

Financial Impacts

We are sensitive to the current reality and financial burdens that the COVID-19 pandemic has brought to our community. Through much discussion tuition will only increase by \$100 for the 2020-2021 school year.

OLG Parish and School salaries will be maintained, as well as benefits and parish contributions to our 403 B plan.

Enrollment

| | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Kindergarten - 2nd Grade | 237 | 236 |
| 3rd - 5th Grade | 220 | 226 |
| 6th - 8th Grade | 205 | 210 |
| TOTAL | 662 | 672 |

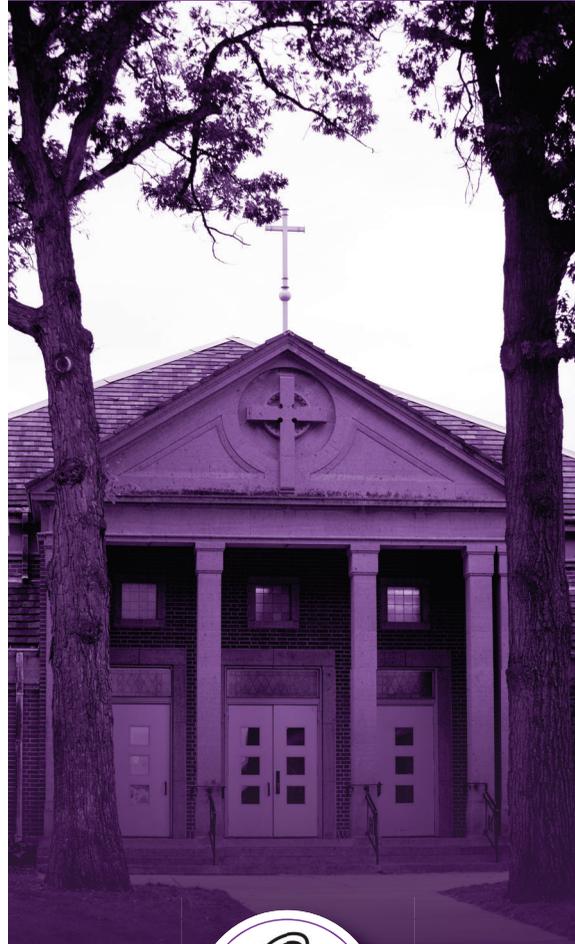
Tuition

| | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Parish Investment Rate | \$5,425 | \$5,525 |
| Standard Tuition Rate | \$7,025 | \$7,125 |
| Actual Estimated Cost of Education | \$8,373 | N/A |

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A Year, Venturing in Faith

Our 2019 school year was a banner year in many aspects. Our theme this year was "Venture in Faith".

Yes, we received our third **National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award** from the U.S. in 2019, the only K-8 school in Minnesota to receive three Blue Ribbon Awards. Although our academics and programs remain strong, it has been our faith that has given us strength and trust in God's providence.

The success of **Advancing Our Mission (AOM)**, another "Venture in Faith", once again defines Our Lady of Grace as a community of dreamers and doers. The AOM Capital Campaign was launched to assist our OLG school community by; serving the whole child - mind, body and soul. This will include building new innovative learning spaces and replacing our current gymnasium building a full size gym and performing arts stage.

This year Our Lady of Grace Catholic School celebrated the past **"70 Years of Grace"** celebration including a Rock the Fields event with around 300 participants and a special Mass with Archbishop Hebda. Our 70th Anniversary reminded us that our legacy began by the Sisters of Mercy rooted in the philosophy of Venerable Catherine McCauley who said, *"We should be shining lamps giving light to all around"* evidenced by our continual outreach.

I shared during one of our Mass introductions this year thoughts from one of our students. She thanked me for her adventure with me and shared that she is also looking forward to a new adventure with OLG's new principal, Mrs. Ginger Vance. I know our students and faculty will love Mrs. Vance and she will love them back.

And speaking of adventures, I am not in retirement but in transition with the mission to strengthen our connections between OLG School and our sister schools in Northeast Minneapolis and Mamponteng, Ghana.

It is with great gratitude to end my time as principal of Our Lady of Grace Catholic School knowing that we ventured in faith together during an extraordinary year filled with challenges as well as surprises rooted in faith, hope and love.

Blessings,

Mrs. Maureen Trenary, *School Principal 1991-2020*





Academic Excellence

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School is dedicated to providing students with an outstanding academic curriculum. We hold steadfast to high expectations and standards for all of our students, understanding that they bring diverse needs into our classrooms.

Distance Education

Our school began distance education on March 17 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and continued through the remainder of the school year. Thanks to the dedication of our staff we were able to begin e-Learning two weeks ahead of most schools in the area, greatly lessening the disruption to our students learning. Feedback from parents for OLG's distance education was very positive and filled with gratitude.

Testing Transition

This year we transitioned our annual MCA testing to a winter schedule. As a result of this transition and the COVID-19 pandemic, we are not able to do our regular analysis of MAP scores.

**In order to qualify as a National Blue Ribbon School, the school must be in the top 15% nationally per all assessments in Math and Reading for all grade levels.*



Faith Immersion

OLG is a strong Catholic community deeply committed to the spiritual growth of each of its students. We engage students spiritually in ways that are challenging, instructive as well as relevant to their lives and their future.

Sacramental Preparation

We have three sacramental preparation programs through our school religion curriculum:

Baptism (18 Students)

First Reconciliation/Communion (64 Students)

Confirmation (54 Students)

8th Grade Graduation Mass

We celebrated our 63, 8th grade, graduates with a first time ever outdoor Mass on Saturday, June 6.

Mass Live Streaming

This year we invited students and their families to continue to grow in their faith by participating in our School Masses online during the pandemic. School Masses included special traditions like:

May Crowning & Service Awards Mass

Mrs. Trenary Day Mass & Parade

End-of-the-Year Mass

8th Grade Graduation Mass



Commitment to Service

In order to foster a response to our baptismal call of service and leadership, OLG students and families are presented with opportunities to serve others. Service and outreach are a hallmark of our school community.

Community Outreach

Middle School Service

2,800+ hours served

VEAP Food Drive

800+ lbs of food donated

St. Mary's Basilica Thanksgiving Meals

30 meals donated

Southwest Options for Women

7 handmade blankets donated

Supporting Our Sister Schools

Catholic Schools Center of Excellence extended a grant for Mrs. Trenary and four of our teachers: Mr. Benson, Mrs. Hannan, Mrs. Skinner and Ms. Holtz to visit our sister schools in Mampongeng to begin collegial relationship.

School Fundraisers

PSO Fundraisers

\$158,380

Marathon as the largest PSO fundraiser raised \$107,928. Other PSO fundraisers include: Amazon Smile, Artsonia, Shopping Events, School Supplies Sales, Used Uniform Sales, Box Tops and Read-A-Thon.

Give to the Max

\$103,525

An annual day of giving, funds raised went towards technology and the school-wide one-to-one program. Over 1,000 devices are used to support our academics and operations each day!

OLGMC Gala Fund-the-Need

\$78,395

Supported OLG, JP II in Minneapolis and St. Joseph's in Ghana. Funds of \$25,000 for OLG School went towards playground equipment, playground fencing, indoor water stations and AED defibrillators.

Additional Giving

\$55,602

These gifts include monthly sustainers, estate gifts, grants and 70th Anniversary contributions.

Financial Outreach

Santa's Secret Shop

\$26,656

Sponsor-A-Family

\$10,800+ in items

Student Council Fundraisers

Approximately \$4,000