



Shelby County Catholic School Annual Report

2022 - 2023

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Mission Statement

Shelby County Catholic School, growing in faith with Jesus, is a family-oriented school dedicated to academic excellence.



Dear Friends and Families of Shelby County Catholic School,

As we reflect upon the 2022-2023 school year here at Shelby County Catholic School, we realize what a blessing we have in our students, our families, our parishes, and our supporters. Since the first Catholic school opened at St. Boniface in Westphalia in 1884, Catholic education in Shelby County has been a cherished tradition. While Catholic education has seen many changes throughout the years, the one thing that hasn't changed is the educating of our children with the same faith, vision, and values as the generations that came before us. Our faculty and staff strive to help our students and families find God in all circumstances and to encourage the Christian attitude that is important to us as followers of Christ.

Our students perform and do well academically as is shown by test scores and by their successes as they leave our elementary school after 5th grade and move on to middle school. Our small class sizes and family-like environment allow our students to receive individualized attention and more opportunities to develop good character and leadership skills. In addition to academics, our students are also surrounded by the teachings of Jesus each and every day. The students gather to celebrate Mass, to participate in special prayer services, to pray for people in our community, and to help others through a variety of service projects.

For almost 140 years, there has been a Catholic school in Shelby County. This tradition has continued because of the commitment of people who truly believe in the importance of Catholic education. Many thanks go out to all of you who support Shelby County Catholic School in so many different ways. As the old saying goes, "It takes a village to raise a child," and we are blessed to have all of you as part of our village. May God continue to bless you for making a difference in the lives of our children.

Blessings & Peace,
Ann Andersen, Principal



Our History



St. Boniface, Westphalia
1884 - 1978



St. Joseph, Earling
1886 - 2004



St. Michael, Harlan
1954 - 2004

Shelby County Catholic School – serving all six parishes in Shelby County
2004 - Present



St. Mary, Portsmouth
1894 - 1978



St. Paul, Defiance
1913 - 1978



St. Mary, Panama
1911- 2004

Now *faith* is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1



At Shelby County Catholic School, our students grow spiritually as they encounter Christ each and every day. Through a Catholic, faith-based education, we strive to prepare our students to become disciples of Christ in an ever-changing and challenging world. Teachers incorporate faith into their classrooms and across the curriculum, and students participate in various faith-based activities.



Our school provides opportunities for students to experience and express their faith through music, art, and prayer. Each child, regardless of his or her religious background or tradition, has the opportunity to participate in prayer and worship. Younger and older students are joined into faith teams to participate in prayer, community-building activities, and service projects.

The school has created a partnership with our parishes by creating a prayer partner program. Each student is partnered with a parishioner from one of our six parishes. Prayer partners pray for each other, write letters to each other, celebrate Mass together, attend school activities together, and support each other in faith.

Our sacramental preparation program prepares our second graders to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion. We work closely with each of our six parishes to coordinate these sacramental celebrations. Our parish priests provide reconciliation opportunities for our older students while also visiting classrooms and supporting our teachers in teaching about Sacred Scripture and the traditions of the Church.

"What return can I make to the Lord for all the Lord has given me?" Psalm 16:12



Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

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Academic Highlights



At Shelby County Catholic School, we value the individual child and believe all children can learn in the proper environment and with the proper learning supports. We provide a calm, caring, and supportive environment that addresses not only academic learning, but also the spiritual, physical, and social-emotional learning of each child.

Our teachers use classroom assessments and curriculum-based screening measures that are aligned to the Iowa Core reading, writing, math, and science standards. These assessment tools are used by teachers to identify students' needs and provide individualized student support. This support may be provided within the classroom in small groups and/or during one-on-one work between the student and teacher. Support may also be provided by a classroom interventionist who provides specialized, research-based interventions to address each student's needs. This individualized attention and hard work pays off as our end-of-the-year assessments show incredible growth in reading and math.



Our third, fourth, and fifth graders completed the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) in April 2023. The ISASP is aligned with the Iowa Core Learning Standards. Third and fourth grade students are assessed in English Language Arts (reading and writing), and math. Fifth grade students are assessed in English Language Arts, math, and science. The results below show the percentage of our students who are proficient in each area.

*Proficiency scores were obtained from the ISASP District Achievement Level Summary Report.

English Language Arts

Grade	SCCS Students Proficient	State of Iowa Students Proficient
3	100%	66%
4	84%	73%
5	92%	69%



Math

Grade	SCCS Students Proficient	State of Iowa Students Proficient
3	100%	76%
4	100%	73%
5	100%	71%



Science

Grade	SCCS Students Proficient	State of Iowa Students Proficient
5	100%	60%

*3rd and 4th grade do not take the ISASP Science Assessment



Curriculum & Activities

- Accelerated Math
- Small Reading Groups
- Enrichment Activities
- Computer Science
- STEM
- Agriculture Literacy
- Health & Wellness Activities
- Music
- Art
- Wildcat Teams
- Band (partnered with our public school)
- Catholic Daughters Essay Contest
- Soil Conservation Contest
- Fire Safety Contest
- Service Projects



Service Projects

- *Prayer Partner Program
- *Collections for the Food Pantry
- *Prayer Cards & Letters to Shut-ins
- *Children's Books for Hospitals
- *Socks for Shelters
- *Pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House



Wellness Activities

Shelby County Catholic School strives to educate the whole child by providing a healthy environment where a child can grow academically, spiritually, physically, and social-emotionally. To help our students grow physically and choose healthy lifestyles, physical activities and good nutrition are promoted in our lunch program, our classrooms, and our physical education classes. Students attend physical education classes twice a week and are also given daily brain breaks in the classroom and daily recess where they can play with their friends and participate in physical activities on the playground. We also promote social-emotional health by providing opportunities such as mindfulness activities and yoga.

Our Wellness Committee meets four times a year to set goals, to measure progress towards the goals, and to promote healthy activities both at school and outside of school.

In keeping with our Nutrition and Physical Activity Wellness Policy, our Wellness Committee has set the following goals:

- **Nutrition Education & Promotion:** Offer nutrition education at every grade level.
- **Physical Activity:** Students and staff will participate in physical activities both during and outside the school day.
- **School-Based Activities that Promote Student Wellness:** Teach and provide opportunities for students and staff to practice mindfulness and social-emotional learning.

Progress towards these goals are monitored by our Wellness Committee.



Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. John 1:2

The Cost of Educating Shelby County Catholic School Students

We recognize the financial sacrifice our families make to ensure their children receive a faith-based, quality education at SCCS. The tuition our families pay only covers a portion of the cost to educate a student at our school. The remaining amount is supported by parish assessments, fundraising, private donations, tuition assistance resources, and grants.

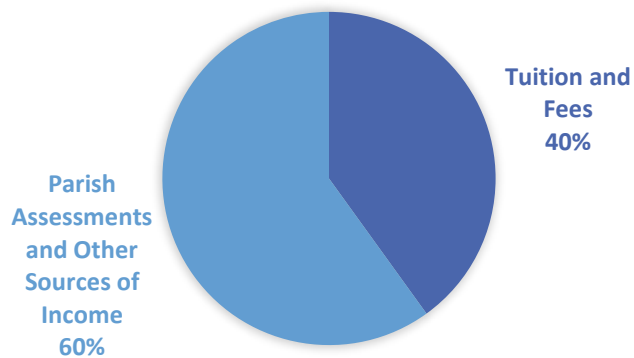
In 2022-2023, 53% of our students received tuition assistance from the Catholic Tuition Organization and local tuition assistance resources totaling over \$32,000.

Cost to Educate a Student at SCCS: \$9363.47

This cost is supported by: * Tuition/Fees = \$3750

* Parish Assessments and other Income sources =\$5613.47

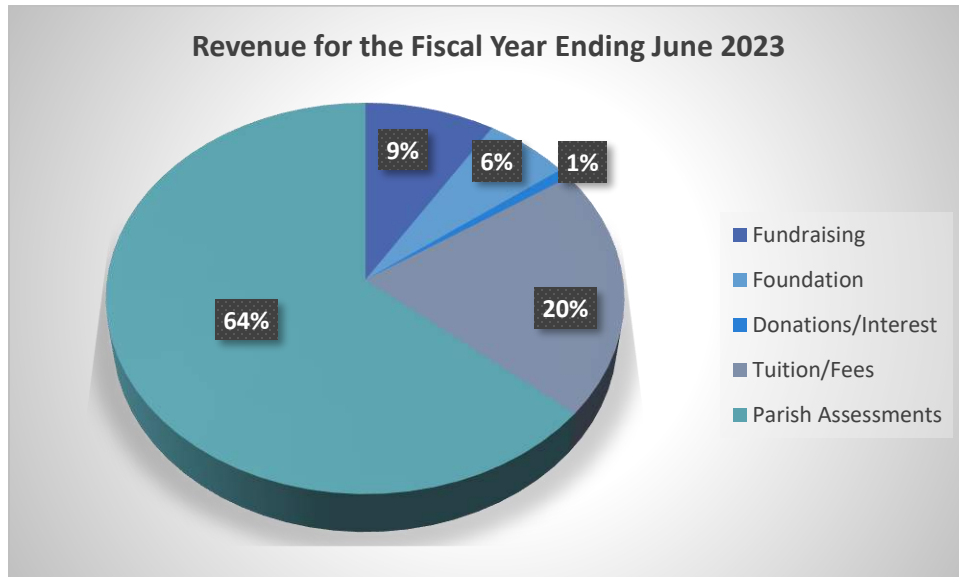
FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE COST TO EDUCATE A STUDENT AT SCCS



Sources: U.S. Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools 2022-2023. The Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing (NCEA).

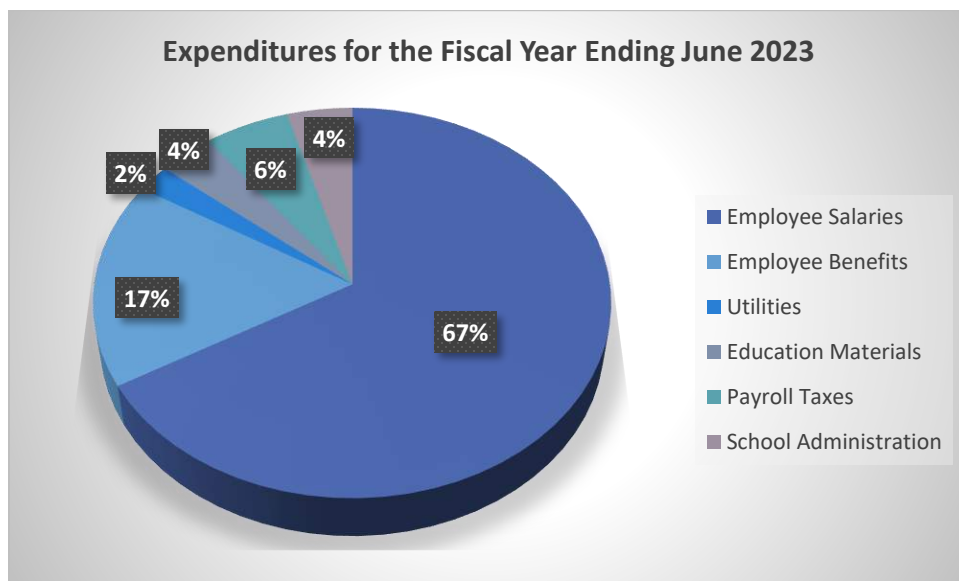
Financial Data

Income:



Fundraising	\$68,514.52	9%	Tuition/Fees	\$158,422.08	20%
Foundation	\$45,000.00	6%	Parish Assessments	\$490,206.13	64%
Donation/Interest	\$ 6462.06	1%	Total Revenue	\$768,604.79	

Expenses:



Employee Salaries	\$561,609.57	67%	Utilities	\$ 19306.80	2%
Employee Benefits	\$143,463.75	17%	Educational Materials	\$ 31,968.52	4%
Payroll Taxes	\$ 48,670.73	6%	Total Expenditures	\$842,711.91	
School Administration	\$ 37,692.54	4%			