



2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT



Saint Thomas More | A Catholic School in the Jesuit Tradition



I often hear that our families love being a part of a school community with like-minded families who share similar values and beliefs.

Our parents value a faith-based education and a strong sense of community.

As part of the St. Thomas More Catholic School family, our teachers, staff and parents support each other in nurturing our children’s spiritual and educational growth while fostering a sense of belonging and shared purpose.

STM strives to provide a rigorous and high-quality academic experience. We want our students to achieve their full potential intellectually, preparing them for future success in their academic journey while grounding them in their faith and values. Our commitment to those key goals drives our work and adds strength and focus to our incredible community.

Thank you for your support of our 2022-23 Annual Fund, both to those who are first time contributors and those who give year after year. Your contributions totalled an amazing \$168,571 and helped supplement our operating budget by closing the gap between the cost to educate each child and the amount we charge for tuition. In addition, in the spirit of good stewardship and future sustainability, we were able to make a contribution to our tuition assistance endowment fund.

We are grateful for the essential role you play in building and sustaining our amazing community. Your gifts of time, talent and/or treasure make STM the very special place it is. On behalf of STM School, thank you!

Shaun Bland, *Principal*

STM School at a Glance

Saint Thomas More Catholic School opened on September 1, 1950 with approximately 140 children in grades one through five. The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur staffed the school. Grades six, seven, and eight were added in successive years. In 2016, STM School became the Archdiocese of Atlanta’s only parochial primary school in the Jesuit Tradition and was also named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

Classes range from Pre-K4 through eighth grade with two classes per grade level. A comprehensive curriculum is provided in language arts, mathematics, religion, science, social studies, as well as art, music, physical education, Spanish, and STREAM.

Our learning in the Jesuit Tradition motto:
Finding God in all things

460
students enrolled

326
school families

14
parishes represented

Class of 2023 High School Matriculation

Marist.....	5
St. Pius.....	34
Other private schools.....	5
Public schools	11



Financials

Support and Revenue 2022-23

Parent support

Tuition	\$4,668,147
Enrollment Fees	\$49,801
Application Fees.....	\$17,160
Technology Fees.....	\$57,365

Archdiocesan Support

Archdiocesan Block Grant	\$60,000
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Tuition Assistance

GRACE Scholarships.....	\$88,557
Tuition Assistance Awarded	(\$471,215)

Fundraising

Annual Fund.....	\$168,571
PTO Fundraising.....	\$273,845
Donations.....	\$4,096

Other Income

Student Services.....	\$34,589
Interest/Investment, Net	\$82,048
Miscellaneous Income	\$14,137
Endowment Contributions/Income	\$97,687
Gain on Endowment (unrealized)	(\$125,320)
Grant Awards.....	\$6,000

Auxiliary Activities

Extended Care Income	\$13,088
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Total Support & Revenue	\$5,289,196
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Expenses 2022-23

Instructional.....	\$2,841,122
Administration & General	\$590,113
Facilities.....	\$461,501
Advancement.....	\$73,683
Student Services.....	\$186,158
PTO	\$167,051
Technology.....	\$298,458
Capital Expense	\$81,452

Total Expenditures	\$4,699,538
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Net Revenue Over Expenditures	\$589,658
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Cost to Educate

Cost to educate.....	\$11,045
Tuition	\$10,490
Shortfall.....	\$555

**Our 2022-23
Annual Fund raised
\$168,571.**

**STM GRACE Scholars
contributions in 2023
added \$117,011
in scholarship funds.**



**Did you know?
STM added a second
Pre-K4 class in 2022-23.**



Thank God and our donors for this year's amazing gifts!

Visionaries

(Gifts of \$10,000 or more)

Ashley and Cason Bufe

Notre Dame de Namur Society

(Gifts of \$5,000 - \$9,999)

Anonymous Donor

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ferrara Jr.

Donna and John Heilman

Mandy and Tim Sweeney

St. Thomas More Society

(Gifts of \$2,500 - \$4,999)

Mary Jane and Gene Brisbane

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Mollie and Rusty Gattmann

Claire and Matt Hegarty

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Kelly and Paul Jacxsens

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(Gifts of \$1,000 - \$2,499)

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Megan and Tom Anderson

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Shaun and Walter Bland

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Karen and Steve Droze

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Phyllis Edwards-Daniel

Dr. and Mrs. Jim Haddad

Andrea and James Hill

Eryn and Craig Houck

Robin and Chris Hughes

Sarah and Michael Imming

Tara and Ben King

Sterling Krick, STM 1990

Marissa, STM 1992, and Jason Loomis

Karla and Mike Macaya

Dr. and Mrs. Dan Marshburn

*In honor of our 11 grandchildren
as well as of all of the wonderful
teachers who made such a positive
impression on our children at Christ
the King and St. Pius X High School*

Dr. and Mrs. Richard McPherson

Mr. James Pyron

Elizabeth and Paul Roeser

In honor of the STM teachers

Aba and Bradford Rogers

In honor of Charles Rogers

Jyoti Sharma and Gregory Sale

Elizabeth and Alex Small

Samantha and William Trudo

Alix and Joey Tucker

Megan and Timothy Wallace

Diana and Austin, STM 1997, Wilson

Anne and Neil Wilson

More Champions

(Gifts of \$500 - \$999)

Anonymous Donor

Lynn and Greg Anoroso

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Mr. Charles Auslander

In memory of Bette Auslander

Katherine and Kenneth Barker IV

Lisa Bellia

Anna Kilinski and Spencer Brent

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Becky and Alan Chambers

In memory of Katie Abel

Bridgid Chavis

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Naima and Munawer Cozier

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In memory of Dr. Robert L. Hart

Meghan and Matthew Heather

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*In honor of the Sweeney grandchildren
and their parents*

Mr. James Magner

Eileen Killeen Maron

*In memory of Bill Maron
and Gail Msezane*

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Ansley, STM 1987, and Marshall Murphey

Marianne Nichols

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rappold, STM 1955

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Kristen and Eric Thomas

Julie and Paul Vinces

Belinda and Jason Waters

In memory of Gary "PA" Waters

Carol and Patrick Wilbur

Margaret and Billy Winzeler

Corinne and Jay Wolfersberger

Principal's Circle

(Gifts up to \$250 - \$499)

Karolina Abbott

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In memory of Katie Abel

Simegn Assefa

In honor of the STM Faculty and Staff

Jenny Lee and Matthew Baker

In honor of Madison Baker

Gillian Hue and Ian O'Neal Beckford

Kathleen and Will Bowen

Alicia and Matt Burroughs

Sandy and Michael Capretta

Emily and Chad Carley

Suzette and Joseph Carpenter

In memory of Joseph Frank Carpenter

Lori Cash

In memory of Douglas Cash

Renata Neri-Deasy and Nathan Deasy

Katherine, STM 1986, and David Decker

Hiwet Kebede and Ashenafi Desta

Wendy Diaz

In honor of Rudolph Diaz

Danielle and Eric Diethorn

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In memory of Ben Eddie Foster

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In memory of Jorge Fernandez

Tess and Tony Ferrara

Helen Gilmer

Hiwot Haile

Allison and Chris Hare

Emily and Greg Harrell
Linda and Jake Hegarty
*In honor of Mary Elliott and
Eamon Hegarty*
Brittany and Lance Krall
*In memory of Mrs. Lois and
Dr. Henry Houska*
Mary and Scott Lengel
In memory of Joseph Tanory
Lauren Cadd and Juan Lora
Kathleen Loy
Patricia and Frederick Luster
Lydia Macaya
In memory of Santiago Macaya
Luz and Dennis Martinez
Melissa and Douglas Mathews
Rachel and Matthew McConnell
Silvia Mastriforti and Jonathan McIntyre
Haben Abraha and Ghebremeskel
Mihreteab
Joy and Gino Miraglia
Dana and Grant Musolf
Stephanie and Mark Orlando
Marie Sue and Justin Patchan
Sarah and David Paul
Cindy and Bill Pettus
*In honor of Kristin Pettus –
Cancer Champion!*
Erin and John Pickens
Jeff Pyron
Anne and Blaine Roberts
In honor of the Roberts Family
Meryl and Wayne Sheats
Meaza Paulos and Henok Teferi
Elizabeth Tewolde and Desalagn Teklegzi
In honor of Belen Teklegzi
Abbie and Jonathan Thill
Melanie Hesse and Karlos Walkes
Emily and Matthew Williams
Julie and Doug Wood
Kristen and Coleman Youmans

Blue and Gold Society

(Gifts up to \$249 and gifts of prayer)

ABC Easel
Katrina Abbate
In memory of Larry Vaughn
Jane and John Abel
In memory of Katie Trocheck Abel
Theresa Agyekum
Fortuna Arena
Hyat Lema and Roberto Arena
In honor of STM

Guy K. Anderson
Laura Ayala
In honor of William Ayala, STM 2004
Susie and Kevin Ballew
Zofia Lasiecka and Joel Baumgart
In memory of Leo and Ellen Dressel
Angela Benner
Katherine and Kirk Benson
Kaleb Beyanu
Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Bielfelt
In honor of the Krall family
Michele Blake
Barbara Boos
Roger Brinson
Kellie and Richard Brownlow
Adana and Tracy Brumfield
Diane and Tom Burns
Mr. Carlton M. Byrd, STM 1978
*In honor of past, present, and
future STM students*
Beverly Chin
Seong Cho
Federica Clemenceau
Amber and Chase Connor
Sheniqua Corthran
Lori Crunk
Sheila O'Callaghan and Matt DeCaro
Marilyn and George Dallas
In honor of our grandchildren
Diane Miller-Deasy and John A. Deasy
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Delaney
In honor of Pope Francis
Sarah and Trevor Diffley
Mala Bhattacharya and Justin Dilley
Melissa Dobraski
In memory of Christopher Hammock
Taylor Bruner and Brett Donaldson
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Corey Dunn
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Annette and Guy Emerich
Erika and John Fields
Patty and Rick Finley
Terrence M. Flynn
Melanie Poudevigne and
Leighton Fredericks
Abera Giday
Angela and Larry Glass
Day Permuy and Shawn Gray
Martha Griffin
Yordanos Mehanzel and Mussie Habte
Liz and Max Hackney
Heather and Michael, STM 1992, Haddad

Cynthia Hardegree
Magali and Joseph Haser
In honor of Avianna Macaya
Ashley and Christopher Hess
Lauren and Dallas Hoade
Louise and Patrick, STM 1990, Hogan
Katie and Anderson, STM 1992, Hughes
Jonell Jackson
David Johnson
Megan and Eric Johnson
Margaret Johnson
Reid Hogan-Yarbro and Peter Johnson
In memory of Mary Frances Johnson
Selina Johnson
Sara and David Joiner
Kathleen and Patrick Jones
Elizabeth and Matt Karwowski
Jessica and Johnathon Kelso
Kim and Doug Kissell
John Kissell, STM 2010
In memory of Jim Girard
Holly and Sam Kliez
Elizabeth Knight
Erin and Greg Knab
In honor of Maureen Murphy
Mary and Paul Knab
Kimberly and Kenneth Koett
*In memory of Doug Turner
and Ron Tindall*
Shannon and Michael Kramer
Sally and Steve Kramer
Lara Glass and Brian Kubovcik
Monica and Chad Lee
Judy and Steve Lee
Marile and Robert Leeth
Mr. and Mrs. John Long
In honor of Ward and Colette Long
Libby and John Long
Caty Mae Loomis
Marlene Martin
Bev and Ed McElroy
Heather and Ted McElroy
Ruth McIntyre
Lulita and Clifton McKnight
Kelly and Brian McMichael
Juan Medrano
Josie and Francis Mercante
In honor of Juliana Mercante
Gertrude and Thomas Meyers
Cate Miller
Debra Tatum Moody
Carin and Matthew Molchan
Mrs. Regena A. Morgan

Senheet Beyanu and Zenawi Mussa
Shirley Murray
Tram Dinh and Duc Nguyen
Meredith and Kevin O'Brien
Linda O'Brien

Karla Ruggiero and Matthew Paluch
In honor of Beth Todd

James Patchan
Lisa Romero-Paul and Whitney Paul
Gayle Phelan

In memory of Margaret Jones

Kelly and Spencer Phillips
Megan and Andy Post
Melissa and David Powell
Caitlin and Will Pugh

Frank Putman

In honor of Ben Rappold

Joanne and Fred Quinn
Heather and Dave Radlmann
Mrs. Gloria Radlmann

Laura and Carl, STM 1984, Rappold
In honor of Bill and Carol Rappold

Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Rene

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Ananda Ristau
Kathleen Rivers
Myriam Robinson
Delores and Charles Rogers
Peggy and Nicholas Rolfes

In honor of Chris and Melissa Rolfes

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Peggy Saunders

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In honor of Larry Scantlebury

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Charlie Seamans
Todd Sheldon

In honor of Harrison Radlmann

Nancy and Rick Sibley
Catherine and Nelson Silverio
Katherine and Bradley Smith
Mary Matthews Smith, STM 1956
Maureen Smith, STM 1986

Sharian and Adam Spiedel
Cindy and Bill Suggs
Julie and Patrick Stewart
Segen Warso and Dawit Tewolde

Jacqueline and Adam Tichelaar
Beth, STM 1996, and Josh Todd
Judy B. Travis

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In memory of L. Randall Travis

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Selamawit Ghebreyesus and

Fitwi Ghezai Tsegai

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Rachel, STM 1995, and Shawn Wall

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Tanaya and Kevin Williams

In memory of Herman Morgan

Dina Wills

Kathryn F. Wills
In honor of Benjamin L. Wills

Ann Winkler

In honor of Mary Williams

Marianne and Daniel Yee

Matching Gifts

Total received = \$7,260

AT&T

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Chubb Charitable Foundation

Clorox

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The Delta Air Lines Foundation

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Salesforce

Sharian Inc

Tyson Foods

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Foundation Gifts

The Conrads Family Education Fund
at The Catholic Foundation of
North Georgia

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*Financial gifts listed above were received
between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.*

*If errors or omissions have been made,
please accept our sincere apology
and contact Ansley Murphey, Director
of Advancement, at 404.373.8456 or
amurphey@stmga.org.*

2023 Grace Donors

The families and friends of STM
in the list that follows redirected their
tax dollars for a total of \$117,011 in
scholarship funds to STM School in
calendar year 2023.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Bartlett Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. James W. Bland III
Dr. and Mrs. Luke Brewster
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Brooks III
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Mr. Gregory M. Sale
Ms. Carolyn A. Rehling and
Mr. Alexander F. Schaefer
Mrs. Kila Dabney Smith and
Mr. Ronald D. Smith
Mr. Michael C. Waldbillig

New Scholarships

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FR. THOMAS O'REILLY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

The Knights of Columbus Fr. Thomas O'Reilly Council Scholarship was established to provide financial aid to a practicing Catholic student who demonstrates financial need in order to support his/her Catholic education at St. Thomas More Catholic School.

KATIE TROCHECK ABEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Katie Trocheck Abel was a compassionate and selfless member of her community who made a positive impact and loved giving back to St. Thomas More Catholic School. As an alumna and as a proud and involved parent, Katie actively participated in the school community. The establishment of the Katie Trocheck Abel Scholarship Fund by her parents, Tom and Kathy Trocheck, is a wonderful way to honor her memory. This fund will make a meaningful difference in the lives of STM families by providing scholarships to those in need.

Grant Award

St. Thomas More Catholic School is pleased to announce that we have received a grant award of \$6,000 from the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia. These funds were used to purchase six new laptop computers for teachers.

Class of 2023 Gift

Each year, the 8th grade graduating class makes a special purchase for the school as a parting gift.

The Class of 2023 presented STM with two class gifts. The first gift was an ice maker to be housed in the gym to provide relief to students in PE and for CMLA athletics that occur in the evening or on weekends. The second gift was a monetary donation to assist with financial aid of students in need made in honor of Mr. Yemane. Mr. Yemane is a current member of STM's plant operations staff and is much beloved. A nameplate was made for his office in Mullhern Hall as a reminder of both the gift and the Class of 2023's enduring affection.

We thank the Class of 2023 for their kind donations and the thought put behind their class gifts.



GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

ANNUAL FUND

Money raised through the Annual Fund is used for operational purposes as well as to enhance the programs and services offered to our students. We also use the funds to maintain and enhance our physical plant that otherwise would not be possible.

MATCHING GIFTS

Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable contributions made by their employees. Please contact your company's Human Resources department to see if they offer this benefit to *double or even triple your original contribution* to St. Thomas More School.

SECURITIES

Gifts of stocks, securities or bonds are an excellent way to make a contribution to St. Thomas More School and avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciated stock or security.

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

The money raised from our PTO fundraisers is used for curriculum enhancement, field day, computer software and technology, professional development for our faculty, classroom supplies, and much more.

GUARDIAN ANGEL FUND

This fund is a tax-deductible opportunity that enables donors to contribute to a fund to help families who may find themselves struggling financially due to job loss, illness, or other unexpected financial burdens.

BEQUESTS

Please consider leaving a legacy by remembering St. Thomas More School in your will.

GRACE SCHOLARS

The GRACE Scholars program helps families afford a Catholic education who otherwise could not afford Catholic school tuition. GRACE is funded by Georgia taxpayers who choose to redirect part of their Georgia state income tax to GRACE. Donors receive a 100% state income tax credit for the amount of their gift. *Donors are also able to designate that 100% of their GRACE contribution be directed to STM School.* To contribute, go to gracescholars.org/for-donors/.

CLYDE MARABLE McCARTY ENDOWMENT FUND

Celia and David McCarty, STM Class of 1965, made a very generous gift to establish an endowment in memory of his mother, Mrs. Clyde McCarty. The Clyde Marable McCarty Endowment Fund will provide scholarships to STM School families with financial need. Mrs. McCarty taught 5th and 6th grade at STM School in the 1960's and had a passion for teaching children who struggled with reading. To support this fund, go to cfnga.org/donors/clyde-marable-mccarty/.

KATIE TROCHECK ABEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Katie Trocheck Abel Scholarship Fund was established in honor of Katie Trocheck Abel, an STM alumna and a proud and involved school parent who actively participated in our community. Katie was a long-time advocate for those in need. The Scholarship Fund honors her memory by making a meaningful difference in the lives of STM families by providing scholarships to those who are financially disadvantaged. To support this fund, go to cfnga.org/katie-trocheck-abel/.

STM SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL 2022-2023

Fr. Bob Hussey, *Pastor*
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ACCREDITATION & AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Saint Thomas More Catholic School is accredited through the Archdiocese of Atlanta, a district-wide model sponsored by Cognia, the parent corporation of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Saint Thomas More Catholic School is a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.



MISSION

Saint Thomas More Catholic School is a joyful learning community reaching out to the world as the hands of Christ.

