



SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS
HIGH SCHOOL

IMPACT REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2025-26



Dear Friends of Saint Thomas Aquinas,



At Saint Thomas Aquinas, our mission is the foundation from which everything grows. Like rich soil nourishing a tree, our mission grounds our community in a shared purpose: to foster excellence and empower students to pursue life as a Saint. It shapes the way we teach, lead, compete, serve, and grow together in faith.

From that foundation grow the virtues which are the "roots". Virtues are the interior habits of the soul that anchor a person's character and guide daily decisions. They are formed over time through prayer, discipline, relationships, and lived experiences. Strong roots provide the stability students need to live lives of integrity, courage, humility, and holiness.

Those roots give rise to our values which are the branches visible to the world. At Aquinas, our shared values of Faith, Excellence, Service, and Community shape the culture of our school and the way we interact with one another each day.

These values are lived out in classrooms, on athletic fields, in service opportunities, and in the relationships that define our community.

And finally, the fruit of this formation is our vision: graduates who discover, develop, and apply their God-given gifts while living the Catholic faith in the world. The ultimate goal is not simply achievement, but transformation; forming young men and women who go forth prepared to lead lives of purpose, service, and faithfulness.

In the end, the fruit we hope to see is simple yet profound; graduates who become Saints in the world.

May God bless you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Schenck".

Brian Schenck
President
Saint Thomas Aquinas High School

Who we are

MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Thomas Aquinas High School is a Catholic educational community that fosters excellence and empowers students to pursue life as a Saint.

VISION STATEMENT

Saint Thomas Aquinas High School will educate students to live the Catholic faith by discovering, developing, and applying their God-given gifts.

SAINTS LIVING HEROIC VIRTUE

Our approach to living heroic virtue is grounded in a shared language and culture across our entire Saints community. In practicing the four Cardinal Virtues of Prudence, Justice, Fortitude, and Temperance (including their related virtues) we shape not only the habits of our students, faculty and staff but also the heart of our Catholic educational mission.



PRUDENCE

JUSTICE

FORTITUDE

TEMPERANCE

Hall of Fame

2026 Inductees

Saint Thomas Aquinas High School is proud to recognize the 2026 Saints Hall of Fame inductees. The Saints Hall of Fame honors alumni, parents, and friends whose lives of service exemplify our mission and advance the legacy of Saint Thomas Aquinas. Through their witness, these honorees inspire our community to live the Catholic faith and to use their God-given gifts in service to the Church and the world.



Distinguished Service Award

- Teresa Ahrens
- Bill Blaise
- Mark Radetic

Marian Award

- Betsy Collins
- Laura Cline Oliva
- Cathryn Radiel

Alumni Award

- Fr. Jaime Zarse, '05
- Robby Cowdrey, '13

Legacy Award Recipients

Peter and Veronica Mallouk

Throughout the years as Peter and Veronica's children attended Saint Thomas Aquinas High School, their family has been deeply committed to the life and mission of the Aquinas community. They actively served on the Parent Guild, supporting a wide range of events and initiatives that strengthened school spirit and community engagement. Their involvement included assisting with the annual Extravaganza, which they were honored to chair in November 2023.

Peter and Veronica Mallouk have shown exceptional generosity and leadership as lead donors of the We Are Called Campaign (2024–2025) from its inception. Their faithful, annual support of the Saints Canned Food Drive for Catholic Charities reflects their commitment to serve the community and support the Saints' philanthropic endeavors.

The Mallouks are the proud parents of three children, all graduates of Saint Thomas Aquinas High School.

Michael, '19
JP, '24
Gabby, '24



The Legacy Award is the highest honor bestowed in the Saints Hall of Fame. This award is given to individuals, families, groups, or organizations in recognition of a long-term commitment to the mission of Saint Thomas Aquinas and our greater Catholic Church community. Recipients exemplify the traits of the Catholic faith and what it truly means to live as a Saint.

Strategic Plan 2025-2030

Year one update

We are making strong progress across all eight domains of our Strategic Plan. This progress reflects a deep commitment to our Catholic mission and our dedication to helping our students live out the call to be Saints. Updates for each domain are highlighted below. For complete descriptions, visit our website, www.stasaints.net/about/strategic-plan.

Catholic Identity *(the heart of all strategic efforts)*

- Solidified the school's mission and vision, defined its core values, and connected them to our virtue education.
- Incorporated a "shared" brand language across channels: social media, print, and web.
- Provided additional opportunities for students to grow in their faith - including a new program called Serva Fidum.
- The Blessed Selos Institute led faculty in virtue education to complement the work with our students.

Advancement

- Developed a comprehensive improvement plan: exploring fundraising, admissions, community events, communication - all with targeted, measurable goals.
- Developed a new format for the Impact Report and Admissions Viewbook with consistent branding.
- Formulated a new social media strategy that increased viewers and engagement rates.
- Continued educating our community on our Endowment: our 2nd annual Giving Day brought in over \$35K in gifts.



Year one update continued...

Finance

- Modernized several accounting processes and programs.
- Switched to a live online accounting system allowing us to consolidate our bank accounts, simplifying account management.
- Implemented new procedures for the purchase order process using the online BILL system, including the use of a debit card to make purchases.

Academics

- Devised a consistent faculty Professional Development cycle and integrated mentoring structures for teachers.
- Progress made with Department-level collaboration and curriculum alignment with the introduction of Professional Learning Communities (PLCs).

Enrollment

- Updated and personalized the Saint for a Day program and saw an increase in the number of shadows. We collected data and will continue improving next year.
- Expanded student eligibility to serve as student ambassadors or hosts in the SFAD program.

Student Life

- Created the STA Period "captain program" to provide more leadership opportunities for students.
- Revised our senior mentorship program to assist first-year students in their transition to high school.
- Increased fresh food options in the cafeteria.
- Implemented The Social Institute - designed to equip students, families, and educators with modern life skills. Includes peer-to-peer learning with integrated teacher Professional Development (PD), family resources and student voice insights.

Facilities

- Completed a review and walkthrough to establish priorities as we move from the "campaign environment" to a major project focus. Established estimates on key projects.
- Made progress on developing a more detailed budgetary process.
- Implemented a maintenance form available on the website.

Governance

- Established organizational responsibilities to create the appropriate lanes for staff to operate.
- Identified Board of Directors responsibilities. A board handbook is in development to assist board members.



LIVING WITH *intention*



Virtue helps us live with intention. It means we're not just reacting to life, we're choosing how to live.

Called to be Saints

Virtue formation continues to evolve

Each month, students, faculty, and staff focus on a specific virtue that is reinforced through prayer, STA period lessons, and classroom conversations. The goal is not only to teach virtues, but to consistently integrate them into the daily life of the school and encourage students to live them out in concrete ways.

One of the strengths of the program is the intentional formation of faculty and staff. Through faculty faith formation opportunities, teachers and coaches are formed in the monthly virtues themselves, allowing those virtues to naturally carry over into classrooms and extracurricular activities. This creates greater consistency between what students hear and what they experience from the adults who lead them each day.

Campus Ministry also plays an active role in helping bring the virtues to life for students. Through videos, posters, announcements, and student-led initiatives, students are encouraged to engage the virtues in ways that are relatable and visible throughout the school community. Daily morning and afternoon meditation prayers further reinforce the virtues and provide students regular opportunities for reflection and prayer.

The virtues are also publicly celebrated at All School Masses, where students and faculty members who exemplify the monthly virtue are recognized by their peers and the broader Aquinas community. These moments help affirm and encourage the everyday ways students and faculty are striving to grow in character.



- **80 STA Student Captains facilitated 17 virtue lessons to classes during STA Period.**
- **6 virtue awards were conferred upon 12 recipients: 6 students and 6 faculty.**

ANSWERING THE CALL *our philanthropy*



Service to Others

Our Impact

- 108 units of blood donated (to the CBC of KC) at our annual NHS Blood Drive representing 324 lives saved! 127 registered donors, of which 71 were first time donors!
- 130,728 shelf-stable food items donated to Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas (CCNEK) and \$7,028 raised to buy fresh food for those in need in our 18th annual Canned Food Drive.
- 53 ponytails were cut at Wigs Out and donated to the nonprofit organization, Hair We Share and \$7,000 was raised in donations.
- 26,619 school supply items were donated to Resurrection Catholic Grade School in the 22nd NHS School Supply Drive.
- 24,829 community service hours performed by our student body.
- NHS Adopt-a-Family Christmas project provided gifts to 37 families with 210 family members for a total of 139 bags (+39-gallon bags) & 12 bikes.
- 1,419 hygiene products were donated to Giving the Basics along with a check for \$725 as part of our Dignity Drive.
- 5,055 diapers were donated to Embrace Grace along with a check for \$700 during our Dignity Drive.
- 222 juniors and 41 teachers took part in our annual Junior Serve Day, working at 9 local service agencies in the Kansas City area including beautification efforts at our own campus.
- 33 students completed over 100 hours of community service.



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WOW WOW WOW. I cannot and will not be able to express just how incredible this blood drive was. Aquinas has always been a contender as far as best high school blood drives, but this drive put you guys in the very top rung. Yesterday was a masterclass in how recruitment for a blood drive at a high school should go, and I want to thank all of you for your tremendous efforts to make this happen. WELL DONE.

~Patrick Wisely, Account Manager Donor Recruitment
Community Blood Center, Kansas City

A photograph of two female students sitting at a wooden desk in a classroom, focused on their work. The student in the foreground has long blonde hair and is wearing a white sweatshirt. The student behind her has red hair and glasses, wearing a dark grey hoodie. They are surrounded by books, papers, and a large white travel mug. The background shows other students and classroom furniture.

BUILDING A FOUNDATION *for college success & beyond*

68%

Students took an
AP Class

81%

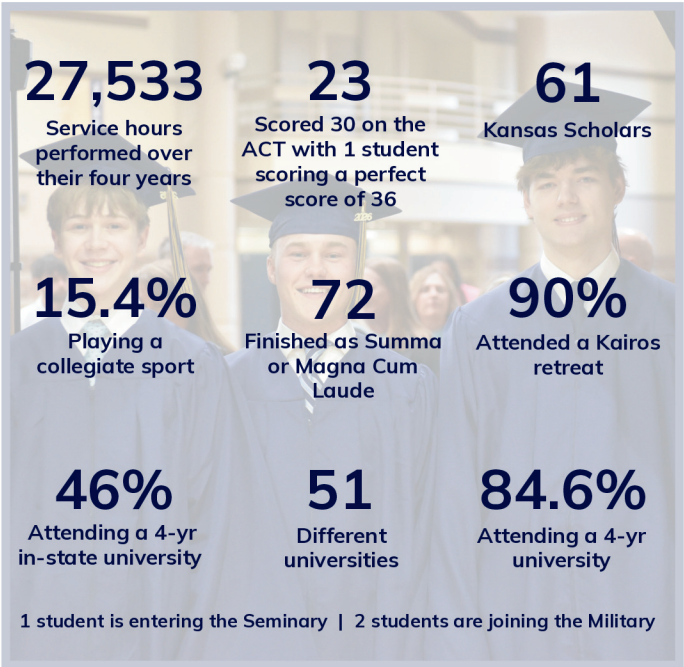
Faculty hold a
Master's degree or
higher

Silver

Rating awarded
by College Board's
AP School Honor
Roll

Class of 2026

By the numbers



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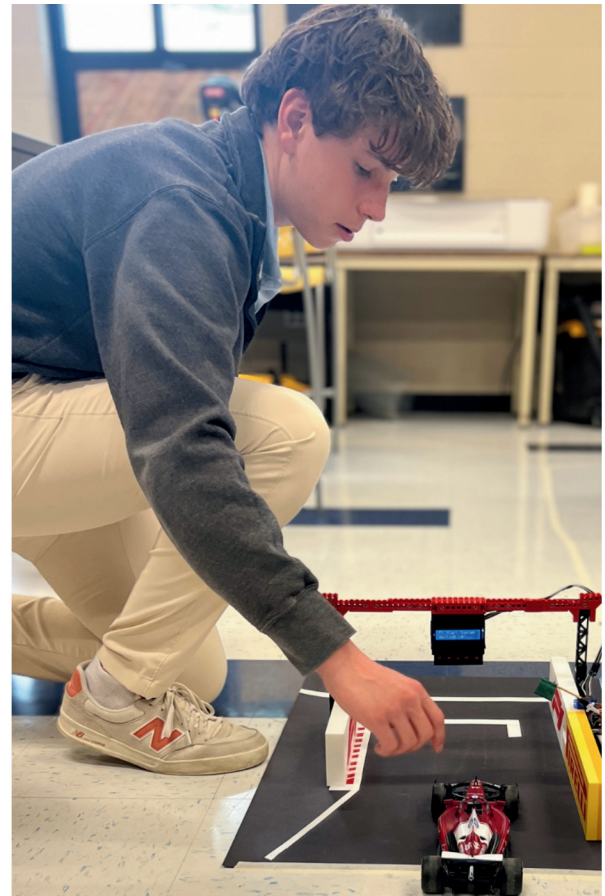
I absolutely love what Aquinas has meant for Braelyn. It wasn't just academics. It was a Christ-centered experience focused on growth, character, and serving others. More than anything it created a real sense of community. Watching the Class of 2026 lock arms, pray, sing, and celebrate together has been something special. I know Braelyn is better prepared for what's next because of her time at Aquinas. And I have no doubt she's going to do great things beyond those walls.

~ Ryan Elledge, parent of graduate Braelyn, '26

Striving for Excellence

Our Impact

- Saint Thomas Aquinas High School earned Silver recognition on the 2025 AP School Honor Roll.
- 1 National Merit Finalist (Alex Henderson, '26), 1 National Merit Commended (Erica Strathman, '26).
- 32 students were AP Scholars.
- 61 students were named Kansas Scholars.
- 44 students scored a 30 on the ACT. 1 earned a perfect score of 36.
- 68% of students were enrolled in one or more AP class, 16% of students took an AP Math class.
- 4 students were recognized as 2026 Kansas Governor's Scholars. (Top 1% of seniors in the state of Kansas).
- 4 students were enrolled in a Career-ready program with JCCC: Welding, HVAC, Electrical Wiring, and Interior Design.
- 66 students received dual credit at Rockhurst University through our Health Sciences pathway program.
- Senior Madelyn Heidesch, '26 was named a Rudd Scholar (one of just 50 students in Kansas).
- Senior Nick Merfen, '26 was awarded the JCCC Presidential Scholarship.
- 172 students were enrolled in a college level class - dual enrollment with either JCCC or Rockhurst University.



Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Lisa Andrews, Math Department Chair



“Thank you, Mrs. Andrews! You are not only an awesome teacher, but an amazing person. You were persistent in helping me reach my best both academically and personally. I am forever grateful!

~Bridget Keegan, '26

Lisa embodies the very best of who we strive to be. Lisa teaches in a way that reaches far beyond academics. She sees her students fully, meets them where they are, and creates a classroom that feels safe, steady, and full of possibility.

Her patience and the calm confidence she brings each day gives students the courage to ask questions, take risks, and believe in themselves.

Lisa's commitment is especially felt in STA Period, in which students stay with the same teacher for all four years. Lisa ensures each student feels seen and valued, creating a space where they can build community and receive the support they need.

Lisa's leadership extends far beyond her own classroom. She lifts up colleagues with faith-filled insight, offers guidance with humility, and steps into new challenges with an open heart. Lisa, was instrumental in establishing the new Honors Geometry class for eighth graders and approached teaching the class with the same warmth and care she gives every student she meets.

This is who Lisa is. A teacher whose presence steadies others. A colleague who builds community. A woman whose faith and compassion quietly transform lives. Lisa Andrews is a blessing to Aquinas, and she truly reflects everything it means to be Teacher of the Year.

A FAREWELL TO *Fr. Colm*



Right Guy, Right Time, Right Place

Our hearts are filled with deep gratitude

Fr. Colm has been more than a chaplain to Saint Thomas Aquinas these past three years, he has been a shepherd who has known our students by name, listened with patience, and loved with intention. His presence has been a steady reminder of what it means to live a life rooted in Christ, not just in word, but in action.

Through his ministry, he was instrumental in welcoming 29 members of our community into the Catholic Church, a testament to his gentle guidance, his teaching and his ability to meet each person exactly where they are on their faith journey.

He has lived the Gospel in a way that was visible to all of us, revealing that love is not abstract, but active, personal and transformative. Whether in the classroom, at Mass, in conversation or in quiet moments of counsel, Fr. Colm has consistently challenged and inspired us to know Christ more deeply and to follow Him more faithfully.

His impact will remain in the lives he has touched, the faith he has strengthened and the example he has given. We are grateful for the gift of his ministry.

Fr. Colm, thank you for your leadership, your humility, and your love. You have truly shown us what it means to live faith in action.



“Fr. Colm, an amazing chaplain, made us feel like friends by simply talking to us, sitting with us, and telling us the truth while being his authentic self. It will be sad to see him go, but now I know I have a friend who is a priest!”

~Stephen Carrol, '26



CAMPUS & STUDENT LIFE

enrichment



2025 Kansas 5A State Volleyball Champions

Beyond the Classroom

Our Impact

- 4 state team championships were won (Volleyball, Cheer, Baseball, Girls Soccer) – bringing our total to 138 total team championships. 6 individual state champions in (Wrestling(1), Speech(2), Track/Field(3).
- 5 school records were broken. 4 in Track & Field: K'lyn Curtis, Shot Put, 63' 11.5"m, Grady Richlin, Triple Jump, 49' 4.5", Lily Finan, 400M, 57.60, Grady Richlin, Chase Oddo, Tyler Bartell, Drew Mortimer, 4x100 Relay, 42.69 and 1 in Girls' Swim & Dive: Lucy Hanna, 50M Free, 24.1225.
- 29 student-athletes across 10 sports formally signed a national letter of intent to continue to compete at the collegiate level.
- 36 students/4 faculty attended the national March for Life in D.C.
- Key Club was one of the top 10 meal donors to Ronald McDonald House - having fed 650 families this year.
- Senior Grace Martin, '26 won the Evelyn Gates Award as the top female high school volleyball player in the Kansas City area.
- Our competition show choirs earned 3 finals appearances and the Saintsations won Grand Champions at the Palace Invitational.
- Senior Michael Kimani, '26 was the Kansas 5A State Champion in both Poetry and Prose at the 2026 Speech and Drama Tournament.
- Junior Chloe Hochanadel, '27 was nominated for a Blue Star award in Ceremony Ensemble. She also medaled at the Kansas Thespian Conference and qualified for nationals in two events: Musical Solo and Monologue.
- Junior, Addison Sabers, '27 was named the 2026 Kansas Gatorade Player of the Year for Softball.
- Senior K'lyn Curtis, '26 was named 2025 KSHAA 5A All State Defense, 2025 EKL Defensive Player of the Year, 2025 Team Captain, 2025 All-Defense Simone Team, 2025 Kansas Football Coaches Association All State Class 5A, 2025 PrepsKC McCarthy Elite Team-Defensive Line, Sunflower NFF Scholar-Athlete. State Champion in Shot Put and Discus.



Your generosity to our Saints Community Fund fuels these extracurricular activities, helping our students flourish in every aspect of their education. Thank you!

New this Year

Opportunity to grow in faith



SERVA FIDEM



After much prayer and discernment, we are now inviting students to deepen and grow in the practice of their faith through a ministry called Serva Fidem.

What is Serva Fidem?

Serva Fidem is Latin for "keep the faith" and it began at a high school in Iowa called Dowling Catholic. It exists to fill the gap between head knowledge and heart knowledge in regard to faith and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It's an optional small group ministry where groups of 5-6 students come together each week with a volunteer adult faith mentor.

Our hope is that these small groups provide an authentic space for each student involved to ask the deepest questions in their hearts and to establish a lasting, personal relationship with God and their friends, that they can carry with them for life.

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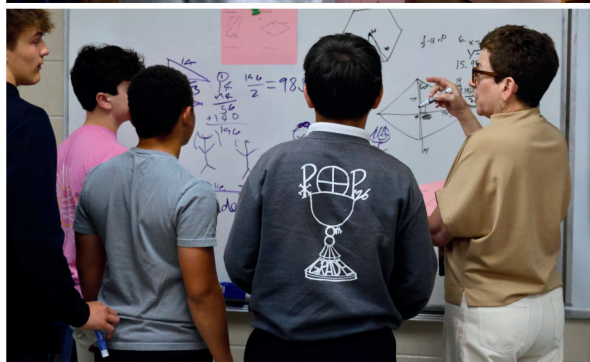
"Through the ministry of Serva Fidem I have witnessed students come to know the person of Jesus Christ more intimately and deepen their relationship with him alongside their friends. Additionally, the students' friendships with one another have grown stronger and closer, and they are able to support and hold each other accountable."

*~Mrs. Terisa Morgan,
Serva Fidem Coordinator*

Year 1: 5 Student Groups | 12 Adult Mentors

New this Year

Math class offered to 8th graders



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The entire experience has been fantastic. You did an amazing job teaching the material in a way the students could easily digest. You made them feel very welcome. Never once did Eli complain about not wanting to go to school/class.

~Kelli Cox, parent

HONORS GEOMETRY

Saint Thomas Aquinas was pleased to offer Honors Geometry to a select group of eighth-grade students from Catholic grade schools across the Archdiocese who have demonstrated exceptional mastery of Algebra I and are ready for the next academic challenge. This pilot program was developed in collaboration with area grade school principals and teachers, Aquinas administration, and the Aquinas Math Department.

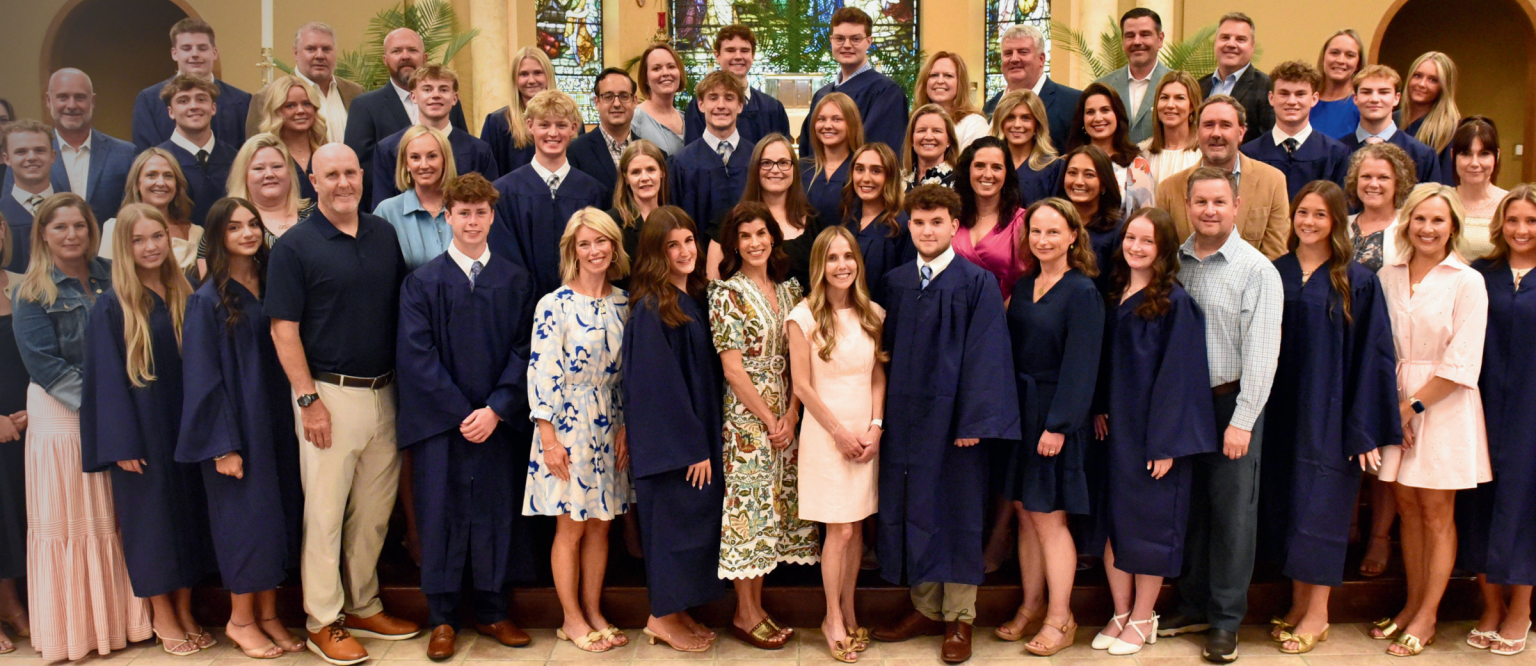
This opportunity is intentionally designed for a small number of students who meet specific readiness criteria. While some students thrive in an accelerated pathway, we recognize that most benefit from additional time and practice with Algebra I concepts during middle school. At Aquinas, we believe that building a strong mathematical foundation is more important than simply moving ahead more quickly.

Our Catholic grade schools have a longstanding tradition of preparing students for success in high school mathematics, and we are deeply grateful for their commitment and expertise. For those students who are ready, Honors Geometry provides the rigor and expectations of a high school honors-level course.

Building on the success of the course's inaugural year, we will expand the program by inviting additional schools to participate next year.

🟡 Year 1: 19 Students | 6 Catholic Grade Schools

THE LEGACY CONTINUES *saints alumni*



Once a Saint, Always a Saint

The strength of our alumni

- 55 alumni contributed \$35,000 in donations to the Saints Community Fund.
- Est. 840 alumni participated in an alumni event at Saint Thomas Aquinas.
- Over 80 alumni attended Extravaganza - Saints Earthbound Faith & Skyward Dreams.
- 36 alumni parents represented in the graduating class of 2026 (31 students of alumni parents).
- 22 alumni staff and faculty employed full time at Aquinas. 13 alumni coached a sport/club team.
- Over 400 alumni joined in the 2025 Homecoming Tailgate festivities.
- The Nachbar family celebrated 4 generations of Saints' graduates, joining the Cisper family, who marked the school's first 4th-generation graduate in 2022.



William Nachbar, '47, and Bill Nachbar, '75, once walked the halls of St. Joe H.S. before its doors closed and a new chapter began with the founding of Aquinas H.S. and then Saint Thomas Aquinas. Years later, Darcie Nachbar Bertholf, '00, would walk the halls of Saint Thomas and now her son, recent graduate, Will Bertholf, '26, and daughter Ellie, '28, carry that same family legacy forward. While the buildings may have changed, the heart inside them carries on. The values, the faith, the friendships, and the sense of family that shaped generations of Streaks and Saints continue to live on through the Nachbar family.

We gratefully recognize the following alumni for their generosity in both volunteer service and financial support. Thank you!

Ashley Burns, '05
Celia Needleman Thompson, '98
Valerie Martin, '97
Kristen Saberi, '00
Mikey Needleman, '02
Maggie Halpin, '21
Addison Ruder, '21
Julia Pfaff, '21
Brie Quinlan, '25
Cody Paradise Smitka, '04

Melissa O'Neill Schlisser, '04
Emily Middendorf Smith, '01
Brittany Boddicker Elkins, '07
Anthony Fortino, '11
Mary Grace Copeland Salinas, '14
Maggie Nachbar Bell, '05
Beth Benedict Borders, '05
Girls and Boys Soccer Alumni 1970-2023
Girls and Boys Basketball Alumni 1985-2024
Volleyball Alumni

Rugby Alumni
Wrestling Alumni
Robert Cowdrey, '13
Josh Elliot, '23
Max Broomfield, '25
Chris, '01 & Bridget (Gangel) Lee, '02
Ryan McCarthy, '00
Foote Family
Zarda BBQ
Scott Collin, '89
Patrick, '01 & Carrie (Furman) O'Donnell, '01

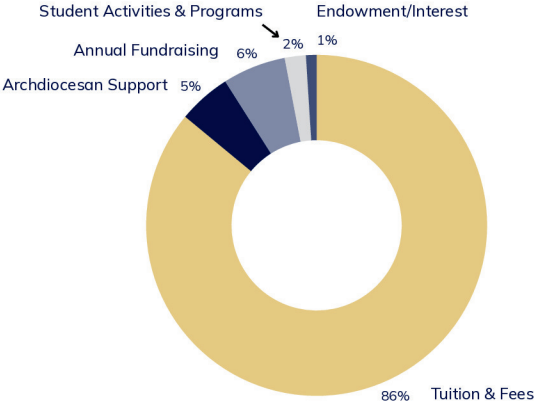
THE IMPACT OF YOUR *generosity*

Financial Overview

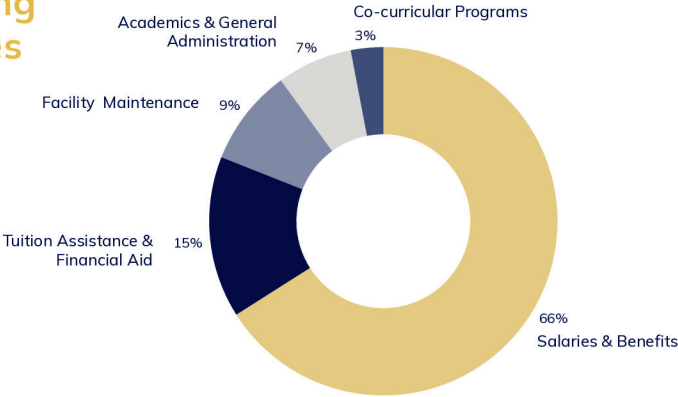
Saint Thomas Aquinas High School supports our students in becoming Saints through an operating budget of \$14.3M, with an additional \$1.9M dedicated for tuition assistance. We maintain a high level of fiscal responsibility, managed by the school administration and governed through policies approved by the Board of Directors.

Our annual budget is approved by the Board of Directors and the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas. The school is audited annually by an independent accounting firm.

Sources of Operating Funds



Operating Expenses



86%

of our operating budget is supported by tuition and fees, with the remaining portion provided through investment income, philanthropy and distributions from endowments.

The Saints Community Fund

Our commitment to students

The Saints Community Fund is our annual giving fund and meets the school's most pressing needs, ensuring every student benefits from an exceptional, faith-centered education. Gifts to the Saints Community Fund directly support our operational budget, ensuring that students are provided meaningful opportunities in the classroom, through Campus Ministry, on the stage, and on the court and field - all in pursuit of discovering and developing their God-given gifts.



Your support empowers academic excellence, award-winning teams and clubs, and class retreats. Every dollar directly enhances student experiences. Our goal is to increase current family participation - no gift is too small! As more families support the Saints Community Fund, we strengthen the opportunities that help our students grow, achieve, and succeed. Together we can do more!



2026 Kansas 5A State Baseball Champions

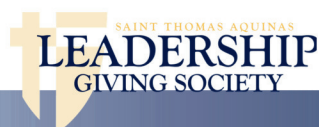
“ Saint Thomas Aquinas shaped me into the person I am today. My years at Aquinas provided me with a strong foundation of faith and community as well as lifelong friends that I cherish to this day. I will forever be a Saint. Now my new role as an Aquinas parent has allowed me to watch my son (Tommy, '27) have a great experience that I know will last a lifetime.

~Molly (Rogler) Costello, '97
Saints Alum and current parent

Saints Leadership Giving Society

April 20, 2026 Wine Tasting Event

Established in 2023, the Saints Leadership Giving Society recognizes the generous benefactors who make leadership-level annual gifts of \$1,000 or more to the Saints Community Fund within the school calendar year (July 1 – June 30). Members of the Saints Leadership Giving Society are honored each spring at a special reception celebrating their philanthropic leadership and lasting impact on our school community. Please join us in thanking this year's benefactors.



2025-26 Members

Anonymous Family
KND Foundation
Knights of Columbus - Supreme Office
McCullough Family Foundation
Mr. & Mrs. James Arkel
Mr. & Mrs. Chad Babcock
Mr. Craig Bartel
Mr. Chris Beverlin
Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Bittner
Mr. & Mrs. William Blaise
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Bollig
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Callahan
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Calovich
Dr. Kristen & Mr. Chris Carlson
Mr. & Mrs. Nolan Cisper
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph L. Cisper
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Clark
Mr. & Mrs. Victor Cosentino
Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Cox
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Daly
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Davis
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Mr. & Mrs. Jim Haskett
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Hilmes
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Mr. & Mrs. Chris Jameson
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Jasa
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Mr. & Mrs. Karl Kuckelman
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Mr. & Mrs. Janez Lomshek
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Mr. Kevin McCullough
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Mr. & Mrs. Jon Nelson
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick O'Donnell
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Mr. & Mrs. Joe Orrick
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Patrick
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Mr. & Mrs. Edward Schlagel
Mr. & Mrs. Matt Schulte
Mr. & Mrs. Brett Standard
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Streck
Dr. & Mrs. Michael B. Sullivan
Dr. Susan & Mr. Bryan Thrasher
Mr. & Mrs. David Ward
Mr. & Mrs. Adam Young

THANK
you!



EXTRAVAGANZA 2025



2025 Extravaganza General Chairs
Scott, '96 & Michelle (Gossman) Hardgree, '96 | Patrick & Kelli Daly

Extravaganza Impact



Held on Saturday, November 15th, **Saints Earthbound Faith & Skyward Dreams** was like no other Extravaganza. Guests entered the event through our courtyard, under a blanket of twinkling lights setting the scene for an evening in which dreams really do come true. Due to amazing teamwork, this year's event reminded us just how special our Saints community is and confirms our commitment to Catholic education.

- This year's event raised over \$600,000.
- 120 Steering Committee members.
- 50 Senior Envoys.
- 18 Orchestra members.
- 30 Swingin' Saints Choir members.

A heartfelt thank you to our general chairs, Scott, '96 and Michelle (Gossman) Hardgree, '96 and Patrick and Kelli Daly for their leadership and dedication in making this event truly unforgettable. Your support helps ensure that our students continue to grow in faith, leadership, and excellence.



Saints Legacy Endowment

2nd Annual Giving Day ~ April 21, 2026



Endowments provide a lasting and stable source of funding that supports Aquinas' long-term mission and vision, helping us invest in the future.

Endowment gifts directly impact the rate of tuition increases. As our endowment grows, our dependency on tuition as a lone source of revenue decreases, keeping tuition sustainable for families for years to come.

Every gift to the endowment is an investment in affordability. By offsetting rising costs, a growing endowment can reduce future tuition increases, from 5% to 3% saving a family more than \$1,000 during a student's four years at Aquinas and as much as \$5,000 – \$7,000 over a decade.



Endowment Gifts on Giving Day
April 21, 2026

“ Saint Thomas Aquinas is a place that pushes you to be the best version of yourself and also allows you to have a community that will stick with you forever.

~Amri Eischen, '26

Tuition & Affordability

Scholarships & Financial Aid



As a Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, we strive to offer financial assistance to families who desire a Catholic education.

\$1.9M

Budgeted in Tuition Assistance for the 2025-26 school year.

\$5,861

Average financial aid grant awarded in the 2025-26 school year.

33%

Aquinas families received financial aid for the 2025-26 school year.

Scholarships

123

Scholarships awarded to incoming & current students



\$145.8k

Awarded in scholarships for the 2025-26 school year

7

New scholarships established in the 2025-26 school year



\$14,600

Total amount in new scholarships in the 2025-26 school year



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