

Annual Report

2025-2026



Our Lady of Consolation
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our Lady of Consolation School actively invites students and their families to a deeper relationship with Christ Jesus through the Sacraments, education, prayer, and service. We strive to be a Christ-centered Catholic community that welcomes, serves and guides people to a life of holiness.



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Dear Our Lady of Consolation School Community,

I want to thank you for your generous welcome, and prayers for me and our school this year! I also want to thank you for your support of Our Lady of Consolation School whether through volunteer hours, donation, or time etc. This is truly an active and faith-filled school community.

On behalf of the students, staff, and Board of Directors I am happy to share this annual report for the 2025-2026 school year. A special thanks to Kevin Varner, Amy Moore, Erik Schumacher, Nick Pash, and Barb Lambert for their efforts assembling the data contained here.

Within this report, you will find data on school financials, enrollment numbers, standardized testing scores , and O.L.C.E.F. Scholarships.

As we put the final touches on the 2025 - 2026 school year, we are also busy with planning for the 2026 - 2027 school year. Thank you for your support and prayers for our school community.

Sincerely,
Abby Giroux



Enrollment Data

Year	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Total Enrollment	237	268	257	250

Enrollment by Grade	2025-2026
PS3	14
PS4	19
Y5	14
K	23
1	20
2	27
3	19
4	22
5	30
6	20
7	25
8	17
Totals	250

Childcare	Cougar Care	BAC
2025-2026	25	38

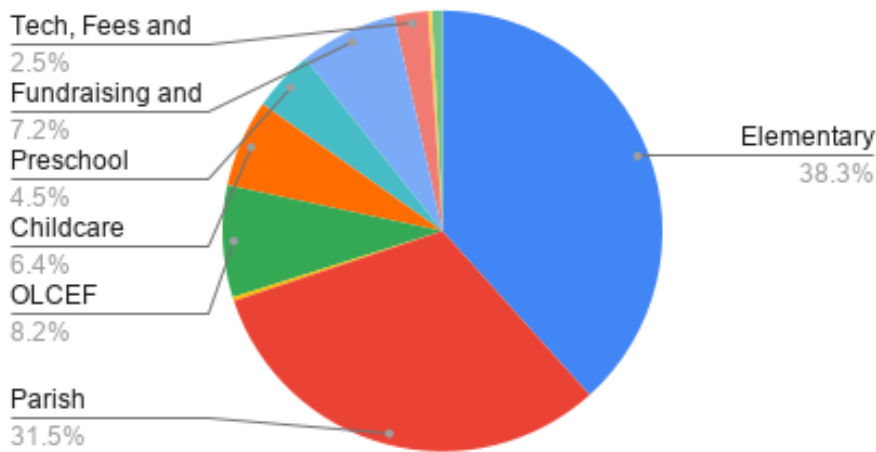


Financial Data

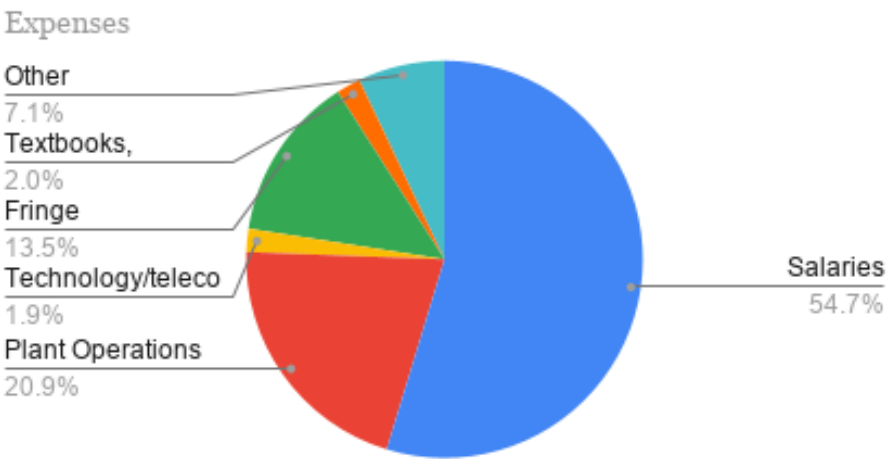
Our Lady of Consolation School is funded through a partnership of several important revenue sources. Tuition paid by families provides a significant portion of the school's operating budget, while an annual investment from Our Lady of Consolation Parish reflects the parish's commitment to Catholic education. The Our Lady of Consolation Education Foundation (OLCEF) strengthens the school's financial stability by providing scholarships and grants that enhance educational opportunities for students. School fundraising efforts, led by dedicated volunteers and supporters, help fund operating needs, technology, classroom improvements, and special projects. In addition, the school actively pursues grants and other funding opportunities to support innovative programs, instructional resources, and facility enhancements. Together, these funding sources ensure that Our Lady of Consolation School can continue providing an exceptional Catholic education while keeping tuition as affordable as possible for families.

Cost to Educate \$7,306

2025-2026 School Funding Sources



2025-2026 Financial Summary



Fundraising

The Annual Dinner and Auction remains the school's primary fundraising event. This year's "Relive and Rewind" celebration was held at The Gilmore on February 7, 2026, and was a tremendous success, raising more than \$75,000 to support the mission of Our Lady of Consolation School.

The majority of the proceeds have been directed toward the school's general operating budget, helping to sustain the exceptional educational experience our students receive each day. The remaining funds have been earmarked for special projects that will further enhance opportunities for our students and strengthen our school community.

OLCEF Scholarships

The Our Lady of Consolation Education Foundation serves as a vital pillar of support for our parish community, advancing our mission to deliver high-quality Catholic education and lifelong faith formation. Through scholarships and grants, the Foundation provides critical financial assistance to Our Lady of Consolation School (PreK-8) and the Faith Formation Department.

In the 2025-2026 school year, seventeen families from Our Lady of Consolation School were awarded tuition scholarships totaling approximately \$58,311.



Objectives of the OLC Parents Association:

- To advance the religious and educational welfare of all children in the parish community through efforts of parents and teachers,
- To promote an interest in educational matters and understanding of the mutual responsibilities of parents and teachers in education.
- To provide steady communication between school and home.
- To encourage high standard of family living.
- To enhance the spirituality of all members.
- To make a positive impact on our parish community as a whole.

The Parents Association budget provides funding for programs and activities that enhance the educational experience for every student at Our Lady of Consolation School. Through fundraising and the generosity of our families, the budget supports our athletic programs, provides teachers with classroom resources and enrichment opportunities, helps offset the cost of educational field trips, and funds a variety of student activities throughout the year. These investments help create a vibrant, faith-filled school community while ensuring our students have opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

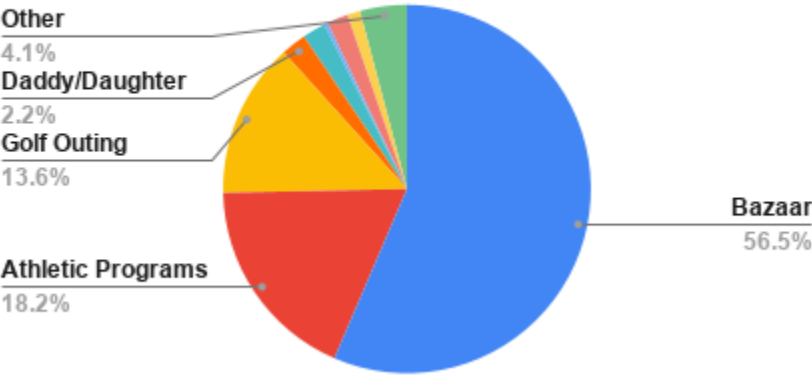
Bazaar 2025

The 51st Annual Hearts & Holly Bazaar was held on November 15, 2025. As the Parents Association's largest fundraiser, the Bazaar has become a cherished community tradition, welcoming shoppers from across the greater Grand Rapids area for a day of holiday shopping, handcrafted gifts, and festive fellowship.

Thanks to the dedication of countless volunteers, vendors, sponsors, and shoppers, the 2025 Hearts & Holly Bazaar raised \$ 36, 388.00 in support of the Parents Association

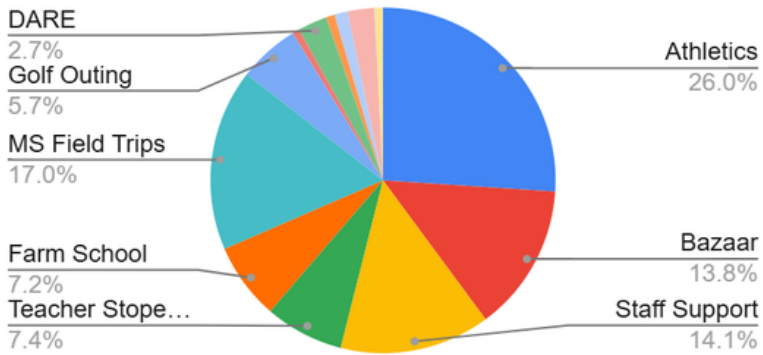
2025-2026 Parents Association

Revenue



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Expenses



Athletics

Athletics have long been an important part of student life at Our Lady of Consolation School. While students grow academically and spiritually in the classroom, they also grow through teamwork, competition, discipline, and sportsmanship on the court and field. OLC Athletics help students develop confidence, leadership skills, and lifelong friendships while representing their school with pride.

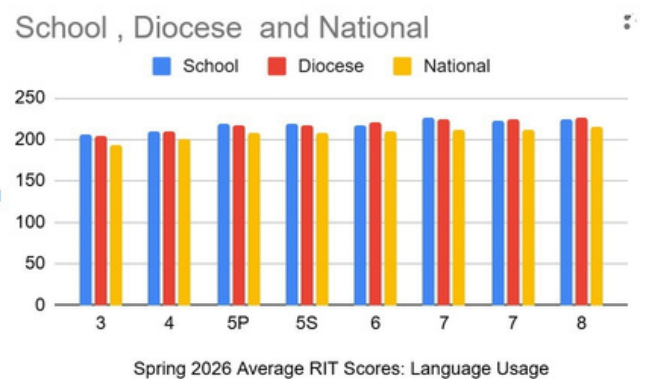
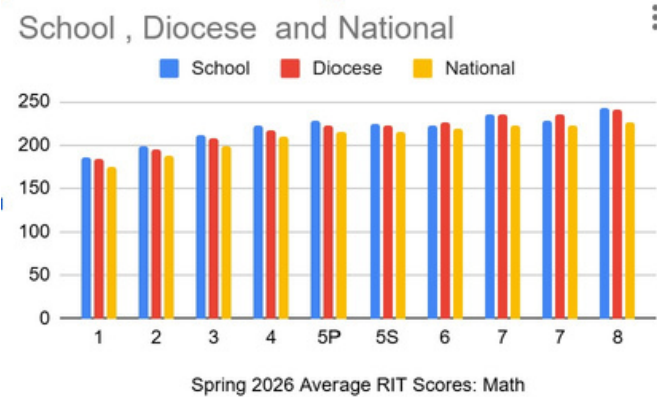
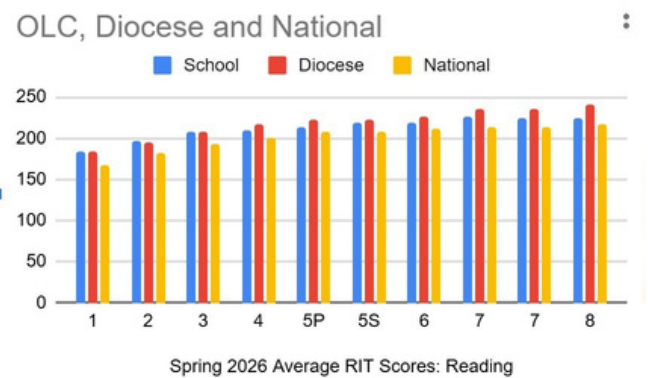
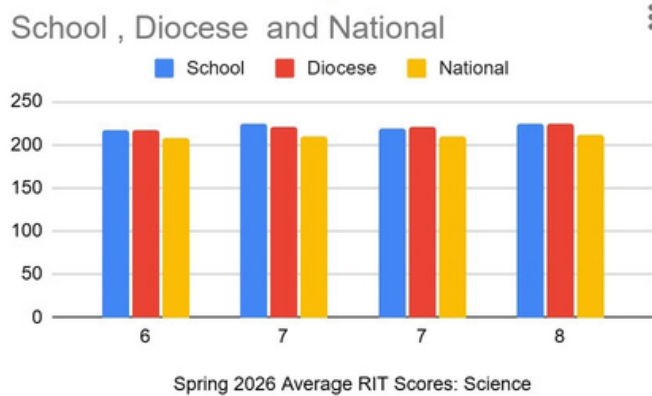
OLC is proud to be a member of the Grand Rapids Area Catholic Elementary Athletic Council, better known as the GRACEAC League. Through the league, students have the opportunity to compete against other Catholic schools in a wide range of sports throughout the school year. From volleyball and basketball to cross country, track, and more, OLC students are encouraged to use their God-given talents while learning the value of teamwork, dedication, and perseverance. This year 110 students grade 3-8 participated in at least one sport during the 2025-2026 school year.



MAP and ACRE Data

Students in grades 1-8 recently completed Spring MAP testing. NWEA MAP Growth is a personalized, computer-adaptive test used by schools to measure student academic achievement and growth in math, reading, language usage, and science. By adjusting question difficulty to each student's level, it helps educators tailor instruction, track progress over time (K-12), identify skill gaps, and compare performance to national norms

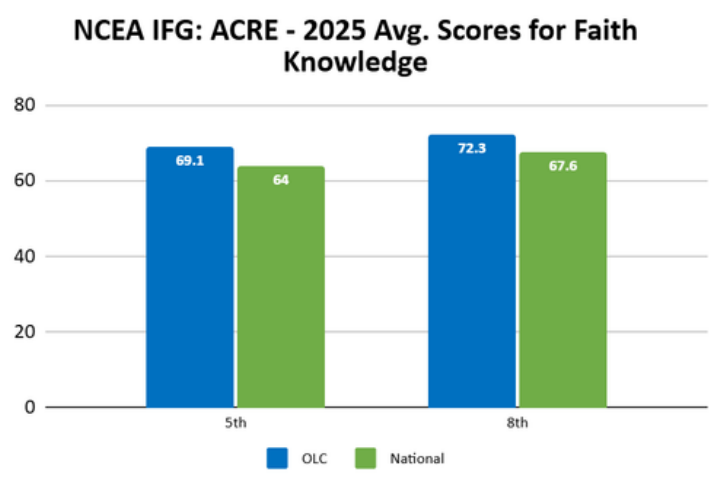
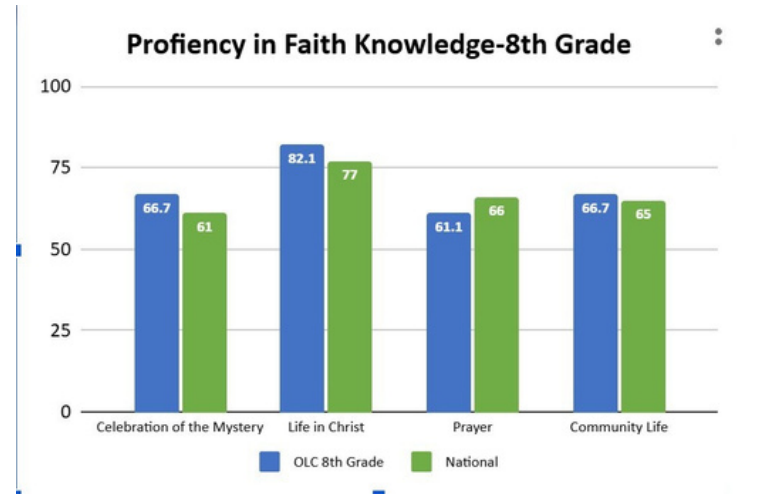
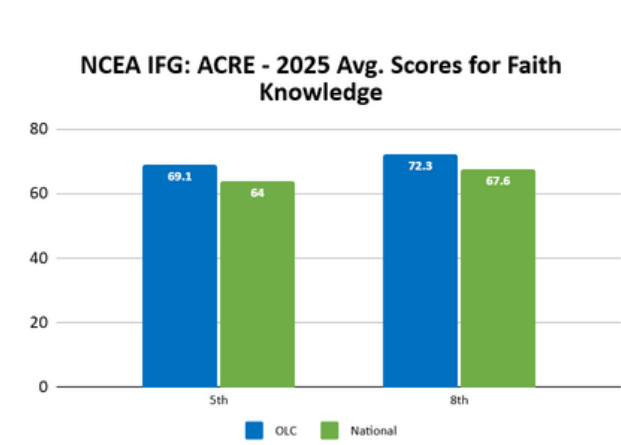
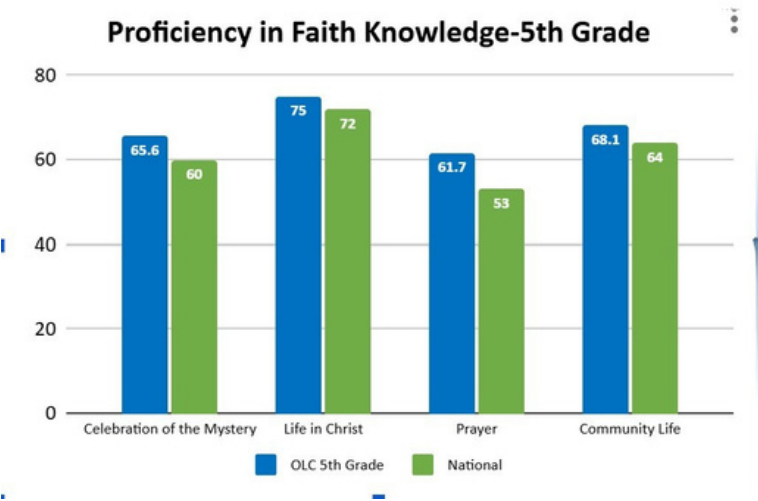
Rit scores below are compared to diocesan and national scores.

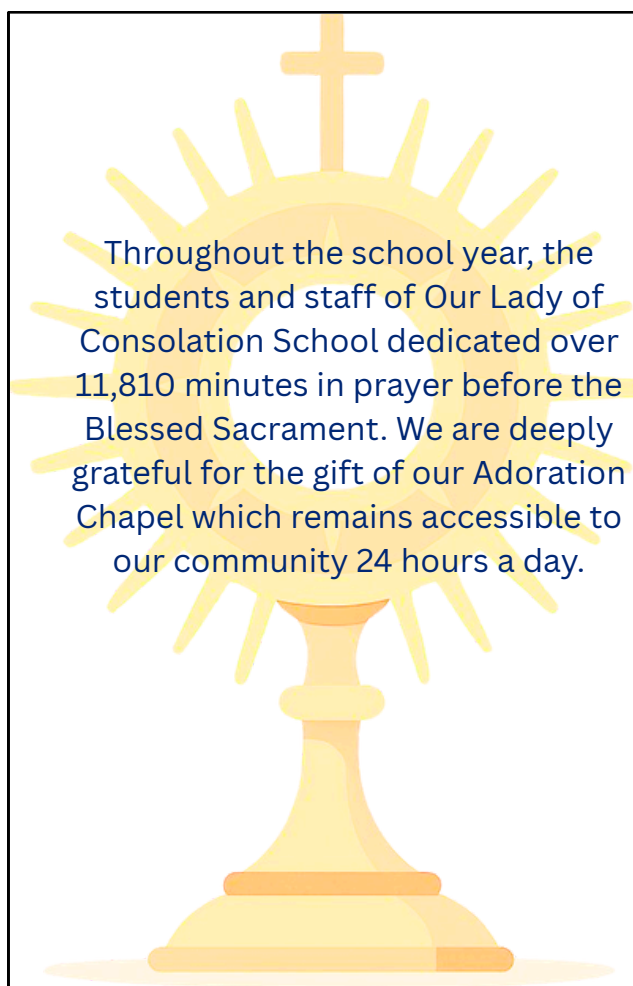


OLC students consistently outperform national averages at every grade level tested. From first through eighth grade, our students score well above national norms, demonstrating strong reading achievement across the school.

The ACRE (Assessment of Catholic Religious Education) is a nationally recognized assessment created by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) to evaluate students' knowledge of the Catholic faith as well as their personal faith experiences and spiritual development.

The assessment is given in the spring to students in 5th and 8th grade. This assessment allows schools to identify strengths of their programs and any areas that need more attention.





OLC School uses an app called HelperHelper to track service hours. Parents are asked to serve at least 20 hours per year. This year OLC parents logged approximately 1,985 hours of service. The economic impact of these volunteer hours is roughly \$71,460.

All middle school students are expected to serve five hours a quarter in their community. We track these hours over the three years that they are in middle school. This school year our middle school students logged 414 hours of service in our community.

Our Lady of Consolation School offers many opportunities for its students and families to serve their community, nation and world. Our students learn about the Catholic Social Teachings and are able to experience them first hand through our grade level "Signature Service Projects" which are completed each year.

2025-2026 Signature Service Projects

- Kindergarten - Holiday cards for the NICU patients at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital (HDCH)
- 1st Grade - Bouquets and cards for Food Hugs
- 2nd Grade - Cards and letter to the residents at Bishop Hills
- 3rd Grade - Visit and volunteer at Kids Food Basket
- 4th Grade - Make Tie Blankets for patients at HDCH
- 5th Grade - projects at the Franciscan Life Process Center
- 6th Grade - Spent time visiting with Bishop Hills residents
- 7th Grade - Collected items for diocesan Jail and Prison Ministry
- 8th Grade - Collect baby items for the Layette Ministries supporting new moms and made baby blankets



OLC Strategic Plan 2026

The OLC School Board continues to update the school's strategic plan each year as tasks are completed and new goals are identified. Please visit the school's website for the most current working draft of this important guiding document [CLICK HERE](#)

During the 2026-2027 school year the OLC School community will embark on a self-study in preparation for an accreditation site visit during the 2027-2028 school year. The following school year (2028-2029) the school will work with the School Board to start a brand new strategic planning cycle.

2025-2026 OLC School Board of Directors

Thank you to our Board of Directors for their unwavering dedication and commitment to the students, families, and staff of Our Lady of Consolation School. Through their leadership, guidance, and support, they help ensure that our mission of providing an exceptional Catholic education continues to thrive for future generations.

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Thank you to our Parents Association Board for their dedication to making OLC such a special place to learn and grow.

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