



 The St. Anthony Catholic Church  
**Educational Trust**

**SECURING  
OUR  
FUTURE.**





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Dear Friend of St. Anthony Schools:

As a parishioner, alumnus or member of our community, no doubt you are familiar with the work of St. Anthony Schools. Throughout its great history, St. Anthony has formed young men and women to forge successful careers, become loving parents and spouses and grow into faithful members of the Church. As I have come to appreciate the unique gift that St. Anthony is to the Church and community, I see firsthand how it prepares our young people to meet the challenges of the day with faith for success.

St. Anthony has done that work successfully only with the sacrifice of so many who appreciate its role and who have benefited from our mission. Across the generations, our parish family and alumni have taken up the task to assure that the blessing our schools offer will be available to their children and grandchildren.

I believe that today offers us an opportunity to act strongly to continue our growth and bless the future of St. Anthony. Our community and our world need the formation in faith which St. Anthony offers. At the same time, our families need the assurance from those who have already benefited from its work that they can meet the sacrifice which it takes to form their children into the young men and women which St. Anthony helps produce.

Please join me in helping continue our growth and allowing God to bless our future!

*Fr. Peter Harman, Pastor*

## WHO WE ARE

“ **The Trust exists to ensure tuition is affordable for all and to provide scholarships for those in need.** ”

The St. Anthony Catholic Church Educational Trust was established by a passionate parishioner in 1995 for the long-term benefit of St. Anthony Schools.

- The Trust is a **separate & distinct entity** from the Parish, Diocese, and other trusts and foundations operated by St. Anthony Parish and Schools.
- The Trust is operated under its own federal tax identification number and is tax exempt under IRS Section 501(c)(3). **Gifts to the Trust are tax deductible.**
- The trustees operate within the bylaws established during the formation of the Trust.
- The Trust is operated by a group of parishioners:

<b>Paul Hartke</b> , Chairman	<b>Jennifer Roewe</b> , Trustee
<b>Ed Deters</b> , Trustee	<b>Todd Wegman</b> , Trustee
<b>Todd Kabbes</b> , Trustee	<b>Bob Willenborg</b> , Trustee
<b>Paul Koerner</b> , Trustee	

## GOAL OF THE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Our goal is to grow the Trust to hold more than \$15 million in assets in the next ten years. We will continue to contribute up to 5% of assets to help offset the costs of Catholic education. The Educational Trust has received over \$3,509,787 in contributions from our gracious donors since its inception in 1995.

**It is our commitment that 100% of the proceeds from the Educational Trust will be distributed to St. Anthony Schools.**

Together, with your support, we can continue the tradition of excellence. Your investment will help keep St. Anthony Catholic education affordable for the families of our Parish and community.

**To date, the Trust has distributed over**

# \$1,483,382

**directly to St. Anthony Schools**

# SECURING OUR FUTURE.



# CONTINUING THE TRADITION

For over 155 years, St. Anthony Schools have provided Catholic education and faith formation to the Effingham area. We need your support to continue making Catholic education affordable for all families.

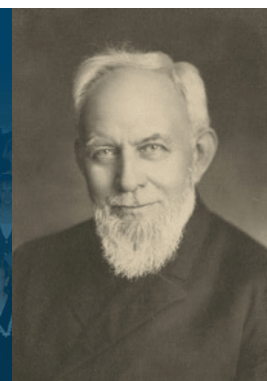


**1858**

Cornerstone laid of the first church

**1874**

School Sisters of Notre Dame establish mission at St. Anthony



**1896**

Rev. Louis W. Lammert named Pastor

**1912**

High School begins its existence with 6 freshmen & 2 sophomores

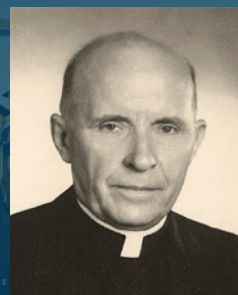


**St. Anthony**



**1941**

Bulldog mascot officially adopted



**1945**

Reverend John J. Goff named pastor



**1947**

Construction of new high school addition begins in front of the existing school

**1952**

First publication of high school yearbook

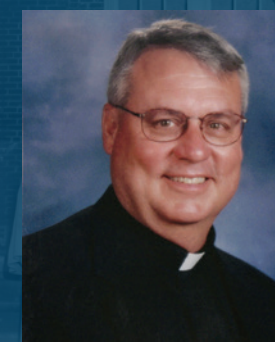


**1967**

New High School completed

**1989**

Father Leo Enlow named Pastor



**2003**

New High School addition & gym are completed

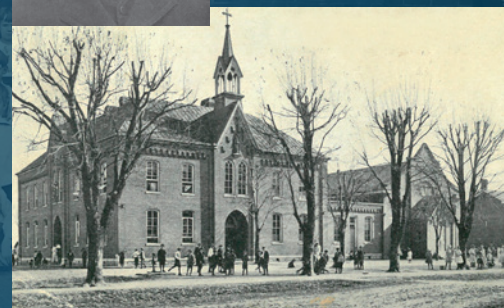
**1869**

The arrival of the Franciscan Sisters ushers in the birth of St. Anthony Schools, changing the status from public to parochial.



**1893**

Led by Fr. Jungmann, a new two-story, six-room school is built

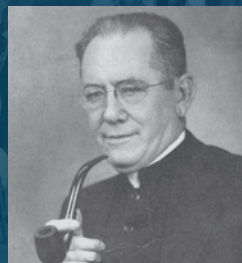


**1927**

First high school graduation class

**1929**

Rev. John H. Gramke named Pastor



**1947**

Grade School Athletics started by Fr. Leonard Rathgeb



**1949**

New gymnasium is completed



**1956**

St. Anthony Booster Club is established in order to provide volunteer and financial support to the St. Anthony athletic programs



**1987**

Mary Lynn Byers hired as Grade School Principal making her first lay principal at St. Anthony Schools



**1991**

High School Principal, Sr. Jane Marie Hotze is the last School Sister of Notre Dame to serve as a St. Anthony administrator

**2019**

2018-2019 school year marks 150th year of Catholic education and formation



**2009**

Doors open to new grade school







## CONTRIBUTIONS AND INVESTMENTS

The current value of the Trust is over

**\$4,760,940**

The gain on Trust assets is over

**\$2,739,537**

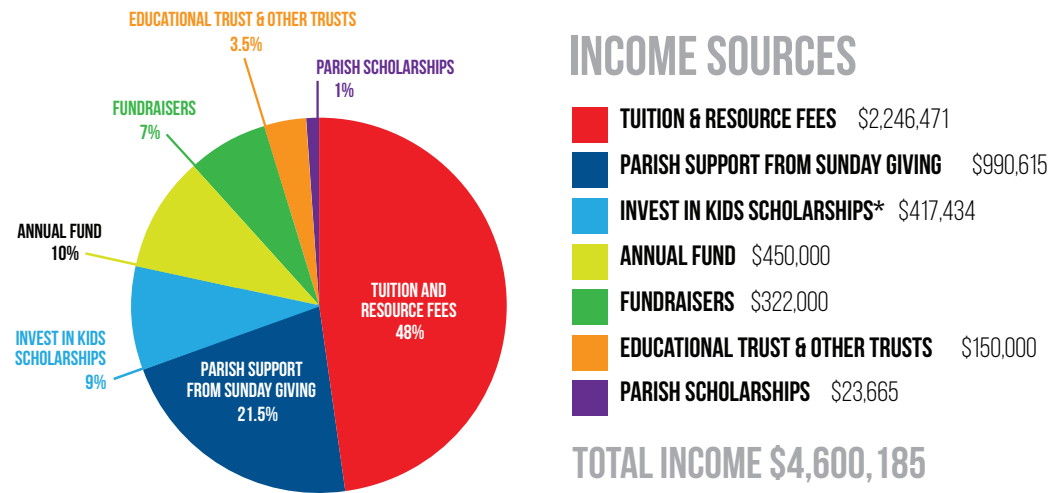
Over the last ten years, the Trust has averaged an

**8% Return**

Expenses for the Trust to date are

**\$5,000**

### ST. ANTHONY SCHOOLS FUNDING AT A GLANCE 2023-2024



\*Illinois' Invest In Kids program ended its funding 12-31-23

“Every Catholic family in the Effingham area should have the opportunity to send their children to a Catholic school. The Educational Trust offers financial assistance to those families in need.” - Paul Hartke (1961)

# HOW YOU CAN HELP



### CASH DONATIONS

Cash gifts are the easiest and most direct way to give to the Trust and are fully deductible for individuals who itemize on their federal income tax return.



### STOCKS

Stock donations generally offer a two-fold tax advantage: 1) You avoid paying capital gains tax on the increased value of the stock. 2) You receive an income tax deduction for the full fair-market value of the stock at the time of the gift.



### BONDS

Bond donations are generally treated the same as stock donations. You may be able to reduce, or even avoid, income taxes. Savings bonds are normally taxed when they're cashed in, reissued to another person, or reach their final maturity.



### ARTWORK

With appropriate planning, it is possible to receive tax deductions for the giving of art. Under applicable IRS guidelines, such tax deductions can be for the full fair-market value of the art (not just its cost basis) if certain conditions are met.



### IRA/RETIREMENT DISTRIBUTIONS

For individuals aged 70½ or older, making direct contributions from your IRA is an uncomplicated method of giving, and offers a way to avoid paying income taxes on the distribution. This is known as a qualified charitable distribution.



### TANGIBLE ASSETS

Tangible assets benefit the Trust and become a federal income tax charitable deduction when you itemize. Nonrelated use property and the deduction would be limited to the lesser of fair market value or your tax basis in the property.



### REAL ESTATE

Receive a charitable income-tax deduction for the full fair-market value of any type of unencumbered real estate, up to 30% of your adjusted gross income—in the year of the gift—with the five-year carryover provision.



### LIFE INSURANCE POLICY

Donors can receive a steady income and substantial tax savings through life insurance gifts, such as gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts.



### COMPANY MATCHES

Companies often have matching-gift programs for employees and their families, including retirees. Utilizing this benefit can allow you to double your donation (or more).



\*Gifts donated to the St. Anthony Catholic Church Educational Trust are used as best needed by the Trust. If you have questions or need advice about charitable giving, please consult your financial advisor. This is not tax or financial advice.



# IS IT WORTH THE INVESTMENT?



Ann (Althoff) Mayer *Class of 1969*

Back in the '60s, when I walked the halls, there was an expectation to follow a set of ethics and morals. We were **TAUGHT TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WISHED TO BE TREATED.** These expectations were reinforced by the receipt and practice of the sacraments, and lived out in our families and extended family, our St. Anthony Catholic Community. For me, these were **THE FOUNDATION AND BUILDING BLOCKS OF MY FAITH**, which have carried over into my everyday life and parish life in my home parish in St. Louis."



Shae (Westendorf) Thoele *Class of 2004*  
- *High School Faculty Since 2018*

As an alumna of St. Anthony, I feel connected to the past and present graduates and supporters of our school. I feel a calling to support the school so that it can continue for centuries to come. For those who may ask if an education from St. Anthony is **WORTH THE INVESTMENT**, my response is YES! There are sacrifices that Catholic school faculty and staff make because they love what they do and who they serve. As a parent, **I'M INVESTING IN THE ADULTS WHO WILL SUPPORT, TEACH, AND LOVE MY CHILDREN FROM PRE-K TO GRADUATION.**"



Sarah (Vogt) Geen *Class of 1997*

Our students learn to display values such as gratitude, sacrifice, forgiveness, trust, faith, determination, and strong work ethic. These values cannot be taught in a classroom alone; children need to see them used in life events, which is what the St. Anthony schools offer. St. Anthony **STUDENTS LEARN DAILY, EITHER THROUGH RELIGION CLASS OR WEEKLY MASS, THAT GOD IS THE LEADER THEY MUST FOLLOW THROUGH LIFE.** St. Anthony students proudly show their faith and character throughout the community. These characteristics have led many past and present St. Anthony students to become proactive members in our communities now and in the future years to come."



John Keenan *Class of 1956*

I knew I had teachers and coaches who were truly interested in my well-being and success. Students are taught **SIGNIFICANT LIFE VALUES** that are applicable in everyday life. I am proud of my education at St. Anthony and support its progress financially. I hope it continues as a "prep school" for life and for students on their way to college."



Benton Hakman & Madeline (McDevitt) Hakman  
*Class of 2014 & 2015*

Madeline and I were both very heavily involved athletes. We both look back at specific games or competitions and recognize the time, effort and focus it took to get there. We both carried that focus into our collegiate and professional lives. One of the things that is so special about **ATTENDING ST. ANTHONY** is that we know it **WILL ALWAYS PAY LONG-TERM BENEFITS.** Once you enter that world outside of Effingham, students quickly realize the educational and professional advantages they were given by attending St. Anthony High School. It was easier to enter the collegiate or professional world with the **HIGH EXPECTATIONS** we had while in school."



Claire (Koerner) Stack *Class of 2006*

I have many fond memories of my time as a St. Anthony student. Some of those memories are simple yet have stayed with me since then, which include daily laughs and lunches with friends, being fortunate to be on competitive sports teams, and holiday-themed dress up days. There are other memories which laid a life foundation for me, including receiving a fantastic education grounded in curriculum across several subjects, learning about my Catholic faith, and the focus that the school put on volunteering your time and talents. **THE EDUCATION, FAITH AND DESIGN PRINCIPLES IN GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH YOU'RE A PART OF ARE PILLARS THAT ST. ANTHONY TAUGHT ME** that have become the foundation for how I strive to live my life (and how I hope to teach my children to do the same). I also reflect on the great relationships that I still have with friends, teachers, and staff at St. Anthony. For me, St. Anthony was **MORE THAN JUST A SCHOOL BUT RATHER A COMMUNITY** that has been a constant in my life. I am so grateful for that."



## SISTER JANE MARIE HOTZE, S.S.N.D.

*Principal of St. Anthony High School  
1981 - 1991*



"A terrific, great story of Catholic education has been written and continues to be written by the parish of St. Anthony of Padua.

What gratitude fills one's heart as we experience the great generosity of the parish family as they share time, talent, and treasure to assure the continuation of the faith life, academic excellence, and the enrichment and grace of each student's person physically, spiritually, and emotionally.

Embarking on a capital campaign to ensure attendance to all students who would like to receive a Catholic education for generations to come is planning for the future.

## WHAT VISION, COURAGE, AND GENEROSITY!"





Greg Green *Colonel, USAF Retired Class of 1988*

Aside from an outstanding college-prep curriculum and varied athletic and arts opportunities, **THE TRUE VALUE OF A ST. ANTHONY EDUCATION IS ITS CULTURE AND STRONG MORAL COMPASS.** I've been very fortunate to have traveled all over the world and met people with varied upbringings. I'm 100% convinced that one of the major differentiators of life success is the environment of your early upbringing and the friends you surround yourself with during those formative years. The moral compass of a Catholic upbringing forms a conscience that gives one the best chances to foster a successful life. The collective group of kids who attend St. Anthony comes from parents who also appreciate the nurturing, somewhat protected environment that **BEST GUIDES POSITIVE OUTCOMES IN ALL REALMS OF LIFE... MENTAL, SPIRITUAL, AND PHYSICAL."**



Gina (Tegenkamp) Gardewine *Class of 1982 - Grade School Faculty Since 1998*

**ST. ANTHONY HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT PART OF MY FAMILY FOR FIVE GENERATIONS, SOON TO BE SIX.** It was important to my great grandparents, grandparents, parents, and me to send our children to St. Anthony, where they will grow in faith, academics, and all the extracurricular activities that St. Anthony provides for their students."

**"MY HOPE FOR ST. ANTHONY IS THAT IT CAN CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AND CULTIVATE ITS CATHOLIC IDENTITY. I HOPE THAT GRADUATES OF ST. ANTHONY CAN BE SUCCESSFUL IN WHATEVER THEY PURSUE, BUT MORE THAN THAT, I HOPE THEY FALL IN LOVE WITH THEIR FAITH.**

**ALUMNI DEDICATED TO JESUS WORKING IN BANKS, ENGINEERING FIRMS, MEDICAL OFFICES, INSURANCE AGENCIES, AND EVERY ASPECT OF SOCIETY WOULD COMPLETELY TRANSFORM THE WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE."**

**- IAN HARRIS CLASS OF 2016 - HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY SINCE 2023**



# OUR GOALS

## RAISE...

over \$5.5 million to **Secure Our Future** for St. Anthony Catholic Schools.

## ESTABLISH...

a robust Trust that will safeguard access to Catholic education for our parish families and the greater Effingham community.

## SECURE...

the financial pledge commitments for the campaign from our St. Anthony community near and far by August 2024.

## CONTINUE...

the accessibility and affordability of quality Catholic education for generations to come.

REACHING OUR GOAL OF  
**\$5.5 MILLION**  
WOULD MEAN...



A significant increase to the current balance of the Educational Trust, leading to more substantial returns:  
**\$4,760,940 to more than \$10,000,000**



An increase of the funds distributed yearly to support St. Anthony Schools:  
**\$193,665 up to \$550,000**



Continued scholarship support to the 28% of school families that currently qualify for financial assistance.







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