



Open House

Thank you to all of the families that attended the open house last night. It was wonderful to see families walking through the hallways meeting others, checking out classrooms and of course, enjoying a delicious pasta dinner. Thank you to our Student Council members and School Advisory parents for taking current and prospective families on a tour of Divine Mercy. Thank you to all of the parish and school staff that helped to make the night possible..... it was a huge success!

Registration

[Registration](#) is now open!

As we approach the midpoint of the year, we have so many things to be thankful for in our school and school community. We have welcomed many new families to our school, our teachers continue to strive for academic excellence in the classroom, our Catholic identity continues to strengthen and grow, and we have committed parents helping to serve in various roles within the parish and school community fostering a sense of belonging for all. Our biggest accomplishment this year, besides continuing to create a faith filled school community, is our Wisconsin Department of Instruction report card on which we received a five star rating or "Significantly Exceeding Expectations" for academic achievement and growth. Divine Mercy Catholic School works extremely hard to ensure that all who enter live out our mission; to learn, teach, share, celebrate and inspire each other to be disciples of Christ. Our staff is committed to their faith and drive to provide excellence in academics. Our student body is energetic and loving. Our generous parish community supports our school both financially and spiritually. All of these are a true testament to the good and gracious God we serve, and He continues to bless our school and school community in many ways.

In order to maintain the high standards of education, enhance our facilities, and meet the evolving needs of our students, we have carefully reviewed our budget for the next academic year. After thorough consideration, it has become necessary to implement a tuition increase. The decision to adjust tuition fees is never taken lightly, and we understand the financial responsibilities that families bear in supporting their children's education. We want to assure you that this increase is essential for the continued improvement of our educational programs and the overall student experience at Divine Mercy Catholic School.

We understand that this change may impact your family budget, and we are committed to working with you to ensure a smooth transition. We encourage you to reach out to discuss any concerns or explore available options for tuition assistance. Our goal at Divine Mercy Catholic School is to provide an affordable, faith filled education for all families. We will work with every family to help make this possible!

We remain dedicated to providing a high-quality education and creating an enriching environment for our students. Your partnership and understanding are invaluable as we strive to continually enhance the educational experience.

Thank you for your trust, support, and understanding. We look forward to another successful academic year working together for the benefit of your child's education.

In Christ,
Loreve Rucka, Principal

Please read the tables below for information regarding tuition, Parental Choice program income requirements and tuition assistance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office.

2024-2025 Tuition Rates for Divine Mercy Catholic School

Grade	Students per family	
K3- 3 days	1	\$3,435
K3- 5 days	1	\$5,310
K4-8	1	\$4,546
K4-8	2	\$7,793
K4-8	3 or more children	\$9,503

A non-refundable registration fee of \$100 per child is required upon completion of registration forms. This will be dedicated from the final tuition cost.

[Milwaukee, Racine and Wisconsin Parental Choice](#) Income Requirements

Family Size	MPCP and RPCP Yearly Income * (Milwaukee/Racine)	WPCP Yearly Income* (Wisconsin)
1	\$43,740	\$32,076
2	\$59,160	\$43,384
3	\$74,580	\$54,692
4	\$90,000	\$66,000
5	\$105,420	\$77,308
6	\$120,840	\$88,616
For each additional family member	\$15,420	\$11,308

*If the student's parents on the application are married, their income is reduced by \$7,000 when determining income eligibility for the program. (i.e. married family income minus \$7,000 is the amount married families compare to the table).

Tuition Assistance is also available for all families. Please contact the school office for more information. Our goal at Divine Mercy Catholic School is to provide an affordable, faith filled education for all families. ***We will work with every family to help make this possible!***

Parish Spaghetti Dinner

Tired of cooking on the weekends? Well, then we have the fix for you! Come on down to the Spaghetti Dinner at Divine Mercy Church. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and garlic bread from That's Amore. See the attached [flyer](#) for details about time and price.

South Milwaukee Police Department Pizza Party

On Thursday, February 8 the South Milwaukee Police Department will be hosting a pizza party for the students of Divine Mercy. Last year, our students participated in a penny challenge against all of the elementary schools in South Milwaukee to help raise funds for their police dog. Divine Mercy Catholic School won the challenge! To celebrate this,

students will be having pizza on Thursday. Additionally, students will be able to meet Rocket, the new South Milwaukee Police Dog, and some of the police officers from SMPD.

Sipply Divine

Sipply Divine is an adult fundraiser to support our K-8 school. **This is our largest fundraiser of the year.** It is a 4 hour event where attendees are able to sample food and spirits from local vendors as well as participate in numerous raffles. Proceeds are used to help defer the costs of technology, resources for students and teachers, such as classroom manipulatives, books, etc, as well as improvements to the building ,such as enhanced school security.

Some of our vendors this year include:

Moran's Pub, Mama's Boy Salsa, Jen's Sweet Treats, La Finca Coffeehouse, Paul's Smokehouse & BBQ, Vino Veritas Cellars, Corvina Wine Company, Faklandia Brewing and many more!

Don't forget to dress in your best 80's wear!!!

Report cards

Report cards for K4 and K5 students will be sent home today. Report cards for K3 students will be sent home on Monday. Please reach out to your teachers with any questions.

Valentines Day

Ash Wednesday is on February 14, 2024 this year. That said, as it is a Holy Day and the beginning of the season of Lent, all Valentine's day parties will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2024. Students will be able to dress in Valentines themed clothing, red, or pink on this day. Out of uniform guidelines apply; no athletic pants, ripped jeans, jogging pants may be worn. Valentine themed means shirts or dresses that have hearts, sayings about love, or Valentines.

Dates to remember:

- 2/5 Spirit Day - Wear Divine Mercy spirit wear with uniform bottoms
 - 2/8 Pizza Party and Rocket meeting
 - 2/9 No school - teacher development
 - 2/9 Sipply Divine; 6-10pm
 - 2/14 Ash Wednesday - Join us for mass at 8:30am
 - 2/15 Valentines Day parties
 - 2/19 No school - teacher sustaining the mission
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Attachments

- [2024-25 Registration Link](#)
- [Parental Choice Application](#)
- [Sipply Divine Tickets](#)
- [Spaghetti Dinner Flyer](#)

