

2025 Gala

On March 15th, 2025, we will host 'an Evening in the Emerald Isle', which will help raise \$50,000 for our non-profit school! This will be our 34th annual Gala, which we host in our school gymnasium, saving us rental costs and maximizing the impact of every gift.

Those who donate an item or experience for our Gala will receive advertising in both print and digital media at our event and included in our weekly emails to our supporters! Our families are proud to support the many small and family businesses who contribute to the success of our event.

This academic year our school community will raise \$245,000, with the Gala accounting for 20% of our annual fundraising goal! Your support is greatly appreciated and all items are tax deductible by law.

You can read from the statistics below, that we fundraise to address the \$2,600 funding gap per student, all while, providing a quality private education for 35% less than the average spend per pupil by the state of Wisconsin in the 22-23 academic year!

Thank you for supporting our mission to form students in truth, beauty and goodness.

2024 Gala

Our students experience an integrated virtue program, that equips them to live an extraordinary life with a deep appreciation for American history and their civic duty. Virtue was at the heart of our nation's founding, forging a bright future for all those who call themselves American. The children in our school learn to cherish the freedoms won by the patriotic men and women and remember those sacrifices when we say the Pledge of Allegiance each morning.

Parental Involvement



Our parents are active participants in the life of our school. Annually, we have over 300 service hour opportunities allowing parents the opportunity to use their gifts to help advance our mission. Their hard work and dedication helps us reduce costs when installing carpet, flooring, IT upgrades and the maintenance for painting and light fixtures. Professionals donate their time and expertise by serving on committees that cover Development (fundraising), Marketing, Hospitality and Graphic Design.

***** Accreditation

Aquinas Academy is recognized by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee as a Catholic and Independent School. Our school has received accreditation from WRISA (Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation) and NAPCIS (National Association of Private, Catholic and Independent Schools). Our teachers receive ongoing formation from I.C.L.E. (Institute for Catholic Liberal Education) who facilitate workshops on pedagogy, classroom management and immersing students in truth, beauty and goodness.

VALUE FOR MONEY

"On average, school districts spent about \$16,345 per student in the 2022-23 school year."

- Source: Badger Institute (author Wyatt Eicholz) September 19, 2024

AVERAGE STATE COST PER PUPIL:

\$16,345

AVERAGE AQUINAS COST PER PUPIL:

\$10,900

DIFFERENCE

\$5,445 (34%)

AVERAGE AQUINAS COST PER PUPIL:

\$10,900

MAXIMUM TUITION CHARGED:

\$8,300

GAP FUNDRAISED ANNUALLY:

\$2,600





2024-2025 FUNDRAISING GOALS

ANNUAL **FUND DRIVE**

\$140,000 \$40,000 \$50,000 \$15,000

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WALK

ANNUAL SPRING GALA

EVENTS/ SCRIP

Catholic and Classical

We recognize parents as the primary educators of their children and we support them in their mission to form the saints and scholars of tomorrow! Our class sizes average 19 students per class and maintain a student to staff ratio of 7 to 1.





Forming Minds and Hearts

Reason and volition are divine gifts that every human must develop so as to know and love what is true, beautiful, and good. Catholic education strives to help students grow in their knowledge and appreciation of these realities by immersing them in Western Catholic culture, namely: our stories, heroes, language, poetry, mathematics, philosophy, history, art, science, music, and literature.









Go Mariners!

With the expansion of Nicholas hall which provided for a full-size gym, our athletics program is on the rise! Our 7th and 8th grade girls volleyball team won 1st place at the Lake Area **Christian Conference** Tournament in October 2024! Our athletic mascot is the Mariners and we proudly feature basketball and track as additional

sports for our middle school students.