

Catholic School Assessment

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is OLIH's assessment for the 2025-2026 period:

The 2025-2026 parish investment amount that OLIH has been asked to contribute is \$236,500.

How was the amount determined for OLIH?

It is based on the reported tithing income of the parish – as calculated and shared with us from the Diocesan Finance Office:

There are 24 parishes in the Des Moines metro area that make up the Des Moines Regional Catholic School district. The pastors discussed the CSA (Catholic Schools Assessment) in a members' meeting and it was determined to be a consistent metric to weigh all of the 24 parishes equally.

A percentage of tithing was determined for those with schools vs those without and then it was prorated based on the need. About \$14m of collective tithing income across the 24 parishes was then prorated down to \$6.8m of need from the region (10 schools and Dowling High School), with a factor assigned to parishes with schools (a higher amount of their share) vs a factor assigned to parishes without schools (a lower amount of their share of tithing).

All in all, the goal was to keep the amount requested to be a reasonable amount from the prior years of support. OLIH's support last year was \$221,579.

How is OLIH funding this assessment?

Our assessment is spread out over 12 months (\$19,708.33/month). Paid from OLIH's operational account funded by parishioner tithing.

How is the money being spent?

Our parish support to the region schools helps fund the compensation of the staff of our schools where our diocesan students attend - teachers, administrators, associates, secretaries, nurses, custodians, etc. This also supports the instructional supplies needed for the classrooms. Currently, our tuition is below the cost to educate so parish support helps us close that gap between what we are able to charge and what we need to operate our schools.

How many children from OLIH attend Des Moines Regional Catholic Schools for the 2025-2026 school year?

Dowling	16
Holy Trinity	4
St. Anthony	2
St. Augustin	3
St. Francis	1
St. Joseph	2
St. Luke	52
St. Pius	3

What are the 24 Parishes in the DSM Dioceses and the 10 schools?

Parish List – School (Y/N)

607	St. John the Apostle - Norwalk	N
905	Our Lady's Immaculate Heart - Ankeny	N
906	St. Luke the Evangelist - Ankeny	Y
909	All Saints - Des Moines	N
911	Christ the King - Des Moines	Y
913	St. Catherine of Siena - Des Moines	N
915	Holy Trinity - Des Moines	Y
917	St. Ambrose - Des Moines	N
919	St. Anthony - Des Moines	Y
921	St. Augustin - Des Moines	Y
923	Basilica of St. John - Des Moines	N
925	St. Joseph - Des Moines	Y
926	SS John and Paul Church - Altoona	N
927	St. Mary of Nazareth - Des Moines	N
931	St. Pius X - Urbandale	Y
933	St. Theresa - Des Moines	Y
934	Our Lady of the Americas, Des Moines	N
940	St. Mary - Elkhart	N
941	Assumption - Granger	N
943	St. Boniface - Waukee	N
945	Sacred Heart - West Des Moines	Y
949	St. Francis of Assisi - West Des Moines	Y
955	Church of St. Peter VCC	N
	St. John – Adel	N
