

ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019



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Saturday: 5pm Sunday: 9:30am & 5:30pm Tuesday: 5:30pm Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:15am Holy Days: See bulletin

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE:

Tuesday: 4:45pm - 5:15pm Friday: 8:45am - 9:15am Sunday: 4:30pm - 5:15pm



A Message from Fr. Park

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is my privilege and pleasure to present the 2018-19 Annunciation Annual Report. A parish "Annual Report" is a best practice in financial transparency that can take various forms, and, this year, we are making the most of this opportunity. This publication will enable you to review the year-round work of our finance council, and parish & school staff, as together we strive to be responsible stewards of your generous financial gifts. I also hope that in the stories and statistics shared in these pages you experience a year in the life of our parish family with gratitude and joy.



In any given season or stage of life, our available time or the size of our tithe may vary, but as disciples of Jesus Christ we remember that every possession is a blessing from God to be shared. I once heard it said that "the calendar and checkbook are sacred documents." In other words, the ways we choose to spend our time and money are almost always a clear indication of our highest priorities. Thus, thank you for taking time to read the 2018-19 Annunciation Annual Report, and thank you for continuing to support the mission and ministries of Annunciation Catholic Church and School. Without your financial gifts, we could not reach the hearts and souls of those in our parish and surrounding community.

On behalf of our students learning their first prayers, all of our volunteers, the newly confirmed, those whose faith has awakened, the infants we have baptized, the needy we have helped, the lonely we have visited, the hungry we have fed, the loved ones we have buried, and the couples we have wed – THANK YOU!

Grace and Peace, Father Brian Park



In the coming weeks, Annunciation Church will be installing a new digital organ in the rear loft of the church. The new organ console will combine with the organ pipes currently in use to create a "hybrid" that promises to be both sustainable and beautiful. This installation will coincide with the movement of the Parish's Choirs to the loft. This transition will provide acoustical and visual benefits, including opening up the St. Joseph Altar on the southwestern corner of the church, and will also allow for the choirs to worship in a more meaningful way.

Faith Formation & Sacraments

A place to deepen our faith.

Annunciation provides spiritual growth and educational opportunities for our parishioners that can deepen our understanding of faith and response to the paschal mystery.







HOLY COMMUNION: 49 children



CONFIRMATION: 49 children



MARRIAGES: 15 couples

RCIA

The Easter Vigil is the holiest night of the year for us. It is always a night of celebration of our faith and the Sacraments. On this 2019 night, Stella received full Sacraments of Christian Initiation as she was Baptized, Confirmed and received Holy Communion for the first time. Her sister, Abby, and eight other individuals were received into the Catholic Church, were confirmed and received Holy Communion. Their dad, Shawn, was confirmed.



Every journey of faith is a remarkable adventure of discovery and growing in friendship with Jesus. George Kline who was received in the Catholic Church this Easter shares his story:

"Though growing up without religious teaching at home, I became an evangelical Christian in 1985. My sister had been confirmed in the Catholic Church in Cleveland, Ohio a few years before. I learned of RCIA from Fr. Joseph Romanski who was the chaplain at St. Augustine Manor in Cleveland where my sister died (1994).

Catholicism began to seep into my bones in the 1990s from the writings of Fr. Richard John Neuhaus. Later, my frustration from not understanding the history of my Christian faith brought me eventually to Nicole Bettini and RCIA in November 2018. I attended my first mass on Thursday, November 8, and in his homily Fr. Park spoke about the sacred mysteries. Then I knew that while history was important, more important was my participation in the sacred mysteries of our faith at Annunciation. My confirmation was here, April 20, 2019." - George Kline





PLEASE JOIN US ON MARCH 13-15, 2020.

You will learn more about God the Father's tremendous love for you and help you establish and deepen your personal relationship with Christ. Come away with us to be with Jesus and experience God's abiding love for you.

"

After retiring, I finally had the time to attend the Annunciation retreat. I had not attended a retreat since a marriage encounter retreat weekend over 30 years ago! I had just finished a Holy Land pilgrimage and I was drawn into the opportunity to go deeper in understanding my faith and learning how to pray more actively. I had several parishioners tell me that the weekend was great - and I was feeling the Holy Spirit urge me to say YES.

I was not disappointed. I attended the March, 2019 Annunciation Awakening Retreat. I was so impressed with how well the retreat flowed, from early morning prayer, adoration, and mass through more structured sessions such as Father Park's School of Prayer. Our parish is extremely blessed to have such a gifted pastor and teacher of the faith. The personal testimonies given by my fellow parishioners on how their faith had been deepened, sometimes by dramatic events, was moving and something I will never forget. The friendships I formed at the retreat continue to develop and flourish. The lessons I learned about how to pray continue to guide me daily (I still refer to my retreat personal journal) and I have added new prayers to my weekly adoration hours.

Above all, I left the retreat with the confidence to just say YES to giving myself more completely to prayer and my parish. I have the Annunciation icon on my wall at home and I only need to glance over to see the Blessed Virgin's example to encourage my YES to more prayer. I am extremely thankful for attending and I am motivated to attend again in the future hopefully as a small group leader.

- Kevin Orth



ADORATION We invite you to spend time with Jesus! Stop in!

Every time I think about, or I am even in our perpetual adoration chapel at Annunciation, I get emotional (in a good way!)

I begin hearing the hymn, "It is Well with My Soul" play in my head. I think of this hymn, because I know upon entering the chapel, all will be well and all is good.

Why? Because I get to spend time with our Lord, Jesus Christ and He will take me as is and He will heal and He will listen. The perpetual adoration chapel is a GIFT! It is a gift that for myself, went unnoticed, unappreciated, misunderstood at first. The more and more I began to go, learn and experience Holy Hour in adoration, the more I have grown in my relationship with the Lord and the more I feel the need and desire to keep coming back to adoration. You see, the adoration chapel is a huge part of our Catholic faith and a gift to continue experiencing our one-ness with Jesus Christ and the Blessed Sacrament outside of mass.

My journey with adoration and the Blessed Sacrament hasn't always been a clear shot, "A-ha" moment in knowing and understanding what it all means. I grew up in a Catholic family and attended Catholic schooling all through college even. Unfortunately, the church I grew up in did not have an adoration chapel. So, I only heard and learned of an adoration chapel through my religious education classes. I knew the Holy Eucharist was there, but still didn't really "get" it. When I began to move around to various Catholic churches, as an adult, I became more exposed to seeing adoration chapels. There was always this spiritual presence I could sense, but never really understood who was "worthy" of going inside. I would question, "Is the little oasis only for those with deep challenges and suffering? Or is the adoration chapel only for those who were really holy, good at praying and have been a long time member with the church? Am I good or even worthy enough to be able to be inside this sacred space to pray beside the others?" Really, all those questions sound pretty silly to me now!

Later, my view of the adoration chapel shifted a bit. It was mostly when I had life challenges. Then, I felt like I could venture in to see what this all means and how I can begin to understand how I can bring the Holy Eucharist more into my life. I would go in mostly to pray the rosary, prayers of needs and prayers of thanksgiving and then not really know what else to do.

Fast forward to today and since I've had many opportunities to work on my own deep, personal spiritual work, do I see how important it is to spend time in our adoration chapel. **To just "BE" with Jesus Christ in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Gosh, it brings tears to my eyes to know and appreciate my Catholic faith and that the Church of the Annunciation encourages everyone to spend time with Christ in adoration.** How truly giving and amazing. Plus, we have a beautiful chapel at Annunciation to do so! We all live busy lives and all have many things that fill up our daily schedules. It's hard to imagine sometimes scheduling one more thing into the week. I know, I've been there. I'm still there. But for me, as I've begun to build in time with Christ in adoration into my week, I see how much more fulfilling my life has become. Upon entering I feel this little piece of Heaven is there and for a moment, I am in awe. I enter the chapel and already feel lighter, it's easier to breathe and I feel His Presence. I start by saying "Come Holy Spirit" to wait and listen for how God will guide me with my time.

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I have found that there is no right or wrong way to spend time in adoration. Some days I go with my own materials, some days I use what is provided in the chapel or I just sit in silence and switch my brain "off" from thinking to just listening and "being." Some days I can spend a whole hour and some days, it may be 15 minutes. I have also started bringing my son with me and now he begins to ask, "Can I go to the chapel?" Those days are always ready for the unexpected, but I know God doesn't mind.

It is a great joy and honor for me to pass on the gift of adoration to my children, so that they can learn at an early age how important and meaningful it is in helping to build a relationship with Christ and grow in the Catholic faith. What a blessing the church and parishioners of Annunciation have with this beautiful adoration chapel to share in one-ness with Christ throughout the days of the week. One would think you had to have a special pass to get in, but you don't! Christ is waiting and wanting to "be" with us. He loves us and wants to just give His love unconditionally, no matter what.

- Megan Benzick

ANNUAL PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Parish of the Annunciation (Parish), including both the Church and School, is committed to financial accountability and transparency to the Catholic faithful in its community. The Parish is grateful to everyone who financially supports the institution through contributions, tuition, specific fundraising donation and giving to its Endowment funds.

The Parish Finance Council, in its advisory and consultative role, meets six times each year, along with ad hoc meetings as necessary, to discuss the current financial position, review budgets and collaborate on the development and ongoing oversight of long-range financial plans for the Parish. The Financial Statements provide herein are unaudited.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CHURCH

	ACTUAL				Budget		
		<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>		2020	
CHURCH OPERATING REVENUE							
Envelopes and Other Church Income (A)	\$	1,271,154	\$	1,145,368	\$	1,217,900	
Parish Endowment Income - Standard Distribution Percent	\$	30,000	\$	54,000	\$	62,000	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$	1,301,154	\$	1,199,368	\$	1,279,900	
CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES							
Salary and Benefits		574,706		630,297		703,264	
Maintenance		163,664		181,769		167,870	
Investment in School		125,000		125,000		125,000	
Archdiocese Assessment		86,498		84,488		95,875	
Ministry & Other		290,894		307,199		320,891	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$	1,240,762	\$	1,328,754	\$	1,412,900	
Donation to Abuse Victims (B)	\$	60,000					
Capital Campaign Preparation Expenses			\$	54,538			
TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSE	\$	1,300,762	\$	1,383,291.05	\$	1,412,900	
NET CHURCH OPERATING SURPLUS (SHORTFALL) before use of		, ,		, ,		<u> </u>	
additional investments	\$	392	\$	(183,923)	\$	(133,000)	
Additional Parish Endowment Income Use (C)	\$	-	\$	41,000	\$	133,000	
NET CHURCH INCOME (EXPENSES) (D)	\$	392	\$	(142,923)		(0)	
Other Activities							
Income for Capital Improvements	\$	-	\$	223,872			
Capital Expenses	\$	-	\$	223,872			
	\$	-	\$	-	•		

(A) Includes Sunday collections, stole fees, SeptemberFest, memorial and bequest donations and rental income

(B) Represents a donation to help the victims of abuse as part of the Archdiocese Bankruptcy Settlement

(C) Represents additonal withdraw from parish endowments (above the standard withdraw) to support operations

(D) Fiscal 2019 deficit due to 1) Investments made in preparation for the capital campaign 2) Decline in collections

CHURCH INCOME FISCAL YEAR 2019



CHURCH OPERATING REVENUE

Total Church Operating Revenue for fiscal year 2019 was \$1.2M, down 4.7% from the prior year. The decrease was largely due to a decline in contributions and rental income from the property the Church owned on the old Visitation Church campus. This reduction was offset by an additional withdrawal of funds from parish endowments.



CHURCH OPERATING EXPENSES

Total Church Operating Expenses were \$1.3M for fiscal year 2019, an increase of 7.1% over the prior year. The increase includes additional investments in ministerial staff, medical benefits, youth ministry and facility maintenance.

EXTRA ORDINARY EXPENSES

In 2019, the Church also began to make investments of approximately \$55,000 in resources to prepare for a future capital campaign. The 2018 extra ordinary expense relates to a donation the Parish made to the settlement for the Archdiocesan Abuse victims.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - SCHOOL

	Actual				Budget		
SCHOOL INCOME		<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>		<u>2020</u>	
Net Tuition Income	\$	1,712,584	\$	1,721,937	\$	1,774,033	
Other Income, Gifts & Fund Raising		718,043		749,759	\$	798,600	
Investment from Parish		125,000		125,000	\$	125,000	
Parish Endowment Income - Standard Distribution Percent		202,427		213,265	\$	214,000	
SCHOOL INCOME	\$	2,758,054	\$	2,809,961	\$	2,911,633	
SCHOOL EXPENSES							
Salaries & Benefits		2,193,641		2,221,945		2,358,531	
Maintenance, Utilities and Insurance		182,766		181,600		191,361	
Contract Services		143,897		156,740		174,448	
Other School Expenses		264,620		300,677		291,293	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	2,784,924	\$	2,860,961	\$	3,015,633	
NET SCHOOL OPERATING SURPLUS (SHORTFALL) before use of							
additional investments	\$	(26,869)		(51,000)	\$	(104,000)	
Additional Parish Endowment Income Use	\$	27,000	\$	51,000	\$	104,000	
NET SCHOOL (INCOME-EXPENSES)	\$	131	\$	-	\$	-	
	2	017 - 2018	2	018 - 2019	2	019 - 2020	
School Enrollment		371		357		336	
Total Cost to Educate a Student		\$6,930		\$7,390		\$7,777	

SCHOOL INCOME FISCAL YEAR 2019



SCHOOL OPERATING REVENUE

Total School Operating Revenue for fiscal year 2019 was \$2.9M, up 2.7% from the prior year. Net tuition revenue increased 0.5% compared to prior year, with the 13 student decline in enrollment offset by a \$200 net tuition rate increase. The increase was largely due to income from tech fees, new for 2019, and additional proceeds from the investment funds withdrawn to support the school in 2019.



SCHOOL OPERATING EXPENSES

Total School Operating Expenses were \$2.9M for fiscal year 2019, also a 2.7% increase. Salaries and benefits account for 78% of the operating expenses for the school. Contract services increased compared to prior year largely due to the additional outsourced IT support for the new Chromebook program. And, Other School Expenses grew with additional investment in professional development, marketing and advancement efforts, technology, and classroom supplies.

COMBINED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2018			2019		
ASSETS						
Checking / Savings	\$	1,115,815	\$	902,256		
Investments	\$	6,758,577	\$	6,718,652		
Other Assets	\$	214,883	\$	227,344		
Fixed Assets	\$	9,139,134	\$	9,482,529		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	17,228,410	\$	17,330,781		
LIABILITIES						
Accounts Payable	\$	103,063	\$	48,341		
Deferred Revenue	\$	916,634	\$	1,131,038		
Note Payable	\$	62,404	\$	49,128		
Other Liabilities	\$	57,267	\$	72,270		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	1,139,369	\$	1,300,778		
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$	16,089,040	\$	16,030,003		
TOTAL LIABILTIES and NET ASSETS	\$	17,228,410	\$	17,330,781		

Total cash as of June 30, 2019 was \$902,000. That compares with \$1,116,000 on hand at June 30, 2018. See the Parish Statement of Cash Flow for details on use of funds during the 2019 fiscal year.

Parish endowments mainly consist of funds invested with the Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota. The Parish budget historically allocates four to five percent of the average endowment balance, which is approximately equivalent to the annual investment return, to support both Church and School operations each year. In addition, if necessary, upon recommendation of the Finance Council, additional funds from these endowments are consumed to support either entity. It is anticipated that use of the funds will continue for both the Church and School, and likely in excess of the standard four to five percentage range mentioned above.

Other assets consist primarily of a note receivable from Stonebridge Building Company associated with the sale of the former Visitation school. Also included is prepaid expenses for fiscal 2020 activities, including the mission trip. Liabilities for the Parish consist predominantly of deferred revenue, including school tuition and registration fees for the following school year, and donations to the school for financial aid, the Annual Fund, and Fund-A-Need designated for use in the following fiscal year. The Note Payable, due to Premier Bank, represents a loan for the Annunciation bus.



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COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH F	2019	
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$	(142,923)
Depresietion		29 476
Depreciation		38,476
Non-cash adjustments to Fund Balances		163,737
Net change in asset and liability accounts		148,946
Net Use of Investments - Agency Funds		(334,265)
Gains (loss) on Agency Fund Investments - net of fees		294,340
Capital Investments		(266,470)
Capital Investments - In progress		(115,400)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	\$	(213,559)
Beginning Cash Balance		1,115,815
Ending Cash Balance	\$	902,256

The Combined Statement of Cash flow shows the inflows and outflows of cash during the 2019 fiscal year. The cash on hand at fiscal year-end declined by \$213,559 from the start of the fiscal year.

The changes in deferred revenue relate largely to donations towards specific projects or resources that will be used in the near-term fiscal years, such as Help-A-Student Aid, Annual Fund and Catholic School Center Of Excellence investments into the school. The Parish is blessed with funds invested at Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota. Each year it receives funds from donors to make additional deposits. The Parish also withdraws funds to support both the Church and School operations. In fiscal year 2019, the Parish, through generous donations of our parishioners and friends, made deposits of \$113,000 to the endowment fund and withdrew \$447,265.

The Parish made investments into its facilities during the year of \$266,470. These investments include the upgrades to the Creative Arts classroom, creation of the Sensory room, a new roof over the school auditorium, purchase of Chromebooks for middle school, and computers for staff. The Parish also paid an additional \$115,400 towards the organ and church balcony upgrades, a project in process at fiscal year-end.



Holy Land Pilgrimage - January 2019

From the moment the Annunciation pilgrims arrived in Tel Aviv, we were grateful for the planning that went into this trip. We were following in the footsteps of Christ and his disciples for a little more than one week.

"You are all called here for a reason and you may not know it", said our Mater Dei guide Dennis Gaetano. He handed me a rosary. Now out of my comfort zone, I thought to myself, "Ok, so this IS a pilgrimage!" "Why am I here?" Most of us were all wondering the same thing. None of us were alone.

Fr. Park and Fr. Finnegan put us all ease with daily meditation, prayer (including the Rosary) and a Mass. Each stop with these daily practices gave us first hand perspective of Scripture and the life of Christ.

Perhaps the best part of this experience is that it was shared with fellow Annunciation parishioners. I am reminded of this each time we celebrate the Eucharist.



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Annunciation Youth Ministry



Annunciation Youth Ministry is designed for the Middle and High School students to develop faith based relationships through fellowship, service, discussion, worship, prayer, and discipleship. In order to achieve and realize this aim we engage in service projects, small group discussions, large group fellowship building activities, retreats and forms of prayer and worship. We accomplish this throughout the year in special events and in our weekly meetings.

As we begin the 2019/2020 year of programming, we are excited to welcome Bernie Gauthé as our new youth minister! We are looking forward to our annual Junior High Fall Retreat, and our summer High School Mission Trip in July to Denver, CO. We continue to have weekly meetings with Junior High youth on Wednesday evenings, and High School youth group on Sunday evenings. In addition to our weekly meetings, we gather for monthly service projects, socials, and recreation events.



"My experience working with the natives in Pine Ridge helped me to be more grateful for the upbringing my family has given me. Especially working with the Kids Club children. So many of them are exposed to things that children their age should never endure. We were able to give them attention, and love. I will never forget how much I have to be thankful for."

"The Mission trip to Pine Ridge helped me to foster relationships with not only the community there, but it also helped me to strengthen the relationships I already have with people in our community. I realized on a deeper level that I can truly love everyone. I can be Christ to everyone."

"Our AYM mission trips have made me more grateful for everything I have. Family, friends, and even the opportunity for a college education. So many of the youth on the reservation feel trapped and have no way out of poverty. Being able to serve there has helped me want to be a better person."

New This Year - Community Outreach



MISSION MONDAYS

We have a deep commitment to helping others in our local communities and the world through a ministry we call Mission Monday. Each Monday these community outreach opportunities put our faith into action by taking the Gospel to the streets as we make people's lives better through our efforts.

LOAVES & FISHES 1st Monday of the Month

Loaves & Fishes is a nonprofit organization serving free, healthy meals to Minnesotans in areas where the need is greatest. We welcome your help whether it's one time, every month or when helping out fits your schedule!

ST. STEPHEN'S SHELTER 2nd Monday of the Month

Join our local outreach mission to the homeless is Saint Stephen's Men's Shelter, that houses 43 men, they receive a bed through a weekly lottery system.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN 3rd Monday of the Month

Help turn hunger into hope with your own two hands by packing nutritious meals for hungry children around the world.

MYSTERY MONDAY 4th Monday of the Month

On Mystery Monday we will do a service project for the Under the Cross partner either at Annunciation or off site (Times and locations will vary each month.)

ELI PROJECT 5th Monday of the Month

Your help is needed in turning new or no-longer-needed t-shirts into reusable diapers for a wellness center in Port Au Prince, Haiti. No sewing experience needed.

UNDER THE CROSS

Each month Annunciation Church partners with a community organization, charity or non-profit in our Under the Cross ministry.

The first Sunday of the month before Mass a speaker will share the organizations mission, goals and programs, they will also be available after Mass in the Community Room (during Coffee and Donuts) to answer any questions.

A service project for the Under the Cross partner will be offered each month during Mystery Monday (4th Monday of the Month). Our goal is to learn about the good work happening around us, offer our time and talent in a service project at Annunciation or at the highlighted organization. Each month we will also offer a donation to the Under the Cross partner to support their work at building the Kingdom here on Earth.

Jimmy Dunn took on the new role of Director of Outreach and Community Life. He will use his vision, passion, and energy to help continue to serve our parish community, and he will expand that service in the areas of hospitality and ministry to young adults.

"I feel very fortunate to be offered an opportunity to help shape the vision and focus for the parish in a new role: Director of Outreach and Community Life. This role will show Christ's love through outreach to members outside the parish community, strengthen and expand our relationship with Haiti, and provide bold hospitality to those joining the parish. In this role, I will also have an increased role in community-wide communication and advancement."

Learn more about Community Outreach and signup for the newsletter at annunciationmsp.org



Annuciation Catholic School News

Heading into this new school year, we have much to be excited about – welcoming our largest kindergarten class in 8 years, being chosen as a pilot school for the Grove's literacy program to go along with a new literacy curriculum, our second year as an authorized Catholic IB World School, expanding inquiry into our middle school while building on our 1:1 technology program, partnering with Agra Culture for our lunch program and much more. There is much to celebrate!

This year, we will also begin our Self-Study for our MNSAA Accreditation renewal. Annunciation Catholic School is proud to be an accredited school through the Minnesota Non-Public Crediting Association (MNSAA). Accreditation renewal happens every 7 years. The Self-Study is the first step, providing a year to reflect on the school from key areas represented by the seven MNSAA Standards:

- 1. Mission and Philosophy
- 2. Teaching and Learning
- 3. Climate for Learning
- 4. Communications and Community Relations
- 5. Personnel
- 6. Leadership, Administration, and Governance
- 7. School Strategic Plan

This year, our staff will be involved in reflecting on each area, gathering input and data, and creating the narratives for each standard. Throughout the year, we will be engaging parents and stakeholders in the process through surveys and feedback to help us provide a complete picture of our school today in each key area. From each report, we will identify strengths and challenges for each standard.

In 2020-21, we will finalize our Self-Study then engage the community in creating Annunciation's Strategic Plan for the next 7 years. As we did 7 years ago, we will gather stakeholders together to dream, share and begin to develop our plan based on the identified strengths and challenges from the Self-Study. It was through this collaborative process that we created our last Strategic Plan in 2013-14.

As we begin this next phase, it provides an opportunity to reflect on all we have accomplished from our Strategic Plan over the last 6 years. Together, Annunciation Catholic School set its goals high and has achieved much.



Here are some of the accomplishments to date:

- Authorized as an IB World School (PYP), one of the few Catholic IB Schools in the nation
- Campus upgrades including:
 - Security improvements through a buzzer system for access, lighting, cameras, across campus
 - Infrastructure for wireless access throughout the campus
 - Sensory-friendly improvements though new bell system, sensory room
 - New playground, upgraded middle school science lab, renovations in the gym, auditorium and Creative Arts room, and annual classroom updates
- Formed a new development office and fundraising alumni relations efforts
- Established an enrollment coordinator and admissions squad for marketing and enrollment
- Implemented new curriculum through IB units of inquiry, new math program with advanced courses added to middle school, new literacy curriculum, 1:1 tech program, STEM mobile maker space
- Expanded supports for exceptional learners through learning support and enrichment programs
- Revised report cards and began student-led conferences for K-5
- Enhanced technology across the campus and curriculum to support teaching and learning
- Developed strong collaboration among teachers and staff for continued learning and growth
- Initiated an annual retreat for reflection, community building and formation of the whole staff

As you can see, Annunciation has been a busy place over the last 6 years. We feel privileged to carry on the traditions established by the Dominican sisters almost 100 years ago. Through our strategic vision and efforts, we continue to seek excellence in living our vision to "foster each child's potential to create a better world through faith, virtue, knowledge, and service to others." You can be very proud of your school and all who support it.

Sincere thanks for supporting Annunciation Catholic School through your time, talent, treasure and prayers. That is what makes it possible for us to truly live our mission. Stop by and see us first-hand. We would love to share our story.

Blessings, Jennifer Cassidy, Principal

2019 Mary Jo Sterner Volunteer of the Year Award Winners

- Jennifer Campbell
- Jayne Dow Larkin
- Angela Maurer-Green
- Brian Meyer
- Kelly Meyer
- Megan Scherf
- Sheila Steichen
- Karl Wolf

2019 Ministry of the Year Award Winners

- Gayle Fleming
- Judith Kattreh
- Connie Klaers
- Mary LaFontaine
- Jenny Newton
- Kevin & Theresa Orth
- Jason & Jaki Ortmeier
- Art Otto

2019 Youth Ministry Spirit Award Winners

- Isa Baca
- Joe Brezonik
- Louise Koenig

Congratulations to all our wonderful, dynamic and awe-inspiring volunteers in the many areas of our Annunciation family of faith ministries.

All Annunciation volunteers are great and we honor everyone—every volunteer has a key ministry role to play and for this we

Thank You!

Class News & Notes Congratulations Alumni!

Congratulations to the high school students from Annunciation. We are proud to announce the following students for their academic accomplishments.



Congratulations to Charlie Erickson, Class of 2016, for scoring a 36 on his ACT.



Congratulations to Grace Bureau, Class of 2015, for graduating Salutatorian from the Academy of Holy Angels.



We are SO PROUD of our alumni Darby Voeks, Class of 2009! He completed a 34 hour double Ironman and raised several thousand dollars for camp scholarships for Richfield Young Life. Unbelievable! Congratulations Darby! **Elizabeth Weber**, Class of 2016, has been named a Commended Student by the National Merit Scholarship Program, putting her in the top 34,000 of the 1.6 million entrants.

Amalia Baca, Class of 2014, received her white coat and blessing of the hands ceremony from Marquette School of Nursing.

Rosa Gerdts, Class of 2016, was just elected Senior Class President for the Class of 2020 at Blake!



Academy of Holy Angels Stars Boys Varsity Soccer team are STATE CHAMPIONS! and is loaded with Annunciation Stars! **Matt Banovetz '16, Charlie Erickson '16, Davey Oslund '16, Conor O'Rourke '16, Porter Ball '16, Aidan Smith '18**, All three Captains of the team are alum.



Congratulations to **Conor O'Rourke**, Class of 2016, on being named Mr. Soccer for Class A at the MSHSSCA Banquet! Conor becomes the first student athlete in AHA soccer history to achieve this very prestigious award.

Engagements:

Patrick Harrington, Class of 2005, is engaged to be married to Jenna Graupmann.

Mary Margaret Kelly, Class of 2008, is engaged to be married to Sterling Fuller.

Lucas Long, Class of 2007, is engaged to be married to Libby Jacoby.

Elliot Moen, Class of 2009, is engaged to Rachael Ambrose.

Tim Posl, Class of 2006, is engaged to be married to Heather Ahnen.

O Marriages:

Peter Frank, Class of 2004, married Lauren Gillen on September 29, 2018 at Annunciation Church.

Casey O'Brien, Class of 2002, married Tricia Tongco on November 10, 2018 in Los Angeles, CA.

Slaine Kelly, Class of 2006, married Jason Houts on November 24, 2018 in Minneapolis, MN.

Sarah Pupkes, Class of 2008, married Andrew Clark on June 1, 2019 at Annunciation Church.

Calvin Pupkes, Class of 2004, married Anna Kokrda on October 19, 2019 at Annunciation Church.

Audrey Posl, Class of 2001, married Tom Schmidt on June 22, 2019 at the Tzabaco Rancho Vineyard in California.

Genevieve Bettin, Class of 2005, married Anthony Brousseau on June 22, 2019 at Annunciation Church.

Emma Woldum, Class of 2006, married Christian on June 22, 2019 in Columbus Ohio.

Births:

Alison (Frank) Dahlman, Class of 1999, and husband Jim, welcomed daughter, Claire Elizabeth, born on September 29, 2019. Proud grandparents are Chris & Mick Frank.

Elizabeth (Bradford) Frederickson, Class of 2004, and husband, welcomed daughter Vivian Mary and son Michael Bradford, born on July 1, 2019.

Reunions:



The Class of 1969 had its 50 year reunion at Annunciation School on August 24, 2019.

The Class of 1953, fourteen women from the class gathered in Rochester on October 17, 2018.

Please share your news with us, WE LOVE TO HEAR FROM OUR ALUMNI!

Fill out the online form: www.annunciationmsp.org/school/ alumni/tell-us-news Email: jknutson@annunciationmsp.org



Rest in Peace

Our heartfelt condolences to those in our community that have lost a loved one. Hold tight to memories for comfort, lean on your friends and family for strength, and always remember how much you are loved. We will keep you in our prayers.

George Borgerding, passed away January 13, 2019; father of parishioner Jean (John) Pupkes; grandfather of Calvin '04 and Sarah '08.

Michael Gordon Breuer, Class of 1984, passed away October 12, 2018.

Meinrad Craighead, passed away April 8, 2019; sister of parishioner Connie Pelner.

Donald Courchane, parishioner, passed away June 5, 2019.

Tom Green, passed away April 11, 2019; father of parishioner Heather (Bill) Zerull; grandfather of Julia '12 and Noah '14.

John Hall Jr, parishioner, passed away November 28, 2018.

Mary Heine, parishioner, passed away June 4, 2019.

Elizabeth "Betty" Mandell Heymans, passed away December 1, 2018; mother of parishioner Greg (Mary) Heymans; grandmother of Ryan, Beth '19 and James. **LaVonne Iverson**, parishioner, passed away February 5, 2019; wife of Alfred.

Mary B. Johnson, Class of 1976, passed away August 31, 2017.

Phyllis Johnson, parishioner, passed away January 31, 2019.

Bishop John Francis Kinney, Class of 1951, passed away Sept. 27, 2019.

Leander Konz, passed away January 2, 2019; father of staff member Tom Konz; grandfather to Carter '09 and Eleanor '12.

Julie Margaret Krieger, Class of 1973, passed away on January 20, 2019; sister of Teresa '66, Michael '71 and Steve '76.

Fr. Paul LaFontaine, class of 1960, passed away December 12, 2019; brother-in-law of Mary LaFontaine '49; uncle of Susan '81, Michael '83, Gregory '85, Eileen '87 and Catherine '89.

Glen Lingren, Class of 1969, passed away September 16, 2017.

Tom Lockhart, parishioner, passed away April 26, 2019; husband of Mary; father of Siobhan '79, Fiona '81, Patrick, and Sean.

Selma Joann Malmer, passed away on January 26, 2019; mother-in-law of staff member Julie (Mike) Loney; grandmother of Brendan '12 and Nathan '14.

Joseph Martorano, passed away February 8, 2019; father of parishioner Jenny (Kevin) Newton..

Donna Masterman, parishioner, passed away October 20, 2018.

James McGuire, parishioner, passed away March 21, 2019.

Nancy McNamer, parishioner, passed away on September 14, 2019; preceded in death by daughter, Kathleen and son, Timothy; survived by loving husband of 66 years, Richard; children, Kevin '70, Gregory '72, Patrick '75, Michael '77, Molly '81, Mark '84 and Matthew '84.

If we have missed any loved ones, please let us know.

Lawrence "Larry" Meskan,

Class of 1945, passed away January 21, 2019; father of parishoner Diane Meskan Schwecke.

Thomas Monahan, Class of 1941, passed away March 31, 2018.

Geraldine Musil, parishioner, passed away August 25, 2019.

Bob Nehotte, parishioner, passed away November 14, 2019.

Paul M. Nesvig, passed away March 12, 2019; husband of staff member Sandy; father of Lara and Tanya.

Roger Niemann, parishioner, passed away August 16, 2019.

Delores Pearson, parishioner, passed away October 21, 2019.

Sophie Prince, parishioner, passed away May 18, 2019; mother of Kathleen (Rodger), Robert (Jenifer), Carol, Cindy, Bill and Kris.

Sister Elaine (Genevieve) Robbins, OP, former teacher at Annunciation, passed away April 5, 2019

Thomas Sheahan Jr, parishioner, passed away April 26, 2019.

Raymond W. Scallen, M.D.,

Class of 1939, passed away on February 25, 2019. Survived by wife, Mary Hamel Scallen; daughters Mary Scallen Hagen '66, Ann and Catherine; brother Stephen '46. Preceded in death by his brothers, Terence '49 and Thomas '39.

Carolyn Skala, parishioner, passed away May 22, 2019; daughter of Carol; sister of Jacob '83.

Peter Sovell, son of parishioner Don Sovell, passed away October 2018.

Joseph Straub, passed away January 17, 2019, father of parishioner Emily (Scott) Guilliatt; grandfather of Jude '19, Finn and Sam. Nicolas E Struble, Class of 1978, passed away May 13, 2019.

Jo Anne Toonen, Class of 1969, passed away June 14, 2016.

Alice Weides, parishioner, passed way September 28, 2019; mother of Gregory, Christoper and Daniel (deceased); sister-in-law of Helen.

Denny Wiltgen, passed away March 5, 2019; father of parishioner Angie (Corey) Swan; grandfather of Eli and Nola.



Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. {Matthew 11:28}



In Loving Memory of Leslie Smith

A beloved member of our Annunciation family, mother, grandmother, former teacher, school parent, and parishioner.



I first met Leslie in 1982, my first year teaching at Annunciation. She was every teacher's dream parent – always ready to volunteer, and totally supportive. I got to know Leslie better a few years later when she was hired as a long-term substitute teacher in the middle school. Leslie was great to work with, full of ideas and eager to collaborate. Leslie continued to act as a substitute teacher, both long term and short term, until she found her true calling – fifth grade teacher extraordinaire. She and Margaret Warnemunde worked together for years – making fifth grade – the open classroom – hum with learning and excitement. They were a team who were always ready and willing to take on challenges and develop interesting projects.

Leslie was probably at her strongest teaching science. She was able to coax her students to discover new ideas and create hypotheses to solve the experiments that was the basis of her science curriculum. Another love of Leslie's was social studies. Her students will remember the numerous projects she assigned, and the many state fair ribbons those projects received.

Anyone who knew Leslie will recall her unique wit. She kept her colleagues laughing, as well as anyone who came into contact with her. There are so many things we miss about Leslie. She loved her family, her friends, and Annunciation School. In turn, we loved her and continue to feel a great loss at her passing.

- Sandy Nesvig

A butterfly garden has also been planted in her name and is right outside the first grade classrooms, on the path to the church. Watch for it to come back in the spring!



We are blessed to have a daily reminder of Leslie with our newly installed Prayer Stone Memorial in the Spirit Center.

After offering a prayer, we invite you to take a prayer stone. A prayer stone is a tangible way of carrying your prayer and the spirit of Mrs. Smith with you throughout your day.

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"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

- Helen Keller

Staff Updates

We are very prayerful and intentional about finding people who share our vision and mission, who believe in what Annunciation stands for. God has sent us amazing people to join us in our mission. We are blessed with the new staff joining us and look forward to the coming year.



Emily Fuller Middle School Literature Teacher



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Goodbye & We Wish You the Best!

Annunciation has been blessed with amazing staff. As we say farewell to several staff members; we are grateful for all you have done for our students, families and staff. **We wish you happiness and blessings** in the next chapter of your lives. Your legacy will live on forever!

Emily Guilliatt Anne LaLonde Laux Andrew LeTellier Rachel Morin Alisa Rogers

2020 Calendar of Church & School Events:

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- 1: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, 10am Mass
- 25: Dancing with Annunciation Stars
- 26-31: Catholic Schools Week

February

- 25: School Carnaval
- 26: Ash Wednesday, 8:15am & 6pm Mass

March

- 13-15: Awakening Retreat
- 18-19: School Conferences
- 20: Fish Fry
- 30 & 31: School Spring Break

April

- 1-5: Spring Break
- 9: Holy Thursday, 7pm Mass 13: Easter Monday
- 11: Easter Vigil, 8pm Mass
- 12: Easter Sunday, 8:30am & 10:30am Mass
- 10: Good Friday, 3pm Mass 25: Confirmation, 1:30pm Cathedral of Saint Paul
 - 26: First Communition, 9:30am Mass

May

- 2: School Live & Silent Auction
- 26: 8th Grade Graduation, 9:30am Mass, 7pm Ceremony
- 26: Kindergarten Graduation, 8:30am
- 28: Last Day of School

June

• 4-6: Rummage Sale

August

- 2: Ice Cream Social, 10:30am
- 24: First Day of School

September

• 18-20: SeptemberFest

October

14-16: School MEA Break

November

- 1: All Saints Day
- 2: All Souls Day
- 26: Thanksgiving

December

- 8: Immaculate Conception
- 16 & 17: School Christmas Program
- 24: Christmas Eve, 4pm & 10pm Mass
- 25: Christmas Day, 10am Mass



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