



# The Annunciation Spirit Newsletter

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## We're Excited to Announce We Are Now an Official IB World School!

Over the past few years, Annunciation has been on a journey to build on the strong tradition our school has had for almost 100 years. Our goal is to continue to form amazing, faithful young people who will make a difference in the world. To do this in the 21st century requires innovation and new approaches to education. Our MNSAA strategic plan created an ambitious road map to get us there.

Part of our strategic direction has been the implementation of the International Baccalaureate (IB) program. Through this process, we have had the opportunity to review just about every aspect of our school – processes, policies, curriculum, standards, teaching methods, culture and more. It has helped us become a better school – not only for our students, but for our teachers, staff and parents, too. For the past three years, we have been learning, adapting, growing, and becoming an IB school.

**In June, we received notification that we were accepted as an official IB World School. Annunciation Catholic School is proud to take its place among this amazing group of innovative, high-performing schools worldwide. This is a great achievement, especially for a Catholic school. Our alumni, parishioners, community and supporters can be proud!**



**Just how far will they go.**  
IB World School



## 2018 Mary Jo Sterner Volunteer of the Year Award Winners

- Sara Nuahn
- Christy McFadden
- Mike Lori
- Emily Koenig

## 2018 Ministry of the Year Award Winners

- Vi Milan
- Bob & Kathy French
- Helen Corkran
- Andy & Karin Cebulla
- Shiro & Pat Katagiri
- Brian & Meggie Meyer

## 2018 Youth Ministry Spirit Award Winners

- Joe Laux
- Julia Zappa
- Jacob Werle

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!**



As an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, we join thousands of schools in over 100 countries offering this program. The IB is the framework and teaching methodology that combines the best research and practices with a wealth of knowledge to create a relevant and engaging program for all students.

The IB is recognized across the world for its innovative approach to education. We look forward to embracing these innovative approaches as we continue to build on our strong history of excellence as a leader in Catholic education, forming the whole child. *Being an IB World School supports us in achieving our vision to “foster each child’s potential to create a better world through faith, virtue, knowledge, and service to others.”*

### **An International Baccalaureate education:**

- Encourages students to think critically and challenge assumptions
- Encourages students to consider both local and global contexts
- Encourages students to be multilingual students

We are excited for all to share the positive results of becoming an IB World School and believe these results will be evident in our community as our students undertake activities that enhance social, cultural and economic environments locally, nationally and internationally.

As our students grow through inquiry and discover learning, making real-world connections, they truly reach their full potentiality. Each child discovering who they are called to be and how they can make an impact on the world.

Our authorization is the result of years of intense growth, and creativity, and reflection. The staff has demonstrated stellar levels of commitment, open mindedness and courage. We are proud of this great accomplishment and grateful for everyone involved! We ask for your prayers and support as we continue on this journey.

***Join our joy as we work to realize our shared vision of a better and more peaceful world, achieved through intercultural understanding, faith, and respect.***

### **About the International Baccalaureate:**

Founded in 1968, the International Baccalaureate (IB) is a non-profit foundation, which offers four high-quality and challenging educational programs for a worldwide community of schools. For close to 50 years, IB programs have gained a reputation for their rigor and high academic standards, for preparing students for life in a globalized 21st century, and for helping to develop citizens who will create a better, more peaceful world. Currently, more than 1.3 million IB students attend over 4,500 schools in 147 countries. To learn more, please visit [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org).



# A Message from Fr. Park

## Praying as a Family

“ *All families need God. Every single one. We need His help, His strength, His blessing, His mercy and His forgiveness.* ”

*It takes simplicity. To pray as a family, simplicity is needed. As a family, you can pray the ‘Our Father’ around the dinner table. That’s not difficult to do, it’s easy. Praying the rosary together, as a family is very beautiful and it gives strength. Also praying for one another: A husband for his wife and a wife for her husband. Parents praying for their children and children for their parents and grandparents. Praying for one another.* ”

-Pope Francis

When speaking about the duties of parents, the Catechism of the Catholic Church states that “parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God.” (CCC 2226) One of the greatest gifts parents can give to their children is to teach them how to pray, and one of the best ways to teach children about prayer is to model it by praying as a family. Remember that old expression – “the family that prays together stays together” – well, it’s still true today!

Praying as a family does not have to be complicated, and it doesn’t need to take a lot of time, but setting aside some time for family prayer is essential for Christian families. Maybe your family has a good routine of family prayer already established, great! Keep it up! Maybe your family takes some time for prayer during Advent and Lent, great! Can you find ways to expand your family prayer throughout the year? Maybe your family doesn’t ever pray together, well, it’s never too late to start a good thing! **Here are some simple, practical ways that you can pray as a family:**

- Pray a blessing for each child before bedtime
- Do a short bible study, study of virtue, etc.
- Lay hands on and pray for a kid going through a particularly hard time

- Praying the Rosary (or decade for young kids)
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Have each person say a short thanksgiving and/or intention
- Singing a praise song or hymn together
- Read a story about a saint
- Create a sacred space, using candles, liturgical colors, holy images or icons to show that this time is special. Have your kids help set it up, and use your senses to pray with your whole body!
- In the car, you can listen to praise and worship, sung prayers, saint stories, etc. (*or Father Park’s Podcast* :)
- Stop to say a short prayer at a certain time of day, such as the Angelus at noon or “Jesus I trust in You” at 3pm, the hour of mercy.
- Celebrate your children’s Baptism Days - It’s their birthday into the family of God! Recite baptismal promises, have their favorite meal
- Celebrate the Liturgical Seasons with special traditions
- Celebrate other feast days throughout the year with parties (and some prayers! Holy Days of Obligation require going to Mass, but there should be some feasting that go along with it!)

***Happy Praying!***



# Class News & Notes

## Congratulations Alumni!

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

### ACADEMY OF HOLY ANGELS:

Valedictorian- Julia Zappa

Salutatorian- Meredith LaVine

Commencement Speaker - Jacob Werle



These students maintained a 4.0 or above for their entire high school career (all 4 years, 12 trimesters):

Patrick Daley, Julia Erickson, Ellen Grubbs, Cormac Huyen, Meredith LaVine and Julia Zappa

Annunciation alumni were recognized for several honors in math, Spanish, writing, leading with faith, and service.

### DELASALLE HIGH SCHOOL:

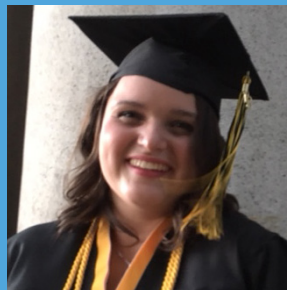
“Islander Award” Recipient for exemplary efforts and achievements that reflect Christian leadership, commitment to education, and service to school and community:

- Julia Eubanks

“Distinguished Scholar” – one of 40 DeLaSalle seniors in 2018 to have earned a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 or higher after the first semester of grade twelve:

- Julia Eubanks
- Gwen Kelley
- Maggie Kerwin

*Maggie Kerwin was selected by her peers as one of two student speakers at Commencement.*



**Shane de Sibour**, Class of 2015, reached the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts.

**Jack Knapp**, Class of 2014, was voted Star Tribune MN Baseball Hub Fans' Choice for Top Performer of the week.

**Jackson Arms**, Class of 2013, was named the Tri-Metro Conference Player of the Year and to a MSHSSCA All-State Team.

**Nicholas Devetter**, Class of 2007, was accepted into medical school by his dream school, A.T. Still University in Kirksville, Missouri.

**Elliot Moen**, Class of 2009, graduated from Loyola University in Chicago with a Masters in Criminal Justice & Criminology. He has moved to Denver, Colorado to work for Keypoint Government Solutions as a Background Investigator for Government Contractors.



**Emma Orfield Johnston**, Class of 2014, was honored with a Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Silver Medal with Distinction for her photography portfolio. Over 350,000 works of art and writing were submitted by students from across the country. She was one of only 48 students to receive an award.

## ➤ Engagements:

**Claire Jacques**, Class of 2007, is engaged to be married to Nick Larson.

**Slaine Kelly**, Class of 2006, is engaged to be married to Jason Houts.

**Casey O'Brien**, Class of 2002, is engaged to be married to Tricia Tongco.

**Calvin Pupkes**, Class of 2004, is engaged to be married to Anna Kokrda.

## ➤ Marriages:

**Maddie Brozen**, Class of 2000, married Mehmet Berker on September 30, 2017 in Minneapolis, MN.

**Erik Coglianese**, Class of 2002, married Alyssa Jackson on September 23, 2017, in Bemidji, MN.

**Courtney Greenawalt**, Class of 2000, married Sam Denoncour on September 23, 2017 in Newburyport, MA.

**Kyle Morris**, Class of 2004, married Jessica Meyers on April 14, 2018 at Annunciation.

**Jack Pigozzi**, Class of 2003, married Leslie Rodrigues in December 2017 in Chicago.

## ➤ Births:

**Alison (Frank) Dahlman**, Class of 1999, and husband Jim, as well as big sister Meredith, welcomed twin sons, Benjamin James and Francis Steven, born on January 23, 2018. Proud grandparents are Chris & Mick Frank.

**Kristine (Linnihan) Cook**, Class of 1999, and husband Joe welcomed daughter, Clare Elizabeth born December 22, 2017. Proud grandparents are Tom & Mary Linnihan.

## ➤ Reunions:



**The Class of 1968** had its 50 year reunion at Annunciation School on April 21, 2018. There was an excellent turnout with close to 50% of the class attending with some classmates coming from New York and California. It was a great time reconnecting with classmates and reminiscing about Annunciation School. Many promised to maintain renewed acquaintances and friendships. Marie Murphy was our honored guest which really added to the occasion. Also, fellow classmate, Fr. Dan McMullin celebrated mass in the Annunciation convent chapel for the intention of all present and deceased class members. Virtually all who attended felt it was a special and memorable evening.

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**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-your-news/](http://www.annunciationmsp.org/school/alumni/tell-us-your-news/)

Email: [jknutson@annunciationmsp.org](mailto:jknutson@annunciationmsp.org)

**Thank you to Terry Williams, Class of 1959, for sharing:**

Terry is a retired Air Force Navigator. He has been a flight attendant with Alaska Airlines since 1989. He will be married 47 years in October and has two children and six grandchildren.



# 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.*

**Dorothy Anderson,**  
parishioner, passed away on April 10, 2018; preceded in death by husband Art and son Douglas '62.

**Doug Anderson,**  
Class of 1962, passed away October 18, 2017; husband of Kim.

**Stanley Anderson,**  
parishioner, passed away September 22, 2017; father of Sara Zimmerman, grandfather of Libby '18.

**Rosemary Behrendt,**  
parishioner, passed away October 10, 2017.

**Josephine Brashear,**  
parishioner, passed away February 12, 2018.

**Sister Christina Cegelske,**  
passed away March 6, 2018. Sr. Christina taught kindergarten and day care at Annunciation for many years.

**Sandra Christiansen,**  
Class of 1962, passed away November 22, 2017; preceded in death by parents, Marty and Catherine; sister, Sharon '72; survived by siblings, Marty '60, Pat '61, Diane Kasprzyk '65, Jackie Omundson '66, Mike '68, Kathy Patterson '71, and Marcia '78.

**Bob Clark,**  
passed away May 24, 2017; husband to Alice (Shillock), class of 1961.

**Stephen Cupit,**  
passed away August 27, 2018; uncle of Fr. Park.

**Rosemary DeGonda,**  
Class of 1941, passed away June 30, 2018.

**Trinetta Doll,**  
parishioner, passed away July 3, 2018; mother of Mary Twomey '64, Daniel '67, Patrick '68 and Collen Copeland '73.

**Antoinette Dombeck,**  
parishioner, passed away May 29, 2018.

**John Doyle,**  
passed away December 14, 2017; preceded in death by sisters, Mary Kay and Ann Duffy '70; survived by brothers Jim '66 and Bob '68.

**Bill Driscoll,**  
parishioner, passed away June 2, 2018.

**Ann (Doyle) Duffy,**  
Class of 1970, passed away November 28, 2017; preceded in death by sister, Mary Kay; survived by brothers Jim '66 and Bob '68.

**Phyllis Eblen,**  
parishioner, passed away August 31, 2018.

**Darrell Erickson,**  
Class of 1951, passed away August 2, 2017.

**Rita Erickson,**  
Class of 1953, passed away October 1, 1999.

**Myra Frenz,**  
parishioner, passed away November 7, 2017; preceded in death by husband, George and son, Mark; survived by children Jane, Nancy, Ann, Peter John,

Paul, Joseph '74, Stephen '78 and Mary '80.

**Gloria Gagliardi,**  
passed away March 29, 2018; mother of parishioner Tim Gagliardi; grandmother of Marian '97 and Margaret '02.

**Patricia Gannon Freed,**  
class of 1938, passed away September 3, 2017; preceded in death by sisters Eileen Gannon Twomey '42 and Marion Therese Gannon '45; survived by her sister Alice Gannon Jacques '49 and brother James Gannon '53 as well as her daughters Stephanie, Lesley, Bridget, Nora and six grandchildren, two great grandchildren.

**Veronica Rose "Coke" Fitzgerald,**  
passed away March 27, 2018; mother to parishioner Shelia Steichen; grandmother to Patrick '18; Frances and Maeve.

**Maureen Gerdes,**  
passed away November 11, 2017; mother of parishioner Terri Gerdes-Bettin and grandmother of Benjamin '02, Genevieve '05, and Nathaniel '08.

**Gary Hackenmueller,**  
parishioner, passed away January 24, 2018.

**Jeanne Halloran,**  
parishioner, passed away September 28, 2017; wife of Gordon.

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



**Andrew Hartle,**  
Class of 1958, passed away May 23, 2018; preceded in death by brothers, David '55, Joseph '57 and Philip '61; survived by sisters, Cathy '60, Jeanne and Mary Alice '66.

**Colleen Quirk Healy,**  
parishioner, passed away December 7, 2017; preceded in death by daughter, Elizabeth Ann "Liz" '73; survived by husband Bob; children Katherine "Kit" Kahlow '75, Sheila Berube '78, Mary '86 and Ann Marie Mealer '88.

**Vincent Edward Helling**  
passed away November 11, 2017; father of parishioner, Tom Helling; grandfather of Allison '97 and Madeline '00.

**Theresa Hirtz,**  
passed away September 18, 2017; wife of Steve, class of 1966.

**Virginia A Holzinger,**  
parishioner, passed away April, 25, 2017.

**James Hoos,**  
passed away June 17, 2018; grandfather of Fr. Park.

**Sawyer Howe,**  
passed away June 2, 2018; son of Amy (Ruff) '97 and Eric; grandson of Bob and Sue Ruff; nephew of Bridget Peterson '95 and Billy '00.

**Dr. Mary (Reuder) Iverson,**  
Class of 1936, passed away November 15, 2017; preceded in death by siblings Winnifred McGuane '39, Marge Sutton '42 and Leo '49.

**Laureen Johnson,**  
Class of 1971, passed away September 13, 2017.

**Donna Klaers,**  
parishioner, passed away February 23, 2018

**F.W. Lawrence,**  
passed away June 12, 2018; father of Mary Jo '65, Paula '66, Claudia '68, Carla '69, Roger '70, Edward '72, Charles '73 and Anthony '75.

**Daniel M. Linnihan,**  
Class of 1968, passed away December 28, 2015; brother of Theresa '66, Philip '69 and Mary '72.

**Dane London,**  
passed away May 21, 2018; husband of Annique; father of Anya '18 and Sasha.

**Michael P. Milliman,**  
Class of 1961, passed away October 29, 2017.

**Mark Neitge,**  
Class of 1966, passed away August 2, 2018; preceded in death by sister, Margie Vossen '74; survived by siblings Sue Kephart '62, Ki McCue '71 and Dan '76.

**Daniel Oakes,**  
parishioner, passed away October 8, 2017; husband of Pat; father of Krista '94, Kelsey '99 and Jeff '02.

**Patricia O'Dougherty,**  
parishioner, passed away March 14, 2018; preceded in death by husband James Aquinas and daughter Mary Ann '67; survived by children Patrick, Michael, Margaret and Maureen '70.

**Sr. Josette Pahl,**  
Class of 1933, passed away October 18, 2017; preceded in death by siblings Br. Cyril Pahl '32, Sr. Eileen Somers '41 and Sr. Marian Pahl '45.

**Sean Pederson,**  
passed away June 21, 2018; husband of Susan (LaFontaine) Pederson '81.

**Arivia Phillips,**  
passed away March 11, 2018; sister of staff member Karen Phillips and parishioner Jennifer Phillips; aunt to Casey '03, Kevin '07, Samuel '11, Maxwell '13 and Isabelle '15.

**Margaret Mary "Marge" Rude,**  
parishioner, passed away September 8, 2018; mother of Steven '71, David '73, Tony '74 and Nancy '77.

**Joseph J. Straub III,**  
passed away December 30, 2017; brother of staff member Emily Guilliat.

**Mary Straub,**  
passed away April 2, 2018; mother of staff member Emily Guilliat.

**Robert Straub II,**  
passed away January 25, 2018; brother of staff member Emily Guilliat.

**Dan Weides,**  
passed away July 4, 2018; son of parishioner Alice Weides; brother of Greg Weides.

**Herbert Welch,**  
Class of 1940, passed away October 2017.

**Jackie Williams,**  
parishioner, passed away February 1, 2018.



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



## In Memory of Mary Lou Nixon

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

Mary Lou passed away January 11, 2018. She is survived by husband Chuck and children Catherine Wegleitner '86, Theresa Kaczorowski '86, Mary Anne Garcia-Martinez '91, Julianne Haenel '94, and Thomas '96 and grandchildren.

Mary Lou was a woman of strong faith who prayed and cared for so many. We will deeply miss our beloved teacher and friend. Her caring spirit will forever be present at Annunciation. Her strong belief in the power of prayer left an imprint on us and has changed our staff and school forever. We are so blessed to have the Nixon family as part of our community. We continue to keep them in our prayers.

*Her deep faith and constant service to others is a beautiful witness to us all. May the angels in heaven welcome her with open and loving arms and may perpetual light shine upon this beautiful and faithful soul.*

Angel of God,  
my guardian dear,  
to whom God's love commits me here,  
ever this day,  
be at my side  
to light and guard,  
to rule and guide.

*Mary Lou's favorite prayer, said daily with  
her students of 35 years.*



# Honor Roll of Donors

*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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2018 Annunciation graduate, Emma Campbell, created the cover for this year's school yearbook.

**Thank you Emma for sharing your talent and capturing the spirit of our school.**



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

*- Helen Keller*

# Staff Updates

## Welcome to New Staff!

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.**



**Andrew LeTellier**  
Middle School  
Literature Teacher



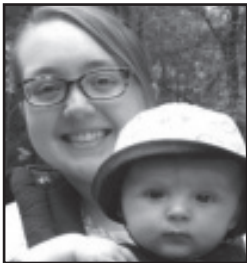
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**Molly Means**  
Middle School  
Math Teacher



**Chrissy Fritzen**  
School Receptionist

## Goodbye & Good Luck!

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!**

**Margaret Warnemunde**

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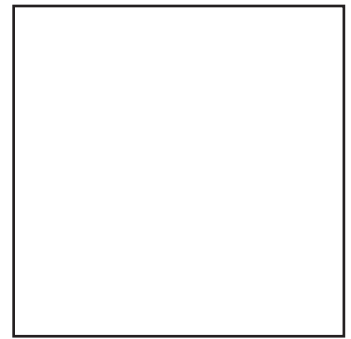
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## Upcoming Event - Join Us!



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13**

**Normandale Lake - Bloomington**

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*We hope to see you there!*