

THE GOOD NEWS

FROM ALUMS & FRIENDS & FAMILIES

Providing tuition assistance to students at Community of Saints Regional Catholic School



Saint Thomas Academy Campus Ministry students helped COS kick off their Marathon Fundraiser with field games. It's part of an effort to mentor and inspire younger students to embrace their faith.

Saint Thomas Academy Partners with COS STA Campus Ministry Class Makes Connections to Share Faith

On a sunny October afternoon, students from Saint Thomas Academy (STA) helped Community of Saints (COS) kick off the school's annual Marathon Fundraiser. The Cadets, all seniors in Campus Ministry, donned tee-shirts, brought snacks, and led COS students in a raucous rotation of field games, including World Cup Soccer, Freeze Tag, and Simon Says.

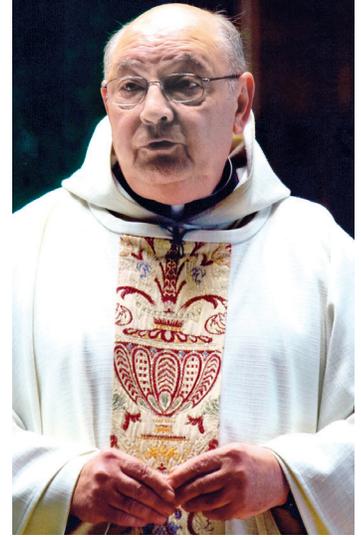
It was the first of three visits Campus Ministry students plan for the year. In January, they will help COS students write letters thanking someone important in their lives, and during Lent they will lead COS students in

Stations of the Cross. "This first visit was about – how can I connect with these kids?" explained STA senior, Chihuu Nguyen. "I want to be the guy they look at as a friend the next time we come."

It's the second year Campus Ministry teacher, Joel Loecken, has partnered with COS and reflects his desire to give students a broader experience of the world around them while creating a variety of opportunities for them to enrich and share their faith. "We do some social justice work, we lead a retreat for middle school students, we help organizations with fundraising," said Loecken.

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MESSAGE FROM **father steve**



Dear Alums, Friends, and Families of COS,

I want to recognize three people who have been indispensable to our efforts to provide an education for each and every family and student who comes to us.



DOUG LIESER

Beginning in 1999 and for 24 years Doug has been at the center of St. Matthew's School and then Community of Saints. He was a middle school teacher and Principal at St. Matthew's. Then when the regional school was created, Doug was Co-Principal for the first year and later Development and Advancement Director. I am proud that for 24 years Doug and I were able to share ministry. Doug has accepted another position in educational development, but we are pleased to announce that he has agreed to serve on the school board for Community of Saints.



MARILYN SEXTON

February 16, 1932 — September 15, 2023

Marilyn and her husband Jerry were part of the Alums and Friends effort from the very beginning. Indeed, Jerry is the 1944 St. Matthew's alum who challenged me and us to get alums involved. Marilyn and Jerry were a remarkable couple. Marilyn was an only child and she and Jerry raised eight bright, active, and at times mischievous children. She and Jerry were part of the executive team of National Marriage Encounter. They traveled and met with people from 54 other countries in an effort to strengthen marriage and families. Catholic education is a partner to families in forming strong faith-filled children.



TOM McKEOWN

May 11, 1929 — September 26, 2023

Tom and Mary Cullen McKeown have been strong supporters of Catholic education, especially Community of Saints School. They were both widowed early in life; and they celebrated 39 years of married life together. Mary's five children all went to St. Matthew's.

Tom was a "John the Baptist" for COS. He encouraged his friends and associates to support COS. One of the most important accomplishments of Tom and Mary was that they were able to instill in their children and grandchildren the spirit of philanthropy. Their generosity continues in the McKeown/Cullen family.

I am so grateful to Doug, Marilyn, and Tom who each brought different strengths to the work of building Catholic education. It is equally important to acknowledge and thank their families. To have known and worked with each of them has been for me an occasion of grace.

And I thank each and every one of you, who by efforts and financial support, make COS strong and vital. Remember, COS is your school; without you it would be impossible.

Father Steve Adrian
Canonical Administrator of COS



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“At Community of Saints, the purpose is to mentor and inspire younger kids to look up to a person of faith and think, ‘I want to be like them,’” said Loecken.

Learning to Be Role Models

Before leading COS students in field games, STA visitors headed to their assigned classrooms to meet the students. Cadet Robbie Wollan listened while first graders told him what they’d like to do when they grow up. “One of them said a fashion designer, one said a doctor, one said a banker,” said Robbie, who was impressed at the range of ideas.

Robbie shared his own dream to work at the United Nations someday, and after explaining what the United Nations does, a student who had wanted to be a senator, decided he’d like to work at the UN, too. “I told him that’s awesome,” said Robbie. “I’m the youngest in my family but at COS I get to take the role of an older brother, so they’re teaching me a lot about how to be the kind of role model I used to look up to. In Campus Ministry we talked about switching classes next time and I said, ‘Absolutely not!’ I want to stay with these first graders — they’re the best.”

Service Broadens Experience

Like his classmates, Charlie Bagley joined Campus Ministry to deepen his faith and share it with others, but he recognizes that when he’s out serving the community, the lessons go both ways. “As students at Saint Thomas, we can get preoccupied with our own school activities and may not really notice what’s going on around us all the time,” Charlie said.

One of the lessons Charlie learned, “I’m not as good at soccer as I thought,” he laughed. He became more reflective when he talked about a



Saint Thomas Academy Campus Ministry encourages students to actively embrace prayer, reflection, and service. Each year they collaborate with local nonprofits to serve those who live on the margins of society. Pictured L to R: Robbie Wollan, Michael Stavseth, Will Barth, and Isaac Wagner.

COS student he teamed up with for a round of World Cup soccer. “He was lighting it up,” said Charlie, “I told him, ‘You’re really good, do you play for a team?’ And he told me he can’t play on any teams because his dad works a lot. That kind of stuck with me. Getting to play sports, being able to see your parents a lot, those are things we can take for granted.”

“I Haven’t Seen a School This Respectful”

Before enrolling at STA, Chihuu often attended summer programs in St. Paul where his mom taught public school; the experience shaped his expectations for COS. “Usually there’s at least one kid who’s always trying to disrupt the class,” he said. “But the class I had was extremely kind to each other. They respected each other when they were talking, and they respected me when I was talking.”

Chihuu’s observation was shared by many of his classmates during an evaluation meeting held the following week. “I’ve had experience with service in elementary schools, but I haven’t seen a school this respectful,” reported Robbie, who went on to credit the teachers. “These teachers always had smiles on their faces and participated in everything. The students were so bought in because the teachers were.”

Mr. Loecken knows his faith-in-action approach to Campus Ministry means he can’t guarantee every activity will be a success, and he expected some of his students would find working with younger kids to be a major challenge. He also believes it’s the right approach for his class of achievers. “There are some things you can’t coach — you’ve got to do it.”

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 STA CAMPUS MINISTRY TEACHER, JOEL LOECKEN

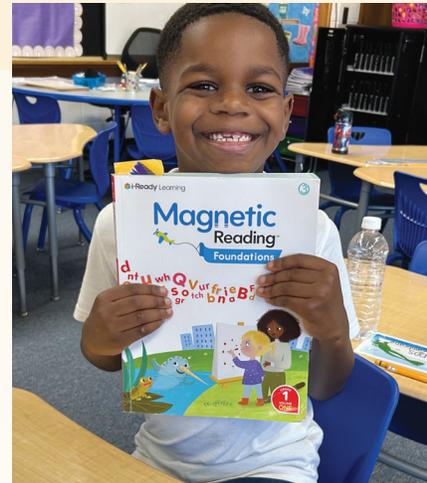


STA Cadet Davon Figueroa spent time getting to know the kindergarteners.

What's New This Year!

New Phonics Curriculum

COS has new phonics curriculums for grades K-2, multi-lingual learners, and Title I students. The research-based curriculum allows for different learning styles and variations in how much instruction time each student needs to become a fluent reader. The stories and visuals mirror the diversity of COS students, and the curriculum provides weekly assessments so teachers can easily track student progress. For the first year, the curriculum will be used in third grade to fill in potential gaps and tee students up for success in grades 4-8.



Be Kind. Be Strong. Be Well.

COS is implementing *Character Strong*, a program that guides students towards becoming positive members of the community. After morning prayer and before classes begin, teachers lead discussions about concrete ways to promote positive social interactions. It's part of the Catholic school commitment to educate the whole child and help make our communities welcoming places.



Character Strong coaches students on how to use social media for positive engagements.

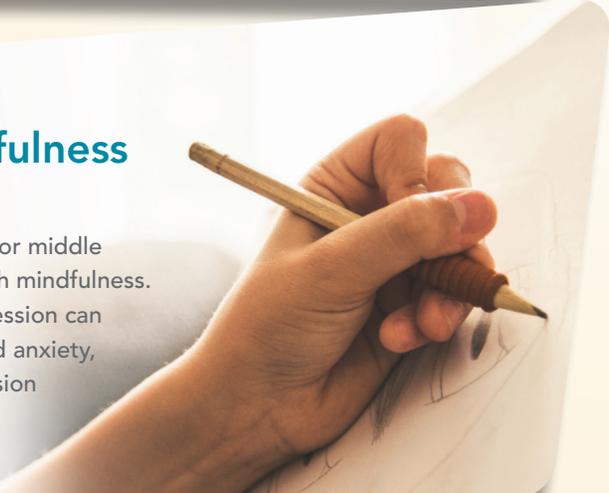


Weekly challenges include activities to promote civility, like holding a door for someone, or meeting and getting to know someone new.



Practicing Mindfulness Through Art

A new after-school program for middle school students mixes art with mindfulness. Students learn how self-expression can be used to manage stress and anxiety, while also increasing compassion for themselves and others.



COS Retains Staff Despite Historic Teacher Shortage

At Community of Saints, every teacher chose to stay for the 2023-24 school year, with the exception of the part-time physical education teacher who left to pursue his dream job as a high school athletic director. At a time when teachers have so many choices, it's an impressive accomplishment. We wanted to know what keeps teachers at COS — so we went to the source.

ALEX GERGEN, THIRD GRADE TEACHER

"When you walk through the halls at COS, it's heartwarming to see students of all ages interacting — giving high fives, sharing hugs, and helping each other out. The incredible support from the administration also stands out. Admin truly cares about teachers' well-being and does everything they can to support us. Professional development opportunities at COS are amazing and play a significant role in teacher retention, including partnerships with The Achievement Network and the University of Notre Dame's Higher Powered Learning. Another plus is our association with the Murray Institute at the University of St. Thomas, which funds Catholic school teachers pursuing a master's degree. I began my graduate program last May and have already grown so much as a teacher."

NATALIE HARTUNG, FIFTH GRADE TEACHER

"I was one of the teachers who went to the University of Notre Dame to learn about implementing STEM. At other schools, teachers in my position got pushback from their admin and colleagues — but not here. We had support. You can tell we are all working toward a common goal and recognize that we can't reach it alone. Educators are often burdened with a heavy workload, and at COS, school leaders are mindful of what is brought to teachers' plates. The professional development here is student-focused and always addresses the question 'What can we do to be better for our students?'"



Pictured L to R: Natalie Hartung, fifth grade teacher; Nick Yannarely, middle school social studies teacher and assistant principal; and Alex Gergen, third grade teacher.

NICK YANNARELY, MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

"COS is a genuine and authentic community. From Bridget and Father Steve as leaders, to our families and students, it feels like one big family. I can go to any colleague and talk to them about an issue I have professionally or personally — we are here to support each other. You can do the math and figure out where to get paid more at a different school, but it would leave a void that would be hard to fill."

COS a Tier 1 Drexel Mission School One of Six in Archdiocese

Community of Saints has recently been identified as a Tier 1 Drexel Mission School by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. To qualify, a school must serve a minimum of 60% students of color, have 60% of students who qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch, and enroll a minimum of 100 students.

COS is one of only six schools in the Archdiocese to meet those requirements. The Drexel Mission School initiative recognizes that Catholic elementary schools serving low-income families and students of color must confront a dual challenge — the schools have limited ability to generate revenue from tuition while shouldering the extra costs of providing additional services crucial to students' success.



A&F&F Donations Fulfill the Promise

Tuition Assistance Makes Catholic Education Accessible

997 Donations Totaling \$439,625

Over 90% of students at Community of Saints (COS) receive tuition assistance. Their ability to receive a Catholic education is the direct result of your generosity. Your contributions make it possible for us to fulfill a crucial promise — that no child in our community will be denied access to a high-quality, Catholic education just because their family cannot afford tuition. COS board member Phil Boelter said tuition assistance support from A&F&F is the single biggest factor in the success of Community of Saints. Given how much is riding on the outcome, he added that we can't afford to take our foot off the gas. It's a good reminder that together we provide something every child deserves — an excellent education in a faith-based, loving, and safe environment. This is your school — it exists because of you. Thank you for your support.

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**7TH GRADE SERVICE PROJECT —
SUPPORTING CLASSMATES WHO NEED IT**

To support good mental health, seventh graders wrote notes of encouragement for fellow students who may be having a rough day or struggling with challenges. Notes were distributed in a variety of locations widely accessible to students, including the office, library, and counselors' rooms. Student notes include quotes and jokes, along with messages of empathy and support.

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LOYALTY CIRCLE SPOTLIGHT Corinne (Heinrich) Brengman

At age 90, Corinne Brengman recently signed up to tutor students at Community of Saints in response to a call for volunteers. "Reading with children is something an old lady can still do," she laughs. To those who know Corinne, it's no surprise. Volunteering is what she's always done, whether as a Brownie and Girl Scout leader when her children were young, or later as the funeral lunch coordinator for St. Matthew's Rosary Society. For many years, Corinne and her husband Bill volunteered together at Loaves and Fishes, Habitat for Humanity, and Our Lady of Peace Cancer Home. Bill passed away in 2022, but Corinne still carries the torch.

Corinne's desire to serve was sparked by her mother, Louise (Heller) Heinrich '24, who passed away at age 30, when Corinne was seven years old. "My mother had severe asthma back before they had inhalers or the medicines they have today," she said. Corinne recalls that even though her mother was often sick, Louise always looked for ways to help others. If she saw a child out in the cold with no mittens, Louise would give them a



RIGHT: Corinne with her parents in 1939. The summer after completing first grade, Corinne's mother, Louise Heinrich, died at the age of 30.

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LEFT: In addition to providing financial support, Corinne volunteers time at COS to help tutor students in reading.

pair. The year before she died, when Corinne's first grade teacher asked for a volunteer to make pencil pouches for the class, Louise stepped up. "She was a very good seamstress," said Corinne.

Corinne is a loyal contributor to tuition assistance because she believes in the importance of Catholic education. Her mother graduated from St. Matthew's, Corinne attended through 10th grade, and her own six children all graduated from St. Matthew's. But giving is also a way for her to remember a young mother she lost long ago, by making gifts in her memory. "I was very young when my mother died," Corinne mused, "but I tried to learn as much from her as I could."

We would like to thank Corinne and all the members of our Loyalty Circle for their consistent and generous support.



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You are welcome to join us in person for a school Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception to honor the generous support of A&F&F donors. Father Steve Adrian will preside. Following Mass, you can tour the school, enjoy refreshments, and meet our middle school students.



COS alum, Lisette Horne '14, will address students and visitors after Mass. Lisette, who was featured in The Good News last March, received a full scholarship to earn her bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota, and received a fellowship to pursue a PhD in behavioral psychology.

