2026

ANNUAL REPORT

SCHOOL YEAR 25-26



DIVINE MERCY
ACADEMY

JESUS, WE TRUST IN YOU

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OUR ADMINISTRATOR



MARY SUE REUTEBUCH

Mary Sue Reutebuch joined our team in the Summer of 2025 with great enthusiasm for the work of Divine Mercy Academy and creating space, systems and practices that are sustainable for the longevity for a beautiful school such as ours.

I have spent more than thirty years in Montessori education. So when I was asked, just a few months ago, to come alongside Divine Mercy Academy — I was honored. Genuinely. And I walked in curious and hopeful.

What I found exceeded anything I expected.

In all my years in this field — visiting schools, consulting, teaching — I know it when I see it. And when I walk through the doors of Divine Mercy Academy, I know I am in a place where something sacred is happening. The Montessori and Catholic foundations fit so well together here. And what strikes me is not just that they fit — it is how DMA holds them. Grounded. Intentional. Real. You see it in the children themselves — in their joy, in the way they move through their work with independence and purpose, and in how naturally they turn toward one another. They are not just learning — they are building community.

The teachers here are dedicated and genuinely excited about what they do. They know each child — really know them — and they work every day to keep them challenged, curious, and growing.

Maria Montessori wrote that "the greatest sign of success for a teacher is to be able to say, 'The children are now working as if I did not exist.'" I have stood in doorways here and simply watched — children absorbed, purposeful, at peace in their work. This is one of the most beautiful things education has to offer. And it is not always found. It takes something special — in the people, in the mission, in the community — to make it real.

Five years in, DMA knows who it is. And I am excited — genuinely excited — about where it is going.







Free the child's potential, and you will transform him into the world.

Dr. Maria Montessori





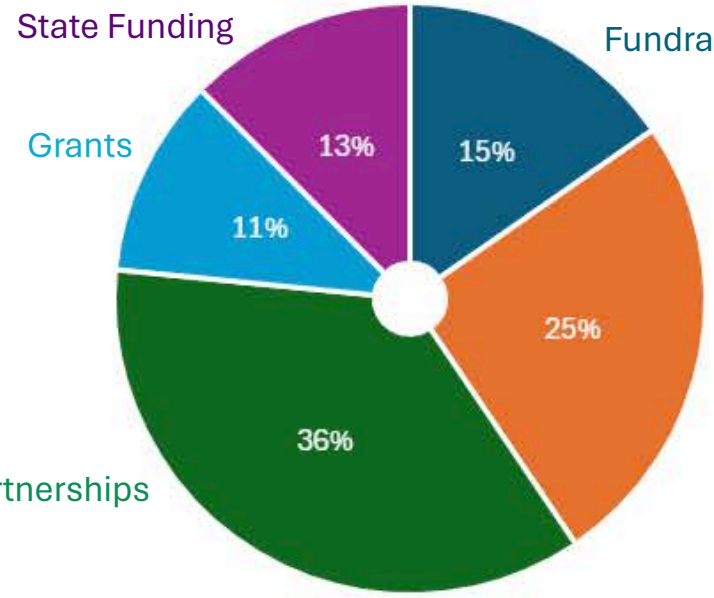
DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY IS A PLACE WHERE CHILDREN CAN GROW AND WHERE A CHILD'S LOVE OF LEARNING BEGINS.



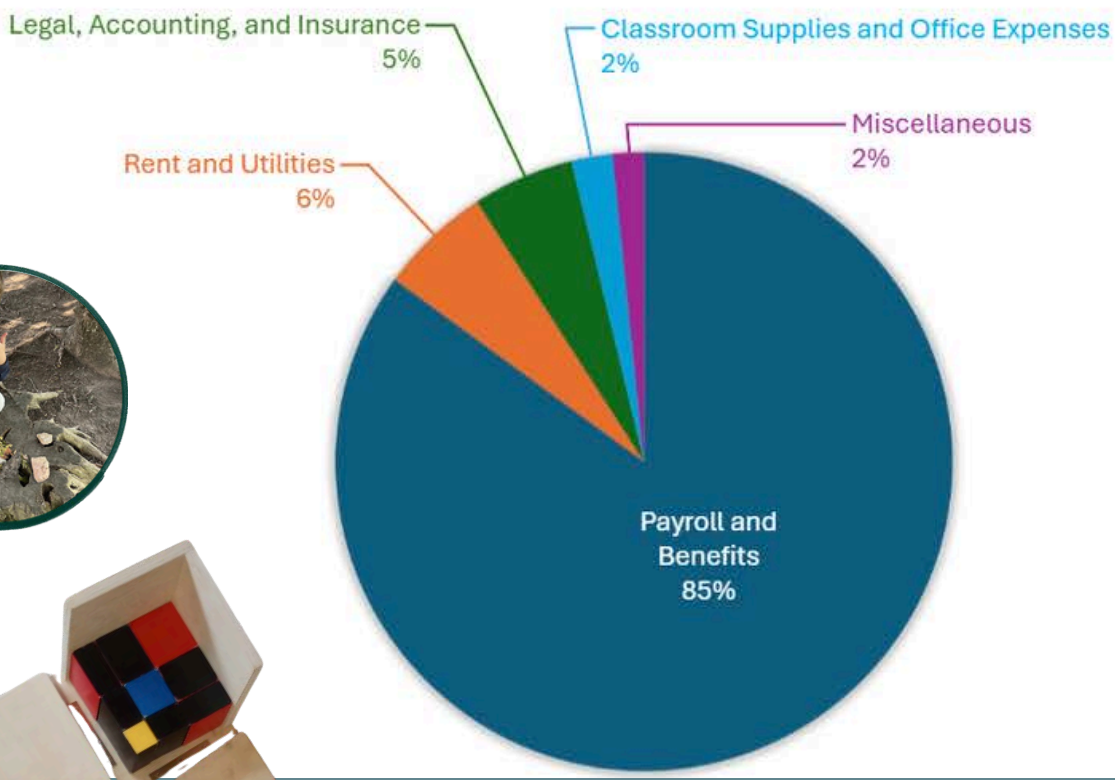


2025 2026

Our Annual Funding



Annual Cost to Operate





DMA TURNS FIVE



Brief History of Divine Mercy Academy

Founded in 2021, Divine Mercy Academy grew from a small group of Catholic parents and Montessori educators who wanted a school that united authentic Montessori with deep Catholic formation. What began as a grassroots effort quickly became a thriving Catholic Montessori school for ages 3–12, rooted in accessibility, peaceful classrooms, and individualized learning with an emphasis on faith, community and growth.

Today, DMA is a non-profit, registered 501(c)(3), with strong community support and an unwavering mission: to provide an educational environment for all children that inspires trust in Jesus Christ, a life of virtue, and faith in the Catholic Church.

OUR EDUCATION DIRECTOR

KATIE HAUN



Katie Haun has been with Divine Mercy Academy since the notion of opening a Catholic Montessori school in the Madison, Wisconsin area. She has worn many hats at DMA and brings great experience from St Ambrose Academy and beyond.

Divine Mercy Academy continues to remain committed to a unique, thriving, and sacred mission of Catholic Montessori Education. It is not a small feat!

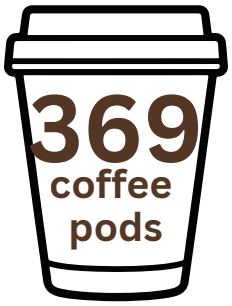
I'm inspired by the dedication of our families and staff at DMA. Our strong and warm community offers a sanctuary of support for the students we serve.

I've been involved with the Montessori method for 12 years and it continues to impress me. Children are joyful! They also exhibit a steady purposefulness that reveals a deep sense of satisfaction and person dignity. The humble care of friends and the environment is a credit to the children's development of the will. I look forward to watching our students grow into the vocations that God is calling them to, buds of which we are already blessed to see now.

"DMA has fostered a greater love for Jesus and a greater love for learning in my children. They not only are learning knowledge — they are learning how to learn."

Current Parent





This year, DMA had 1 turtle, 1 beta fish and hatched 5 butterflies.



We served 40+ children this year through our classrooms & Catechesis program.



"This year showed how powerfully a strong community makes our mission flourish. The dedication of our families, staff and community is strong. It is beautiful to see the light of Christ that shines here."

Becca Rouleau, Development Director, Educator



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THE STORY

Over these first five years, we have seen how the gift of Montessori flourishes when a community walks together in faith and generosity, and we invite you to continue walking with us as we grow. These years have shown us what is possible when families, benefactors, and friends unite around a shared mission — and together, we can carry this story into its next chapter with hope.

Looking Ahead

As we look to the year ahead, we see both opportunity and responsibility. With your partnership, we can expand access, strengthen our classrooms, and continue building a place where children encounter truth, beauty, and the love of Jesus in their daily work. Together, we can shape a future where the gift of Montessori education reaches even more families.

Your support helps learning & faith flourish











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