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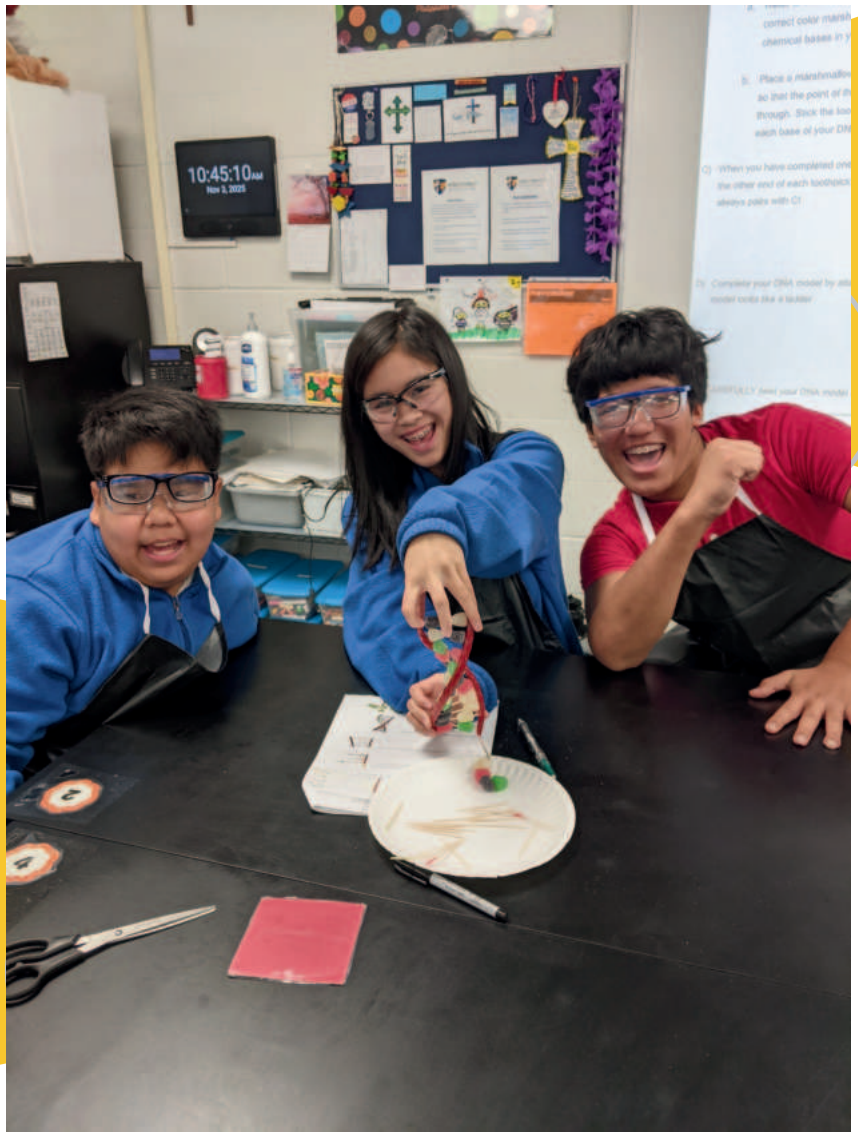
SCHOOL INNER CITY YOUTH
FOUNDATION

2026
Annual Report



A LETTER FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Holy Family Community,

As we begin the 2026–2027 school year, I am filled with gratitude and excitement for the opportunities ahead. It is a blessing to welcome back our dedicated faculty, staff, students, and families as we embrace this year's theme, "Walking Together with Purpose." This theme reflects our commitment to growing together in faith, learning, and service while supporting one another through every step of the journey.

As I begin my fourth year as principal, I continue to be inspired by the strong sense of faith, family, and belonging that makes Holy Family Catholic School so special. Our community's unwavering support creates an environment where students are encouraged to grow academically, spiritually, and personally.

This year, we are especially grateful to celebrate the completion of important security enhancements that provide an even safer learning environment for our students and staff. These improvements, along with continued investments in our campus, are possible because of the generosity of our donors. Your support helps ensure that our students learn and thrive in a safe, welcoming, and faith-filled environment.

Our students continue to demonstrate outstanding academic growth, a testament to their hard work, the dedication of our exceptional faculty and staff, and the partnership of our families. Together, we are preparing students not only for academic success but also to become compassionate leaders rooted in Catholic values.

Thank you for your faithful support of Holy Family Catholic School. Your generosity of time, talent, and treasure makes our mission possible and allows us to continue providing a quality Catholic education for generations to come. We are truly blessed by your partnership, and we are deeply grateful for the impact you make in the lives of our students every day.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Paulette Neuhalfen-Theisen
Principal, Holy Family Catholic School

SCHOOL UPDATES FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Thanks to the generous support of the Holy Family School Inner City Youth Foundation and grants from the Hibernians, we were able to make several important improvements to our school this year, including:

- Installation of the Quicklert security system, which provides enhanced campus safety through intrusion detection, classroom and hallway notifications, security cameras, and a messaging system for both school hours and after-hours protection.
- Upgraded entrance door security system.
- Fresh painting throughout the school.
- Improved landscaping around the school grounds.
- Professional development opportunities for our teaching staff.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the Chrysalis Foundation for its continued support of our after-school Creative Learning Program for our middle school girls.

In addition, we are grateful to Prairie Meadows for awarding us a grant to help launch a youth soccer program for our students. We are excited to introduce this new opportunity during the 2026–2027 school year.

The generosity of our donors and the Holy Family School Inner City Youth Foundation makes these improvements and programs possible. Their support allows us to provide a safe, welcoming learning environment while expanding educational and extracurricular opportunities for our students. We are deeply grateful for their commitment to the success of Holy Family Catholic School.

New Visitor Check-In System for the 2026-2027 School Year

To further strengthen the safety and security of our school, we are implementing a new visitor check-in system for all guests entering the building, including parents, guardians, volunteers, and community members.

This enhanced system is an additional layer of protection designed to help us meet current school safety requirements while ensuring we know who is in our building at all times. All visitors will be asked to check in through the new system before entering the school beyond the main office.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we implement this important safety measure. Working together, we can continue to provide a safe, secure, and welcoming learning environment for all students and staff.

EDUCATIONAL NUMBERS

Overall Math Knowledge – Holy Family Catholic School has achieved another record-high level of math proficiency! Even more exciting, the percentage of students who are not yet proficient has been cut in half since 2021.

Basic Math Speed – Through a combination of schoolwide policies that emphasize manual computation and targeted interventions, student math speed proficiency remains exceptionally strong at 93%.

Overall Reading Comprehension – Reading comprehension continues to improve reaching a new record high of 73% proficiency.

Quick Reading Comprehension – Reading proficiency remains strong, with 88% of students demonstrating quick proficiency.

Reading Accurately with Speed – After our first full year of assessing all students, reading fluency has shown a remarkable turnaround, reaching a new record high of 72% proficiency.

Math Knowledge

77%
Met Benchmark

Reading with Speed

72%
Met Benchmark

Quick Comprehension

88%
Met Benchmark

Basic Math Speed

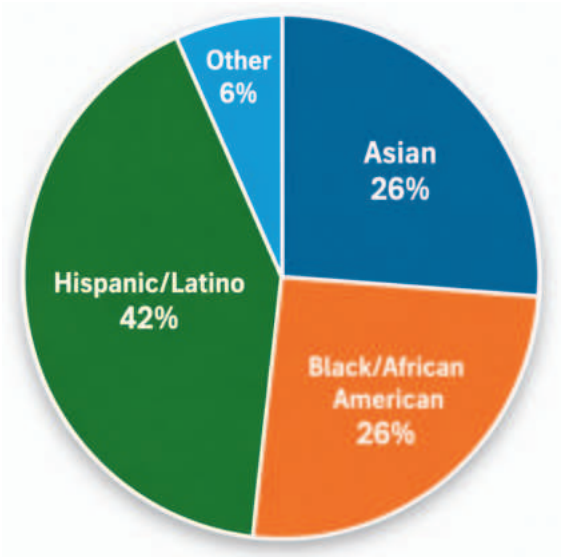
93%
Met Benchmark

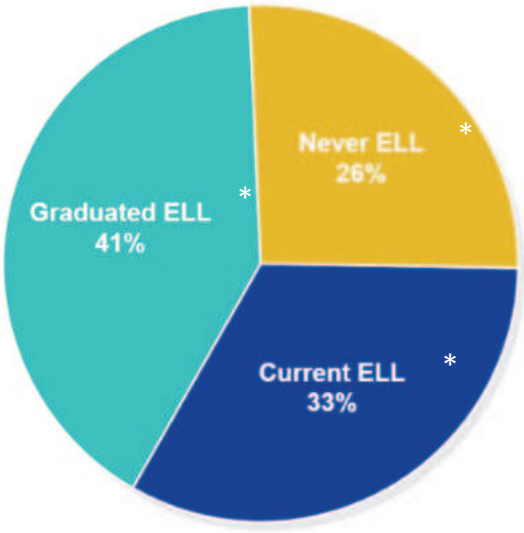
Reading Comprehension

73%
Met Benchmark

Met Benchmark: Performance met or exceeded the established state benchmark, indicating students are on track for grade-level expectations.

Cultural Diversity Report





*English Language Learners

Countries represented at Holy Family

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A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Supporters of Holy Family School,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to express our deepest gratitude for your continued partnership. Your prayers, volunteer hours, and financial contributions directly fulfill the vision established by our foundation's founders 35 years ago. While the educational landscape has evolved significantly, the Holy Family School Inner City Youth Foundation remains steadfast in its mission. Over the past few academic years, we have successfully navigated significant challenges:

- Academic Year 2023–2024: Managed the introduction and impact of Education Savings Accounts (ESAs).
- Academic Year 2024–2025: Enhanced campus facility security and upgraded technological infrastructure.
- Academic Year 2025–2026: Aligned with the Des Moines Region Catholic School Corporation to implement administrative and curriculum support.

Despite this dynamic environment, our core focus remains unchanged: providing substantial financial stability to ensure students receive an exceptional education.

Finally, we extend our sincere gratitude and a formal farewell to departing board members Kris Dee and Josh Roth, as well as long-time foundation guardians Bill Noth and Pat Rounds. Their dedication and leadership are permanently etched into the success of Holy Family School.

Thank you for investing in a future that goes far beyond bricks, mortar, and textbooks. Your generosity forms the next generation of compassionate Catholic leaders. May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

Joe Price
President, Holy Family School Inner-City Youth Foundation

Building on a Strong Foundation

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Every child deserves the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive. Through the generosity of our supporters, Holy Family School Inner City Youth Foundation helps students from underserved and immigrant families experience an outstanding Catholic education in a nurturing, faith-filled community where they are known, valued, and encouraged to reach their full potential. Holy Family Catholic School continues at full enrollment, which is a testament to the trust families place in our mission and the life changing impact of our school. Together, we are opening doors to opportunity, strengthening students academically and spiritually, and helping shape compassionate leaders, confident learners, and hopeful futures. Thank you for believing in our mission and for making a lasting difference in the lives of our students, their families, and our community.

"Holy Family has been a part of our lives since our kids went to Sacred Heart over 15 years ago. We participated in clothing drives and other community service projects that benefit Holy Family.

As I have gotten more involved with the school, I have realized that the caliber of staff and teachers that drive the school are exceptional. Most of the students are not dealt an even hand and need a boost. I have witnessed significant change towards a better environment, test scores, and general community that enhance the students' lives. I can attest that the dollars raised are thoughtfully spent for the good of the group.

I will miss being a board member but will continue to support this worthwhile cause and hope you will too."

Gratitude,
Kris Dee

Leave a Legacy of Hope

Your values. Their future.

A legacy gift is a meaningful way to ensure your commitment to education continues for generations to come. By including the Holy Family School Inner City Youth Foundation in your estate plans, you help provide future students with access to a quality, faith-based education.

Your generosity helps remove barriers such as financial hardship, language differences, and other challenges so every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.

Whether through a bequest, beneficiary designation, or another planned gift, your legacy will create opportunities that extend far beyond your lifetime.

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WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

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

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WAYS TO GIVE

Online-You can make a one-time or recurring gift at hfcsfoundation.org.

By Mail
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 determine if they match your donations.

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

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

Qualified Charitable Distributions-If you are age 70½ or older, a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) offers a tax smart way to support the HFSICY Foundation. You may transfer up to $111,000 annually (as adjusted by the IRS) directly from your IRA to the Foundation. Your gift can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD), if applicable, and the transferred amount is generally excluded from your taxable income.

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 info@hfcsfoundation.org or 515-262-7466

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Thank you for investing in our mission and our community.

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