continually have SFC to help shape them into the people they are becoming. I spend as much time as I can volunteering at the school. We love SFC!!!”

-Traci Wright, class of 1993

What It Takes To Provide Catholic Education

Building Campaign - Mission Accomplished!

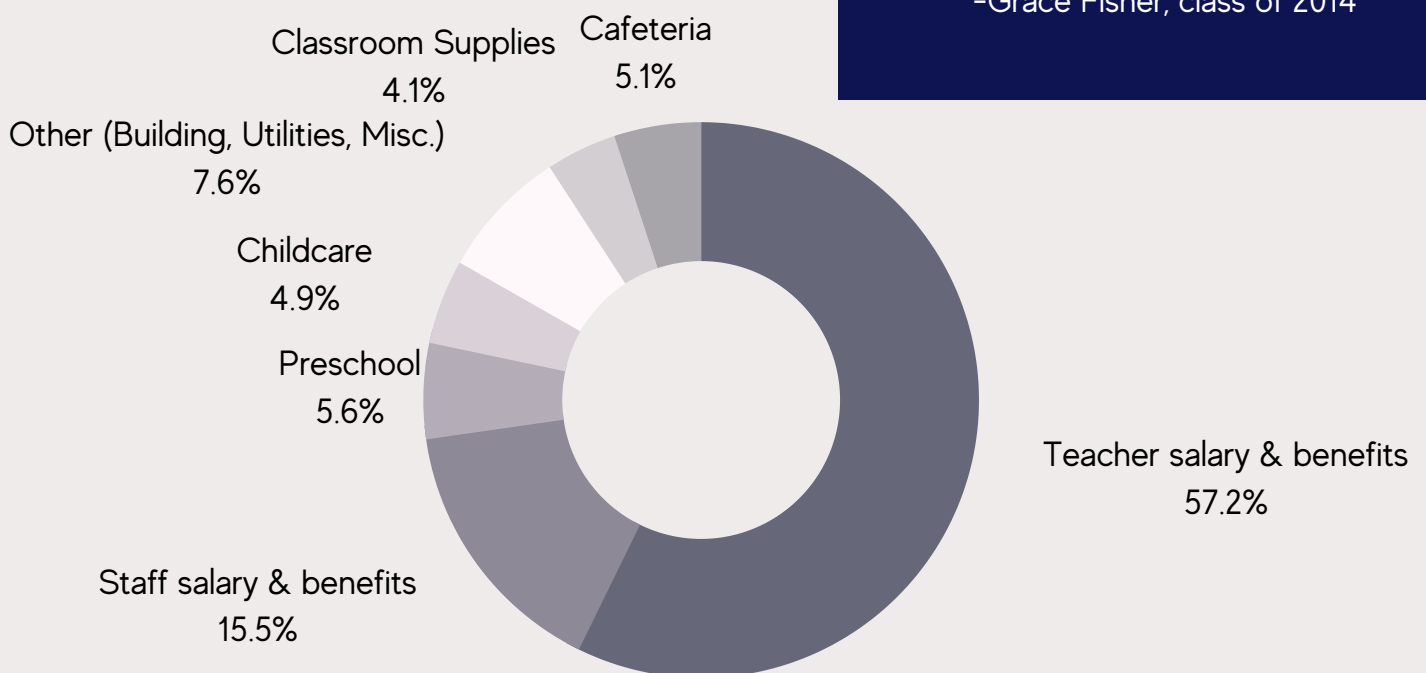
In January 2013, a building campaign began to consolidate attendance centers at the St Henry's campus by building an addition to the existing building. In March 2015, the new center opened as St Francis Catholic School at a total cost of \$5.4M. The **loan was paid off in December 2021** as a result of the generous giving of St Francis parishioners.



"My time at St. Francis prepared me for my future. Smaller class sizes made it easy for us to get a lot of attention from our teachers. I was also able to take advantage of the XLP program and math bee and worked ahead in several subjects which made it possible for me to get my associate's degree in high school! I am very grateful for SFC!"

-Grace Fisher, class of 2014

EXPENSES



Our Strategic Goals

St. Francis leadership has devised a strategic plan with essential goals set around four key domains.

GOAL

FOCUS

OBJECTIVE

1

MISSION & CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Recognize the importance of parents in the continuing development of their child educationally, socially, and spiritually.

- Make and implement a plan for collaborative school and home faith activities for the year.



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GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP

Establish an effective school board that works in tandem with school administration to further the mission and vision.

- Propose a board structure to successful implementation of the school's vision and mission.
- Create board subcommittees that will use effective communication and engage volunteers.
- Host a school board retreat/in-service to define roles and create a plan for the upcoming school year.

GOAL**FOCUS****OBJECTIVE**

3

**ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE**

Continue to offer a quality and rigorous education focused on the whole child.

- Review the alignment of classroom instruction with revised social studies and science standards.
- Utilize data from FAST and ISASP to assess learning and implement strategies to address learning loss.
- Utilize the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) and secure professional development and training on classroom interventionists.
- Utilize Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools II (EANS II) dollars to address loss of learning and curriculum alignment.

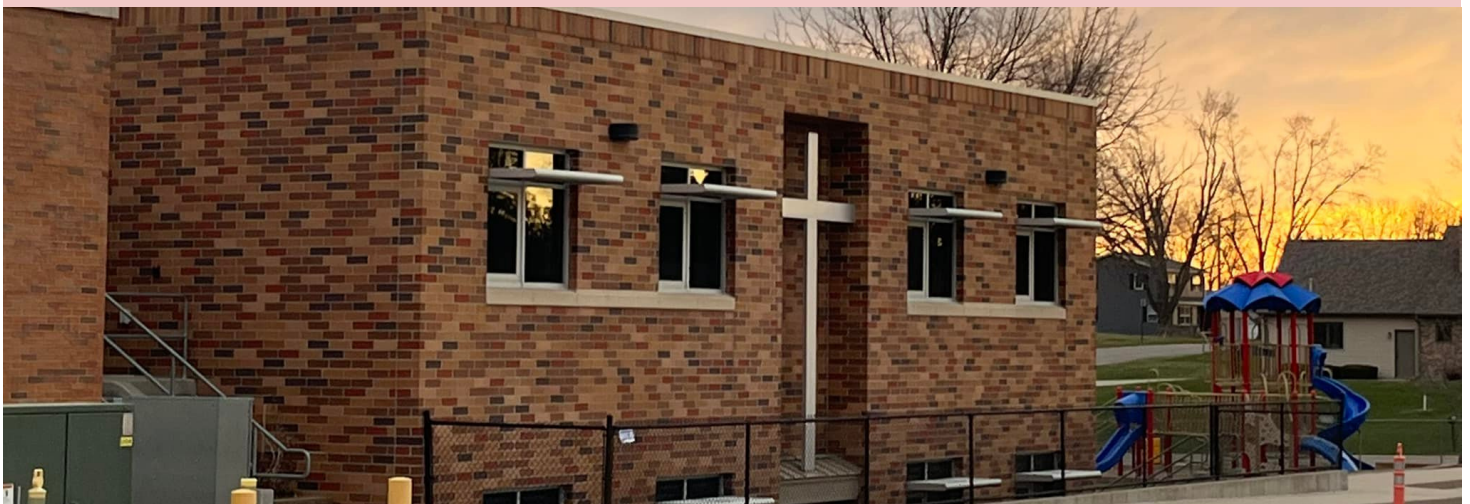
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**OPERATIONAL
VITALITY**

Establish a collaborative and comprehensive enrollment and marketing program to address current and future needs.

- Establish a three-year budget plan in concert with the school and parish finance councils.
- Establish a comprehensive marketing and enrollment plan.
- Carry out Enrollment, Marketing, Communication to meet the long-term goal of 30 students per grade.





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Consider the different ways of giving to SFC:

<https://one.bidpal.net/givesfc23/welcome>

Cash/online gifts can be made via cash, check, or online

Booster Club Membership ensures your financial gift grows forever

In-Kind Gifts includes goods or services

Employer Match doubles your donation. Check with your employer for their match policy


Planned Giving / Estate Planning supports SFC through a will or estate plan


Volunteer to share your talents and time with the school

Thank you for supporting St. Francis Catholic School!



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