



First Christmas concert in St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church





Dear Family and Friends of Annunciation,

With Covid in our rear-view mirror, even though it still has affected us, this year has been an amazing year for Annunciation Catholic School. Our full capacity of students continues to learn and blossom in so many ways. It is a joy to see, and I am honored to be a small part in that growth. So much credit goes to Dr. Pristash, the ACS staff, and most importantly the amazing faculty we have. It is a pleasure for me to celebrate Mass each week with the school kids, at which I hear from many parishioners how encouraging it is for them to see the school kids engaged in the Mass, and even how much our parishioners realize they don't know things about the

faith that the students do.

Personally, I love hearing confessions, with Fr. David, monthly for each of the 3rd-8th grades (1st Reconciliation is at end of 2nd grade). I hear how some of the students look forward to coming to confession, and how they see the growth in their own lives by availing themselves regularly of God's mercy and grace.

Another aspect I love about ACS is how evidently God has his hands upon us. So many times, before Dr. Pristash is even aware of a need, God has provided a solution. And I know that God's faithfulness is because Dr. Pristash has instilled a strong Catholic Identity that is throughout our school and is still growing. God has been and will continue to provide for our needs as we continue to put him first in our school.

Thank you too for all your support of our children, our future is bright at ACS because of your activity and support. And I so look forward to seeing how we grow next year.

#### In Christ, Fr. Chad King Pastor- St. Gabriel Catholic Church/Annunciation School



Dear Family, Friends, and Generous Supporters,

Every year brings something new to Annunciation. Last year, our thirteenth year in operation, brought the completion of our beautiful new church and courtyard. Gone are the cranes, trailers, piles of dirt, and incessant beeping of trucks in reverse! Our campus is now a beautifully landscaped property with a permanent school, permanent church, social hall, parish administration building, and youth center. I sometimes stand in the courtyard and try to remember what it used to look like not too many years ago. We have come so far!

We all know, though, that the heart of the school is not the physical structures, but the people, programs, and faith community that has been here from the very beginning. Our school has graduated seven 8th-grade classes, and those students have gone on to do amazing things in high school and college. Our alumni are the measure of our success and the reason our school has such a strong reputation at the Catholic high schools and in our community. We are operating at capacity enrollment with waiting lists for every grade. We are blessed.

Annunciation would not be where it is today without the time, talent, and treasure of many people. Each one of you has had a part in bringing our school from its humble beginnings to the success it is today and has provided the foundation for a bright and hopeful future. I am grateful for all you have done — your faith, your service, your financial support, and your prayers. May the peace of Christ be with you always.

Blessings, Dr. Sharon H. Pristash

## Parish that Started with Hay Bale Pews Has Permanent Home

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#### by Tony Gutiérrez

In a Solemn Pontifical Mass, the bishop formally dedicated the 23,000-square-foot church and consecrated the altar Nov. 3, 2021, at St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish. Outside the new church building, the architects presented the building plans to Bishop Olmsted, formally turning it over to him. "So many of the longtime parishioners have been waiting for a permanent church for over 15years," pastor Fr. Chad King told the Sun. Fr. King then opened the doors to the church as he, the bishop, other parish...

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## WHO WE ARE

# **Celebrating Our Catholic Identity**

A nnunciation is blessed to have a group of parents, grandparents, and St. Gabriel Parishioners dedicated to serve as members of our Catholic Identity Committee (CIC). Members of CIC are passionate about our Catholic faith, which helps instill the importance of the Catholic traditions and rituals with the students at ACS.

Throughout the school year, the CIC provides our teachers with



Mache Baasten (8th grader) at the monthly rosary

resources to enhance classroom Saint celebrations, the Fruits of the Spirit Award program, monthly all-school Rosary, and of course, the pancake luncheon to celebrate the Feast of Annunciation.

These events have become traditions that enrich and strengthen the campus life for the students and families. Thank you to Sarah Cupo and Angela Riley, Co-Chairs, and all the committee members that help make these events special.



Sarah Cupo (Catholic Identity Chair) serving students waiting for their Feast

# **STREAM Program Seven Years Strong**

A fter initiating the STREAM program in January 2015, ACS has reached the goal of becoming a fully immersed STREAM school with 1:1 Technology. STREAM incorporates science, technology, religion, engineering, arts, and math into all aspects of the classroom. Throughout the year, each teacher completes three Project Based Learning (PBL) units filled with STREAM activities allowing students to work with coding, robots, Arduinos, and different engineering tools throughout the school year. All of these projects have been shown to increase student engagement and comprehension.

Our Halloween STREAM event brought to life the story of "The Biggest Pumpkin Ever" by Steven Kroll, where the students had to design an object to move a pumpkin. For our Thanksgiving all school STREAM event, we participated in the celebration for the success of the Fun Run by designing solar ovens to cook smores. The students designed their own solar ovens out of recyclables and a limited list of materials. It was an educational and delicious event! The elementary classes learned all about coding through Minecraft and continued their fun with our Dash Robots. Early December, ACS participated in the Hour of Code which is celebrated throughout the world.

One example of a PBL unit is our Kindergarten Magnetism and Electricity project. It offers hands-on investigations of how magnets work. Eighth-grade buddies were invited to help complete the STREAM activity by engineering a magnetic car! The young engineers pretended to be mechanical engineers for the day by building a car that is powered by only the attractive pull or repulsive push of a pair of simple magnets.

An example of our accelerated STREAM program is our weekly coding class for the middle school students. Through the direction of two amazing instructors from IT Department at Paradise Valley Community College, the students are introduced to a higher level of hands-on robotics coding and programing.

ACS would like to thank our gracious donors, The Gillespie Family and Kiwanis Club of Carefree, as without them none of this would be possible. Thank you!



# **Congratulations to the Class of 2022**



High School	Accepted	Honors	
Notre Dame Preparatory	25	9 honors/5 highest honors 3 students offered \$10,000 scholarships	
Xavier College Preparatory	7	1 honors/1 highest honors	
Brophy College Preparatory	1		
St. Mary's	3	2 honors/1 offered \$16,000 scholarship	

On Wednesday, May 18, we celebrated the 7th graduating class of Annunciation Catholic School. The class of 2022 is an amazing group of students. All were accepted to Catholic high schools. Many with honors and a few with scholarships! This class is unique in our school's history as this is the first class that has students who attended since kindergarten. ACS added kindergarten in the fall of 2013. Eight in this class of 27 attended all nine years of elementary school at ACS.



Front row: Joe, Josh, Zak, John. Back row: Dr. Pristash, Braylee, Ella, Bella and Hayley.

## **Our First K-8 Graduates!**

Pictured above with Principal Pristash are the 8 students who started at Annunciation from Kindergarten and graduated together this year. This group was the first Kindergarten class in our school's short history.



# **Alumni News**

Congratulations to ACS Alumni '19, Nick Ramey who has received early admission to New Mexico State University in Las Cruces New Mexico for Fall 2023! His major is Engineering/



Left to right: Michael Motola, Iain Erskine, Owen Wallace, Reid Savage, Domenic Paluscio, Dominic Rozaci, and Jordan Jolesch

Physics, and he plans to join ROTC Air Force as well. Picture is with the NMSU Aggie. Crimson and White will be his colors!

Congratulations to the ACS Alumni '19; Michael Motola, Iain Erskine, Owen Wallace, Reid Savage, Domenic Paluscio, Dominic Rozaci, and Jordan Jolesch were inducted into the National Honor Society at Brophy College Prep in January of 2022.



Nick Ramey with the NMSU Aggie

## ACS SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

**Strong Communicators** 

**Thoughtful Citizens** 

**Active Christians** 

## **Resourceful Learners**

# **Christian Service Award**

Since 2001, the Catholic Community Foundation's Christian Service Awards (CSA) Program has been funded by generous members of the Arizona Catholic community. During the 2020-2021 school year, the Christian Service Award funds were redirected, and the CSA program was put on hold.

During the hiatus year, Annunciation established the Imago Dei (In the Image of God) Scholarship to recognize students for their service. Recipients of the award were River Vogelsang, Mia Eshleman, and Christian Bax.



**River Vogelsang** 

With the return of the CSA in 2022, the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) asked the principal to recommend students from the Class of 2021 and the Class of 2022. Eight students from Annunciation were recommended to the CCF committee who then reviewed over 100 student applications from the state of Arizona.

River Vogelsang, class of '21, was one of the twenty-six recipients of the Christian Service Award. At Annunciation, River served as the President of the Vibrant Vinnies, a youth conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and led many projects. He attended the National Assembly of St Vincent de Paul in Houston Texas with youth Vincentians from all over the country. He received SVdP youth training and did a St. Vincent de Paul service project in downtown Houston.

River is a sophomore at Notre Dame Prep in Scottsdale. We are so proud of River for his continued commitment to serving his community with the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

# 2021-2022 School Year in Review



On Wednesday, August 11, the faculty and staff of Annunciation welcomed back the largest student body with 236 students enrolled for the 2021-2022 school year and 41 students on the waitlist for grades K-8. The return to school came with a much-appreciated parent choice regarding masks rather than a dioscesan mandate. Our staff welcomed the addition of a nurse on duty every school day from 8am - 3pm. With three new staff members and an existing member in a new role, we were excited to start the new year.

Many upgrades occurred during the first year of occupying the new building. Our grass playground was upgraded to a bright green aritificial turf to avoid muddy patches on rainy days. Our Snack Shack run by our Entrepreneur Club was upgraded to a shiny new kiosk to give students an opportunity to serve and learn business strategies. Our Partners in Education parent group (PIE) planned many community building and fundraising events throughout the year. The Student Ambassadors did a great job representing ACS at our back-to-school Open House and multiple events throughout the year. The St. Gabriel Parish Church opened and was blessed by Bishop Olmstead just in time to host the annual Christmas concert in the beautiful new Church.

We thank all our school families for trusting us with your student's education and we ask you to keep our school in your prayers. We look forward to sharing another review of a very successful school year in this annual report.



**Braylee Jevnick and Layne Henry on their** first day as 8th graders

# **ACS Snack Shack Gets a New Look**



2021 Student Ambassadors pose for a picture with the new Snack Shack at the Open House

#### Thanks to a donation from the Raiff Family Foundation, the Entrepreneur Club opened the new ACS Snack Shack for the Back-to-School Open House. The ACS Entrepreneur Club is a parent run club for middle school students (grades 6-8). The goal of the club is to teach students how to devise and implement good business practices by running the ACS Snack Shack. They have monthly meetings to discuss inventory, product selection,

employee scheduling and marketing. They determine their best-selling products and profits earned. They offer a selection of snack food products and drinks before and after school for \$0.50- \$1.00.

The Entrepreneur Club helps develop strong stewardship habits by teaching our student members the value of sharing their time and talent and in doing so, their hard work provides additional funds to support our school.

# **School Field Upgraded to Artifical Turf**

Over the Christmas break in December of 2021, our grass play area was transformed to bright green artificial turf. No more grass stains or muddy pants. This project was made possible through the generosity of the Raiff Family Foundation. We look forward to many years of use on our new field.





# **Our Lady of Joy Knights of Columbus Start a Scholarship Fund**



Left to right: Vince Gulotta, Keli McCann, Dennis Carda, Rich Maes, Grand Knight, Dr Pristash, Dennis Gougion, and Steve Stensrud

Our Lady of Joy Knights of Columbus held two fundraising events this past year where Annunciation Catholic School was a recipient of the proceeds. In the fall of 2021, the OLOJ Knights presented Annunciation with a check for \$10,000 for new uniforms and equipment for the athletic program from the proceeds of their Wine and Craft Beer fundraising event. This considerable donation provides the ability for ACS to purchase new uniforms for the ever-growing athletic program where students

can experience working together for the greater good and to honor God in all they do.

In the spring, Our Lady of Joy Knights of Columbus hosted the Golf Fore Charity fundraiser at the Blackstone Country Club. Proceeds from their 21st Catholic School, St Vincent de Paul Conference, and Our Lady of Joy special projects. On June 14, Steve Stensrud, Chair of the 2022 Golf Fore Charity, Dennis Gougion, Rich Maes, Grand Knight, and active member Vince Gulotta, presented a check for \$37,800 established a new tuition scholarship fund for current and alumni students of ACS who have a financial need.

This newly established partnership and generous gift is a wonderful testament to their dedication to serve others through their bold brotherhood and charitable work. The Knights of Columbus are proud to be able to support a scholarship fund with their 2022 Golf Fore Charity event. We are truly blessed and look forward to a long relationship with the OLOJ Knights of Columbus.

# **ACS Artists Receive Awards at Annual Show**

Golf Fore Charity, benefited Annunciation

The Sonoran Arts League hosted its 26th annual Celebration of Art exhibit and awards ceremony this year rewarding students in grades 4 - 12 for outstanding achievement in visual arts. The awards ceremony took place on April 7, 2022. The following ACS students were selected to be recognized and received an incentive award. Their award-winning artwork was displayed at the gallery. The ACS Youth Art Award winners (pictured left) were 4th Grader: Kellan Henry, 5th Grader: Evagrace Shen, 6th Grader: Athena Clark, 7th Grader: Tristian Sardina, 8th Grader: Analiese Oveson.

The mission of the Sonoran Arts League

is to give to our community by promoting art, artists, and art education through leadership and service in the belief that an artistic awareness is essential to the well-being of life and our community. Visit https://sonoranartsleague. org/ to learn more.

Annunciation students have participated in this student art competition for the last few years with great success. Special thanks to our amazing art teacher, Mrs.

Debbie Himmelein, whose love for teach-



Left to right: Kellan Henry, Evagrace Shen, Athena Clark, Tristian Sardina, Analiese Oveson

ing art inspires great creativity in all her students.



## Kiwanis of Carefree Awards Three Grants to ACS!

The Kiwanis Club of Carefree has been very generous to Annunciation Catholic School for the past six years, with grants totaling over \$115,000. Funding provided by the Kiwanis of Carefree is used to support technology, Resource Programs, and our athletics program. Kiwanis recently approved three more grant requests totaling \$34,657.18. The grants were used to purchase new iPads, iPad carts, and Merge cubes. Many thanks to Kiwanis for all their support to our school. The level of technology we have is because of their generous support.

Please support Kiwanis of Carefree by donating to and shopping at their thrift store, the Kiwanis Marketplace. It is located in Cave Creek across from Dairy Queen. The profits from the Marketplace provide the revenue to fund grants to schools. The Kiwanis Marketplace looks for local residents to volunteer which is a great way to give back to our community. God bless Kiwanis of Carefree!

# **Evening Under the Stars Dinner and Silent Auction**



**Doug and Christy Brown** 

whimsical acrobatics of AeroTerra Arts, dinner and a live band, it was well worth the donation/cost.

We are happy to report the event brought in \$29,000 after expenses. We are humbled by the generosity of so many willing to give of their time, talent, and treasure. We want to thank all of our business community partners for their generosity in supporting

The annual Evening our mission through sponsorship or donation to our silent auc-Under the Stars Dintion. ner and Silent Auction A special thank you to our has been one of two major Event Chair, Christy Brown, who fundraising events for the did an amazing job planning and past six years. The event coordinating the details of an has been held at numerous

event this size. To all of the individual parents who assisted with even the tiniest details, thank you. Thank you to Keli McCann, our Director of Development, for her work on this event and facilitating our volunteers. And we greatly appreciate Fr. Chad

and the church staff for their help in planning the first large event in our parish hall.



Acrobatics Performance



Pastor Fr. Chad and Guests Dancing





# Fun Run 2021 Hits Its Goal

he ACS Fun Run was held on October 15. The weather was beautiful, the students, families, and staff enjoyed the event. The run was full of music, dancing, running and best of all COLOR! This first major fundraiser of the year surpassed its goal of \$58,000 and raised \$67,800 to support the resource program.

locations until the campus

construction was complete. However, this past

year, the St. Gabriel Parish

Hall was transformed into

a beautiful event space for

the first time. The con-

venience of the location

was much appreciated by

many attendees. With the

With pledges and donations coming in from across the United States and several countries, our school families did a great job spreading the word and we are thankful that so many were willing to support our school by donating to this event.

The funds for this event were directed to expand our

#### Resource Program from one to two full-time teachers providing extra support to students who need it. The ACS Resource Program strengthens our mission to develop all children to their fullest God-given potential.

We are immensely grateful to our event Chair, Chelsea Cordell, and some of her key helpers who volunteered their time to coordinate this fun event. Fr. Chad participated with the students, and we are grateful for his time and commitment to our school.



# **Vibrant Vinnies Makes a Positive Impact on Community**

A nnunciation Catholic School Vibrant Vinnies is an official part of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul under the Diocesan Council of Phoenix and the Elizabeth Ann Seton (District Eleven) Council. Officially aggregated in 2017, the Vibrant Vinnies is the only youth conference in the Western Region.

The council members consist of students in the 5-8th grade and one adult liaison, Angel Vogelsang. The conference completes one or two service projects a month and will collaborate with the St. Gabriel the Archangel Council on a few community projects throughout the year. Every project they conduct is paid for through member contributions, donations and fundraising. The Annual Friends of the Poor Walk serve as our primary sources of fundraising income.

One of the projects paid for by the Vibrant Vinnies is the Christmas party for the children of the working poor held at a local parish or dining hall. The Vibrant Vinnies created one hundred and seventy-five Christmas stockings for the children last Christmas. They also serve in St. Joan of Arc's food pantry, delivered food boxes to families in the inner city, and made and distributed survival bags to the homeless. This summer they installed countertops for a food pantry. Our conference members work tirelessly to help those in need. The conference motto is "You are never too young to serve."

Our Vinnies stayed busy in the summer of 2021 at Ozanam Manor, painting and playing bingo with the residents. Included in their service was distributing the



donated sheets, towels, and water bottles. In August, they assisted the St. Gabriel the Archangel Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul Conference with a shoe drive that brought in over 200 pairs of shoes going directly to the homeless population.

The Vibrant Vinnies volunteered at the St. Vincent de Paul Hope Chest Thrift Store! Check it out if you haven't been there!



Photo by Billy Hardiman, courtesy of The Catholic Sun

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and visiting clergy and the faithful passed under a stained-glass window of St. Gabriel holding a trumpet, with his words taken from Luke's Gospel underneath him, welcoming all who enter: "Do not be afraid. The Holy Spirit will come upon you." Inside the church, Bishop Olmsted and Fr. King blessed the walls of the church with holy water.

St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church was established in 2002, when the faithful gathered in a small shack that would later serve as a temporary Adoration chapel for the parish. When it would overflow, parishioners sat on hay bales outside of the church. After the chapel and hay bales, parishioners started worshipping in a nearby middle school. Following this was a building that would eventually become a sixth-through-eighth grade classroom building for the adjoining Annunciation Catholic School. In 2008, parishioners moved into their most recent space, which is intended to be a multi-purpose building and parish hall. The process to build a permanent church began after the multi-purpose building was completed under then-pastor Fr. Dennis O'Ro-

urke. When Fr. O'Rourke retired, another retired priest, Fr. John Slobig, oversaw the project as the parish's interim parochial administrator. Fr. King had previously served as parochial vicar at St. Gabriel when he was first ordained and returned to St. Gabriel in 2020, being formally installed as a pastor Sept. 12, 2021.

David Arambula, the lead architect with Phoenix Design Group that designed the church, said he took inspiration from the mission churches of the Southwest and the painted churches of many German and Czech immigrant communities from the 19th century.

On the interior, the colors are lighter with a blue accent throughout — on the

ceiling, on the walls, through the stainedglass and even in the pews - symbolic of the Blessed Virgin Mary, tying the church to its school's namesake. There are 24 saints represented in the stained-glass windows, all with a blue background. The saints in the windows were all invoked during the dedication rite's Litany of the Saints. Providentially, the dedication also occurs during the Year of St. Joseph, the only other person to whom St. Gabriel appeared in Scriptures. "We have a statue of St. Joseph holding the Christ Child as another image of Gabriel, who told Joseph to 'Take courage' and to do what he did, to go and protect and take the Holy Family away from the danger," said Fr. King. "That's exactly what Joseph is doing to the current Church, to the family of God, he is protecting us and keeping us from danger."

Other imagery of St. Gabriel includes a mural behind the altar that has him and St. Michael praying. In the corridor are two eight-foot bronze statues looking down. "Every person who enters into this new church, especially from the front, will be entering in under the guidance and the prayers of the angels," Fr. King said. "How perfect it is that in a church dedicated to St. Gabriel that angels will be praying for us as we walk into the church in order to join them in worshiping God."

## Thank you to last year's volunteers and Community Partner!

### **Annual Appeal**

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Paxton and Dawn Jevnick Dr. Charles C. Emery and Marcia Balestrino

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## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A nnunciation is proud to report another financial year ending with zero debt. And we are, thanks to our generous parents, parishioners, and donors for their continued support. This year marked the 13th year to end with zero debt. The operational budget is funded by three sources: tuition, fundraising and donations (annual appeal, grants, and personal gifts). Designated funds from the previous fiscal year were used to offset expenses that occurred during the 2021-2022 school year. Annunciation received a disbursement from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS) which a portion of the funds were used to supplement any deficits.

INCOME				
Tuition & Fees	\$	1,445,425.80		
Designated Gifts		161,443.23		
Fundraising & Unrestricted Donations		359,287.65		
Annual Appeal		37,560.00		
Other (interest)	\$	2,201.17		
Total Income	\$	2,005,917.85		
EXPENSES				
Salary & Benefits	\$	1,436,407.77		
Fundraising	\$	121,662.72		
Annual Appeal	\$	6,805.99		
Facility & Maintenance	\$	83,795.65		
Instructional Materials		73,753.00		
Designated Donations, STREAM	\$	172,227.31		
Operational & Utility Expenses	\$	97,210.42		
Total Expenses	\$	1,991,862.86		
Total	\$	14,054.99		





## How to Give

## **Annual Appeal**

The Annual Appeal fund helps support Annunciation cover the day-to-day operation of the school, which includes utilities, rent, and maintenance.

## **Cash Gifts**

Your financial gift to Annunciation Catholic School provides operational support for the school's mission, including academic programs, athletics, fine arts and technology.

### **Matching Gifts**

Many corporations offer as a benefit to their employees a Matching Gift Program. Please ask your Human Resources Department for a matching gift to support Catholic education.

## **Gifts-In-Kind**

The parents and parishioners of Annunciation continue in their generous donations of their time and talent. Please consider donating your experience or services to help Annunciation Catholic School. Some gifts that have already been received include printing, food and beverage donations, office and classroom supplies, and equipment for the school.

## **Tuition Assistance**

St. Gabriel Catholic Parish has created a fund to help families at Annunciation who experience an unforseen financial need during the year. Designated donations to Annunciation Tuition Assistance program through the parish St. Gabriel Tuition Assistance Fund can be given directly to the parish or school office.

## **Appreciated Securities**

Gifts of securities, mutual funds and stocks are an excellent way to support Catholic education in your estate planning.

## **Planned Giving**

Leave a legacy that reflects your ideals and values by supporting Catholic education in your estate planning.

## **Endowments**

An endowment fund is known as "forever money." It is a special account that is established in order to generate revenue. One of the distinguishing characteristics of an endowment fund is that the principal amount contained in the account is not disbursed for any reason. This principal amount is invested in a manner that creates a steady return.



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