



ANNUNCIATION
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Potentiality.

SPREAD THE WORD: Potentiality Campaign launches with the new school year

We are excited to share that our enrollment team has been hard at work creating an incredible new campaign to educate the community about our school! Informed by research and inspired by the magic that happens in our classrooms, this campaign focuses on what we try to foster in everything we do: Potentiality.

It is Annunciation's promise to help develop potentiality within each of our students. We believe that educating the whole child creates inspired, compassionate and creative leaders through excellence in education, a supportive learning environment and shared values.

As a new school year begins, we look to continue our 90+

year tradition of helping every child reach their full potential. Some new and exciting ways we are developing potentiality this year:

IB Candidate School: This is Annunciation's third year as an IB candidate school. This October, we will apply to be fully recognized/authorized as an IB World School. Our teachers have worked diligently during our candidacy (including over the summer months) to create units based on the Minnesota State Standards in health, English/Language Arts, Science and Social Studies. Math and phonics instruction continue to have a stand-alone time in the daily schedule. Through careful and creative

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planning we now, more than ever, have a clear horizontal and vertical articulation of our curriculum. Our goal is to develop a challenging and engaging program that encourages students to become active, compassionate, and lifelong learners. Teaching and learning in the IB celebrates the many ways people work together to construct meaning and make sense of the world. An IB education empowers young people for a lifetime of learning, independently and in collaboration with others. It prepares a community of learners to engage with global challenges through inquiry, action and reflection. We hope you have noticed significant changes in and outside the classroom and most importantly, we hope the children have experienced the gifts of being part of an International Baccalaureate program.

Artist in Residence: During the 2017-2018 school year, Karron Nottingham will be our Artist in Residence. She will teach monthly visual art lessons in grades K-8. Ms. Nottingham is a professional artist recognized nationally and internationally for both her mixed media constructions and her lectures/seminars on creative content. She is the director of a private studio, Off The Wall, where she offers art enrichment classes and camps. She has shared her love of art by teaching students of all ages for over 30 years.



KARRON NOTTINGHAM

Interactive Monitors: New interactive monitors have been installed in classrooms. Interactive monitors drive learning to a new level of relevance, engagement and collaboration. Teachers are able to create interactive lessons and collaborative activities incorporating multi-media and multi-sensory experiences to enhance learning. Touch displays allow all students to become more involved and active learners. Interactive monitors use intuitive technologies to enable students to experience touch, visual, physical and conceptual engagement with the content in real-time. Users can write, draw, erase and manipulate objects with the touch of a finger or swipe. Teachers report that increased student engagement is the number one benefit to teaching with this tool. Research has repeatedly demonstrated that students learn better when they are fully engaged and that multi-sensory, hands-on learning is the best way to engage them. The continued integration of technology ensures our students are developing 21st century skills.

Hands-on STEM Tools: Minnesota Independent School Forum awarded Annunciation a \$4,500 grant to support STEM initiatives in the classroom. A portion of this will go towards two classroom sets of robots. BeeBots for the younger grades and Ozobots for the older grades. We are also using the money for a mobile STEM cart and other hands on tools such as KNEX energy sets and measurement

tools. The tools will be available to all teachers and classrooms K-8.

Math Pathways: In 2017-2018, an additional accelerated math pathway will be available that includes Geometry for students demonstrating exceptional abilities in math. The accelerated courses will move at a very rapid pace. The one-year accelerated class will cover all the Algebra I standards (9th grade standards) by the end of 8th grade, allowing students to take Geometry in ninth grade. Similarly, the two-year accelerated program (the Geometry option) are for those students who demonstrate they are capable of completing five years of math within three years of middle school, thereby completing Geometry by the end of 8th grade and allowing students to take Algebra II in ninth grade. Please remember that our goal is to have all students experience success in math at Annunciation at a pace that is appropriate to them; for most students, this will mean they will be on the grade level pathway. All of our classes will be at grade level or higher, so no placement will be detrimental to a student's long-term math success.

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MARY JO STERNER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

Tom Arms, Canda Palattao,
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MINISTRY OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

Joe Busch, Annette Gagliardi,
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YOUTH MINISTRY SPIRIT AWARDS

David and Christian Kunau
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Academic Triathlon: This will be Annunciation's third year participating in the Academic Triathlon. Academic Triathlon encourages positive risk-taking by challenging triathletes to discover, refine and demonstrate their combined strengths and abilities as a team. The Academic Tri is a dynamic way to nurture creativity, teamwork and real-world problem-solving skills. Students compete in three distinct events: Party In a Box (improv), Mind Sprints (cooperative problem-solving) and Face-Off (knowledge bowl).

School Theater Program: We are partnering with Stages Theatre to offer an after school theater program for students in grades K-5 this fall. We hope to expand our offerings in the future.

INVITE OTHERS TO JOIN OUR JOY!

Big opportunities in bite-size classes. 

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK!

Annunciation has been blessed with an amazing staff. We say farewell to seven staff members leaving this year. We are grateful for all you have done for our students, families and staff, and we wish you happiness and blessings in the next chapter of your lives!

Anne Clubb

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TOP 10 REASONS TO GO TO MASS

by Fr. Brian Park



Every Sunday, we as the Body of Christ come together to worship God. As Catholics, the Mass is meant to be the high-point of our week – an opportunity to encounter Jesus in his Word and in his Body and Blood. Here are 10 reasons why we as Catholics should come to Mass every Sunday:

- 1. The Eucharist.** The Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ is available to us. It is the pinnacle of our life as Christians. What better way to follow Jesus than to receive Him in the Eucharist? Sometimes the teaching on the Eucharist is hard for us to understand. It was hard for His followers too—read John chapter 6. If you have trouble with your belief in the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist – pray! He will help you.
- 2. Grace.** Grace is God's life and God's help given to us to live a better life in Him. We receive grace through the sacraments. Mass is loaded with grace—ready for us to receive. The more open we are to it, by actively participating, the better!
- 3. The Third Commandment.** Keep holy the Sabbath. Simple words, simple meaning. "So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it because on it God rested from all his work." (Genesis 2:2) We, too, must keep it a special and holy day. The church teaches that Mass is the most important way to do just that. It is not just a good idea - it is our obligation as People of God. Remember the words of Jesus - "If you love me you will keep my commandments" John 15:15. For Christians the Sabbath is now the first day of the week, Sunday, because it was on Sunday that our Lord rose. We start the week with a day totally devoted to our God.
- 4. Community.** We are the Church, the Family of God. God's people are not in this world to struggle along by themselves. We are all one in the Body of Christ. At Mass we join with Him in a special way. We join with those around us. It is a time to be with others for prayer and friendship. It is a mystical connecting with all our brothers and sisters around the world, in heaven, and in purgatory. Through Christ we become a community unlike any we know on earth. It is a glimmer of what heaven will be like.
- 5. Prayer.** The Mass is the ultimate prayer. There is singing, psalms, prayers of thanksgiving, prayers seeking forgiveness, prayers of worship and praise, the Lord's prayer and more. We pray as individuals and as a group. If you struggle with going to Mass - think of it from this perspective. The words we say are more than just a reply to the priest's words - they are prayer! Read them, say them, sing them, believe them.
- 6. The Bible.** Every time Mass is celebrated we hear the Word of God. We hear from the Old Testament. It sets the stage for the Gospel reading. We

hear from the New Testament, perhaps a letter from Paul or the Acts of the Apostles. In the Gospel we learn about Jesus from Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. Sometimes the readings are familiar, sometimes not. St. Jerome said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." The more we come to know the Scriptures, the more we come to know the author of the Scriptures – the Holy Spirit!

7. **The Our Father.** One of the highlights of Mass is The Lord's Prayer. We use the words Jesus gave us and pray together as a family. Remember – it is the "Our" Father, not "My" Father. Jesus wants us to pray together! The Our Father is the perfect prayer – we give praise to God, we ask that our lives be lived His way instead of our way, we ask for His continued presence in our lives, we ask for His forgiveness, and we pray for His strength in the battle against evil. It's all there.
8. **Making time for God.** If nothing else, ask yourself if you have at least one hour a week to set aside for God. Think of that. Imagine Jesus hanging on the cross, dying for you - and He asks that you join Him on Sunday for an hour or so, "Do this in remembrance of Me" (Luke 22:19) Can you do it? Yes. The question is – will you do it, for Him?
9. **Suffering souls in purgatory.** The souls in purgatory need our prayers. Special intentions are offered at Mass for those who have died - both as a group and individually. It is important not to assume that anyone who died is automatically in heaven - we must pray for them!
10. **It's what Jesus wants us to do.** Jesus loves us so much. He wants to spend time with you. He wants to pour out his blessings upon you. There is no better place for this to happen than at Mass!

Class News & Notes



Congratulations Alumni!



Slaine Kelly, Class of 2006, won a Sports Emmy Award as a top Associate Producer for NBC Sports. Slaine was honored at the Lincoln Center in NYC for her excellent work on the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio.

Greg Lafontaine '85 recently received the Boy Scouts of America District Award of Merit. Thank you for your dedication to Boy Scouts and understanding the importance of passing skills and leadership to the next generation of scouts.



Dan O'Rourke, Class of 1986, and five other contestants coupled with

professional dancers on October 1, 2016, in the 3rd Annual Dancing with Annunciation Stars fundraiser, blowing the roof off the school auditorium. Dan successfully reeled in supporters from his grade school, high school, and college graduating classes making himself and all the participants big-time winners as they raised over \$34K in proceeds to complete auditorium upgrades. Other alum who have participated in past Dancing with Annunciation Stars events include: Kate McMahon '82, Leah Kaiser '83, Andrea Markley X'85, and Beth Sable '91. *(Photo by Jennifer Watson Verbrugge)*

James (Jim) Larson, Class of 1939, and his wife Theresa celebrated 66 years of marriage.

Congratulations to **Anthony Palmer**, Class of 2014, for receiving the Norman Borlaug Science Achievement Award. He was nominated by his HS science teachers and the award conferred by the University of MN!



Paul Steege, Class of 2014, is the newest Eagle Scout for Annunciation Boy Scout Troop 103.

Congratulations to **Liam Nields**, Class of 2010. Liam recently took his oath of enrollment to the United States Air Force.

Marriages:

Stoddard Barnhill, son of Phil and Michele Barnhill, Class of 2004, married Mindy Saltzman on October 14, 2016 at The Loft in Stillwater, Minnesota.

Nicholas DeVetter, son of Michael and Carol DeVetter, Class of 2007, married Bailey Zallek, on July 1, 2017 in Mankato, Minnesota.

Saidee Duffy, daughter of James and Carolyn Duffy, Class of 2004, married Andrew Grimley on September 24, 2016 at Incarnation Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Megan Hupp, Class of 2001, married Ben Shannon on September 9, 2017.

Bennett Johnson, son of Brett Johnson and Terri Rand Johnson, Class of 2005, married Mary Katherine Tonner on October 8, 2016 at Annunciation.

Sean Kern married Kailey Fargo on August 27, 2016 in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dr. Amy Liesenfelt, daughter of Thomas and Lori Liesenfelt, Class of 2002, married Stephen McKenzie Mattingly, on May 13, 2017 in Chicago.

Ruth Moehn, daughter of Brian and Lisa Moehn, Class of 2002, married Terrel Barnes on September 10, 2016 in Edina, Minnesota.

Rachel Roth, Class of 2004, married Geo Stavrou, on March 31, 2017 in downtown Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Matthew Schumacher, son of Mark and Maggie Schumacher, Class of 2002, married Colleen Ritchie on January 1, 2017 in Edina, Minnesota.

Charlie Trepanier, Class of 1997, married Kristina DeSchepper on August 26, 2017 at Annunciation.

Anna Viehmann, daughter of Paula Viehmann, Class of 2002, married Aaron Halvorson, on October 1, 2016 in Lakota, North Dakota.

Engagements:

Laura Asp, Class of 2007, is engaged to be married to Eric DiSanza.

Maggie Guertin, Class of 2007, is engaged to James Menter.

Kyle Morris, Class of 2004, engaged to be married.

Emma Woldum, Class of 2006, is engaged to Christian Davis.

Births:

Alison Dahlman, Class of 1999, and husband Jim welcome Meredith Christine, born November 26, 2016.

CORRECTIONS:

In the Fall 2016 newsletter, the name of **Anne (Brinkhaus) Burton**, Class of 2003, and husband Levi's baby was incorrectly reported. The couple welcomed Jane Ruth Marie, born June 1, 2016.

In the Fall 2016 newsletter, the death of **Matthew James Storms**, son of Mary Teresa, Class of 1944, was incorrectly listed as John Matthew Storms.

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.

Kevin Alley, Class of 1966, died May 25, 2017; brother of Michael '63.

Elfriede Anderson, died October 4, 2016; mother of Helen (Jeff) Bureau, grandmother to Grace '15 and Matthew '19.

Shirley D. (Lindgren) Berger, parishioner, died May 12, 2016; wife of Frank.

Kathryn "Kathy" Bucher, died December 4, 2016; mother of parishioner Brian (Shelly) Murray, grandmother of Seamus '14, Brigid '13, and Claudia '16.

Jacqueline (Hyberg) Budde, parishioner, died September 1, 2016; wife of Walter '38.

Mollie Campbell (Mary Lillis), parishioner and benefactor, died January 19, 2017.

Mary Evelyn (Long) Cleary, Class of 1933, died October 26, 2016.

David E. Compton, died January 21, 2017; brother of staff member Michael Compton.

Jeannette H. "Jay" Deick, parishioner, died May 15, 2017.

Brian R. Deike, parishioner, died August 28, 2016.

Clarke E. Delaney, Class of 1950, died December 13, 2016.

Sheila Marie (Ryan) Dickey, Class of 1946, died October 2, 2016; siblings Marianne Dahlberg '42 and Barbara Rosacker '53.

Terence Austin Leonard Dosh, died April 2, 2016; husband of Millicent Adams '53.

Donald D. Eblen, parishioner, died September 29, 2016.

Margaret Ann Fabel, died October 13, 2016; mother of Pamela Mattson '60 and Barb Voss '66.

Mary Ferrell, Class of 1936, died November 30, 1998.

Marilyn (Milan) Francen, died on October 27, 2016; daughter of parishioner Vi Milan; sister of Dale Milan '76.

Robert Lea Gartner, died January 3, 2017; father of parishioner David (Mandy) Gartner, grandfather of Eoghan '15 and Finn '17.

Margaret (Sweetser) Hagerty, Class of 1942, died April 21, 2017.

Barbara Jean (Moosburger) Haley died September 23, 2016; sister of parishioner Matt (Tracy) Moosbrugger, aunt of Megan '18 and Joseph '19.

Elizabeth “Beth” Hawkins, died January 19, 2016; mother of Lisa Hengel, Sara Anne Cosgrove '89, Luke '93, Annie LaMere '95; sister of parishioner Mary (John) Kelly; aunt to John '85, Molly McNaughton '89, Megan Stebbins '91, Annie Greenawalt '95 and Michael '97.

Robert J. Heer, died August 21, 2017, father-in-law of staff member Terry Heer; grandfather of Rachel '07, Thomas '09 and Rebecca '11.

Patricia Rose (Corrick) Hinton, Class of 1946, died October 30, 2016.

Katherine C. Hoey, died April 10, 2017; mother of parishioner Kathy (David) Jungquist, grandmother of Natalie '17 and Lucy '19.

Ronald Bruce Howes, Jr., parishioner, died August 22, 2017; husband of Joyce.

Paul L. Jaeger, Class of 1945, parishioner, died December 10, 2016; husband of Jane; father of Mary Alice Larson '74, Sarah Youngblood '75, Amy Clancy '77, Kate McMahan '82, Anne '85, David '88 and Joe; grandfather of Meg '12, Joe '15, Jane '17, Maura '20, and Emmett '24.

Gloria Lillian (Harner) Johnson, died April 7, 2017; mother of staff member Richard Johnson.

Sharon L. Johnson, died January 2, 2017; mother of Jean '69, Geraldine '68, Jayne '75, Gary '73 and Gordon '78.

J. Byrne Keefe, died September 2, 2016; husband to Cecilia (Carlberg) '67.

Mollie (Flahavan) Landrigan, Class of 1938, died April 3, 2016; preceded in death by siblings Fr. Robert '32, Anne '42, Mark '48, Ruth '52; survived by brother Edward '45.

Dr. John William Lawrow, parishioner, died February 26, 2017; preceded in death by daughters Shawn, Susan '71 and Sheila '75; survived by wife Peggy; children Kathy, Patty '69, Mike '72, Brigid '76, Pegeen '82; grandchildren Lexi '99, Kyra '01, Devin '02, Chase '05, Donovan '05, Shawn '11 and Maggie '16.

Sharon Lepel, Class of 1972, died on November 8, 2015.

Jacqueline Madden, died July 9, 2016; mother of Joan '58, Julie '61, Arthur '63, Bob '65(deceased), Peter '72, and Jacqueline '74.

Mary Jo (Poitras) Maisonneuve, Class of 1943, died April 25, 2015.

Betty Jane McCauley, parishioner, died May 29, 2017.

Earl Martin McCullough, died May 25, 2017; father of parishioner Laura (Bob) Pigozzi, grandfather of Stephen '99, Michael '01, Jack '03, and Robert '06.

Winnifred (Reuder) McGuane, Class of 1939, died August 2016 in San Diego, CA; preceded in death by sister Marge Sutton '42, survived by siblings Dr. Mary Reuder '36 and Leo Reuder '49.

Kathleen T. “Kate” Meyer, Class of 1966, died October 27, 2016; siblings William Winston '56, Roberta Inez '58, Stephanie Rae '60, James Philip '61, Andrew John '63, David Vincent '65, Dorothy Margaret '69, and Melissa '67.

John H. ‘Jack’ O’Brien, parishioner, died May 24, 2017; husband of Terry; father of Katie '79, Patrick '80, Thomas '82, and Daniel '84.

Marguerite Claire (Greet) Olson, Class of 1941, died November 6, 2016.

Donald W. Omites, Class of 1949, died August 29, 2016.

Mary (Kodadek) O’Neill, Class of 1957, died May 1, 2016.

Mary (Foley) Parkos, Class of 1970, died 2000.

Susan Y. Phillips, died July 3, 2017; sister of staff member Karen Vrla and parishioner Jennifer Phillips; aunt to Casey '03, Kevin '07, Samuel '11, Maxwell '13 and Isabelle '15.

Sister Joyce Rowland, Class of 1936, died July 19, 2017; preceded in death by siblings John '39, Peter '43, Suzanne Hirsch '46 and Dermot '50; survived by siblings Mary McKinley '38, Stephen '44, Olive Hedrick '47 and Sheila Delaney '53.

Terence J. Scallen, MD, Ph.D., Class of 1949, died March 24, 2017; preceded in death by brother Thomas '39; survived by siblings Raymond '39, and Stephen '46; uncle of Tom '62, Sheila Gregory '64, Pat '68, Eileen '73, Tim '74, and Maureen Failor '75; great nieces and nephews Meghan '93, Michael '95, Sean '99, and Daniel '05.

Katherine Mary Schulz, parishioner, died December 24, 2015; mother of Brian, Brenton '93, and Bradley '96.

Joseph Sexton, Class of 1939, died on February 15, 2016.

Alan M. Skarman, died September 9, 2016; brother of parishioner Pete.

Michael “Mike” Staples, Class of 1965, died October 6, 2016; husband of Elizabeth (O’Rourke) '66; siblings John '61, Donna Layman '64, Sharon Hoherts '67, Mary Kay Hanna '69, Kathy LaRose '74, Jane Mahoney '73.

Phyllis (Delaney) Sutcliffe, Class of 1948, died December 17, 2016; preceded by brother Clarke Delaney '50.

Donald D. Totzke, parishioner, died September 5, 2016.

Helen M. Waterston, parishioner, died February 8, 2017; wife of Warren, mother of Ann '63, Steven '67, Michael '69 and Carol '72; grandmother of Marcus '94 and Michelle '99.

Kathleen (Teske) White, parishioner, died July 1, 2017; wife of Dewey.

Maureen A. Wolf, Class of 1977, died July 2, 2017; daughter of Mary Jo (Sausen) '54; siblings Andy '78, Mariann '80, Alan '83, Marc '84 and Alex '87

Marguerite Y. Woods, parishioner, died April 23, 2016.

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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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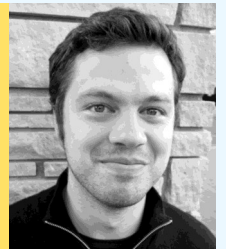
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The Class of 1956 celebrated the 60th anniversary of its graduation from Annunciation School with dinner, conversation and memorabilia. Pictured (left to right) Front row: Leslie Kennedy Smith, Kathleen Hassman Larson, Robert Spinner, Helen Hanson Trepanier and Dick Allendorf. Second Row: Patricia Blocker Mangelsdorf, John Ryan, Kathleen Sauter Lavin, John Brundidge, Susan Perry Denner, Shirley Gay Gilmore, James Jenks, Karen Moehn O'Toole, Judith Boeser Erickson, Bonnie Clausen Winkelman, Patricia Hayes Pink and Janice Lenz Buechler. Back Row: Edward Adams, Ronald Mangelsdorf, Carolyn Walch Miller, Christine Wegmann Walker, Richard Martin, Dean Pohland and Virginia Geisenhoff Coverdale.



Alumni octogenarians! On July 6, 2017, members of the class of 1951 celebrated at Poor Richard's Commonhouse in Bloomington. They marked their "milestone" birthdays and shared many memories of Annunciation School. Far left: Liz Merry O'Daniel, Front Row (left to right): Jeanne Freeberg Walch, Mary (Mickey) McFarland Ritten, Donna Casey (Sister Jo). Center Row: Tom Savoie and Mary Sarazin. Last Row: Dave Harrer, Bill Cook, Bob Elliott. Far right: Dave Jasper.

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