



St. Rose of Lima School is a Catholic educational community committed to preparing students for lifelong success by promoting and developing worship, education, and service through prayer and fellowship.

The recent pandemic definitely affected the fundraising efforts of St. Rose of Lima School. Parents do pay tuition. In general terms, parents pay around \$3,200 a year, but it costs the school about \$5,500 a year to educate a child. In order for our school to operate we depend on raising \$42,000 through fundraising each year. This money goes into our general fund to run the school. If we were to need extra items such as updated technology, heating system repair, or drinking fountains, we would have additional specified fundraising for those items. To raise the \$42,000 we hold three major fundraisers. The first is our Walk-a-thon when students ask for donations totaling around \$6,000. We also have held our St. Patrick's Day 5K in March and our Auction for Education in April. These fundraisers bring in about \$40,000 for our school's operating budget. While we were able to hold our Walk-a-thon, we were not able to hold our 5K or auction due to Covid19 and the State's mandates including quarantine and indoor gathering restrictions. This left our fundraising goal for the year short of \$40,000.

We are honored to be considered as a recipient of this donation. St. Rose of Lima School is a small family-centered Catholic school that has been serving the community of Hastings and surrounding areas for over 100 years. We strive to prepare our students academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually for this changing and challenging world. We want to ground them with tradition and relationship, but challenge them to fly by helping to reveal their gifts and talents.

As our students move onto middle school, high school, and beyond, we are proud of our academic achievers, community servers, athletic leaders, musically gifted, artistic creators, loving nurturers, faithful Christians, and our outgoing class clowns! We are also proud to be educating second and third generations of families of St. Rose School, as well as new community members. This donation would enable us to continue our mission of serving our children and community and give hope to the future of St. Rose of Lima School, "the little school that CAN!"

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Sincerely,
Diane Bennett
Principal
St. Rose of Lima School