

School Financial Structure

Bishop Baraga Catholic School is just one unit of the larger Cheboygan Catholic Community. As such, the school's budget and other financial processes are directly tied to those of the St. Mary's / St. Charles and Sacred Heart Parishes. The school budget is considered in conjunction with the church and cemetery budgets to achieve the overall parish budget. The Parish Finance Council is responsible for advising and making recommendations to the Pastor for managing and maintaining these three operational budgets. The Finance Council is appointed by the Pastor and is responsible for reviewing and analyzing the financial activities of the parish and school. This group monitors compliance with the annual budget, reviews quarterly financial reports and approves most school-related expenditures.

School Funding: The cost of educating each student at Bishop Baraga Catholic School is approximately \$6,400. The school relies on three primary sources to fund these operating expenses: Subsidies from St. Mary's/St. Charles and Sacred Heart Parishes – A portion of the weekly offertory receipts are used to subsidize school operating costs.

Tuition – Tuition paid by enrolled families.

School Income – This is primarily income from school fundraising efforts, although it can also include donations from parishioners made directly to the school via the “blue” offertory envelopes.

