



AVE MARIA
ACADEMY

2022 – 2023

ANNUAL REPORT

DEEPLY COMMITTED. MORE THAN A SCHOOL.



LETTER FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

In my first year as Chair of the Board, I feel so much gratitude for all the blessings that have been bestowed upon our great school. I am grateful to the founding families that saw a need in wanting better for their children and had a vision for an excellent Catholic school. It was out of love for God that they had the faith and found the fortitude to create an independent Catholic school that was grounded in traditional Catholic values and offered a rigorous curriculum. They sacrificed time and sought the resources to lay the foundation for what is now Ave Maria Academy. Our task as a board of directors is to ensure we stay true to the mission to form young minds, hearts, and souls under the guidance and intercession of our mother, Mary. I am grateful to our faculty and staff who, day in and day out live the example of Jesus and follow his commandments, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," and, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22: 37-39).



They demonstrate this love of neighbor in their dedication to their vocation as educators and their interactions with the children every day. I believe that every child deserves the opportunity to be educated in a Catholic school. It is our desire to keep our unique school affordable and obtainable to all families that desire it, regardless of financial means. The board is prudent in both future planning and fiscal accounting. That said, we are only able to provide all that we offer here because of the generosity of our families, grandparents, alumni families, sponsors, and benefactors who recognize the great gift

Ave Maria Academy is. It is through the support of our annual Golf Classic, Gala, and Crusader Classic 5K, as well as our Annual Fund, that our mission is fully funded. I am grateful to all those that contribute their time, talents, and resources to these endeavors.

I close in thanking you for taking the time to read our annual report and ask you to pray for all the work that is being done at Ave Maria, to spread the word about our school, and to continue your financial support.

In Christ,

Kimberly Day,
Ave Maria Academy Board Chair



LETTER FROM AVE MARIA ACADEMY PRINCIPAL

The 2022-2023 school year was another resounding success at Ave Maria Academy. Thanks to the dedication of our teachers and staff and the generosity of our benefactors, Ave Maria continued to be a beacon for Catholic education in the Northwest metro.



In *Gravissimum educationis*, the Church lays out the high calling of a Catholic school to, “create for the school community a special atmosphere animated by the Gospel spirit of freedom and charity, to help youth grow according to the new creatures they were made through baptism,... and finally to order the whole of human culture to the news of salvation so that the knowledge the students gradually acquire of the world, life, and man is illumined by faith.” This vision, to form our students in the harmony of faith and reason, so as to send them out to order the greater culture to the Lord, is most certainly a challenging task. It is one that requires helping our students to see themselves and the world around them through the eyes of faith. It is also one that requires an intimate knowledge of the world God made so that we might know Him in His fullness and beauty.

One of the great blessings of Ave Maria’s approach to elementary education is its rootedness in the liberal arts tradition. It opens the students to a broad appreciation of the various aspects of human knowledge and invites them to enter into it with awe and wonder. Whether we’re studying math, history, religion, or science, we offer our students


a peek into the world of knowledge. They are able to take delight in it and to see it as a reflection of God’s own presence in His world. One of my great intellectual heroes, the English preacher and educator St. John Henry Newman, observes the following of education thus conceived, “All branches of knowledge are connected together, because the subject-matter of knowledge is intimately united in itself, as being the acts and the work of the Creator” (*The Idea of a University*, p. 75). We daily strive to form in our students the habit of mind to see this unity in all they learn, so that when they go forth from our halls they can see the world around them as a wonderfully complex relationship of knowledge and truth that ultimately leads them and others to the Truth who is Jesus Himself (Cf. Jn. 14:6).

I am truly grateful to all of you who have worked so hard and given so generously in the past year to make the work of Catholic education possible here at Ave Maria Academy.

We have an important mission, not only in the lives of our students, but, through them, in the life of the Church. While we give thanks for the many blessings and successes of the 2022-2023 school year, may we continue to trust in the Lord’s providence to accomplish it well in the year ahead.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, pray for us!

In Christ Jesus,


Justin T. Shay
Principal

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen

— Prayed every day by the students and staff of Ave Maria Academy for all benefactors.

VIRTUE FORMATION

“**T**he glory of God,” St. Irenaeus says, “is a human being fully alive.” Achieving this human excellence is a life-long work. Ave Maria Academy provides a strong foundation by fostering our students’ acquisition of virtue. These habits to do the good enable our students to live lives of moral excellence. We set the bar high at Ave Maria Academy and our students rise to it. One of the great traditions here at Ave Maria takes place at 8th grade graduation. Each year, with all sincerity, we honor each one of our graduates by publicly recognizing a particular virtue they have consistently practiced throughout their time at school. It is a reminder how our students’ practice of the virtues builds up our entire school community.



SPIRITUAL LIFE

At Ave Maria Academy we recognize that our students are created for eternal life with God. Our students have the opportunity for weekly Mass and frequent confessions. Ave Maria's life revolves around the liturgical life of the church, with students looking forward to the celebration of many important feasts throughout the year. Our students' spirits are formed also through a daily commitment to prayer. We begin each day together by praying a decade of the rosary as a school. Prayer is worked into the rhythm of the day—classes begin with prayer, we pray together at lunch, and we lift one another up in prayer during difficult times. All these practices will, God willing, help our students to one day become the saints God desires them to be.

"First and foremost, every Catholic educational institution is a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth,"

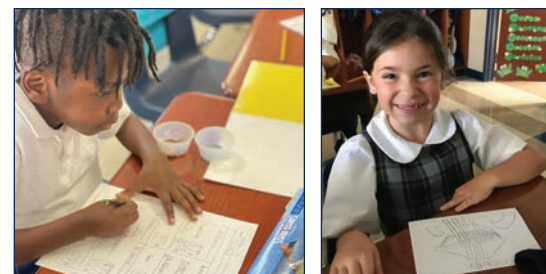
– Pope Benedict XVI address to U.S. Catholic educators



AVE MARIA ACADEMY ACADEMICS

As rational creatures, God gave us minds to know. It is, in fact, one of the hallmarks of being in the image of God, that, like God, we have the power to reason. We therefore take the intellectual formation of our students seriously at Ave Maria. Here, knowledge is not simply pursued as a means to the ends of utility, or power, or future material success. It is pursued, rather, as an end in itself. It is good to know—it is what our minds are made for.

Study, approached in this way, not only leads to the acquisition of helpful practical skills, but also a lifelong joy in learning. This year our students experienced this first hand in our classrooms at Ave Maria.



AVE MARIA ACADEMY ACADEMICS



DISCIPLESHIP IN ACTION

“Be doers of the Word and not hearers only,” says St. James (James 1:22). Learning how to be the kind of disciples who not only hear the Word of God but who also put it into practice in their lives, is an important task of a Catholic school. Our focus on apostolic formation helps our students to see a need in their school or the world around them and to respond in love. They show love for their neighbor and love for God. Once again, our students dedicated themselves this year to their class apostolic projects with joy.

Among the highlights this year, our 3rd grade students conducted a Thanksgiving food drive for the Franciscan Brothers of Peace. Over 150 bags of groceries and over \$1,000 in monetary donations were collected by the school. Our 5th grade students packed over 15,000 meals at Feed My Starving Children, and our 4th graders collected baby and personal hygiene items for Sharing and Caring Hands. They even got to meet Mary Jo Copeland when they went to drop them off.

The 7th grade students collected change in baby bottles for Women's Care Center in Anoka, donating over \$1,800 for the pro-life organization. We strive to show our students how to serve those in need. In these ways, they become the hands and feet of Christ.

Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me. – Matthew 25:40



SCHOLARSHIPS

JAMES T. MCINNIS SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to the 2022-2023 James T. McInnis Scholarship recipients, Genevieve Sullivan and Grant Rickert!

Mr. James T. "Tom" McInnis was the first principal of our academy. Mr. McInnis passed away during the summer of 2015, and we continue this fund in honor of his great example of charity and love of God. This \$1,000 scholarship is granted annually to one male and one female recipient. Students in the fifth through eighth grades are eligible, and they must complete an application to be considered.



"One way Mr. McInnis showed charity to others was when he gave apples to the students at recess. When he did this he showed how much he loved the students."

— Genevieve Sullivan, Class of 2025



"Charity is loving God and loving others in a respectful way to grow in friendship with others and with God. The gift of charity allows us to grow in other virtues, such as patience, temperance, and fortitude."

— Grant Rickert, Class of 2026

JAMES J. CARBONARI SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to the 2022-2023 James J. Carbonari Scholarship recipient, Frederick Jacobson.

This scholarship was established in 2018 in memory of Mr. Carbonari, long-time board member and benefactor of our beloved academy who passed away in April of 2018. Students are invited to reflect upon the parable of the talents in Matthew's Gospel and fill out an application to be considered for the scholarship. An incoming 7th or 8th grader is then selected to receive this one-time \$1,000 scholarship.

"I think the moral of the Parable of the Talents is that you should use your skills and talents to serve the Kingdom of God instead of using them for any selfish reasons. One gift God has given me is the gift of humor. I can use this gift for my family to bring us closer together and make good memories."

— Frederick Jacobson, Class of 2025



The 2023 scholarship recipient, Frederick Jacobson, with Mrs. Katy Carbonari

*Well done, my good and faithful servant.
Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master's joy.*

— Matthew 25:21

CLASS OF 2023

Each graduating class of Ave Maria Academy carries its own charism, and the Class of 2023 was no exception. This delightful, exceptional group of students was joyful and uniquely bonded as they grew as a class over time and particularly this past year. The class and their families continued their commitment to Catholic education as many of the students moved on to Catholic high schools. Proud to now call them alumni, a heartfelt congratulations to the Ave Maria Academy Class of 2023!

8TH GRADE VIRTUES

Maizie Adams	Justice
Cole Anderson	Honesty
Izu Ayika	Charity
Emma Bolos	Studiosness
Roman Doboszinski	Wonder
Clare Farnam	Generosity
Vera Fitzgerald	Patience
Erin Hemingway	Kindness
Elizabeth Jacobson	Gentleness
Simon Kielty	Zeal
James Laney	Earnestness
Kennady Lund	Humility
Raquel Mader	Sincerity
Lauren McCullough	Courtesy
Abigail Murphy	Perseverance
Audrey Rampetsreiter	Friendship
Lily Sabers	Stewardship
Eamonn Schotanus	Piety
Elijah Schwab	Affability
Cyprian Slattery	Wisdom
Madeline Smuk	Diligence

8TH GRADE AWARDS

Aquinas Award, one who exemplifies outstanding academic ability, character formation, and generosity in service
Recipient — Maizie Adams

Crusader Award, one who exemplifies outstanding formation of character and charity
Recipient — Izu Ayika

Saint John Vianney Award, one who exemplifies exceptional perseverance and humility
Recipient — Cyprian Slattery

HIGH SCHOOL

Maizie Adams	Benilde-St. Margaret's
Cole Anderson	Maple Grove HS
Izu Ayika	Providence Academy
Emma Bolos	Minnetonka HS
Roman Doboszinski	Providence Academy
Clare Farnam	Chesterton Academy
Vera Fitzgerald	Mounds View HS
Erin Hemingway	Providence Academy
Elizabeth Jacobson	Providence Academy
Simon Kielty	Chesterton Academy
James Laney	Providence Academy
Kennady Lund	Totino-Grace
Raquel Mader	St. John's
Lauren McCullough	DeLaSalle
Abigail Murphy	Providence Academy
Audrey Rampetsreiter	Providence Academy
Lily Sabers	Providence Academy
Eamonn Schotanus	Providence Academy
Elijah Schwab	Holy Spirit Academy
Cyprian Slattery	Providence Academy
Madeline Smuk	Totino-Grace

Among all human pursuits, the pursuit of wisdom is more perfect, more noble, more useful, and more full of joy.

– Saint Thomas Aquinas



Ave Maria Academy Class of 2023

Back Row: James Laney, Roman Doboszinski, Cole Anderson, Izu Ayika, Emma Bolos, Erin Hemingway, Eamonn Schotanus, Elijah Schwab, Simon Kielty, Cyprian Slattery. Middle Row: Madeline Smuk, Clare Farnam, Maizie Adams, Lauren McCullough, Kennady Lund, Vera Fitzgerald. Front Row: Audrey Rampetsreiter, Lily Sabers, Raquel Mader, Abigail Murphy, Elizabeth Jacobson.



2022 – 2023 AVE MARIA PARENTS

Ave Maria Parents (AMP) is the academy's parent association. Its primary mission is to support the school by helping to provide volunteer, social, and spiritual support to our school community. There are numerous volunteer positions coordinated by AMP, each of which serve the school in an important capacity. We extend a heartfelt thank you to each and every parent who contributed to our community in this vital way, particularly those who accepted a year-long position.

AVE MARIA PARENTS CO-CHAIRS

Katie Adams Jennifer Nelson

ROOM PARENT COORDINATOR

Misty Laney

ROOM PARENTS

Carie Mikkelson & Claire Philippe
Christina Bullisco & Cara Fischer
Jen Frederickson & Kari Younes
Mary Schmitz & Lindsay Ziegler
Mary Slattery & Amanda Holum
Susan Schotanus & Vera Brunsvold
Katie Gooley & Kati Schloesser
Stacey Mader & Megan Neisius
Julie Szwebjka & Mary Vincent (Roy)
Stephanie Jacobson & Shawna Gaffney
Jill Saverinske & Anne Sullivan
Erin Murphy & Colleen Sabers

VOLUNTEER PHOTOGRAPHER

Tracy Dunne

PIZZA LUNCH COORDINATOR

Megan Wolfe

CANA FAMILY COORDINATOR

Misty Laney

CONFERENCE MEALS

Sarah Schumacher

STAFF LUNCHEON COORDINATOR

Sarah Schumacher

CHEER BEARER

Kristen Rizzo

MARDI GRAS PANCAKE LUNCH

Kim Day

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and talents during this school year.

*For it is in giving
that we receive.*

– Saint Francis of Assisi



Jennifer and Travis Nelson



Katie and Izac Adams



Misty and Justin Laney



2022 – 2023 CRUSADER SPONSORSHIP

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PLATINUM SPONSOR – \$10,000

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2022 AVE MARIA ACADEMY GOLF CLASSIC

On Monday, September 26, 2022, we hosted our annual Golf Classic at Fox Hollow Golf Club in St. Michael, MN. Over 60 golfers, consisting of Ave Maria friends and families, hit the links on a beautiful day. Fun games with prizes along the course included Golf Ball of Chance, Longest Drive, Beat the Dealer, and Hole-in-One. The day was an amazing success for the school, and we exceeded our fundraising goal. We are so grateful to the sponsors and volunteers who helped make this day possible.

FUNDS RAISED

\$16,503

SPONSORS

Crusader sponsors listed on page 12

VOLUNTEERS

Tina Buss
Jennie Carlson
Katie Danielson
Catherine Kucera
Cathy Lahr
Misty Laney
Suzanne Maes-Toay
Brenda McGrath
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Mark Neisius
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Jennifer Newman
Gina Rickert
Stephanie Sexton

COMMITTEE

Kim Day
Melissa Posterick
Colleen Sabers

WINNING TEAM

Doug Sabers
Mike Feterl
Nathan Nelson
David Hastings



2023 AVE MARIA ACADEMY GALA “CASINO ROYALE”

On March 11th, 2023, we held our annual Gala, at The Minneapolis Marriott Northwest in Brooklyn Park, MN. With over 100 silent auction items and 13 live auction items, the event exceeded our fundraising goal! A large portion of the funds was raised for facility and building upgrades and improvements, including an intercom system to improve building and classroom communications, exterior lighting, cameras and security enhancements.*

Mrs. Katie Danielson was honored with the Legacy Award in recognition of her work and dedication to Ave Maria Academy. It was truly a night to celebrate!

We appreciate the generosity of all the families and friends of our blessed community who came to this event in support of Ave Maria Academy. The event ended with firefighter, Mr. Ben Pardun, winning the \$10,000 raffle drawing. The gala successfully fulfilled what Ave Maria Academy believes: faith, reason, virtue and community.

We want to thank O'Sullivan Auctioneers for their continued support as our auctioneer, Cyprian Slattery as our 8th grade speaker, and all of the alumni and parents who contributed to the event. Thank you!

FUNDS RAISED

\$213,769

*\$122,340 of the gala funds raised will be allocated to building safety improvements.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Playground Plaza, Gold Gala Sponsor
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Shaun Kopp, Live Auction Donor
Midwest Nursery, Live Auction Donor
Barry Shay and Justin Shay, Live Auction Donor

Crusader sponsors listed on page 12

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the auction and a special note of gratitude to our gala committee whose gifts of time and talents made this event so successful.

GALA COMMITTEE

Kari Younes	Colleen Sabers
Melissa Posterick	Mary Schmitz
Stephanie Sexton	Ellen Shay
Catherine Kucera	



2023 AVE MARIA ACADEMY CRUSADER CLASSIC 5K

Our annual Crusader Classic 5K and Kids Fun Run was held on Saturday, May 20, 2023. This annual event is our only student-led fundraiser. Our school families gathered to enjoy a fun family activity and fellowship. Students talked to family, friends and neighbors about Ave Maria and collected pledges as well as prayer intentions. The goal for each student was \$150, and we raised over \$33,000 as a school. Thanks to everyone who ran, walked, strolled or rode in our race. And a very special thanks goes to all of our sponsors, teachers, and families. What a fun day it was to bring our families and friends together. We are grateful for the students' incredible fundraising efforts! Your generous support and leadership contributed to the success of the event!

FUNDS RAISED

\$33,060

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

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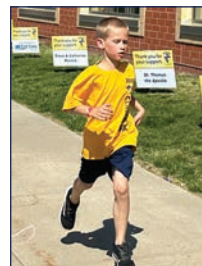
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Katie Danielson
Dani Elhard
Cassie Garcia
Shelly Gracia
Mary Schmitz
Patti Schwab
Stephanie Sexton
Jessica Verdoorn
Megan Wolfe
Kari Younes

COMMITTEE

Colleen Sabers
Melissa Posterick
Lisa Noetzel



2022 – 2023 CRUSADER SPORTS

As a school, Ave Maria Academy wants to encourage students to become athletes and teammates. Athletics build upon our mission of cultivating excellence in students. Kids who play sports advance further academically, are more likely to go to college and earn degrees, have better overall fitness, and create memories to last a lifetime. Sports are an important part of childhood and becoming a well-rounded individual. Ave Maria is part of a movement in our local Church called For His Glory (4HG). This movement seeks to create a healthy sports culture in our Catholic schools. We believe athletics, when done right, serve as an invaluable tool for developing well-rounded children.

AMA ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

Doug Sabers

CROSS COUNTRY COACHES

Justin Laney

Misty Laney

VOLLEYBALL COACHES

Marie Grande

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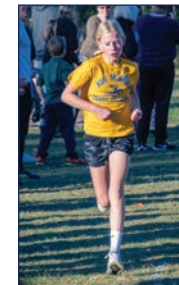
GIRLS BASKETBALL COACHES

Colleen Sabers



*Whatever you do,
think of the Glory of God
as your main goal.*

– Saint John Bosco



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FOR HIS GLORY

AVE MARIA ACADEMY ENRICHMENT

In the spirit of a well-rounded education, students at Ave Maria Academy receive many opportunities to grow outside of the classroom. Soccer, art, basketball, volleyball and chess club are offered for the younger students, while drama, band, and sports are opportunities for the older students. We had over 150 students participate in extra curricular activities this year.

You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation.



AVE MARIA ACADEMY GRANDPARENTS CLUB

In 2023, Ave Maria reestablished our Grandparents Club. At Ave Maria Academy, we recognize the essential role that grandparents play in the life of a family. In his annual letter to grandparents, in the summer of 2023, Pope Francis wrote, *"Friendship with an older person can help the young to see life not only in terms of the present and realize that not everything depends on them and their abilities."* We know that the presence of our students' grandparents on our campus is truly a gift to our students and the entire Ave Maria Academy community.



Friendship with an older person can help the young to see life not only in terms of the present and realize that not everything depends on them and their abilities.

– Pope Francis

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Every generous gift from you helps us secure our future. We are depending on your support for our continued success. As you consider how you might contribute a lasting and valuable gift to Ave Maria Academy, please remember the following opportunities for giving. Contact Ave Maria Academy for more information.

ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

Annual giving is the custom of making a yearly gift or pledge payment to Ave Maria Academy. Your gift allows us to continue our mission of providing Catholic education for future generations. All contributions to the Ave Maria Fund are fully tax deductible to the extent provided by law. The campaign coincides with the Academy's fiscal year (July 1st to June 30th).

MATCHING GIFTS

Many corporations recognize and are willing to support private education through a matching gift program. Your employer can advise you if your company will match your gift. It is often as much as two or three times your contribution.

PLANNED GIVING

Planned gifts include bequests through wills, gifts of life insurance policies, annuities, real estate, or in naming Ave Maria Academy as a beneficiary of a trust. Many planned giving opportunities are beneficial to the donor as well as the school recipient.

SECURITIES/STOCK DONATIONS

A gift of appreciated securities allows you to give more at a lower net cost. Gifts of securities and property are most welcome and offer valuable tax advantages.

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM GIVING

Memorial and honorarium gifts offer an opportunity to honor a relative, friend, or business associate. Any special occasion – birthday, anniversary, graduation, etc. is a time for remembering. During a bereavement period, friends often see this as an appropriate means to express sympathy. One opportunity for memorial giving that remains open is the funding of a stained glass window depicting a saint in one of the school's classrooms. This can be a beautiful way to honor the legacy of a beloved family member or friend.

JAMES T. MCINNIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This scholarship fund was established to honor the dedicated work of the school's first principal, James T. McInnis. It is granted annually to one male and one female student in the 5th-8th grades. Each awardee receives a \$1,000 scholarship. We continue this fund in honor of Mr. McInnis and his model of Christian charity that we seek to emulate.

JAMES J. CARBONARI SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This scholarship fund was established to honor the dedicated work of James J. Carbonari, AMA Board Member for 12 years and beloved grandparent. It is granted annually to one student in the 7th or 8th grade. The awardee receives a \$1,000 scholarship. Students complete an application which centers around reflection on Jesus's parable of the talents in the Gospel of Matthew, a call that Mr. Carbonari took to heart and fulfilled admirably.

EVENT SPONSORSHIPS

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2022 – 2023

ANNUAL FUND AND FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The Ave Maria Academy Annual Fund is a critical component in meeting the financial obligations of our school. There is always a gap between actual tuition cost and what it takes to operate the school. The goal of the Ave Maria Annual Fund is to fill that gap. Ave Maria Academy receives no subsidies from the Archdiocese or any of its parishes, which is why our future fully depends on the generosity of families, friends, benefactors, and the larger community. Last year, the fund went to support four main areas: tuition assistance, teacher retention and development, debt payment, and extra-curricular offerings. A big thank you is given to Michael and Julie Szejbka for their leadership as the 2022-2023 Annual Fund Chair Couple.

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\$195,458

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Dr. Kurt & Caroline Partoll*
Dennis & Elizabeth Pellar+
Gregg & Joyce Peppin*
Mark & Rosanne Petersen*
Rachel Ploeger '08
Jeffrey & Merry Rebholz+
Jeff & Sara Ryan*
Doug & Colleen Sabers^
Lily Sabers '23
Vance Sabers '22
Mark & Terri Schoenfelder*
Steve & Carrie Schmitz□+*
Roger & Helen Schraufek+
Matt & Stephanie Sexton
Justin & Ellen Shay^
Tom & Dr. Terry Skiba
Prakah & Surayya Soares+
Son & Katie Stegmaier
Paul & Jane Stone*
Michael & Julie Szejbka
Jean Thompson+
James Tiller+
Adam & Laura Timberlake
Robert & Kristi Van Winkle+
Scott & Lynette Varnier+
Jiang Wu & Chenhui Hu
Patrick & Rita Zhao

BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Abbott Laboratories, Match From Vera Brunsvold
Coca-Cola, Match From Lindsay Ziegler
Doboszinski & Sons, Inc.
Douglas Machine, Inc., Match From Dale Budke
General Mills
Graco Foundation, Inc., Match From David Newman
Nvent, Match For Victor Bolos
Premier Bank
Trane Technologies, Match For Cory Ziegler

MCINNIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Bjorn & Marissa Anderson

JAMES J. CARBONARI SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Kathryn Carbonari+
Carbonari Family Trust

* Alumni Parent/Grandparent

^ Faculty/Staff

+ Grandparent

□ Board Member

School Operations — Year Ended June 30, 2023

INCOME	
Gross tuition and fees	\$1,890,908
Less: Financial aid	(\$179,031)
Net tuition and fees	\$1,711,877
Contributions	\$436,654
Net from fund raising events	\$140,993
Miscellaneous	\$67,251
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,356,775
EXPENSES	
Program and support services	\$1,756,902
Development, admissions & fund raising	\$112,906
Capital expenditures funded by operations	\$25,244
Mortgage interest and principal payments	\$294,550
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,189,602
NET INCOME	\$167,173

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AVE MARIA ACADEMY

2023 STAFF & FACULTY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kimberly Day, *Board Chair*
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John Jacobson, *Member*
Tracy Mader, *Member*
Steve Schmitz, *Member*
Gayle Stoffel, *Member*

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Justin Shay, *Principal*
Ericka Walz, *Assistant Principal*
Lisa Noetzel, *Executive Assistant*
Melissa Posterick, *Controller*
Misty Laney, *Admissions Coordinator*
Colleen Sabers, *Marketing Coordinator*
Liz Johnson, *Special Events Coordinator*
Brent Schwab, *Maintenance Coordinator*
Matthew Pekarek, *Afterschool Care Coordinator*
Heidi Shay, *Kitchen Coordinator*
Samantha Peterson, *Nurse*
Gina Rickert, *Athletics Director*
Father Corey Belden, *Chaplain*

ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Danielle Baez	Kimberly Day
Marie Grande	Liz Johnson
Brenda McGrath	Jennifer Newman
Colleen Sabers	Justin Shay
Michael Szwejbka	

STAFF AND FACULTY

Jessica Bronk, *Preschool*
Adriana Anderson, *Preschool Aide*
Matthew Pekarek, *Preschool Aide*
Katie Gooley, *Pre-Kindergarten*
Tania Al-Siouffy, *Pre-Kindergarten Aide*
Jamie Lotzer, *Pre-Kindergarten*
Beth Waller, *Pre-Kindergarten Aide*
Stacie Iannone, *Kindergarten*
Veronica Kremer, *Kindergarten Aide*
Meredith Festler, *1st Grade*
Michelle Rampetsreiter, *1st Grade Aide*
Jill Saverinske, *2nd Grade*
Maya Anthony, *3rd Grade*
Ginger Vance, *4th Grade*
Kathy Ruzsa, *5th Grade*
Katie Thomas, *Middle School History*
Scott Kielty, *Middle School Science*
Victoria Franzese, *Middle School Language Arts*
Sara Nistler, *Middle School Religion & Latin*
Jacie Kohler, *5th - 8th Grade Math*
Laura Mueller, *Spanish*
Kevin Gearns, *Art*
Marissa Welsh, *Preschool - 4th Grade Music*
Elizabeth Kira, *5th - 8th Grade Music*





MISSION STATEMENT

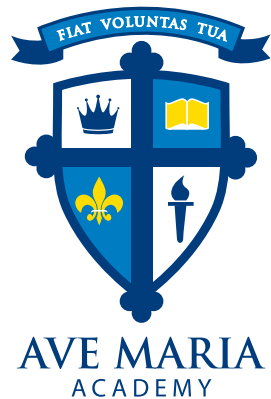
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