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St. Symphorosa School 2025-2026 State of the School Report



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Letter From Our Principal

Dear School Families and Community Members,
As we reflect on the 2025–2026 school year, we celebrate a year of growth, faith, and community, while looking ahead with confidence and hope for the future.

St. Symphorosa School, the parish school of Two Holy Martyrs, has been an integral part of the Clearing community since 1928. At St. Symphorosa, we recognize the importance that the right school can make for a child. While strong academic performance is emphasized, equally valued is the spiritual, social, physical and moral development of each child. We work diligently each day to achieve our grand vision:

St. Symphorosa is the school of choice in the Midway area, where students are known and loved, receive engaging and rigorous academics, and are supported to become disciples of Christ.

Thank you for your trust and support.

With gratitude,
Dr. Kathy Berry
Principal



Catholic Identity



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At **St. Symphorosa School**,
our Catholic Identity is woven throughout every aspect of school life
and helps form students academically, spiritually, and personally.



- *93% of our students report that they believe that God is present in their lives*
- *Weekly mass is celebrated as a school community*
- *Students are recognized by teachers and staff for their Virtuous behavior*



Student Life



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A joyful student experience enhances our students' sense of belonging, which leads to confidence in the classroom.

*Our overall **student belonging score** as measured on the 5 Essential Survey is 88%*

- *Student Teacher Trust - Very Strong 80%*
- *Academic Personalism - Very Strong 88%*
- *Student Peer Relationships - Very Strong 95%*
- *Safety - Very Strong 89%*

"I cannot say enough good things about St. Symphorosa and its staff. My daughter is in pre-k and absolutely loves her teachers. I feel confident and at ease knowing my daughter is in such caring and capable hands. The school does a wonderful job of involving parents in events. I highly recommend St. Symphorosa."



Student Involvement



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With the generous support of our teachers, staff and parents, we offer a wide variety of after school **activities and sports.**



Bracelet Club
Game Club
Craft Club
Library Club

Basketball
Volleyball
Soccer



Altar Serving
Liturgical Choir
Performance Choir

Band
Tutoring

Homework Help



Girl Scouts
Boy Scouts
Color Guard
Student Council

Academic Success



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Our students continue to demonstrate **strong academic growth** while developing the leadership, character, and critical thinking skills needed to thrive in high school and beyond.

- *Our student's scores on the spring Math iReady went from 58% to 62% making at least one year's growth*
- *86% of students agree that a teacher will explain things another way if they don't understand*
- *89% of students agree that a teacher gives suggestions about how to improve their work*
- *84% of students agree that their teacher is willing to give extra help on schoolwork if needed*
- *90% of students agree that their teacher notices if they have trouble learning something*



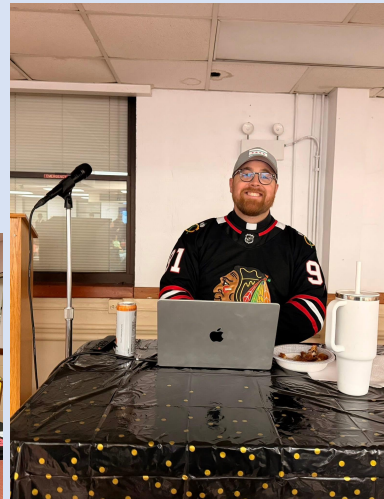
Financial Snapshot



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Thoughtful **financial stewardship** helps ensure that our school remains strong, sustainable, and accessible for future generations of students

- *Our deficit decreased from \$308,082 in 2024-2025 to \$217,555 in 2025-2026*
- *100% of Title funds allocated to our school are used for our students and families*
- *Our school organizations organize and/or host fundraising opportunities in an effort to close the \$2,000 gap between the per student cost to educate and our tuition and fees*
- *Our annual tuition collection rate is 99.33%*



Enrollment & Competition Trends

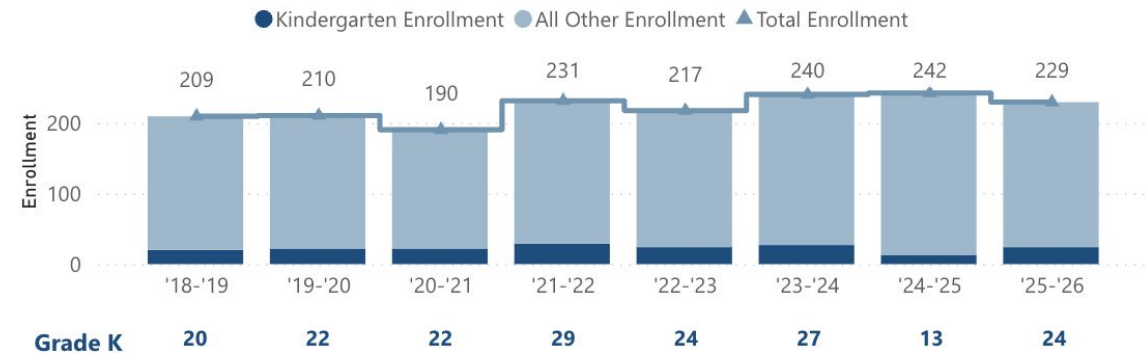


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We continue to see opportunities for **enrollment growth** through strong retention, parent engagement, and community partnership.

- *Our enrollment is on an upward trend over the last five years*
- *For the 26-27 school year we have grown from 229 to 274 students*
- *Parents to serve as ambassadors to welcome our new families, support them throughout the school year*
- *We retained 93% of our students from 25-26 to 26-27*

ENROLLMENT





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Advancement & Community Support

The generosity and involvement of our community, we continue to make transformational opportunities possible for our students and teachers

"This is my daughter's last year at Syms. She is an 8th grader, best decision I ever made was to enroll her in private school for her education. She has made a big impact on her education and continues to thrive for more challenges. I hope she can continue her education in a private high school."

- *\$438,181 in scholarships-internal and external, multi-family discounts, referrals, action for children, and other financial assistance was awarded to 93 students for 26-27*
- *We continue to raise funds for the Fr. Norm Trela Scholarship fund that is now an endowment that will be used to support student scholarships*
- *We contract with Grant staff to submit grants on our behalf to support our counseling services*
- *Two Eagles foundation awarded our school \$30,000 to be used for tuition assistance*



Facility Improvements



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Through the support of fundraising, our maintenance team and Big Shoulders Fund, we have been able to **update and improve** our campus.

- *First floor bathrooms have refinished floors, new stalls, paint, doors and fixtures.*
- *Boys bathrooms on the 2nd and 3rd floors have refinished floors, new stalls, paint, doors and fixtures.*
- *New parking lot gate and fencing*
- *Improved landscaping across the campus*
- *New flooring installed in 2 classrooms that prevented the need for an asbestos abatement.*



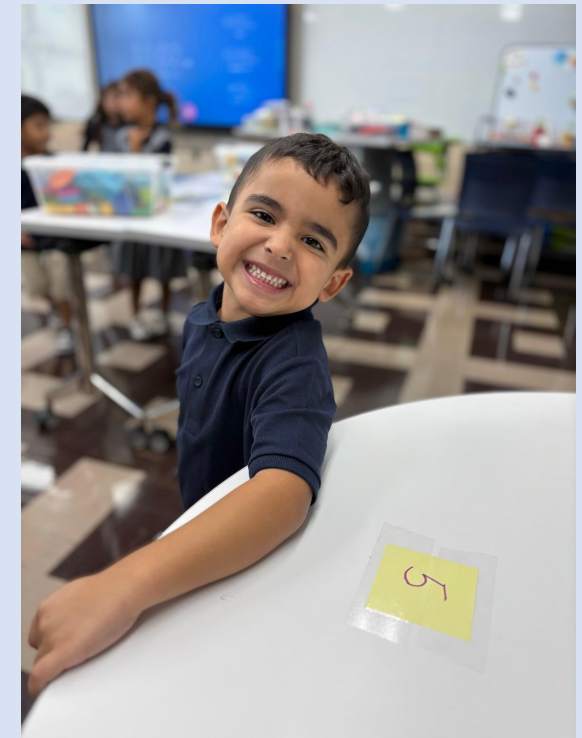


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Looking Ahead / Strategic Priorities

As we look ahead, we remain focused on priorities that will **strengthen** the student experience and **support** the future of our school community.

- *Improve our retention rate to 94% or above*
- *64% of students will make at least one year's growth in reading and math on the Spring iReady diagnostic*
- *Reduce our deficit by at least 10%*
- *80% or more of our students believe that our school helps them be a disciple of Christ*



Moving Forward Together



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The continued success of our school depends on strong partnership between families, parish, faculty, staff, and supporters.

We believe a community of kindness, love and support equals success. As a result we will....

- *Celebrate the 100 year anniversary of St. Symphorosa School 1928-2028*
- *Earn a rating of very strong on all 5 categories of the 5Essentials Survey*
- *Raise at least \$40,000 in much needed funds to support our school and decrease our deficit*

5ESSENTIALS-STUDENT BELONGING

Overall Performance		'23-'24	'24-'25	'25-'26	
		Well Organized	Well Organized	Well Organized	
Academic Year	Effective Leaders	Collaborative Teachers	Involved Families	Supportive Environment	Ambitious Instruction
'23-'24	Very Strong	Strong	Very Strong	Very Strong	Strong
'24-'25	Strong	Very Strong	Very Strong	Very Strong	Strong
'25-'26	Very Strong	Very Strong	Very Strong	Very Strong	Strong



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A Closing Message From Our Principal

Thank you for entrusting us with your children and for partnering with us in forming the next generation of faithful leaders and lifelong learners.

I am blessed to serve the students, teachers, parents and school community for the last 10 years. We have made significant improvements in finances, academics, catholic identity, and student belonging.

We believe all things are possible with God, so even when we are faced with challenges, we work together and have faith. This belief enables us to look at challenges as opportunities to grow.

The health and longevity of the school depends on all of us working together to support the school through volunteering, giving a little extra at fundraisers, and guiding our children to grow in our Catholic faith.

With Gratitude,
Dr. Kathy Berry
Principal

