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## Reading Skills Soar with New Phonics Curriculum

Last year, Community of Saints (COS) introduced a new phonics curriculum for students in grades K-3, and the results dramatically exceeded expectations. Student gains were so substantial, they were featured in a newsletter published by one of the school's partners, Achievement Network (ANet), a national nonprofit working to expand educational equity for all students. "It often takes a few years to get to where COS got in one year," said ANet's Anna McKinney, Director of School Support. "It was one of the greatest examples of student growth with a specific focus I've ever seen."

By the end of the school year, students demonstrated major growth in the skills they need to be good readers:

- Phonological awareness grew from 65% to 84% on or above grade level.
- Phonics improved from 24% to 67% on or above grade level.
- High-frequency word recognition increased from 46% to 87% on or above grade level.

ANet works with public and private schools around the country with student populations in need of extra support. At COS this year, 75% of students qualify for free and reduced lunch, making it the fourth highest in the archdiocese. In addition, 47% of COS students are English Language Learners (ELL), coming from households where more than one language is spoken at home.

McKinney credits the teachers, who had a say in selecting the curriculum, for the outsized results. "We would have meetings where teachers would look at each other's data

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## MESSAGE FROM **father steve**

Dear COS Alums, Friends, and Families,

Over the years leaders in business and education have emphasized how important reading, math, and science are to a person's success. This issue of *The Good News* gives you an update on the strides taken at COS to help students not just learn, but to excel in these disciplines.

Over the years I have tried to focus on assisting young people, helping them grow and mature. One of the ways I have done so has been through supporting and actively participating in their education —elementary, secondary, college, and graduate school. For almost 55 years as a priest there hasn't been a day when I have not been active in school and the education of young people.

Now I come to the sunset of my life, I call it "Vesper time." I want to make sure I leave something to support the future mission and ministry of COS.

Often we think of estate gifts to schools as coming from wealthy people.

Catholic priests are not wealthy; at least this one is not. Nevertheless, I do have resources, so I chose to make a bequest to COS as part of my estate planning.

I know that most of you are not wealthy. I also know that most of you have resources and need to make plans about the distribution of those resources at the time of your death.

Join me, make a plan — include COS in your estate planning. No one can do everything, but each of us can do something. No bequest is unimportant or insignificant. Our gifts will allow families who never thought they could afford Catholic education for their children to find a place at COS — where no student is turned away for financial reasons.

I am honored to join with you in this great work. The success of COS students in many ways is due to us. God bless you.

With gratitude,

Father Steve



"I want to make sure I leave something to support the future mission and ministry of COS."

— FR. STEVE

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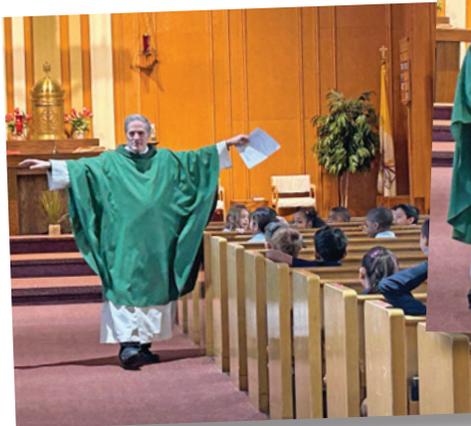
Beginning in December, tours of the school can be scheduled on the first Tuesday of every month through May. Visitors also have the option to join the second grade class for lunch.

This is an opportunity for you to see COS in action and experience what it's like to be part of a school community built on the principles of faith, inclusivity, and love. It also gives us a chance to thank our many donors.

Come and see the school your contributions make possible. For more information or to schedule a tour call **Natalie Hartung, Advancement Director**, at **651-457-2510** or email **NHartung@communityofsaints.org**

We hope to see you soon!





Fr. Paul energetically engages with students during school Mass homily.

## Love for Catholic Schools Leads to COS

EDITOR'S NOTE: *I recently met with Fr. Paul Treacy at Church of the Assumption where he serves as pastor. He talked about his family, his love for Catholic schools, and his new role as Canonical Administrator at COS. Below is an excerpt of our conversation.*

### **We Had Everything We Needed**

My childhood was wonderful chaos. My parents had ten kids in 13 years, and my twin brother and I were the youngest. When I was seven, we moved out to Dellwood when it still had dirt roads and cows because my dad got a deal on a lot. My dad was in the insurance business and while we lived simply, we had everything we needed — it was just old. We took trips, but we traveled very frugally. Every year, we drove to South Padre Island in Texas and stayed at a \$6 a night campground. We pulled a big boat that didn't work, and when we got to Iowa, a few of us would get out of the station wagon and ride in the boat. Guardian angels had extra work with families like ours.

### **A Late Vocation**

I didn't enter the seminary until I was 34. Before that I was in the insurance business for 12 years. I had a great career at St. Paul Companies — I loved it. About six months before I left, I finally got parking. When people who went to high school or college with me heard that Paul Treacy was going into seminary, it's fair to say they may have been surprised. I was also surprised. Until I was 32 years old when the thought of the priesthood started, my plans were to be married and have a family.

When it comes to life plans, however, God is a God of surprises and I'm happy with how it all turned out.

### **Previous Parishes All Had Schools**

I went to St. Jude of the Lake for grade school, Hill-Murray for high school, and then St. Thomas College. My previous parishes all had schools, and I enjoyed the work. I love school Masses — how it's part of student life and becomes part of who students are. Catholic schools give young people a foundation of faith, and something positive they can reconnect with as adults when they have kids of their own. I'm a big fan.

### **Pastor to the School**

As a member of the COS school board for the last two years, I didn't have a lot of opportunity to interact with families or meet students. Now, as the Canonical Administrator, I'm like a pastor to the school, and it's been a great joy getting to meet students and families. The kids themselves are so respectful and fun.

When I started, they had no idea who this new guy was, but the kids have a sense of awe and wonder and just a real kindness — all with with huge smiles. As a board member, it's also been nice to get to see the fruits of a loving school environment with committed teachers and so many committed parents.

### **Passing on the Gift**

COS is a wonderful school. It provides a loving environment for kids to learn and grow. There's so much evidence of the important role community plays in a child's success. Being able to talk about the virtues and values that make for a good person, but also to know God's love and how we are called to love each other.

I am so grateful for the work of A&F&F and the many wonderful people who had a good experience of Catholic education and are now passing on that gift.



Fr. Paul Treacy, age 2, with his parents and nine siblings, including his twin brother. Fr. Paul is seated on his mother's lap.

# STEM Partnership with University of Notre Dame Gets Students Excited about Science

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *One of the perks of working on The Good News is talking to COS students, and I often ask them, "What's your favorite subject?" Over the last few years, I've noticed a steady rise in the number of students who tell me it's science. After 17 years of doing this, it caught my attention. It also motivated me to follow up on a story from 2020, when COS was in the second year of a three-year partnership with the University of Notre Dame to implement a new approach to teaching science.*

In the fall of 2019, when COS was just beginning to phase in Notre Dame's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math initiative (STEM), middle school science teacher, Audrey Moorhouse, surveyed students to gauge their overall interest in math and science. "We had about 72 middle schoolers at that time, and only one of them positively identified with science or math, and two who said they were neutral," Moorhouse reported. "You don't want 96% of your students to hate math and science classes. We knew if we wanted our test scores to increase, we first had to get them excited about what they're learning."

Three years later when Moorhouse conducted the same survey, the outcome was very different, with 75% of students saying they positively identified with science and math. "That felt like a huge shift to me," said Moorhouse. "Not only were kids excited to learn science and math, they also said they could imagine using that knowledge to make life better for themselves, their families, and their communities."

**After implementing STEM, 75% of COS students report positively identifying with science and math.**

## Changing How Science and Math are Taught

In 2019, COS was one of 10 schools nationwide, and the only Catholic elementary school in Minnesota selected to participate in the University of Notre Dame's STEM Fellowship Initiative, a program with the ambitious goal of fundamentally changing how science and math are taught.

In Notre Dame's approach, teachers ask open-ended questions meant to spark dialogue among students. Students are prompted to take up each other's ideas in order to build a collective understanding of a concept and then apply what they've learned to real-world problems. "There's a certain level of rigor as well as standards we have to meet," said Moorhouse. "But making simple adjustments to how we run the classroom can have a really big impact."

STEM also gives students a chance to put the skills they learn in math class to work. While studying waves recently, 8th grade students needed to locate the epicenter of an earthquake using triangulation. "They had to graph time differences and distance, and then use a compass to construct circles on a map with radii that have a particular scale measurement," explained

Moorhouse. "The most engaging science work is rooted in real-world problems, and we need math for that."

Notre Dame's research showed this student-led approach engages young learners far more than rote memorization. "The emphasis is on doing science rather than memorizing science facts," explains Moorhouse. "Especially in today's world, it doesn't matter if you can



remember all the organelles of the cell because you have a computer at your fingertips you can use to look it up.”

## Making Science Accessible for Young Learners

COS teacher Eva Boncich took the STEM initiative and ran with it. Two years ago, she worked with Moorhouse to write a grant to buy a set of dash-bots for her second grade students. Dash-bots are small, programmable robots used to teach students about computer coding and robotics.

Boncich demystifies coding for her students by explaining it's simply about recognizing everything has steps. “I tell my students that tying your shoes has steps, so that's a code,” said Boncich. “Coding is a way for students to learn at a young age that they are capable, and that science isn't something to be afraid of.”

This year Boncich is teaching 4th grade students. “It's exciting because I had this class two years ago, and now that they're fourth graders, we get to explore topics on a more challenging level,” said Boncich. “As a student, science class was where I blossomed, and I want my kids to feel that same love.”



## STUDENTS TRY OUT NEW 3D PRINTER

COS used COVID funds from the federal government to purchase several 3D printers. Sam and Keira (above) were the first students to use the printer to create a name plate for their STEM Club robot. They said it took 30 minutes to design the name plate and two or three hours to print it.

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and say things like, ‘Hey, my students’ phonemic awareness data isn't as good as yours — what did you do?’” McKinney said. “It was collaborative and data-driven with really high expectations for students. I think that's what drove results.”

## Strong Foundation Builds Confident Readers

Sue Maher, who has been teaching first grade for 37 years, has always emphasized phonics with her students, but she was amazed at how much the new curriculum helped her ELL students.

“There are so many sounds in English that are not the same in Spanish, and if kids don't have that strong base, they're going to struggle more with reading,” Maher said. “I had a student last year who spoke very little English, and she made so much growth in her reading skills throughout the year, it really surprised me. Even the kids who were already reading made lots of progress.”

The new curriculum is intended for students in K-2, but for the first year, COS extended it to third graders, who learned to read during the COVID years. “We wanted to fill in any potential gaps in their skills, and it worked,” said third grade teacher Alex Gergen. “By the end of the year their spelling and reading was much stronger.”

Kindergarten teacher, Laura Lundquist, observed that at the start of each school year she always has some students who can read a simple book, while others are still learning their letters, and the new curriculum works well for both. “It challenges advanced learners and reinforces skills for others,” Lundquist said. “You can see the lightbulb click when the kids put it all together. Students fundamentally develop more confidence.”

McKinney points to research showing that high student confidence and teacher expectations are both essential to closing the achievement gap. Now in her third year working with COS, McKinney describes the school as a joyful place. “The kids seem happy to be here, and you can tell the teachers are happy to teach them,” she said. “It's been a really enjoyable partnership.”

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1,033 Donations Totaling \$434,206

Come and See What You've Built

When you walk in the front doors at Community of Saints (COS), one of the first things you'll see are the words Faith, Inclusivity, and Love. Those beliefs constitute the core of what makes COS special and successful. But what animates those beliefs, what makes them real, is your support. Alums & Friends & Families tuition assistance contributions are the school's largest source of income and the reason every family who seeks a Catholic education for their child is welcomed here.

If you can, plan to visit sometime, so you can experience for yourself a school community powered by faith, inclusivity, and love. Attend a school Mass (Thursdays at 9 a.m.) or call and schedule a tour (see page 2). COS only exists because of your support. We thank you and hope you can come and see what you've helped build.

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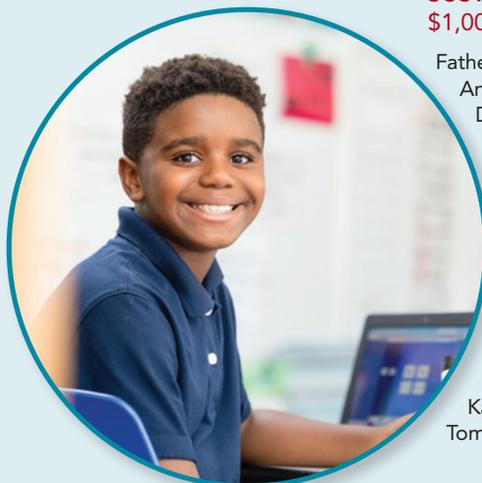
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## MEET THE ANDERSONS

### Looking for Preschool and Finding a Community

Michelle Youness and her husband, Louis Anderson, began looking for a preschool for their oldest child the same year Community of Saints (COS) opened. Michelle, her sisters, her father and his siblings, all graduated from St. Michael School, so the idea of sending her three-year-old to COS was appealing. "I had such warm memories of being at St. Mike's," Michelle said. "I loved being back in the same building."

At the time, Michelle and Louis were both working while raising four children ages three and under, including newborn twins. Michelle decided to quit her 9 to 5 job and began working from home in the family's construction business. "I thought it would be temporary," she said. "But it worked out really well and gave me so much flexibility with the kids. I've been doing it for 12 years now."

The flexibility allowed Michelle to get involved at COS, where she is a frequent volunteer. She also

leverages her experience in the construction industry as a member of the school's facilities committee. "Getting new playground equipment was my first big volunteer project," said Michelle, who also helped get bids for the new roof and coordinated the sidewalk replacement along Haskell.



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“The property is very special to me, so I want to do what I can to help.”

Michelle also began attending school Masses when she could, which led to the Andersons becoming more active at St. Matthew’s. “I have such admiration for Father Steve and his service to the community.”

With her twins now in 7th grade, Michelle knows her days as a COS school parent are numbered. “It’s sad to think about the day my kids won’t be there anymore,” she admits. But she plans to keep supporting the school. “The mission at COS gets to the most important part of what a Catholic school should be. We don’t turn anybody away, and that definitely speaks to me.”

Anderson family (left to right): Max, Elayna ‘24, parents, Louis & Michelle ‘95, Sam, and Leo ‘23. Max and Sam are 7th graders at COS.



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**COS alum Isaac Garcia '20 will address students and visitors after Mass. As a 6th grade student at COS, Isaac founded Isaac's Blessing Bags, a ministry to serve homeless people. Isaac, who is now a freshman at the University of St. Thomas, continues to grow his ministry.**