

Minnesota's Private State Tournaments

Minnesota's Catholic schools held a statewide basketball tournament from 1923 to 1930 and again from 1941 to 1970. In between, they (which is to say, Duluth Cathedral) played in the "open" national tournament in 1922 and in the national Catholic tournament from 1924 to 1941. The Independent schools—that is, the non-Catholic private schools—held a statewide tournament from 1946 to 1970. And, in 1971, the two bodies merged and held one single private school tournament through 1974. In 1975, they were invited to join the MSHSL, and did so. Since then, they have played with great success in the MSHSL tournament.

Following is a list of the results of the various private school tournaments.

	Northwestern Catholic Tournament Finals Including Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and South Dakota teams
1923	Duluth Cathedral 30 St. John's 16
1924	St. Thomas 27 St. John's 5 Consolation Morris St. Mary' 25 Ladysmith (WI) Cathedral 13 Challenge Match Duluth Cathedral 30 St. Thomas 22
1925	St. Thomas 27 St. Cloud Cathedral 10 3rd Place DeLaSalle 17 Superior (WI) Cathedral 15 Class B Bird Island St. Mary's 18 Madison Newman Hall 9 3rd Place Ladysmith Cathedral 28 Cretin Resolutes 8
1926	St. Thomas 29 Bird Island St. Mary's 12 3rd Place Superior Cathedral 27 DeLaSalle 22 Class B Cold Spring St. Boniface 21 DeLaSalle Juniors 11 3rd Place LeSueur St. Anne's 16 Sleepy Eye St. Mary's 9
1927	Semi-Finals DeLaSalle 29 St. John's 7 Superior Cathedral 15 St. Cloud Cathedral 12 Finals DeLaSalle 27 Superior WI Cathedral 12 Class B St. Thomas JV 14 Sioux Falls SD Cathedral 10
1928	Semi-Finals DeLaSalle 20 St. John's 18 St. Cloud Cathedral 26 Duluth Cathedral 21 Finals St. Cloud Cathedral 32 DeLaSalle 25 3rd Place St. John's 28 Duluth Cathedral 14 Consolation Sleepy Eye St. Mary's 19 Winona Cotter 17
1929	St. Cloud Cathedral 37 Austin St. Augustine 16 3rd Place Chippewa Falls (WI) McDonnell Memorial 35 St. Thomas 28 Consolation St. John's 21 Duluth Cathedral 20
1930	Semi-Finals Cretin 15 DeLaSalle 11 St. John's 21 St. Thomas 16 Finals St. John's 23 Cretin 18 3rd Place DeLaSalle 25 St. Thomas 14

	Consolation Winona Cotter 19 Cold Spring St. Boniface 125
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	National Catholic Tournament
1924	St. Thomas 21 Chicago St. Ignatius 15 Duluth Cathedral 40 Milwaukee Parochial 10 Ft. Wayne (IN) Catholic Central 24 Duluth Cathedral 18 St. Thomas 16 Cincinnati St. Xavier 14 Peoria (IL) Spalding 17 St. Thomas 2
1925	St. Thomas 20 Cincinnati Elder 18 Decatur (IN) Catholic 21 St. Thomas 16
1926	Rochester (NY) Aquinas 28 DeLaSalle 18 Kansas City Rockhurst 21 St. Thomas 17
1927	Davenport (IA) St. Ambrose 27 DeLaSalle 17 Austin Columbus def. El Reno (OK) Sacred Heart Joliet (IL) DeLaSalle 29 Austin Columbus 13
1928	Indianapolis Cathedral 15 St. Cloud Cathedral 14
1929	St. Cloud Cathedral 19 Buffalo (NY) Canisius 16 Chicago DeLaSalle 31 St. Cloud Cathedral 12
1930	Jasper (IN) Academy 26 DeLaSalle 24 Union City (NJ) St. Michael's 28 St. John's 26
1931	DeLaSalle 16 Peoria (IL) Spalding 15 Winona Cotter 42 Enid (OK) St. Joseph's 11 DeLaSalle 23 Chicago St. Mel 22 Nashville (TN) Father Ryan 28 Winona Cotter 19 DeLaSalle 29 Nashville Father Ryan 14 DeLaSalle 22 Washington (IN) Catholic 17 DeLaSalle 23 Jasper (IN) Academy 21
1932	Washington (IN) Catholic 33 DeLaSalle 14 Chicago St. Mel 25 Cretin 19 Chicago St. Patrick 40 Mankato Loyola 14 Indianapolis Cathedral 52 Bird Island St. Mary's 13
1933	Louisville (KY) St. Xavier 38 St. Thomas 14 Indianapolis Cathedral 42 Cretin 18
1934	Prairie du Chien (WI) Champion 27 Cretin 24
1935	Duluth Cathedral 28 Pittsburgh St. Joseph's 16 Chicago DePaul 31 DeLaSalle 23 Louisiana Cathedral 27 Duluth Cathedral 25
1936	Chicago St. Philip's 34 DeLaSalle 19 Huntington (WV) Wt. Joseph's 39 Austin St. Augustine 17
1937	Chicago Fenwick 33 Winona Cotter 17 Huntington (WV) Wt. Joseph's 33 DeLaSalle 27 Consolation DeLaSalle 29 Okmulgee (OK) St. Anthony 23 Decatur (IL) St. Theresa 35 Winona Cotter 31 Richmond (VA) Benedictine 46 DeLaSalle 26

1938	Cumberland (MD) LaSalle 37 Austin St. Augustine 26 Oak Park (IL) Fenwick 31 St. Thomas 28
1939	Prairie du Chien Champion 48 Austin St. Augustine 16 Pittsburgh St. Basil 51 Cold Spring St. Boniface 37
1940	Cretin 30 Collegeville (IN) St. Joseph 14 Chicago St. Leo 35 Cretin 26
1941	Cretin 34 Peoria (IL) Spalding 32 (2OT) Milwaukee Messner 30 Cretin 29

	Catholic League Tournament	Minnesota Independent School League Tournament
1941	Duluth Cathedral 26 Cretin 21	
1942	Cretin 38 Duluth Cathedral 34	
1943	Cretin 35 Winona Cotter 28	
1944	DeLaSalle 32 Cretin 28	
1945	Mankato Loyola 37 Cretin 31	
1946	DeLaSalle 48 Winona Cotter 30	Shattuck 41 Minnehaha 27
1947	St. Cloud Cathedral 55 Winona Cotter 44	Concordia 36 Pillsbury 35
1948	Cretin 38 St. Thomas 31	Minnehaha 41 Shattuck 35
1949	St. Thomas 63 Cretin 45	Shattuck 29 Minnehaha 21
1950	St. Thomas 52 Winona Cotter 41	Minnehaha 43 Shattuck 40
1951	St. Thomas 37 DeLaSalle 30	Minnehaha 54 Concordia 35
1952	Winona Cotter 70 DeLaSalle 57	Minnehaha 81 Shattuck 46
1953	St. Thomas 61 St. Cloud Cathedral 59	Minnehaha 52 Blake 43
1954	DeLaSalle 34 Duluth Cathedral 25	Blake 60 Minnehaha 59
1955	DeLaSalle 57 Duluth Cathedral 33	Blake 51 Concordia 50
1956	DeLaSalle 67 St. Thomas 48	Shattuck 48 Breck 45
1957	DeLaSalle 67 Winona Cotter 41	Concordia 60 Minnehaha 52
1958	Austin Pacelli 44 Winona Cotter 43	Minnehaha 69 Concordia 53
1959	DeLaSalle 59 Cretin 46	Minnehaha 69 Concordia 54
1960	St. Thomas 71 St. Cloud Cathedral 60	Minnehaha 60 St. Paul Academy 48
1961	DeLaSalle 74 Duluth Cathedral 58	Blake 55 Concordia 49
1962	DeLaSalle 67 St. Thomas 40	Minnehaha 44 Shattuck 43

1963	Benilde 32 St. Thomas 29	Minnehaha 50 Blake 46
1964	Benilde 52 Austin Pacelli 49	Minnehaha 65 Wessington Springs SD 42
1965	Austin Pacelli 86 Winona Cotter 56	Blake 68 Fergus Falls Hillcrest 53
1966	Rochester Lourdes 64 DeLaSalle 43	Shattuck 60 Concordia 36
1967	Rochester Lourdes 67 Cretin 64	Southwest Minnesota Christian 61 Prinsburg Central Christian 51
1968	Rochester Lourdes 67 St. Cloud Cathedral 64	Shattuck 86 Mayer Lutheran 68
1969	St. Cloud Cathedral 64 Benilde 47	Shattuck 85 Mayer Lutheran 65
1970	St. Thomas 63 Benilde 38	Shattuck 47 Minnehaha 30

	Combined Private School Tournament
1971	Cretin 52 Shattuck 50
1972	Fridley Grace 63 DeLaSalle 52
1973	Rochester Lourdes 47 Southwest Minnesota Christian 46
1974	Cretin 50 Rochester Lourdes 33

Top Programs in Minnesota Private Tournaments (Finals)

Minnehaha 11 wins—5 losses-- .6875

DeLaSalle 10-4, .714

St. Thomas 8-6, .571

Shattuck 7-5, .583

Cretin 5-7, .417

More On Selected Tournaments

1930

For the record, here are the Minnesota Catholic schools that participated in the 1930 Northwestern tournament. Only 7 of 30 Minnesota schools still operate under the same name. There were 3 participants each from South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Austin St. Augustine
Bird Island St. Mary's
Chaska Guardian Angels
Cold Spring St. Boniface (6th Place)
Cretin (Runner-Up)
DeLaSalle (3rd Place)
Duluth Cathedral
Graceville St. Mary's
LeSueur St. Anne's
Mankato Loyola
Morris St. Mary's
New Ulm Holy Trinity
St. John's (Champion)
St. Peter Sacred Heart
St. Thomas (4th Place)
Sleepy Eye St. Mary's
Wabasha St. Felix
Waseca Sacred Heart
Winona Cotter (Consolation Champion)

1967

Pierz Memorial 73 Adrian St. Adrian 71
Rochester Lourdes 73 Austin Pacelli 58
Cretin 62 Mankato Loyola 51
Benilde 58 St. Thomas 42

Semi-Finals

Rochester Lourdes 89 Pierz Memorial 55
Cretin def. Benilde

Consolation

Austin Pacelli 82 Adrian St. Adrian 62
St. Thomas 56 Mankato Loyola 46
St. Thomas 83 Austin Pacelli 44

3rd Place

Benilde 64 Pierz Memorial 52

Championship

Rochester Lourdes 67 Cretin 64

The Stars

Steve Fritz, Rochester Lourdes, C
Jack Tamble, Cretin, F
Tom Resner, Rochester Lourdes, G
Joe Keenan, Mankato Loyola, F
Mike Poepping, Pierz Memorial, C

Fun Fact The 89 points by Rochester Lourdes against Pierz Memorial in the semi-finals was an all-time Catholic tournament record. Lourdes also set a record with 229 points (76.3 ppg) in 3 games.

1968

St. Thomas 68 Chaska Guardian Angels 59
St. Cloud Cathedral 61 Benilde 49

Rochester Lourdes 61 DeLaSalle 43
Cretin 70 Owatonna Marion 60 (OT)

Semi-Finals

St. Cloud Cathedral 55 St. Thomas 51
Rochester Lourdes 66 Cretin 65

Consolation

Benilde 72 Chaska Guardian Angels 70
Owatonna Marion 60 DeLaSalle 48
Benilde 74 Owatonna Marion 62

3rd Place

St. Thomas 63 Cretin 58

Championship

Rochester Lourdes 67 St. Cloud Cathedral 64

The Stars

Tom Resner, Rochester Lourdes, G
Jack Tamble, Cretin, F
Jim Tomczik, St. Cloud Cathedral, G
Dick Galuska, Rochester Lourdes, F
Pete Galuska, Rochester Lourdes, F

Fun Fact Rochester Lourdes was the 3rd team to 3-peat as Catholic champions after St. Thomas (1949-1951) and DeLaSalle (1954-1957).

1972

Austin Pacelli 63 St. Thomas 58
Fridley Grace 50 St. Cloud Cathedral 41
Hill-Murray 53 Owatonna Marion 41
DeLaSalle 54 Duluth Cathedral 49

Roger Anderson, St. Thomas 31
Jeff Winter, Grace 28
Jerry Hoffmann, Hill 22
Tim Brosnahan, DLS 22

Semi-Finals

DeLaSalle 59 Austin Pacelli 56
Fridley Grace 76 Hill-Murray 40

Gary Ouren, Pacelli 26
Winter 26

Consolation

Owatonna Marion 58 St. Cloud Cathedral 51
St. Thomas 55 Duluth Cathedral 48
St. Thomas 60 Owatonna Marion 35

Tom Graff, Marion 17
Anderson 22
Anderson 12

3rd Place

Austin Pacelli 54 Hill-Murray 51

Hoffmann 21

Championship

Fridley Grace 63 DeLaSalle 42

Greg Stacy, Grace 21

The Stars

Jeff Winter, Fridley Grace, F
Tim Brosnahan, DeLaSalle, G
Roger Anderson, St. Thomas, C
Jerry Hoffmann, Hill-Murray, G
Mike Sosniecki, Fridley Grace, F

Leading scorer 66 points, 22 ppg

Fun Fact Grace was the 3rd 1st-time Catholic champion in 10 years after Benilde (1962) and Rochester Lourdes (1966).

1974

Cretin 73	St. Agnes 38	Jerry Boland, Cretin 16
DeLaSalle 62	Benilde 43	George Drouches 16
Rochester Lourdes 51	St. John's 35	Tom Wente, Lourdes 21
Mankato Loyola 64	Onamia Crosier 54	Dave Osdaba, Loyola 27

Semi-Finals

Mankato Loyola	6	11	9	15—41	Wright 14
Rochester Lourdes	10	12	16	12—50	Wente 24

Cretin	18	9	24	18—69	Boland 21
DeLaSalle	11	12	15	11—49	Bill Parker 21

Consolation

Benilde 47	St. Agnes 44	Kevin Reger, Benilde 19
St. John's 46	Onamia Crosier 35	Griffin, St. John's 15
Benilde 56	St. John's 42	Reger 18

3rd Place

DeLaSalle 60	Mankato Loyola 58	Pat Reynolds, DeLaSalle 19
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Championship

Cretin	12	11	11	16—50	Boland 17
Rochester Lourdes	8	13	6	6—33	Tom Lance 11

The Stars

Jerry Boland, Cretin, F	Leading scorer 54 points, 18 ppg
Tom Wente, Rochester Lourdes, C	
Kevin Reger, Benilde, F	
Paul Molitor, Cretin, G	
Pat Reynolds, DeLaSalle, G	

Fun Fact The Catholic and Independent tournaments merged in 1971, and Independent teams managed to take 2nd place in 1971 and 1973. But in this, the last of the private school tournaments (and also in 1972) no independent team made the tournament field at all.