

News for the Annunciation Family

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Greetings from our new Pastor — Father Brian Park

Howdy! I'm your new pastor! I am very excited to be here at Annunciation to serve and guide this community as we all strive to grow closer to Jesus Christ and His Church. Here are some fun facts about me:

I was born and raised in Ft. Worth, Texas. My parents, my older brother and his family, and my younger sister all live in Texas. I grew up in a great Catholic family and I played a lot of sports as a kid/teenager – Football, Basketball, and Baseball.

I went to school at Texas A&M University where I studied History and Religious Studies, and I am a HUGE College Football Fan. After I graduated from college in 2003 I moved to Minnesota where I volunteered/worked for NET Ministries in West St. Paul for four years. Youth ministry is very near and dear to my heart.

In 2007, I entered the St. Paul Seminary to begin studying for the priesthood. On May 25th, 2013 I was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis and was assigned as the associate at St. Charles Borromeo in St. Anthony. On November 1st, 2014 the pastor of St. Charles, Fr. Paul La Fontaine (who grew up at Annunciation!) retired and I took over as the Parochial Administrator (interim pastor) of St. Charles. This past spring, I was informed that I would be moving, and so I have been the pastor at Annunciation since July 1st.

I am 34 years old, and my birthday is February 5th. (I love ice cream – hint, hint)

I am a member of the Companions of Christ, a fraternity of diocesan priests in our Archdiocese, *(continued on page 5)*



Schulze Family Foundation Matching Grant Achieved

In the last quarter of 2014, Annunciation School was pleased to announce that we were selected as a recipient of a **Schulze Family Foundation Grant**. The grant provided up to a \$50,000 gift for every matching dollar of support received from Annunciation donors. By year-end 2014, that challenge was realized and Annunciation received a total of over \$100,000 to be used to further develop and expand our enrichment programs in a manner consistent with the school-wide enrichment model (SEM) as advocated by the Schulze Family Foundation. Based on the belief that “a rising tide lifts all ships,” the ultimate goal is to increase challenge levels for all students. *(continued on page 2)*



You won't want to miss it....

SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS

From our Principal



Catholic Education for the future....

Annunciation School has been blessed with a strong tradition of over 90 years of Catholic education. In this time, many teachers have impacted the lives of children who have gone on to do great things and have a positive impact on their communities. These alumni have been leaders in their work, service, faith, and families. The mission of our school is alive and well in our alumni.

To continue this tradition, Annunciation staff, parents, parishioners and friends worked together to create a strategic plan that will guide our work as we strive to live our mission in the 21st century. Within a rapidly changing world, we are seeking to find the best ways to educate the students of today to be leaders of tomorrow.

The first objective in our strategic plan is to “Position Annunciation School as a Catholic leader, recognized for “developing the whole child.” As part of this process, a vision team was formed with parish and school staff, parents, and parishioners to represent our community. This fall, we began researching innovative school programs to see if there are ways we can enhance the already strong education we provide at Annunciation School. *(continued on page 5)*

Fundraising Benefits Students

Donors from School, Parish, friends and volunteers help sustain programs and activities not covered by tuition.

Annunciation Parish Subsidy	\$100,000
Annual Fund	\$83,398
Christmas Gifts and Memorials	\$15,555
Endowment Gifts	\$113,739
Silent/Live Auction net (including Fund-A-Need)	\$173,695
Help-A-Student Appeal	\$44,074
Rummage Sale 2015	\$19,200
Golf Tournament net (proceeds to Tuition Assistance)	\$10,011
Dancing with Annunciation Stars 2014 (net)	\$34,386
Schulze Family Foundation Matching Grant	\$100,000
Total	\$694,058

Through patronage of local business partners, students participate in Math Masters, Geo Bee, Science Fair, Quiz Bowl, D.A.R.E., retreats, classroom resources and more.

Target Take Charge of Education	\$7,086
School Library Scholastic Book Fair	\$2,124
General Mills Box Tops	\$533
Printer Cartridge Recycling	\$96
Parent Organization Barnes & Noble Book Fair	\$1,340
Annunciation Parent Organization Trivia Night	\$12,671
Annunciation Parent Organization Evergreen Sale	\$1,124
Annunciation Parent Organization Boosterthon	\$17,874
Annunciation Parent Organization SCRIP	\$2,529
Kowalski's Markets Groceries for Good Causes	\$1,049
Total	\$46,426

Schulze Family Foundation

(from page 1)

Annunciation began with our Middle School Dimensions Program. What is Dimensions?

Have you ever heard of the Chaos Theory? (It is the science of surprises!) Do you think a butterfly flapping its wings in New Mexico could play a role in a hurricane that hits China? If you were to build a time machine, what past moment in time would you alter and how would that impact future life? Challenging questions and exercises in creativity and ingenuity are part of the bedrock for the Dimensions enrichment program at Annunciation School which is taught by middle school teaching staff. Dimensions is an opportunity for high performing, motivated, highly creative, deeply curious students to pursue topics of interest that aren't normally covered (or aren't covered in-depth) in regular classroom curriculum.

By the end of school year 2014-2015, participating students had the opportunity to explore assignments in the field of engineering such as, build a boat that floats and carries cargo. They learned about various branches of technology including graphic design, 3-D printing and nano technology. And they experienced an Academic Triathlon model exercise where analysis, brainstorming, teamwork, Improv, and the growing ability to “think on your feet” combine to create a recipe for academic success. *(continued on page 3)*

Ultimately, every student needs to receive the tools, space and resources to discover their own gifts and pursue their passions. As they hone the skills of decision making, goal setting and evaluation, they receive an eye that looks to their future and ACTUALLY, they come to know that it's fun being smart! Continued development of this program in conjunction with the move to become an official IB school, indeed serves to position Annunciation School as a leader in the field of education in the Minneapolis market.

Oh, and by the way, can you list four words in the English language that begin with double letters (same letter twice in a row)? Answers on page 12. Good luck!

Welcome to New Faculty and Staff!

Fr. Brian Park
Pastor

Bonni Walz-Bright
Administrative Assistant

Olya Bernstein
Middle School Math Teacher

Goodbye and Thank You!

Fr. Jim Himmelsbach
Pastor - 9 years

Danielle Swanson
Administrative Assistant
17 years

Mary Makowski
Middle School Math Teacher
3 years



FATHER JIM RETIRES

– by Mary Tadich Bauer

On June 28, Father Jim Himmelsbach celebrated his last Mass as Pastor of Annunciation, the position he has held longer than any in his full and varied priestly ministry.

Father Jim experienced an initial calling to the priesthood while in high school and college. His father, however, insisted that he complete college (a cooperative arrangement involving Saint Francis in Pennsylvania and Penn State).

At graduation, Father Jim's low draft number dictated his immediate next steps. While serving in Germany, he encountered Father Martin Fleming who suggested studying for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul/Minneapolis. Immediately after seminary, Father Jim served three years under Monsignor Hayden and alongside two other associates (including Fr. Paul LaFontaine, a son of Annunciation Parish) at the Cathedral of Saint Paul – a busy place in those days, charged with responsibility for three hospitals and 17 nursing homes.

Although Father Jim never planned to re-enter military life, he acknowledges that “you can't fight the Holy Spirit” and ultimately served more than two decades as a full-time priest chaplain, ministering to young military personnel overseas and far from loved ones as well as families on bases (such as Fort Bragg in North Carolina).

These years included memorable times in South Korea, the Sinai Desert (a “fascinating tour”), and five final years in Hawaii (whose 'ohana spirit' he nostalgically, gratefully recalls), all dramatically punctuated by a poised near-jump during the invasion of Haiti, called off only at the eleventh hour.

As one of few Catholic priests still able to 'jump,' Father Jim made 69 jumps during those years, nearly all of them 'good jumps.' But the physical wear-and-tear accumulated from those jumps is measurable (Father Jim jokes that he “used to be 7'5”) and the VA presently considers him 80% disabled – a factor in his decision to retire this year from full-time ministry after nine years as pastor of Annunciation.

Father's intention to return to the Archdiocese which had supported his seminary studies brought him back to Saint Paul/Minneapolis for the final chapters of his priestly ministry. And after serving the parish of Saint Joseph in Waconia, Father became pastor of Annunciation during the summer of 2006.

Father Jim speaks enthusiastically of the strengths of Annunciation, calling it “an active parish – a diverse, inclusive, envisioning, welcoming place where

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Thank You!

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Father Jim Retires *(continued from page 3)*

each member has their contribution to make and whose 'mix' keeps us healthy and makes us family – and a joyful parish in a great location, where people step up to the many ministries and programs the parish supports, consulting the pastor for advice but doing the work themselves.

He cites the school and youth ministries as well as Mission Haiti, the Silent Auction, and SeptemberFest when he asserts, “We DO here” – believing an active parish is everyone involved.

And while some pastors build a staff around their own preferences, Father Jim has made a practice of hiring to his own weaknesses, configuring a staff according to skill sets. He knew Sister Sue in his previous assignment in Waconia. He and neighbor pastor Father Paul Treacy, whom Father Jim had earlier mentored, successfully pioneered a concept of shared resources when both Annunciation and nearby Our Lady of Peace employed Wendy Silhavy in support of liturgical ministries.

And he advanced Eli Pollock into school and fuller parish ministry after Wendy's influential involvement prepared Eli for these roles. Father Jim considers the reception of Visitation into Annunciation, the 'merger' of the two parishes, among the larger accomplishments during his nine years as pastor.

Father Jim jokes that an immediate objective upon departing Annunciation will be getting eight hours of sleep per day – and again as much at night! He plans to travel to Rome during the first year, and he'll help out right away as needed within the Archdiocese on a weekend-by-weekend basis, covering Masses for other priests.

He speaks of moving into additional work after another year or two that will merge a life-coaching certificate with his training in spiritual direction and pastoral counseling (a pastoral counselor treats by talking and pastorally listening to the spiritual side). He plans to retire here in the Twin Cities area.

Father Jim experienced the gift and embraced the responsibility of being our shepherd for a period of time, but assures us that the real Shepherd is Jesus Christ.

Dancing With Annunciation Stars 2015

You won't want to miss it..... SATURDAY OCTOBER 10, 2015

Annunciation School Auditorium — The Stars are going to SHINE...



Leah Kaiser, Eric Loichle, Kate McMahon,

Bill O'Brien, Eli Pollock, Beth Sable

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Catholic Education *(continued from page 2)*

After the initial research, a program was identified that utilizes best practices in education while providing development for the whole child. Teachers and parents visited area schools to watch programs in action. After each visit, the group would debrief and share their observations. Teachers attended training sessions to learn more. This information was shared and once the visits were complete, we met with staff to discuss next steps.

We completed the exploration and shared our findings with key leadership groups and parents. After completing this thorough process, school leadership and staff have chosen to pursue the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programs for our school. At the core of the IB is strong collaboration and inquiry. It is the “how” we teach and is designed to help ALL learners grow.

As a first step, we applied for candidacy in the IB Primary Years Program (PYP). The PYP prepares students to become active, caring, lifelong learners who demonstrate respect for themselves and others and have the capacity to participate in the world around them. It focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both within and beyond the classroom. The PYP nurtures independent learning skills, encouraging every student to take responsibility for their learning.

We are **proud to announce** we have been accepted as an official IB Candidate School starting in the **fall of 2015**. It is exciting to be a part of this visioning for the future. While we continue to honor our history and traditions, we also know we have a responsibility to provide the strongest Catholic education for our students in this ever-changing world. This fall, we will be researching programs for our middle school, including the Middle Years Program (MYP) of IB and instructional practices that provide school-wide enrichment and STEM experiences for all students. The Schulze Family Foundation grant has provided the resources to achieve these goals (see article pages 1-3).

Look for updates on our progress as we begin our work towards authorization as an IB World School and expand STEM and enrichment for our students. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for all of us at Annunciation School. We are blessed to be a part of this community.

Greetings from Fr. Park *(continued from page 1)*

and I am living at Our Lady of Grace in Edina with other members of the Companions of Christ.

I love Catholic Schools, and I am very happy that I'm at a parish with a thriving school!

So that's me in a nutshell. I love Jesus. I love the Church. I love being Catholic. I love being a priest. I cannot imagine doing anything else with my life. I am humbled and honored to be your pastor and I look forward to getting to know you, to praying with you, and to serving with you as we strive to make the name of Jesus Christ known and loved in South Minneapolis. God Bless!



From the Development Office

Wow, time really does fly when you are having fun! I can hardly believe that a little over a year has passed since I began my position as Development Director at Annunciation School and Church. This past year has had many highlights, including receiving and completing the match to the \$50,000 grant from The Schulze Family Foundation. Thank you all, you are wonderful. Our students are blessed to have you as our faithful donors. We would not be able to offer this impactful education without you.

We hosted our first ever “Dancing With Annunciation Stars” fall 2014, and it was a smashing success. We have a waiting list of people that want to win that dancing trophy fall of 2015. We hosted a couple of wiffle ball tournaments and received a nice write up in the Southwest Journal about our tourneys. We spent a wonderful weekend in September celebrating Septemberfest. We had a great golf outing in June and a very successful Rummage Sale. In May we really DID “Knock It Out Of the Park” at our 2015 Live and Silent Auction.

With funds raised at the auction we will be completing updates to the gym and install infrastructure which will enhance utilization of all technology components available to teachers and students across the grades. *(continued on page 12)*



IN MEMORIAM

DEVIN RICE 1960-2015

Devin, husband to Katie Connolly, father to Brendan '06, Mary Kate '08 and Emmet '13 was a beloved member of the Annunciation Church and School Community. His contributions to the school were many and significant, serving two separate and full terms on the School Advisory Committee with special attention to finance and justice in compensation for our treasured teachers. An avid golfer, he contributed to the development of the Annual Annunciation Golf Classic with all proceeds going to Tuition Assistance/Scholarships for students and families with financial need. Remember Devin and his family in your prayers.

REST IN PEACE

Please remember the deceased and their families in your prayers. Most of the deaths are recent — some, however, are less so. We publish them as we become aware of them.

Barbara Gene Anderson, Class of 1979, died on September 19, 2000.

Victoria Lee Anderson, Class of 1980, died on January 21, 2013.

Barbara Bacich, parishioner, died February 19, 2015; preceded in death by husband John Bacich.

Robert Blatzheim, parishioner, died October 20, 2014.

Susan Callahan, Class of 1935, died January 23, 2015; mother of Nell '70, Pat '72, Tim '73 and Phil Callahan.

Mateo Dolan O'Brien, Class of xx08, died Saturday, March 28, 2015; son of Cathy Dolan '71 and Dan O'Brien, brother of Sean '03, Mary '04 and Charlie Dolan O'Brien '10, nephew of Fr. Tim '70, Michael '74, Paul '78 and Mark Dolan '82.

Geraldine "Jeri" Dunn, died on June 28, 2015; mother of Director of Youth Ministry Jimmy Dunn.

Michael Eileen Fleming, parishioner died on October 4, 2014; wife of Jim, mother of Christopher '81 and Sean '82.

William Foley, parishioner, died on February 16, 2015; preceded in death by children James '66, Richard '67 and Mary Parkos '70, husband of Ramona, father of Carol Clemens '65, Jean McLeod '67, John '69, Anne Halvorson '71, Nancy Knutson '73, Patty Overvig '74, Steven '79 and Kathleen '80.

Norman Franks, son-in-law of parishioner James Schneider, died on July 21, 2015.

Donald Gangelhoff, Class of 1953, died on February 10, 2015; brother of Richard '49.

George Gleeson, parishioner, Class of 1945, died December 7, 2014; husband of Virginia, brother to Frances Lamm '48.

Gerald Goodge, Class of 1951, died January 15, 2014.

Rita Jeanne Hull, parishioner, died on September 26, 2014; mother of Deborah '67, Greg '68, Diane '72 and Lawrence.

Marcy Ivers, parishioner, died on May 16, 2013; mother of Sharon Meduna '63 and Jackie Hartman '69.

Hank Kaszynski, parishioner, died March 6, 2015; preceded in death by son Kyle '80, husband of Mary, father of Beth '70 and Kevin '72 and non-Annunciation graduates, Bruce, Mark, Karla, Claire, and Korinne.

Donald Lamm, parishioner, died August 26, 2014; husband of Frances '48, father of Caroline Egan '74, Marcia Crist '75, Charles 'xx79 and Elizabeth Marin '81.

Richard Langlois, parishioner, died April 1, 2015; husband of Jan, father of Ryan '97 and Kelsey '00.

Dorothy Larson, parishioner, died August 30, 2014; mother of Greg '62, Sheila Frenzel '64, Debbie Cooter '65, Cindy '66, Jeff Waehner-Larson '68, Lori Creekmore '74 and Mark.

Eugene Leadon, died on August 20, 2014; cousin of Mary La Fontaine '49, uncle of Kathleen Nolan-Lee '64, Pat Nolan '67, Tim Nolan '69 and many more nieces, nephews and cousins.

Monica Liddiard, Class of 1977, died January 7, 2015; sister of Kevin '79, Joan Merrill '82 and Patrick '87.

Robert McCormick, died on September 25, 2014; father of Anne Berendt '93, Mary '96 and Danny '99.

Stephen McInerny, died October 8, 2014; father of Nora '97, Patrick '99, Meghan and Austin.

Geraldine Nehotte, parishioner, died May 5, 2015; wife of Robert.

H. Michael Olson, Class of 1951, died July 12, 2013.

Michael Perrier, Class of 1966, died November 17, 2014; brother of Kevin '64, Joseph '65, Mark '67, Kathryn Remus '69, Margaret '71, Thomas '73, Matthew '74, Ben '76 and Jamie '78.

Joseph Roland Pratt, parishioner, died December 16, 2014.

John "Jack" Quinlan, parishioner, died July 1, 2015; husband of Betty.

Susan Reddin, parishioner, died on March 25, 2015; preceded in death by son Ted '88, daughter Rachel; wife of Tom, and mother of Vivian and Chris.

Robert Timothy Rose, Class of 1974, died February 4, 2015; brother of James '76.

Thomas Anthony Ryan, Class of 1953, died on June 20, 2014.

Thomas K. Scallen, Class of 1939, died March 21, 2015; brother of his twin Ray '39, Stephen '46 and Terrence '49; father of Tom '62, Sheila Gregory '64, Pat '68, Eileen '73, Tim '74 and Maureen Failor '75, grandfather of Catherine '73, Meghan '93, Michael '95, Sean '99 and Daniel '05.

James Schneider, parishioner, died May 24, 2015.

Kevin Skarman, died February 14, 2015; brother of parishioner Pete.

Beverly Stewart, parishioner, died March 24, 2015.

Marjorie "Joanne" Struble, parishioner, died on March 15, 2015; mother of Mary Jo Brouillard '63, Susan Mart '67, Elizabeth Deike '74, Nick '78 and Chris '80.

Maryanne Tauges, died May 2, 2015; mother of Annunciation teacher Terry Heer, grandmother of Rachel '07, Thomas '09 and Becca Heer '11.

Virginia Tisdale, parishioner, died May 5, 2015

Geraldine Toohey, parishioner, died on February 3, 2015.

Eleanor Urick, died July 20, 2015; mother-in-law of teacher Anne Marie Urick, grandmother of Jon '99.

Thomas Eugene Welch, Class of 1948, died July 18, 2015; preceded in death by siblings Mary '32, John "Jack" '38, Gerald "Jerry" '45 and nephew Jim '64. Survived by siblings Tim '40, Robert '43 and William '47, survived by Lyman nieces and nephews Celine '66, Susan '67, Paul '70, Carrie '71, Patty '72, Chuck '75 and Nancy '76, Welch nieces and nephews Molly '66, Daniel '67, Judy '68, Mike '72 and Ann '75, Lyman great nieces and nephews John '17, Thomas '19 and Kelly '21.

James Winkels, parishioner, died September 2014; husband of Adelle.

Obit correction: Sr. Marian Pahl, Class of 1945, died on December 30, 2011; preceded in death by brother Br. Cyril Pahl '32 and sister Eileen Somers '41; sister of Sr. Josette Pahl '33 and cousin of James Pahl '41.

Class News & Notes



Congratulations, Alumni

Jordan Ammons, Class of '12, will be Basketball and Baseball Team captain at Cretin High School academic year 2015-2016 and has committed to play on the highly competitive Southern Conference D1 Baseball team at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia as an incoming freshman in fall 2016.

Laura Bagwell-Katalinich, Class of 2012, AHA Junior girls basketball player scored her 1,000 career point in a game against DeLaSalle in February 2015.

Stylianos Daoutidis, Class of 2011, received DeLaSalle 2015 "Islander Award" and "Distinguished Scholar."

Jeffrey Daubanton, Class of 2011, was honored along with the members of his DeLaSalle basketball team by the Minneapolis City Council in April 2015 for their win of four consecutive State Basketball Tournaments and as the 2014-2015 Season Minnesota State Basketball Champions.

Jack Exline, Class of 2011, was honored at the University of St. Thomas spring 2015 for his excellent performance on the German National Exam.

Sam Fleming, Class of 2011, received DeLaSalle 2015 National Achievement Scholarship Program – Commended Student.

Anna Harincar, Class of 2011, delivered Washburn High School commencement speech to the graduating class of 2015.

Fr. Paul A. La Fontaine, Class of 1960, retired from his service at St. Charles of Borromeo and joined the team of Spiritual Directors at the St. Paul Seminary.

Dylan Lamb, Class of 2002, was awarded the Academy of Holy Angels 2014 Rising Star Young Alumni Award which recognizes accomplishments of alumni under the age of 40 who have achieved significant success in professional endeavors. Dylan is known for his work with Starlight Productions and currently lives in NY where he continues to write, act and direct.

Tom Linnihan, Class of 1968, announced his partnership in the law firm Brownson & Linnihan, PLLP in January, 2015.

Augustus Lowry, Class of 2010, received the CRC Press Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award which recognizes outstanding performance in the introductory chemistry courses at Lawrence University May 2015.

Kelly Molloy, Class of 2002, graduated with a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in May 2015. He begins his service at the Federal Court level with a Judge in Sioux Falls, SD end of summer 2015.

Sarah Schmidt, Class of 2011, received DeLaSalle 2015 "Islander Award" and Distinguished Scholar.

Tom Westcott, Class of 2003, was ordained Lutheran Minister on July 11, 2015. He has accepted his first call to Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Devils Lake, ND where he will be moving with his wife Emily this August 2015.

Births

Merete (Ohme) Johnson, Class of 1997, and husband Chad Johnson welcome baby Soren Everett, born June 23, 2015.

Kathy Paul, Annunciation teacher, was pleased and proud to announce the birth of her twin grandchildren Huxley and Wesley, born June 27, 2015.

Michael Scallen, Class of 1995, and wife Julie welcome baby Madeline, born April 18, 2015.

Marriages

Alison Frank, daughter of Mick and Chris Frank, Class of 1999, married Jim Dahlman on August 15, 2015, at St. Peters Catholic Church, No. St. Paul, MN.

Colin (Westcott) Zestcott, son of Nick and Valda Westcott, Class of 2004, married Aurora (Zosel) Zestcott December 21, 2013.

Hilary Westcott, daughter of Nick and Valda Westcott, Class of 2001, married Alexander Ajaluwa on July 25, 2015, at Richfield United Methodist Church, Richfield, MN.



Academy of Holy Angels team captains school year 2014-2015 was a veritable line-up of Annunciation alum from the Class of 2012!! Left to Right: **Brendan Loney** (Golf), **Sam Laux** (Soccer & Tennis), **Joey Oslund** (Basketball), **Lucas Pelner** (Golf), **Tristan Jensen & Lucia Anderson** (Tennis) and **Patrick Burke** (Baseball).



Class of 1956 gathered together to celebrate the success of Helen Trepanier's recovery from cancer. Front row, left to right: Kay (Sauter) Lavin, Karen (Moehn) O'Toole, Patty (Hayes) Pink, Leslie (Kennedy) Smith, Shirley (Gay) Gilmore, Janice (Lenz) Buechler, Bonnie (Clausen) Winkelman and Dana Noonan. Back row, left to right: Helen (Hanson) Trepanier, Carolyn (Walch) Miller and Ed Adams.

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We gratefully acknowledge the alumni, parents of current students, parents of alumni, grandparents, faculty, staff, parishioners and friends of the school who provided financial support for important needs during the past fiscal year.

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I guess no moss does grow under the feet of our very caring community; they know we can make a difference in the lives of a lot of kids by staying close and supporting an institution that we love. Our school marketing group and our parents are coming alive spreading the word to our neighbors that they just have to come and check us out. The new electronic sign in front of the school is a fabulous way we are able to more effectively reach out to the surrounding community to let them know, "this is the place you want to send your children and grandchildren to get the best education possible," Jennifer Cassidy guarantees it.

As we look forward to next year we will continue to build on the momentum you created this year. We say "goodbye" to Father Jim, who retired at the end of June (see story page 3) and "hello" to our new pastor, Fr. Brian Park (see story page 1). With the help of Fr. Park, I look forward to building on the foundation of planned giving currently in place with our Annunciation Benefactors. We must create a legacy that insures stability for the next 92 years. Please prayerfully consider making Annunciation a part of your estate. We will continue to grow our financial aid giving as the need has never been greater. We will have our Annual Fund drive so we can keep offering the same high performing education for which we are recognized. We will continue to support those in need who come to us and ask for help. We will keep Jesus present in everything we do.

On behalf of all our students and staff we want to say THANK YOU! We need you!

Thanks,
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2015 Volunteers Honored



2015 Mary Jo Sterner School Volunteers of the Year Award Recipients, front row **Charlene Rutt** and **Uli Loichle**, back row **David Rutt** and **Sandra Martinek**. Not pictured, **Eric Loichle**.



Jimmy Dunn is pictured with **Becca Heer**, '11 and **Sam Hedlund**, 'XX11, who were honored as the 2015 Peer Ministers of the Year.



2015 Annunciation Church Ministers of the Year. Left to right: **Tim Gagliardi**, **LaVonne Iverson**, **Helen Waterston**, **Warren Waterston**, **Jedd Hanson**, **Amy Hanson**, **Rose Mary Byrne** and **Tim Mulchay**.

Congratulations 2015 Golf Classic Leaders

1st Place Men's Low Gross

Steff Anderson
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1st Place Women's Low Gross

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Congratulations, Jane!



Jane Jaeger, Annunciation parishioner and the wife of Paul '45, is the Academy of Holy Angels 2015 Angelus Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient. Jane, a graduate of the AHA Class of 1953, has served on the AHA Board of Trustees and

was one of AHA's first President's Star Council members. She is an active member of Annunciation Church, having served in numerous ministries, she was one of the original launchers of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts Masterpiece program, has been active in the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, is a 50-year member of the League of Catholic Women, mother of seven children, grandmother of 18 children and great grandmother of two children. The Angelus Award was established to honor alumni who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and have made outstanding lifetime contributions to their school, profession and community.

2015-16 Scripture Theme "Do to others as you would have them do to you." Luke 6:31



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