

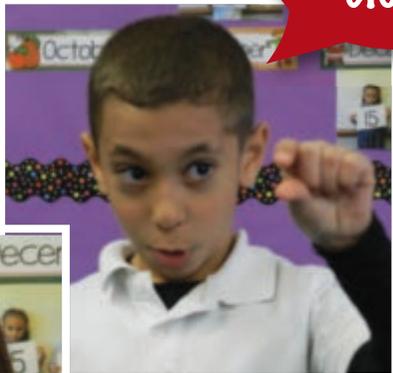
THE GOOD NEWS

FROM ALUMS &
FRIENDS &
FAMILIES

Providing tuition assistance for Community of Saints Regional Catholic School



We're this close!



Look how close!



We're THISSSS close!!

So close!



We're Close to Raising \$1 Million!

Help Us Reach This Goal for Tuition Assistance at Community of Saints

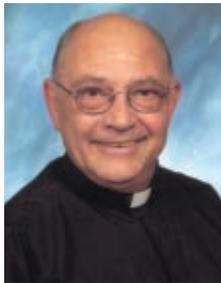
This year Alums & Friends & Families (A&F&F) raised over \$136,000 for tuition assistance for students at Community of Saints Regional Catholic School. That brings the cumulative total raised by the group to over \$965,000 since 2007–08. That means we just need to raise \$55,000 more to reach \$1 million. Congratulations everybody — you all made it happen!

The direct result of our success can be seen in the hundreds of students with a Catholic education whose families could not have afforded it without assistance. In other words, the money has been invested in kids.

Fr. Steve Adrian, retired pastor of St. Matthew's Church and chair of the A&F&F committee, says the fundraising success is consistent with the character of the community. "This has always been a place where people look out for their neighbors," said Fr. Steve. "Even though they may not have a lot of wealth, folks here are willing to share what resources they have."

When A&F&F formed a committee in 2007, the initial goal was to support St. Matthew's School by increasing enrollment and raising funds to cover widespread tuition

MESSAGE FROM **father steve**



Dear Alums and Friends and Families,

This issue of "The Good News" is being sent to all parish members of St. Michael, St. John Vianney, Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Matthew.

Community of Saints Regional Catholic School is the parish school for all four parishes; all four parishes are sponsors of the school, all four parishes are responsible for the funding of the school and families from all four parishes and their children make up the Community of Saints family.

Alums & Friends & Families has only one purpose. We seek to raise the funds necessary to assist low and middle income families pay tuition at Community of Saints School.

This effort began at Saint Matthew, and now must reach out and incorporate all four of our sponsoring parishes.

I invite persons from each parish to participate in the steering committee that helps fund tuition for our students.

Many of our students need tuition help and our joint efforts to raise those funds will make it possible for the families of our parishes to have a Catholic education for their children.

We are close to having raised \$1,000,000 for tuition assistance.

This issue lists past year contributors as part of our annual report. The Alums and Friends are generous people. They realize the gift they have received and wish to give back to others.

We need to develop alum lists from each parish. We need to reconnect with alums and allow alums to reconnect with each other. We need to find ways to encourage alums to help children of today receive the high quality Catholic education that they enjoyed.

To meet this challenge I invite alums, friends and families from the four sponsoring parishes to become part of A&F&F.

Thanks a million,
Father Steve Adrian
Chair, Alums & Friends & Families

**A&F Is Now
A&F&F!**

We've added "Families" to Alums & Friends to include the growing number of supporters helping us reach our goals.

Whether it's the extended families of our friends, alums or students, we don't want to leave anyone out. Thanks to all for your ongoing support!

An Evening Under the Stars

2015 Community of Saints Benefit

Saturday, February 7, 2015

Join the COS Community to Celebrate and Support Our School!

SAVE THE DATE!

We're still working out the details but this is what we know for sure:

- Where:** St. Matt's Social Hall at Robie & Hall
- What:** An evening with food, drink, entertainment and a silent auction
- Cost:** \$30 per ticket
- Why:** To have fun and support COS

For more information: 651-457-2510 or email news@communityofsaints.org.

Look for updates at Community of Saints 

COS is a Regional Catholic School Sponsored by Four Parishes:
Our Lady of Guadalupe
St. John Vianney
St. Matthew
St. Michael

What Makes COS Great? Here are a few things!



Talented Teachers!
70% of COS staff have advanced degrees



Students Serve Others!
COS students & families at Feed My Starving Children



Bilingual Masses
twice a year



Student Led Mass
every week



Diverse Student Body

Students are STARS
who demonstrate Safety, Teamwork, Accountability & Respect



Great Volunteers!

Championship Teams!



Preschool Accredited by NAEYC



Over \$136,000 Raised This Year for COS Tuition Assistance

Alums & Friends & Families 2014 Annual Report

Over 90% of COS families rely on some tuition assistance to afford Catholic school for their children. Your donations make that possible. Help us reach the \$1 million mark this year! We just need \$55,000 to get there. Thanks for your ongoing support!

PILLAR — \$15,000+

Roy & Joann Ferber 1959 +

PACESETTER — \$10,000–\$14,999

Tom & Mary Cullen McKeown +

LEADER — \$5,000–\$9,999

Boss Foundation +
Bonita & Bill Frels
John Riehle 1957 +
Kent Family Charitable Trust

EDUCATOR — \$2,500–\$4,999

Susan and Anthony Alleva 1956
Hugh & Jackie Cosgrove
Joe Cullen 1978
John Nasseff

SUSTAINER — \$1,000–\$2,499

Father Steve Adrian
John Curran 1950 +
John Ferber 1956
Jim Kunz 1955 +
Joseph Mansur 1961 +
Anne Cullen Miller 1977
Tom Rolewicz, Jr 1975
Jerry & Marilyn Sexton 1944 +

BUILDER — \$500–\$999

Jim and Denise Ferber Bohrer 1972 & 73
Mark DelVecchio 1973 +
Mary Jane Ferber 1962 +
Elizabeth Richardson French 1961 +
Daniel and Elizabeth Gangl 1975
Larry & Andrea McGough
Steve and Anita McKeown
Harriet Campa Murphy 1946
Joe Nasseff 1960
Tom and Mary O'Neill 1958
Georgine Bohrer Roers 1971
Rita Ryan
Georgie Saumweber
John and Dorothy Scanlan
Daniel Schadegg 1979
Carol Schreiner 1952
Marjorie Smith
Clare Vogel 1946 +

BENEFACTOR — \$250–\$499

Jeffrey Barthe 1971
Denise Wessel Crawford 1965
Timothy Dalzell 1970 +

Thomas Doyle +
Maggie Lee & Richard Dunn
John George 1959
James Gesell
John Haney 1946
Patricia Casey Holmes 1950
Thomas Kabesh 1960 +
Jim Korman 1955
Eileen McMahon +
Mary Ann Stadt Roscoe 1961
George Schmid 1955
Corinne Gangl Schuster 1973 +
Russ Sudeith 1954
Michael Vasterling 1968 +
Robert Verstraete 1967
Allen & Diane Volkenant
Toni Bloechl Wilburn 1972
Yvonne Scherbel Wilhelm 1951

PATRON — \$100–\$249

Lee A. Benet †
Mary Bittenburg †
Jeffrey Blaschka 1973
Patricia Cooper Blaskie 1964 +
Julius "Jay" Bonello 1962
Mary Lou Allie Bova 1944 +
Mary Sue Hopkins Brass 1946
Peter Breitmayer †
Jim Brewer 1953
Father Arthur Casper, SCJ 1944
Joann Rindfleisch Clemens 1945
Steve Clemens
Lorraine Amadick Cook 1951
Fran Weyer Cook 1957
Joe Crawford
JoAnn Danmeier 1966
Joanne Blaeser Dufour 1957
Geoffrey (Lloyd) Edwards 1958
Gary & Shawn Eilefson
Roxann Bohrer Eller
Lawrence & Carol Crisman Engelmann 1952
John Frank 1954
Christa and Steven Gangl
Joan Tanzer Gennero 1949
Kathleen Ferber Gobeli 1966
James Guldan 1946
Mary Vogel Helleermann 1956
David E. Herman 1945
Andrea Hinding 1956
Robert Hinze 1961 +
Allan Isaacs 1955
Fr. Brad Jenniges, OSB 1976

Susan Miller Jensen 1961
Karen Ketchmark Kachel 1961
Patricia Werden Karels 1954
Sharon Ferber Koran 1957
Mike Kosel 1957
Mary Ann Kosel 1960 +
Janet Leibl Lackner 1956
Bernie Lancette 1961 +
Thomas Landsberger 1952
George Lang 1956
Mary Leibl 1964
Krissy & Doug Lieser
John Maeurer
David McDonald 1968
Mark McKeown
Eleanor McSherry 1932
Peter Mikkalson
Eileen Norton
Mary Frank O'Brien 1965
Mary K. Orme
Anthony Palumbo 1966
Marguerite Pedersen †
Larry Poppler
Margarita Abel Probst 1964 +
Tom Quinlan
Barbara K. Rau
Darlene Rauschnot
Stephen and Angela Richardson
Daniel Riehle 1968
Patricia Palon Rolewicz 1954
Ralph Roubal 1950
Chris Schletty 1960
Tom Schmidt 1962
Mike Schneider 1955
Richard Schoenberger 1939
Linda Egner Sill 1964
Tony Sitzmann 1957
Georgene Schaps Sorenson 1960 +
Janice Cooper Spear 1967
Jack St. Martin 1936
Thomas Stehr 1958
Dwayne E. Strandberg †
Becky Tarbox †
Mary Pat Topritzhofer 1975
Dwayne Troje 1955
Charlene Stefaniak Vitelli 1956
Jim Vogel 1956 +
Lynn Volkenant
Terry Votel 1956 +
Peter Willems 1943 +
Fr. Richard Wolter
Marlene Hudalla Yarusso 1950 +

SUPPORTER UP TO \$99

Rita Wolf Adam 1944
Yvonne Allie 1954
George Altendorfer 1971
Victoria Petschauer Baker 1968 +
Rita Bazal †
Timothy and Beth Bellon †
George Beran 1953
Dan and Pat Blaskowski
Karen Bloechl 1956
Charles Bohrer 1970
Bill & Corinne Heinrich Brengman 1947
Audrey Brucker 1952
Nancy Brunzel 1967
Helen Wimmer Bukowski 1943
Joe Burth 1961
Cheryl Frank Campbell 1962
Theresa Blaeser Carufel 1955
Kenneth L. Clausen
Pat O'Day Clemens 1958
Billie Conlon †
David Cruz 1968
Barbara J. Cubus
John and Mary Diedrich
Jerald Dosch
Edward Dostert 1950
Crisanto Dubuc 2010
Patrick Duffy †
Mary Egan †
Jack Ehrenberg 1959
Jeanine M. Moe Elizondo 1969
Patricia Falvey †
Robert Feifarek †
Mary Finnegan 1955
Edward Flahavan
David Fox 1972

Joseph Gardner
Mary Garfield
Ann Garvey †
Donis Giefer †
Don & Esther Giesel
Cathy Graf
Nancy Ring Gausam 1954
Mary Gutzmann †
John Hager 1944
Christine Burns Hamerski 1964
Dorothy Floeder Hawkins 1952
John Hernandez
Juliana Hernandez-Friske 1975
Mary Ann Savard Hillyer 1958
Kathleen Hodge 1961
Shirley George Jacobson 1953
Mary Johansen †
Donald & Mary Ann Jolly 1943
Robert Joseph 1972
Charlotte Josephson 1954
Rosann Juenemann 1955
John Kegler 1972
Mark Kempe
Kathleen Kennedy
Colleen Kisch 1944
Louise Klas †
Judith Knabe 1964
Sofia Kock †
Marjorie O'Day Koska 1952
Jeanne Merry Lacy 1952
Dwight Larson †
Michaela & Leonard Leitner 1962
Jeanne F. Lepsche †
Richard Littfin 1944
Stella Flis Lundquist 1943
Wanda Savery Mahnke 1957

William & Patricia Mahoney 1951
Joan Meisinger Mahoney 1951
Clem Maranda 1945
John McCarthy †
Stephen and Teresa McCurdy
Ann McDonough 1968
Mary Marthaler McDonough 1947
Mary Ann Schmid McMillan 1942
Helen Lannon McNeill 1955 +
JoAnne Miller
Douglas Moe 1955
Joseph Monsour 1973
Michelle Mooney 1964
James Mooney 1951
Patricia Lannon Noble 1944
Yvonne M. Olsen †
Nancy Buron Ottmann 1951
Alan Owens 2004
Geraldine Johnson Padellford 1969
William and Annette Patient
Sarah Anderson Pavek 1976
Sheila Pedersen †
Mary Mohr Perren 1957
Loretta Pietruszewski †
Rosemary Plante 1944
Allen Rasmussen 1959
Margaret Reed 1951
Arlene Rohkohl †
Tony Roszak
Sylvia Aguirre Santos 1965
Joseph "Octave" Savard 1950
Robert Schaefer 1936
Alice Schletty
Giles Schmid 1946
Mary Bisciglia Selander 1960
John Sherbel †

bold = first time donor + = 7 year donor † = Memorial

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Catholic Community Foundation Awards Legacy Impact Grant to COS

President/Alum Explains Why Support Matters

This Fall the Catholic Community Foundation announced that COS was one of eight Catholic elementary schools to be awarded a Legacy Impact Grant to support tuition assistance. Foundation president and St. Matthew's Alum Anne Cullen Miller ('77) delivered the check herself and took a few minutes to talk about her views on Catholic education and why the Foundation is making its support a priority. Here is what Anne had to say:

"I believe so strongly that Catholic education is different from secular education because of its emphasis on the development of the whole child. It's about helping children learn to be people of faith who live their life leaning into their values and modeling the life that Jesus calls us to live.

That calling is reflected in the mission of urban Catholic schools today. If you look back at the history of Catholic education, you'll see it started by serving immigrant communities. It required a financial model that isn't possible now — the nuns served as wonderful educators in our parish communities for free. As Catholics, we're challenged to be as entrepreneurial as the women religious who laid the groundwork for evangelization through Catholic education. We have to find a new model that efficiently makes quality Catholic education widely available in all our communities.

If we can't find a way to do that now, we will not fulfill our mission as Catholics. COS and other urban schools may be the only chance some kids have to be exposed to the faith and if we miss that opportunity we don't get it back."



COS principal Bridget Kramer (left) holds check delivered by Catholic Community Foundation President Anne Cullen Miller ('77).

**We're This Close!
Help Us Reach \$1 Million**

Over 90% of students attending COS receive some tuition assistance. Your support helps make that possible. Help us reach the million dollar mark!

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Bernice Shipley †
Robert Smith 1959
Thomas Smith 1972
Roxann Smith †
Patricia Plante Smith 1941
Judith Snyder †
Jean Lamask St. Martin 1949
Steven & Sheila Sexton Stai
Patti Bandholz Standing 1959
Bob Stevens 1950
Barbara Strom
LaDonna M. Patnode
Sullivan 1960
Iva Tereau
Robert Tessmer 1953
Barbara Tinucci 1944
Barbara Wehner &
Eugene Tinucci 1946
Richard & Mary
Topritzhofer 1975
Dorothy Turcotte-Tait 1953
Edward Usset †
Judith Valerius
Charlene Videen †
Mary Ann Kolles Vogel 1955
Gerald Walsh 1946
Mary Wetschka †
Joan Woldum †
Marian Wolters 1951
Margaret Zander †
Barbara Zimmer

IN MEMORY OF †
William Sr., Ella, William Jr.,
and Bob Amadick
Grace E. Andress
James R. Clemens
Hugh Cosgrove
Thomas Doyle
Bernice (Bea) Fox
George and Yvonne Gangl
Russell Gesell
Shirley Hager
Antonia Hernandez
Ruby Moe
Patricia Palmer
Edel Ruth Pavlak
Carol and Delima Petschauer
Leona Quinlan
Stanley Rauschnot
Larry Ryan
Nellie & John Schmid
Robert and Jeanne Stadt
Agnes Stefaniak
Angela Stehr
Ben Vasterling
Elizabeth (Vogel) Wilwerding

IN HONOR OF
Former staff members
Father Steve Adrian
Sister Anne Becker
Tom and Mary McKeown
Lynn Volkenant

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We're This Close, *continued from page 1*

assistance. As committee member Doug Lieser recalls, the message at the time was simple. "We told families, if you think you can't afford our school, think again," said Lieser. "We raised money so any family who wanted a Catholic education at our school could get it." Within the first two years, the group raised \$270,000 for tuition assistance and increased enrollment by 50 students.

When St. Matthew's School combined with St. John Vianney and St. Michael's schools, the mission stayed the same. Many donors recognized that while the building had changed, the need hadn't and they continued to support tuition assistance for students.

It has always been an audacious goal to say that no student will be turned away for lack of funds. But with the support of our many donors over the past seven years, that goal has been achieved. At Community of Saints, every student is welcome.

We ask for your help in reaching \$1 million in the next few weeks. If you think there is value in Catholic education, help us make it available to more students. Whether you're paying it back, paying it forward or paying it off, join us in working to fulfill our ongoing audacious goal.

It's easy to give — just use the enclosed envelope or donate online at communityofsaints.org/supportourschool.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support!

**We Exceeded Our Goal!
Thanks for Giving to the Max!**

This year COS set an ambitious goal of raising \$10,000 on Give to the Max Day, which would allow us to receive an additional \$10,000 match from the Katherine B. Andersen Fund. Thanks to a generous gift of \$5,000 from an anonymous donor, we were able to meet the match, raising a total of \$23,000 in one day. We want to say thank you to all of our donors for helping us reach this impressive goal. We also want to say a special thanks to Paul Verret at the Katherine B. Anderson Fund who has worked with us over the years to help make Catholic education available to all families in our community.



Note: Give to the Max donations are not part of our annual A&F&F fundraising goal. But it all goes to help students at COS and we extend our thanks for everyone's support.

Men's Club Gives a Big Cheer and Big Bucks for COS Athletics

Recently some COS athletes dropped by to thank the St. Matt's Men's Club for their financial support and show off some of the championship trophies the school has won as a result. For many years the Men's Club sponsored athletics and other activities at St. Matthew's School. Now they direct their support to Community of Saints.

"Our funding goes for uniforms, equipment, coaches' stipends and the like," explained long-time member Steve Grundei. "We budget \$6,000 per year to support whatever the school needs for athletic costs." The group also has a history of pitching in for non-athletic activities. They've covered the costs for buses, 8th grade graduation events and school field trips.

The Men's Club is one of the most generous groups because they're also one of the hardest working. They are prodigious fundraisers and are constantly hosting events to support their philanthropy with activities like meat raffles, bingo parties, parking cars for Cinco de Mayo and hosting St. Matt's Lenten Fish Fry, dubbed one of the Twin Cities Best by the *Pioneer Press*. Their events are both successful and fun because everyone pitches in, and no one goes home hungry.

For anyone interested in learning more, the Men's Club hold their monthly meetings at St. Matt's Social Hall at 8 pm on the second Wednesday of every month. Good guys with big hearts and helping hands are always welcome.



Naming Students in Sr. Carlissa's 1942 1st Grade Class

In the last issue we asked readers to name students in this photo. We're missing a few but the following names were submitted by Pat Wallace Payson and Kathy Walsh Dittle.

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|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| ROW 1 | ROW 3 | ROW 5 |
| Marion Vogel | Michael Huntress | Billy Delaugherty |
| Joan Mahoney | Eugene Bittrick | Bernard Wiffer |
| Mary Lethert | John Evans | James Winehandel |
| Rosalie Wachtler | Bill Yesek (we think) | Lawrence Blaser |
| Patricia Wallace | Patrick Leahy | Theodore |
| Barbara Matchynski | Ralph Wachtler | Ketchmark |
| Patricia Weigel | Unknown | Edward Jacobs |
| Erlinda Campa | Paul Blaser | John Curran |
| ROW 2 | ROW 4 | STANDING |
| Rosemary Haider | James Weiss | Kathleen Walsh |
| Marlys Dressler | Raymond Hall | Jean Monzel |
| Marlene Martineau | Unknown | Unknown |
| Unknown | John Lannon | |
| Mary Jane Goneau | Unknown | |
| Jean Fishbach | Tom Mosso | |
| Jane O'Tremba | Unknown | |
| | Unknown | |

"We had a fun afternoon trying to remember the names and faces of former classmates and shared some good memories about them. Maybe others can fill in the missing names. It would be so great to hear from them again!"

— Pat Wallace Payson ('49) and Kathy Walsh Dittle ('49)



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Recognize any of these students?



Pat Wallace Payson (8th grade '49) submitted this 1951 photo of St. Matt's 10th grade class. How many can you name? Let us know: Alums@communityofsaints.org or send by mail to Alums & Friends & Families, PO Box 7005, St. Paul, MN 55107-0005

