

Hear what people are saying about Divine Mercy Catholic School!

I was glad for the opportunity to let all of the staff at Divine Mercy School know how much I appreciate the good job they are doing. I am always excited when I have the opportunity to attend the Children's Mass on Friday. Father Fillman is a great teacher and knows how to talk to the children. When I pick up my daughter after school, I watch Mrs. Schoenauer give the children hugs as they get on the bus. This is just one of the examples of the care the children are receiving.

My daughter is a fifth grader in Mrs. Saylor's class. Mrs. Saylor knows how to make learning fun. My daughter excels academically, and I'm watching her become a responsible, caring, and happy individual. I give Divine Mercy a lot of the credit. Thank you for making my job as a Mom a lot easier. I'm very proud of my daughter and thankful I chose Divine Mercy as her school.

Jean Kuhn

Coming from a Catholic school background, the question of sending my children to a private Catholic School was an easy decision. Starting with the moral issue, at Divine Mercy School is second to none. The morals are embedded in the children and will stay with them for the rest of their lives. A strong moral foundation not only helps the children in everyday decisions, but is the base of earned respect and admiration that will help them in the competitive and often brutal job market.

Now let's talk education. I strongly believe that the children at Divine Mercy School get more out of the education system by the higher daily percentage of one-on-one attention and the smaller classroom numbers. When a student gets more direct attention from the teacher, the results are outstanding and very rewarding.

The school encourages parents from all faiths and has financial programs or scholarships if needed. We are very lucky to have a facility like Divine Mercy School in our county and I encourage everyone with children to take advantage of the school and give your children an opportunity to be the best they can be. You won't regret it.

Michael Kuhn

Divine Mercy School is wonderful! The staff are all so friendly and they treat you like family. I attended St. John's (now Divine Mercy) Catholic School all six years and am very proud of "our" school. I feel blessed to have gone there where God is the center of everything. My Dad and brother also attended St. John's. We are blessed as a family to have this great Catholic school. My son is in the 1st grade and he loves it! He feels very happy to go there and he says the teachers make it fun and easy to learn.

Sara Molitor

Father Fillman, Mrs. Schoenauer, and staff are not only great educators, but really great people. They truly care about the well being of our children and their futures. We currently have two children that attend Divine Mercy Catholic School and could not be happier with the education and attention they receive daily. We are truly blessed to have this school in our community.

Jeremy & Michele Daeger

Divine Mercy School faculty and staff have demonstrated that beyond just teaching our children, they are truly at the school for the joy of building children's lives and serving God. Each member of the school demonstrates God's love to the children daily. Beyond basic education, which is outstanding and beyond question, the values and principles that are instilled in our children through Divine Mercy will be beneficial to them for the rest of their lives. Our family feels truly blessed to send our children to Divine Mercy School.

Kimra & Jason Williamson

It is with sincere gratitude that we write this letter in support of the Divine Mercy Catholic School. We truly appreciate the daily dedication of the teachers and staff.

Our oldest son, Kyle, graduated from Divine Mercy two years ago and has excelled upon transition to his local public school. He is taking a high school class as an eighth grader and is respected for his positive attitude and excellent moral character. We attribute his educational success and moral character to the teachers and staff of Divine Mercy Catholic School.

Our daughter, Kiana, will graduate from Divine Mercy this year and has displayed strong academic performance and leadership qualities as a direct result of her education at Divine Mercy Catholic School.

Our twins, Kennadi and Kaden, are in kindergarten at Divine Mercy and have benefited academically and socially from the exuberant dedication of their teacher, Ms. Tieken. They absolutely love going to school each day! During Catholic Schools Week, we wish to thank the teachers and staff of this wonderful school and will always support their efforts.

Respectfully, Dennis & Lisa Recker

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers and staff at Divine Mercy Catholic School. Our children began learning important life lessons on day one. We were amazed at how quickly they learned to read independently and at how well they have grown into their Catholic Faith. The unseen but always present Teacher, Jesus Christ, motivates the students to be kind and respectful with their classmates and the staff.

We continue to be impressed by the generous outpouring of support for our community by our school through Food Pantry donations, fundraisers for the Missions, attendance at Mass, providing Servers for Funerals and many other opportunities to share our time, talent, and treasure.

Our children have been truly blessed for having had this learning environment in which to achieve success in school. They are happy to go to school every day knowing they are pleasing God and making Mom and Dad proud.

David and Victoria Wilhem

Recommendation Letter for Divine Mercy Catholic School

At this time last year, my husband, Todd and I were beginning the conversation of where we were going to send our daughter in the fall for kindergarten. Without hesitation, my husband stated that he thought she should go to Divine Mercy School in Payne; however, I was not so convinced. I thought that public school was the way to go. We live in the town of Paulding and attended sporting events, so my daughter knows we are Panthers. All three of the other children at the babysitter with her were going to the elementary school here in town, in addition to most of her preschool friends. I was also worried about curriculum differences, technology in the classrooms, hot lunches and transportation to and from school. I did my homework and asked questions. I also prayed. I was still not sold. We went ahead and had our daughter screened at the public school and she was assigned a class. In the meantime, we made an appointment at Divine Mercy to tour the school with the principal, Cathy Schoenauer; I went just to please my husband knowing all along that I had made the decision of public school. Upon arrival, my first impression was that the school was small but very cozy. I was drawn in by the artwork lining the hallway. Mrs. Schoenauer showed us around, taking us into each classroom to meet the faculty and students, grades K-6. I was impressed with the pride that they had for their little school. The kids were so eager to talk; some even shared school projects they were working on with us. I noticed that each classroom had computers and smart boards and there was even a little library. I also noticed that there was a bulletin board in each classroom that had a picture of Jesus. This was definitely no ordinary school. While asking questions, I also found out that hot lunches were brought over everyday from Payne Elementary and that transportation was provided from all three districts in the county. A couple of weeks later, we committed to sending our daughter to school at Divine Mercy and we have never looked back. This little school has surpassed all of my expectations. She went from knowing only a few kids to knowing the entire school with ease. The older kids mentor the younger ones and play with them at recess. She adores her teacher. We have received personal calls about our daughter's progress. The best part, however, is that at Divine Mercy School, our daughter is being taught morals and values that will last her a lifetime. In this day and age, why not reinforce at school, those important principles that we are trying to teach her at home?

Stephanie Schweller
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