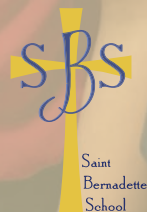
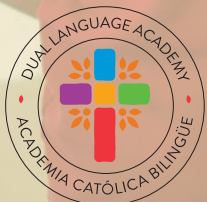


# CONSORTIUM IMPACT REPORT 2021-2022



OMAHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
CONSORTIUM

*A Collaboration of Parishes, Schools,  
Parents and Community Partners*







## MISSION

We provide an excellent academic and faith-filled Catholic education in southeast Omaha that is affordable and will be sustainable for generations to come.



## LEADERSHIP

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- Tammy Blossom, Chair
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- Blair Bonczynski, Marketing and Communications Coordinator
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- Chris Feuerbach, Business Manager
- Alexia Flores, Tuition Administrator - new in 2022
- Mike Goetz, Executive Director
- Kelly Jimenez-Smith, Development Associate
- Chris Nelson, Education Director
- Ann Rasmussen, Assistant Principal, new for 2022-2023
- Greg Vrbka, Advancement Director

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

### TOGETHER, WE ARE BETTER.



This phrase captures the true essence of the Omaha Catholic School Consortium in southeast Omaha. As the Consortium approaches its 10-year anniversary, we have something special to celebrate, and we plan to tell our story far and wide.

It is no secret that nationwide Catholic schools are closing - especially in urban and ethnically diverse communities that look like southeast Omaha.

But the southeast Omaha area has a resilient spirit, one that continues to come together and support each other. How did business survive the pandemic? They came together. How do our immigrant families handle economic adversities? They come together. And how do our Catholic schools continue to thrive and provide for our families? They come together.

Our schools are stronger and more vibrant because we joined forces 10 years ago. We are not closing schools like other urban communities. Having opened a Catholic school, the Dual Language Academy, we stand strong - with six schools, nearly 1,700 students and the support of 16 unique parishes.

I often get asked what differentiates the Consortium schools from other Catholic schools. It's the diversity and cultures of our schools.

We are blessed that the community we serve has a rich heritage with different waves of immigrants having put

their mark on this beautiful community. Our schools serve the most racially and ethnically diverse populations in Omaha. While at one time our neighborhoods and Catholic schools were filled with families from Germany, Ireland, Poland and Croatia, today almost 50% of our students are Latino. The diversity in our schools generates a spirit wrapped in rich cultural traditions with tremendous gifts. Our schools embrace and embody the cultures of the families we serve. No two schools are the same and every day our teachers commit their time and energy to amplify the gifts and talents of ALL our students. We embrace, educate and empower the unique backgrounds and gifts of each of our students -- and we do this really well.

*"The diversity in our schools generates a spirit wrapped in rich cultural traditions with tremendous gifts."*

We know that these children are the future of the Catholic Church, so we also work with fervor to help them grow closer to Jesus. I look forward to these young disciples becoming the next generation of leaders in the Church and in our communities.

And I want to thank our parents, teachers, donors and friends for standing with and supporting us. Together, we are better.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

**Tammy Blossom**  
Board Chair

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



As I begin my third school year with the Consortium team, I think back to the past year with tremendous pride about how each and every staff person truly makes this such a unique organization.

In this report, you'll read how our enrollment is trending back up after the pandemic decline and how our test scores show marked improvement in math and reading. You will read about this past year's fundraising success as well as current and former students making a difference in surrounding communities and beyond. And we have big plans for the coming year, the

Consortium's tenth. You'll be among the first to hear about those when launched in early 2023.

None of these exciting stories would be possible without you. Thanks to the staff, administrators, students, their families, priests, board members, benefactors and other community partners for your time, dedication and support. It takes all of you to make the Consortium successful.

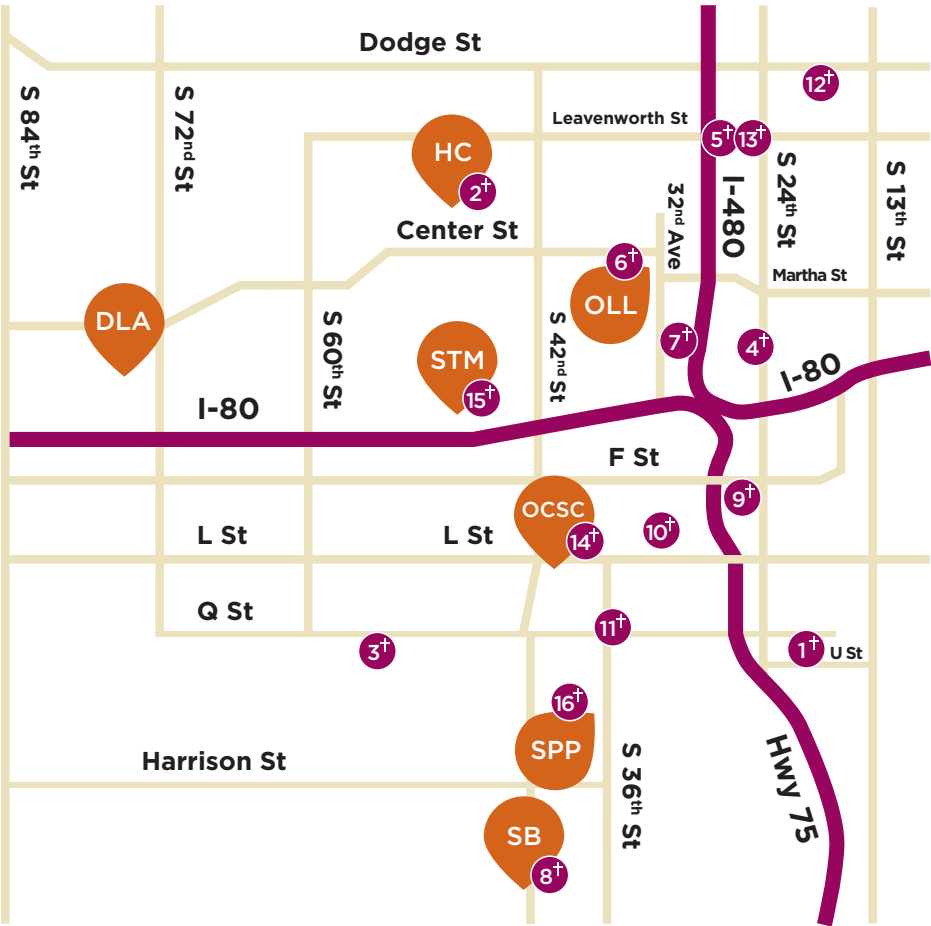
**Michael Goetz**  
Executive Director, Omaha Catholic School Consortium

SIX SCHOOLS.  
SIXTEEN PARISHES.  
ONE MISSION.  
PROUDLY SERVING SOUTHEAST OMAHA.



OUR SCHOOLS

- HC.** Holy Cross  
holycrossomaha.com  
1502 So. 48th Street  
402-551-3773  
*Hospitality. Faith in action. Inclusiveness.*
- OLL.** Our Lady of Lourdes  
ollomaha.org  
2124 S 32nd Ave.  
402-341-5604  
*Committed to faith. Dedicated to academics. Connected to Community.*
- SB.** St. Bernadette  
stbernadetteschool.net  
7600 South 42nd Street  
402-731-3033  
*Encouraging Disciples to Serve, Learn and Pray.*
- SPP.** Sts. Peter and Paul  
sppomaha.com  
3619 X Street  
402-731-4713  
*Prayer. Service. Love.*
- STM.** St. Thomas More  
stmbengals.org  
3515 S. 48th Ave.  
402-551-9504  
*St. Thomas More, a man for all seasons, a school for all children.*
- DLA.** Dual Language Academy  
OmahaDLA.org  
7430 Hascall Street  
402-393-2214  
*Somos Familia. We Are Family.*
- OCSC.** Consortium Office:  
omahacsc.org  
4501 S. 41st Street  
Omaha, NE 68107



SUPPORTING PARISHES

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Our Lady of Guadalupe Church<br>5438 S 22nd Street<br>402-731-2196 | 6. Our Lady of Lourdes - St. Adalbert Catholic Church<br>2110 S 32nd Ave.<br>402-346-0900 | 11. St. Mary Catholic Church<br>3529 Q Street<br>402-731-0204                 |
| 2. Holy Cross Catholic Church<br>4810 Woolworth Ave.<br>402-553-7500  | 7. St. Andrew Kim Taegon Catholic Community<br>2617 S 31st Street<br>402-345-1621         | 12. St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church<br>109 S 19th Street<br>402-342-4807   |
| 3. Holy Ghost Catholic Church<br>5219 S 53rd Street<br>402-731-3176   | 8. St. Bernadette Catholic Church<br>7600 S 42nd Street<br>402-731-4694                   | 13. St. Peter Catholic Church<br>2706 Leavenworth Street<br>402-341-4560      |
| 4. Immaculate Conception Catholic Church<br>2708 S 24th Street<br>402-342-1074                                | 9. St. Bridget - St. Rose Catholic Church<br>4112 S 26th Street<br>402-733-8811           | 14. St. Stanislaus Catholic Church<br>4002 J Street<br>402-731-4152           |
| 5. Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church<br>2706 Leavenworth Street<br>402-341-4560 x103                         | 10. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church<br>4513 S 32nd Street<br>402-733-8811           | 15. St. Thomas More Catholic Church<br>4804 Grover Street<br>402-556-1456     |
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WHO WE SERVE

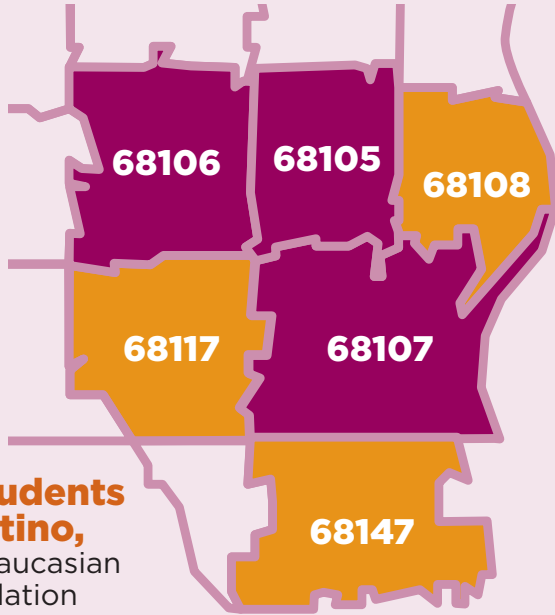
The southeast Omaha community we serve has a rich history of diversity among residents. Now, children from more than 50 zip codes and multiple ethnicities come together to learn from and alongside each other in our six Consortium schools.

**40%** of Consortium students come from 3 primary zip codes: **68105, 68106, 68107**

Secondary zip codes where the most students come from: **68108, 68117, 68147**



**45% of all students** identify as **Latino**, more than our Caucasian student population

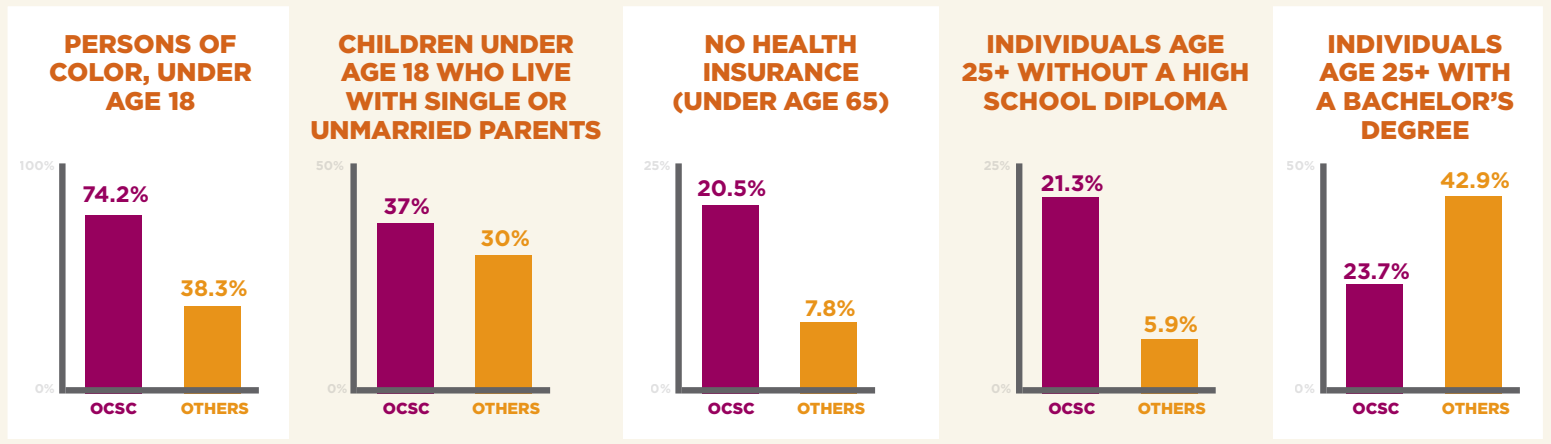


These 6 OCSC zip codes have **5,750** children under 18 living in poverty



The **child poverty rate** in the 6 zip code area is **2.1x higher** than the rate in the rest of Douglas and Sarpy counties.

Comparing OCSC zip code data to that of Douglas & Sarpy Counties outside of these zip codes



Quick fact:

Consortium families don't have high unemployment rates, **but many work in service or other industries where wages may not be traditionally as high.**

Sources: 2020 Census, 2020 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau compiled by David Drozd, Census and Demographic Data Expert



Your support makes a **positive impact** for local families in the southeast Omaha community.





# SCHOOL SNAPSHOTS



## Dual Language Academy



PRINCIPAL:  
ANGIE SMITH



NUMBER OF  
STUDENTS: 165

- The DLA enjoyed its first year at its new location inside St. Joan of Arc Catholic School, collaborating with SJA on many projects.
- A new “Guadalupanos” choir formed, composed of 2nd and 3rd graders learning songs in Spanish, led by a volunteer mariachi band member! The students performed at a bilingual school Mass honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe in front of peers and family members.



## Holy Cross



PRINCIPAL:  
JAMES LAVILLE



NUMBER OF  
STUDENTS: 303

- Students participated in a school-wide program where they prayed for Omaha Police officers throughout the year. This is in addition to the many other ways children learned about Christ's love and the power of prayer.
- Holy Cross expanded its early childhood program to include a five-day, full-day option. Test scores show higher scores for our kindergarten students who attended pre-K compared with those who did not.



## Our Lady of Lourdes



PRINCIPAL:  
MEG SEARL

NEW FOR  
2022-2023



NUMBER OF  
STUDENTS: 267

- Welcome to Meg Searl, new OLL principal! Meg Searl has been in education for 32 years in various settings--as a classroom teacher, elementary school counselor, assistant principal and principal. We are thrilled to have her as part of the Consortium!
- Eight 8th graders from the class of 2022 received merit scholarships to local Catholic high schools due to their scores on the High School Entrance Exam.



## St. Bernadette



PRINCIPAL:  
LYNN SCHULTZ



NUMBER OF  
STUDENTS: 246

- The school completed the COGNIA accreditation renewal process in November 2021. A full report of the strengths of the school is available at [stbernadetteschool.net](http://stbernadetteschool.net).
- SBS began monthly Adoration time for students and staff. Each grade spends 50 minutes with Jesus. Singing, journaling, Lectio Divina and quiet time have all been incorporated.



## Sts. Peter and Paul



PRINCIPAL:  
ANDREW BAUER



NUMBER OF  
STUDENTS: 296

- A beautiful nativity scene created by SPP families was featured during an EWTN Nightly News broadcast during Advent!
- The school combined its annual celebrations of Día de los Niños and Mission Day. Students prayed a rosary and spread kindness to the neighbors surrounding SPP. And because Día de los Niños is a Mexican tradition to celebrate children, students had the chance to have fun with handcrafted traditional piñatas!



## St. Thomas More



PRINCIPAL:  
GARY DAVIS



NUMBER OF  
STUDENTS: 412

- Of the graduating class of 2022, 85% of the students moved on to local Catholic high schools!
- A new club was formed, by a fifth grade student, called the “Green Earth Club,” which takes care of the beautiful Earth that God gave us. Members help maintain the Learning Garden, as well as various other duties including paper recycling bins and composting lunch materials, both new programs.

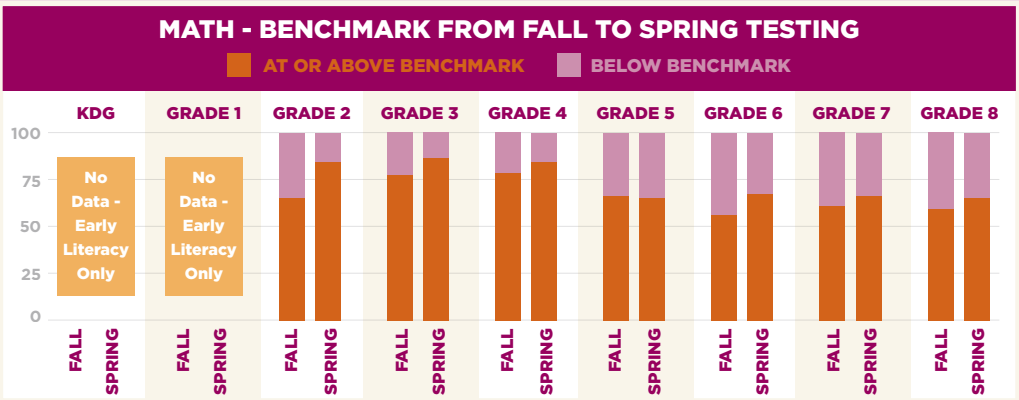
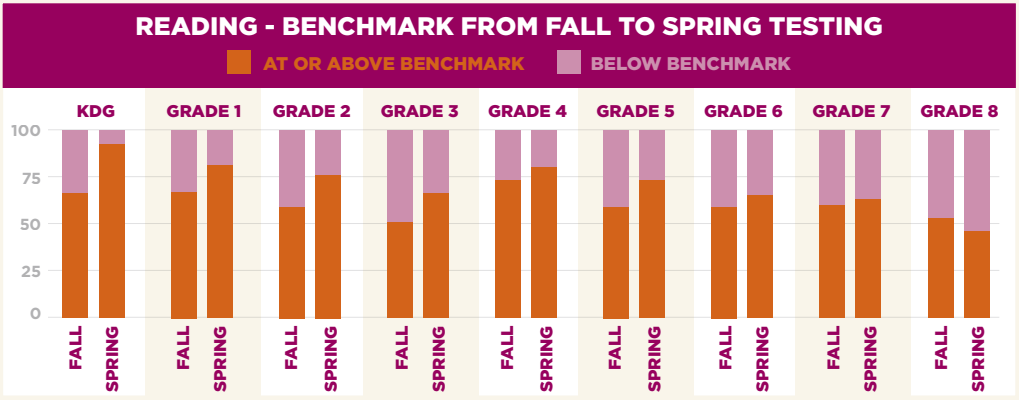


ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

TEST SCORES SHOW GROWTH ACROSS OUR SCHOOLS

Our schools utilize STAR Assessments, administered multiple times per year, to pinpoint skills that each student is ready to learn next, allowing teachers to personalize learning for each student's unique educational needs.

We are proud to show that nearly all grades 3-8 grew in their grade level knowledge in both reading and math. It's also important to note that student scores align very closely with overall archdiocesan averages.



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Academic performance is one measure of success, but the overall well being of each child is our main priority.

Students have access to Licensed Mental Health Care Providers from Catholic Charities at all six schools on a regular basis.

We also have a counselor on staff who can help students express and process emotions and anxiety, resolve peer conflicts and issues at home.

"Sts. Peter and Paul is such an important institution for the South Omaha community and I am proud to be an example of the progress the school has made the past few years."  
- Stephanie Hernandez, Alumna

BIENVENIDOS AL CONSORCIO

University of Notre Dame - Alliance for Catholic Education - English as a New Language (ENL) Hernandez Fellows

ENL Hernandez Fellows are Catholic school teachers and principals who seek to deepen their expertise in educating linguistically diverse students.

Mrs. Betsy Harding at **St. Bernadette** completed this prestigious program. She will create and plan to implement the following practices and more at SBS and other Consortium schools:

- Examine cultural influences in the lives of children and create culturally sustaining classrooms and schools
- Implement literacy practices rooted in culturally relevant materials and literacy development in the content areas
- Apply social justice teachings and equity models for English learners
- Foster connections with local agencies that can provide additional resources to families

P.S. Betsy is an alumna of **St. Bernadette** herself!

OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS  
ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER FOR EDUCATION HONOREES

MARY DAVIS  
2021 EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR - SPECIAL EDUCATION AND UNDERSERVED

Funded by the Maginn Family Foundation



At **Sts. Peter and Paul**, Mary was known for supporting classroom instruction for K-3 students. She was honored at the 2021 Archbishop's Dinner for Education, and her co-workers nominated

her because she seeks out additional professional development or learns a new intervention strategy so she can meet the needs of an individual student.

Mary faithfully mentored students, many of whom are in the United States for the first time. She was also known as a great mentor to teachers.



LYNN SCHULTZ  
2022 METRO ADMINISTRATOR THE YEAR

Words that staff use to describe Lynn include: supportive, servant leader and open.

She openly shares her faith during the course of the day and inspires others to be Christ-like in their actions. Students love to hear of her pilgrimages to the Holy Land and Medjugorje. She established a First Friday Adoration for each class, and a Bible study course she took resulted in the creation of Prophetic Ministries at **St. Bernadette**. Several times a year the school community gathers to pray the rosary, led by 8th graders. Lynn's favorites include the light stick rosary and cupcake rosary.

She is open to new ideas from staff and students, brainstorming ways to make **St. Bernadette** the best learning environment it can be. Under her leadership, the school has acquired State of Nebraska Accreditation and an International Accreditation, Cognia. She has implemented Positive Behavioral

Did you know...

In total, staff spent 3,200 hours in faith formation and professional development

Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), both of which require input from faculty, staff, students and parents.

Lynn is a graduate of **St. Thomas More** and Gross Catholic High School. She began her teaching career at Madonna School as a special education teacher and administrator in a public school setting, before coming to **St. Bernadette**.



ANDREW BAUER  
2022 EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR - SPECIAL EDUCATION AND UNDERSERVED

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To his students, he is fun, but he has high expectations. To staff, he's supportive and resourceful.

"In the short five years that Andrew has been at **Sts. Peter and Paul**, he "has moved mountains in South Omaha and has improved this community immensely," says Ali Dibelka, Media Center teacher and 19-year SPP veteran.

Andrew isn't afraid to roll up his sleeves and do the hard work. His compassion is boundless. When families are struggling, he asks the community to pray for them and even galvanizes the **Sts. Peter and Paul** family to meet their physical needs through fundraisers and donation requests.

When he is not working hard at **Sts. Peter and Paul**, Andrew enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with his family.



# CONSORTIUM SCHOOLS GIVE BACK



## SERVICE IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL.

### SERVING OTHERS DEEPENS AND PERSONALIZES A CHILD'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE GOSPEL MISSION IN THEIR OWN LIVES.

Preschool through eighth grade curriculum all includes service as an essential element. It is through contributing to the common good and improving our surrounding community through volunteer work that our students form close bonds with each other and challenge each other to be Christ-like in their words and actions.



*"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."*

- Hebrews 13:16

# CONSORTIUM SCHOOLS GIVE BACK

## Supporting the Local Community:

Students and staff in our six schools support the local community in countless ways throughout the school year. Here are a few of the organizations served:

- Bethlehem House
- Catholic Charities
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl
- Go Beyond
- Food Bank of the Heartland
- Stephen Center
- Sienna Francis House
- Cross Catholic Outreach
- Heart Ministry Center
- Emergency Pregnancy Services
- Nebraska Humane Society
- Deer Park Neighborhood Association
- Mater Filius
- Ukrainian relief organizations
- Local parish communities



## WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY ABOUT SERVICE



*"I like helping people because it feels good to be recognized for being a good person. It also feels good to know I am helping someone who needs me."*

- Maddie Costello, OLL 8th grader



*"I like to help people who are hungry."*

- Daleyza, DLA 1st grader



*"I like to save some of my money to give to other people."*

- Gianna, DLA 1st grader



# CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

You should see the **St. Thomas More** outdoor space! Not only is the space a beautiful spot for children to grow in knowledge of nature and connect with their faith, but it's a true reflection of the strong community of our schools! Thanks to all who made this a reality especially Mrs. Tamyra Hower, Preschool Director.

- Families helped install a giant abacus, scale, wooden xylophone, musical fence and beautiful butterfly house. Volunteers also widened the brick path to the prayer garden with the Mary statue to ensure it's wheelchair accessible. Cedar benches built by families now store garden tools and learning materials. So much digging, planting, playing and learning happening every day in this space.*



**St. Thomas More** is also the first of our schools to introduce composting and recycling as part of its lunch program.



Holy Cross debuted its own Early Childhood Outdoor Learning Space and Garden this year. We can't wait to share more details and photos with you.

# TECHNOLOGY IN OUR SCHOOLS



## GONE ARE THE DAYS OF THE TRADITIONAL COMPUTER LAB.

Children in our schools benefit from the many different ways teachers integrate technology, particularly educational apps, into everyday learning, creating a hybrid approach to the required curriculum. This allows for instruction at each student's level where he/she is in the learning continuum.

Apps offered include:

- Lexia - Reading/Grammar/Phonics
- No Red Ink - Grammar
- Happy Numbers - Math
- Aleks - Math
- Mystery Science - Science
- Imagine Learning - Spanish for the DLA
- Freckle- Math - Spanish for the DLA
- Mathia- new for 2022-2023
- Waggle - new for 2022-2023

Federal COVID relief funding allowed us to also purchase the devices necessary to ensure all students have access to learn both at school and at home.

**"I am so thankful for all of our staff at Sts. Peter and Paul. The office staff, cafeteria and maintenance are all amazing people, and they are essential to help make our school so great!"**

**- Ali Dibelka, Staff**



## DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Parents and middle school students and staff at our schools got to learn from nationally known speaker Paul Sanfresco last Fall on Social Media, Cyberbullying and the appropriate use of technology for school and home.

These sessions were offered so students and parents could have consistency and open discussion about common digital dilemmas at school and at home.

Work continues this year to implement the tools and practices of online safety. School leaders know that dealing with digital dilemmas is not just about rules and procedures; it's about character. Teaching empathy and integrity are part of the values-based, whole-child approach from which both students and teachers in our schools benefit.

## Did You Know...

**\$2,153** is the gap between tuition and fees and the cost to educate each student. Every student receives a subsidized tuition rate.

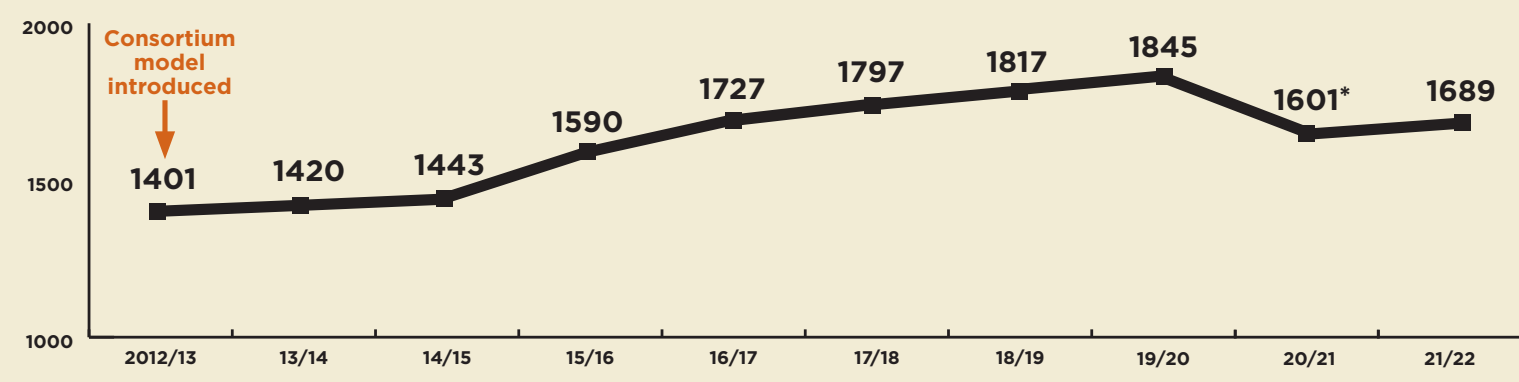




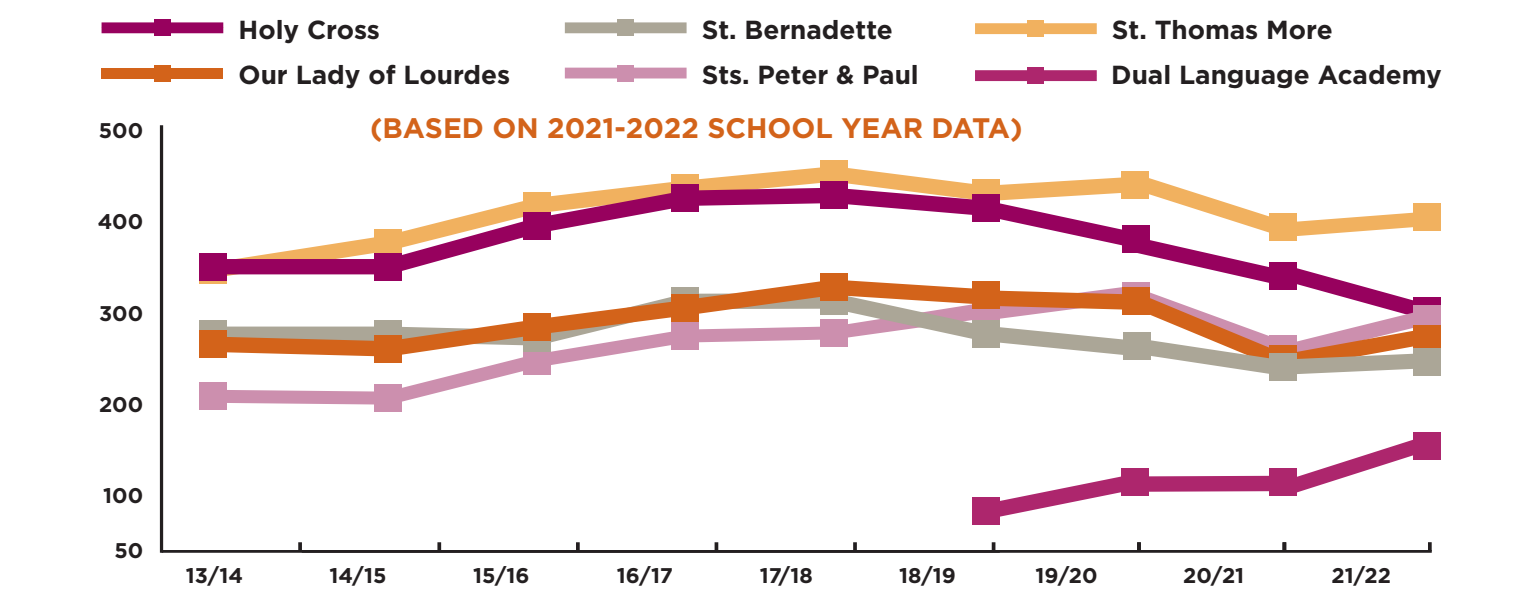
# ENROLLMENT TRENDS

## ENROLLMENT TOTALS

ALL CONSORTIUM SCHOOLS (PRE-SCHOOL THROUGH 8TH GRADE)




## BY SCHOOL




## ENROLLMENT AT A GLANCE


(BASED ON 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR DATA)




**86%**  
Catholic



**51%**  
of students  
qualify for free or  
reduced lunch



**45%**  
hispanic



**51%**  
of students  
receive tuition  
assistance

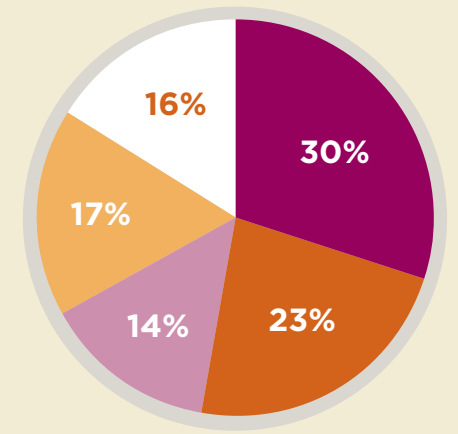
# OPERATING STATEMENT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6/30/2022 | OMAHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL CONSORTIUM

## OPERATING REVENUES:

Tuition and Fees	\$3,111,403	30%
Parish Support	\$2,403,653	23%
Financial Aid & Scholarships - External Sources	\$1,429,148	14%
Auxiliary Programs Preschool, Extended Care, Cafeteria & School Events	\$1,806,974	17%
Grant, Development & Fundraising Income	\$1,615,688	16%

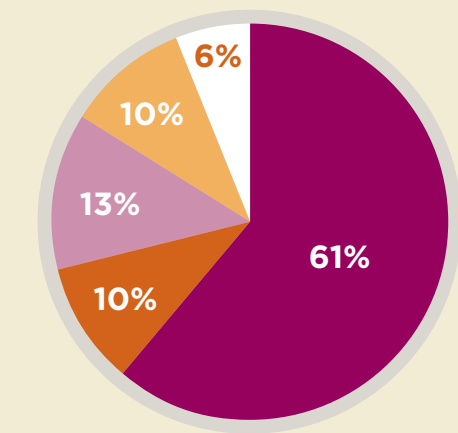
**Total Operating Revenues** \$10,366,866



## OPERATING EXPENSES:

Instructional	\$6,595,937	61%
General Administrative	\$1,065,739	10%
Plant Operations and Maintenance	\$1,360,427	13%
Auxillary Programs	\$1,048,516	10%
Tuition Assistance -Internal	\$629,631	6%

**Total Operating Expenses** \$10,700,250



**Net Revenue** \$(333,384)

Federal funds in the form of Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools were paid directly to Consortium vendors and tracked as off income statement transactions. The amount received was \$938,604. Purchases included curriculum materials, school furniture and cleaning supplies.



14 \* Enrollment decline due to pandemic, primarily in the early childhood grade levels, where many families elected to delay preschool enrollment to a future year.



# SUSTAINING CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN SOUTHEAST OMAHA

## TOGETHER IN CHRIST ANNUAL FUND

2021-2022 total | **\$553,348**

It takes over \$10 million annually to operate our schools, with 80% of our expenses spent on our most valuable resource - staff.

The *Together in Christ* Fund is our annual giving initiative upon which we depend to provide a unique and enriching experience for both staff and students.

We hope to broaden our base of support. *Together in Christ* gifts this year will be directly invested in the following:

- Salaries for our school staff, who make miracles happen every day in our schools
- Maintenance of our character filled, but aging buildings
- Tuition assistance for families desiring a Catholic education

It is only through the generosity of our committed community that we continue to grow and achieve our mission, preparing students for success as young people who share the joy of Christ in whatever they choose to do. Thank you for being a partner in our mission.

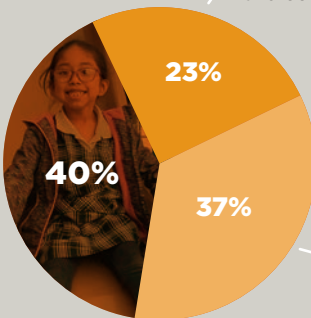
"Many appeals are made from worthy organizations. None of them taught me to read, write, spell, do math, or anchor my childhood for nine good years."

- Chris Gaul, Holy Cross Class of 1973



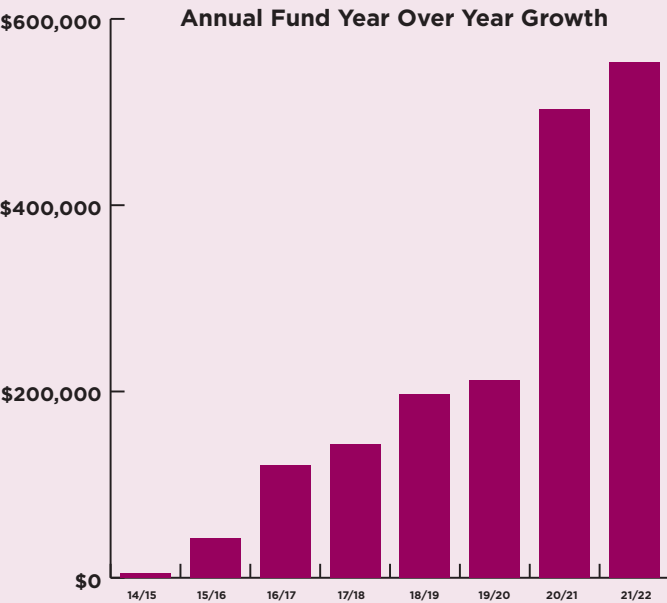
## HOW WE FUND OUR SCHOOLS

Collected tuition and fees covers 40% of the cost to educate



Parish support from 16 parishes covers 25% of the cost to educate

The remaining 35% comes from *Together in Christ* Annual Fund, Children's Scholarship Fund, other income and community support



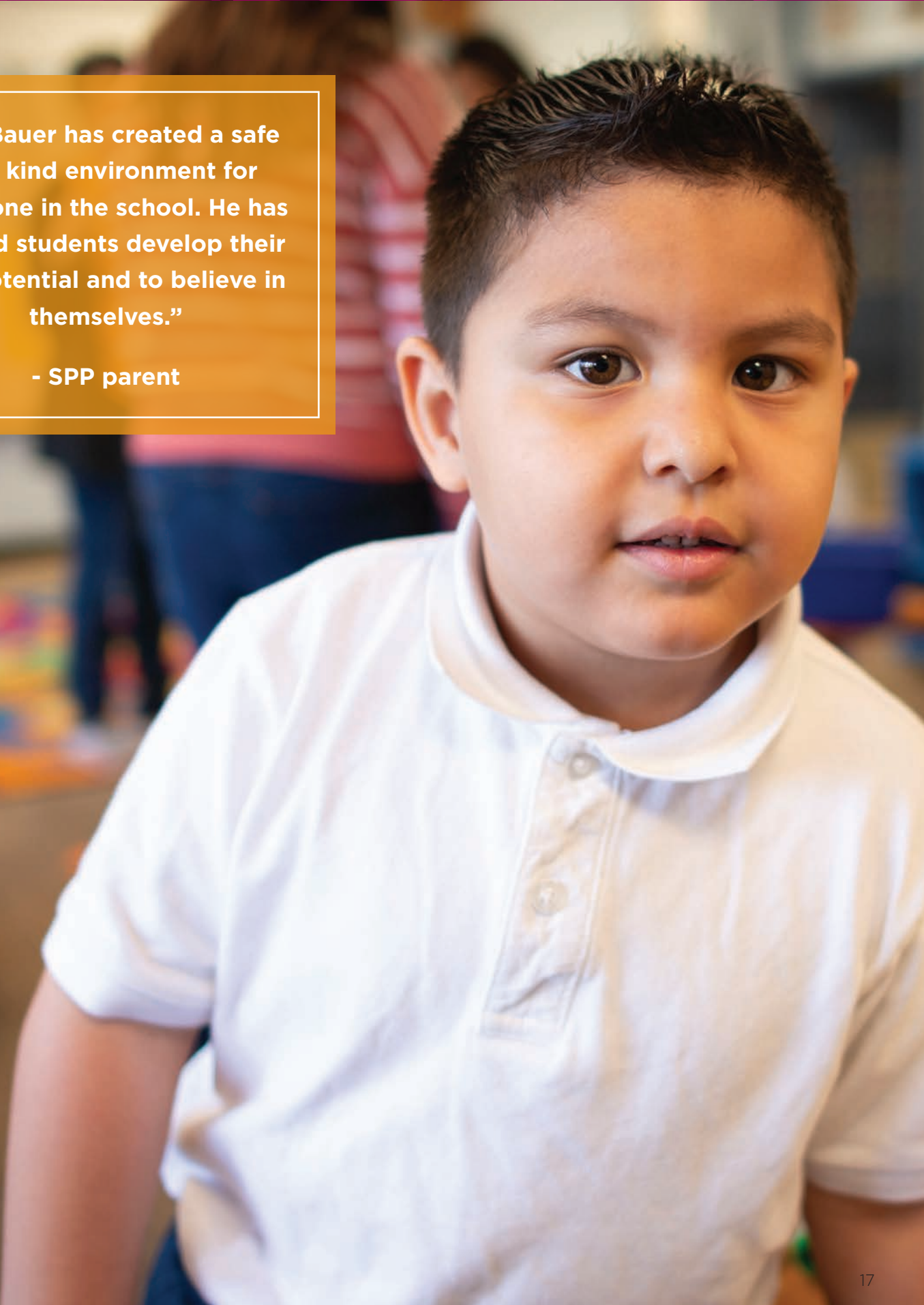
## Did You Know...

You can support our schools with a financial gift at

**[omahacsc.org/donate.](https://omahacsc.org/donate)**

"Mr. Bauer has created a safe and kind environment for everyone in the school. He has helped students develop their full potential and to believe in themselves."

- SPP parent





SPECIAL THANKS TO THESE SUPPORTERS

GIFTS PROVIDED TO THE OMAHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL CONSORTIUM FROM JULY 1, 2021-JUNE 30, 2022

Annual Report of gifts – these gifts include Gifts in Kind, Gifts designated for a specific purpose, as well as gifts shared with our Together In Christ Annual Fund.

Anchor Alliance

(alumni in bold, parents / grandparents / parents of alumni italicized)

Crown (\$25,000+)

Suzie and Michael Lawler  
Mammel Family Foundation  
Jolene and Bill Starr  
Margie and Jim Timmerman

Cross (\$24,999-15,000)

Heider Family Foundation  
Jennifer and Honorable Chris Jerram  
Jim Kineen  
Carol and John Maginn

Gold (\$14,999-10,000)

Marilyn and Robert Czerwinski  
Nancy and Mike McCarthy  
Teri and Ron Quinn

Silver (\$9,999-\$7,500)

Cheri and Tom Hassenstab

Iron (\$7,499-\$5,000)

Ann Kineen  
Steph and Bud Mushlitz  
Therese and Don Swanson

Copper (\$4,999-\$2,500)

Tammy and Drew Blossom  
Richard Chizek  
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Gayle and Mike Goetz  
Carol and Jerry Hassett  
Yvonne Hylok  
Mimi and Matt Miller  
Chris and Scott Nelson  
Terry & Hollye Peterson Foundation  
Amy and Jay Vankat

Bronze (\$2,499-\$1,000)

Jean and Jim Ambrose  
Rev. Frank Baumert  
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Vera and Roman Uhing  
Kathy and Jim Welniak

Rose Marie and Bernard Wilson

Pauline and Ron Wilwerding

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In Memory of David Burns  
Alicia Burns

In Memory of Patricia Cunningham  
Julie and Joshua Gortemaker

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“What I love most about working at OLL is how much of a community we are! Teachers, staff, and families support each other and are always willing to help when needed. I think it is amazing for the students at OLL to see first hand how the adults in their lives practice what we teach and act as examples of Christ’s love!”

- Fallon Kreikemeier, teacher



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“Our family is so happy that we chose to attend St. Bernadette the past two years. It has been a wonderful place...and such a wonderful faith community. Thank you for being amazing and awesome in every way!”

- Miranda M., Parent

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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### MIKE TIMMINS

Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer - Education Quest Foundation  
Holy Cross Alum - K-8, Class of 1973

#### What did you like about your teachers? Anyone who stood out?

The teachers, lay and Catholic sisters, were passionate and personable. What I remember most about my first grade teacher was her daily class reading of *Charlotte's Web* using a different animated voice for each character. Other favorites include Ms. Malm in second grade, Ms. Eleffson in fifth grade, and Mr. Michal Cain and Ms. Mary Ann Green in eighth grade.



#### What were the most useful classes you took or clubs you belonged to?

Math and religion classes have been the most useful in my lifetime. In terms of extracurricular activities, I learned teamwork, sportsmanship and humility while participating in school sports. I especially learned a reverent respect and appreciation for the Mass and the Eucharist while assisting the priests as an altar server with my friend Joe Laird.

#### How did Holy Cross prepare you for what you're doing now? What are you doing now?

I'm currently the CFO for EducationQuest Foundation in Lincoln, NE. The math I learned and enjoyed at Holy Cross sparked an interest to study accounting in college. Ultimately, my accounting degree put me on my career path in the finance and accounting field. Since my days at Holy Cross, my Catholic faith continues to grow and mature. After marrying young and suffering through an unwanted divorce in my mid-twenties, my faith and my family were my biggest source of strength. The more I healed, the more I began to realize and understand that "my" life plans were not necessarily God's plan. In fact, once I was able to reflect with several years of hindsight, God's plan was revealed to be much better than my own. This revelation inspired me to use my personal divorce experience to support other Catholics suffering divorce. Currently, I facilitate a program for the Lincoln Diocese called Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family. I also lead the Divorce Ministry at St. Peter's in Lincoln.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### MEET MATTHEW AND ANDREW JESUS

The brothers attended **St. Bernadette**, just like their mom, Cathy, and it's the parish where their parents were married as well.

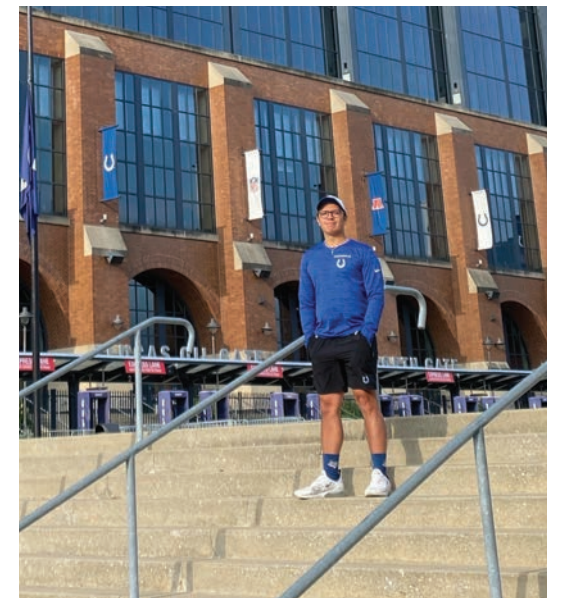
Both mentioned that their supportive teachers made their elementary and middle school experiences so memorable.

### MATTHEW JESUS

St. Bernadette student from 2002-2011  
Current job: Communications and public relations for the Indianapolis Colts

At SBS, Matthew was a part of the Junior High Choir as well as Yearbook, both of which he says pushed him outside of his comfort zone and helped him build the skills needed for his job now, as well as similar jobs in communications for the Cornhuskers and the University of Georgia.

"Getting to interact with all different kinds of people within both **St. Bernadette** and Gross Catholic High School has prepared me for the interactions that have come in my professional career."



### ANDREW JESUS

St. Bernadette student from 2008-2017  
Current student - Iowa State University of Science and Technology - Aerospace Engineering

Andrew says woodworking and robotics were two things from **St. Bernadette** that influenced his future. "I wouldn't be where I am today without it...starting those group projects and soft skills early really helped me now."

He says he also really enjoyed all the Catholic school traditions, especially May Crowning.

"When we got kids from St. Stanislaus School, our school started celebrating his Feast Day, too. Things like that really stuck with me."





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