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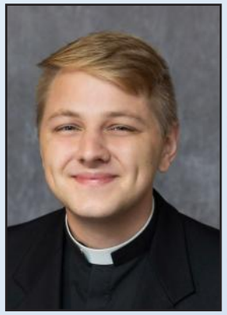
A Seminarian's Perspective



My name is Anthony Richter, one of the seminarians studying for the Diocese of Cheyenne. This past semester of seminary formation was the Pastoral Internship, which brought me to Casper to live and serve at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.

Part of my ministry this semester was spending time at St. Anthony's Tri-Parish Catholic School. I was present at several school events such as Partners in Education and Track Day.

The majority of my time at the school was spent visiting the 2nd-5th grade classrooms every Wednesday, teaching a Theology lesson, and answering the students' questions. It was a gift to be with the students and I was impressed by their knowledge of and curiosity in matters of faith. They were always attentive and asked many difficult and profound questions. Several times I had to write a question down and answer it the following week. They also impressed me with how well they could answer questions I threw at them.

I also appreciated getting to work with all of the teachers at St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School and witness how their work was helping students grow. I could see that the students are formed well, not just in matters of math, science, or grammar, but in being well-rounded and virtuous people of faith.

Though my time at St. Anthony's Tri-Parish Catholic School was brief, I really appreciated working with the students, the teachers and staff, and the various parents I encountered along the way.

I pray that St. Anthony School continues to form young people to become well-rounded disciples of Jesus Christ and I am grateful to have been a small part of that process.

In Christ,

Anthony Richter
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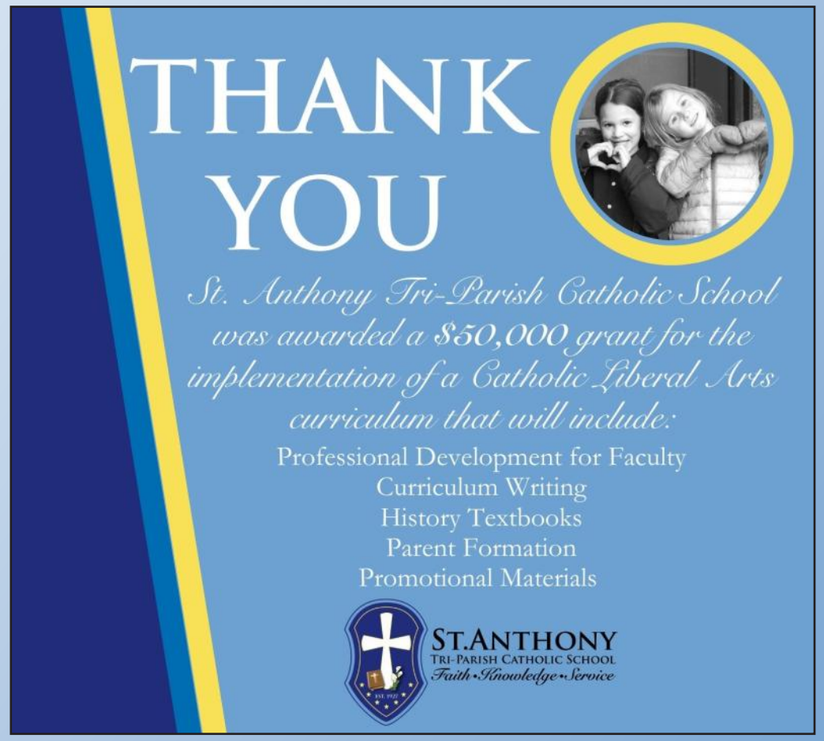

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MISSION STATEMENT:

In imitation of Jesus Christ, we ignite a passion for learning, a desire to serve, a love of God and recognition of all that is true, good and beautiful in our church and culture to build the Kingdom of God.

Another Year Ends and A New Begins

The Spirit definitely was moving for our school community this year.

The new Steamboat Legacy Scholarship, which provides a $7,000 education savings account for students universally in kindergarten to 8th grade, has been remarkable in helping to increase our enrollment.

We have expanded our grade levels by opening the Archangel Nursery for infants and toddlers, bringing joy to our staff parents to now have their children nearby. Our outdoor educational space is becoming a reality, and we will be harvesting our vegetables this summer.

As we look to the next school year, our focus will be on service. Our theme for the year, Serve Through Grace, is inspired by our mission statement and the scripture verse 1 Peter 4:10, "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

SERVE through GRACE
1 Peter 4:10

We know that God's grace is freely given to each of us, enabling us to respond to God's call to be children of God. It is our mission to serve our neighbors, providing them with an example of God's love. Our school community should be an example of service to the Casper community.

We invite you to consider how you can participate with us in this call to service. Follow us on social media to learn of opportunities to participate in service throughout the summer and upcoming school year.

Peace,

Melissa Whelan, Ed. D.
Principal
St. Anthony School

-Karlee O.
7th Grade

"A Catholic education encompasses so much more than a traditional education. Teaching our kids to use and understand the gifts and fruits given to us by our Savior, to develop and grow relationships with their peers and staff, and have the sacraments at arm's length will truly give them a firm foundation to build their future on. St Anthony's not only provides our kiddos with the scholastic education they need to be successful but the spiritual instruction to navigate what life may throw at them."

-Sarah Olson
Parent

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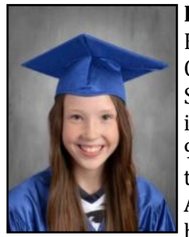
Our sold-out March 15th Partners in Education event raised over $540,000 in support of our students. We are so very grateful for another incredible evening that would not have been possible without the generosity of our volunteers and supporters!

The Archangel Eighth Grade Graduating Class of 2025



Keeren Baxter
Keeren is headed to Casper Christian School next year. She is looking forward to 9th grade but will miss the teachers at St. Anthony School who have made her feel loved and important. She is taking wonderful memories of her 5th grade field trip to South Dakota and all three years of camp at John Paul II with her as she embarks on her new and exciting high school adventure.

AshLynn Chartier
Looking forward to next year, AshLynn is excited for her freshman year at Natrona County High School. Although she only attended St. Anthony's for 8th grade, she will miss the teachers and playing middle school basketball with new friends, Keeren and Maya.

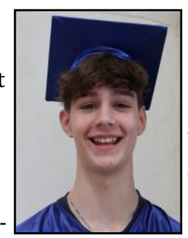
Zedekiah Estrada
After being at St. Anthony for the past two years, Zed says that he will miss so many things as he heads off to Natrona County High School. He loved the time that he was able to spend at John Paul II in Estes Park, CO and has a fondness for all of the teachers he has had.

Katelyn Ewing
Joining the ranks at Kelly Walsh High School next year, Katelyn is going to miss the family environment at St. Anthony School. Her favorite school memory is playing the lead in this year's theater production.

Matthew Galles
Memories made at John Paul II top Matthew's list during his time at St. Anthony School. He is excited to attend Kelly Walsh High School next year, but will miss many of the St. Anthony School teachers, especially those he had for middle school.

Nicholas Goss
Nick is headed to Natrona County High School next year and will miss playing with the younger kids at recess. An Archangel since the 6th grade, John Paul II camp memories are some of his favorites during his time at the school.

Trey Gross
Trey is going to miss being surrounded by a school full of followers of God as he heads off to start 9th grade at Natrona County High School. His 5th grade field trip to Denver is his most cherished memory of his time at St. Anthony School. He is looking forward to exercising courage and faith like St. Daniel as he embarks on his next step.



Clay Hansen
Clay is looking forward to next year at Natrona County High School, but will miss Mrs. Harmon, Ms. Fresquez and Ms. Tremel. Like many others in his class, his favorite St. Anthony School memory is his 5th grade trip to South Dakota.

Carson Hornecker
The middle school teachers are what Carson will miss most next year at Natrona County High School. While his favorite memory is his 5th grade trip to South Dakota, he is ready for new adventures!

Sophie Joubran
Sophie is looking forward to attending Kelly Walsh High School next year. She will greatly miss being able to attend twice weekly Mass and reconciliation at school, but is thankful for the memories she is taking with her, her favorite of which is making gingerbread cookies for a science project.

Zachary Keating
His friends is on the top of Zach's list of things he will miss next year as he heads to Natrona County High School. Having been at the school for 10 years, he will also miss all of the teachers who have influenced him, especially Ms. Fresquez.

Elise Kreuger
Spending quality time with classmates and friends and incredible field trips like John Paul II are a few of the many things that Elise will miss as a 9th grader next year at Kelly Walsh High School. Her favorite saint is St. Cecelia, the patron saint of music, and she looks forward to more musical opportunities in high school.

Blessings as you each begin your high school journey

Whitney Love
Kelly Walsh High School is where Whitney is headed next year. She will miss her friends and the teachers that helped prepare her for this next step. Some of her favorite memories include trips to John Paul II, the retreat on Casper Mountain and all of the 4th and 5th grade field trips.

Maya Titus
Maya will be attending Kelly Walsh High School next year. She will miss having her mom right down the hall and all of her teachers and friends. She is thankful for all of the wonderful experiences and memories she will take with her, including her trips to Denver and South Dakota in the 5th grade.

Jackson Vondra
Jackson will be attending Natrona County High School next year. He will miss his St. Anthony schoolmates the most, as over the years, they have become more like siblings. Like St. Francis of Assisi, he is passionate about social and climate justice and is excited to get involved with these and other causes in high school.

NURTURING FAITH THROUGH GENEROSITY:

UNDERSTANDING QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) are an effective strategy for eliminating taxation on the required minimum distributions taken from your traditional IRA. This donation is excluded from taxable income, which means it can satisfy Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) without increasing taxable income. QCDs are particularly beneficial for retirees who don't itemize deductions but still want to support charities in a tax-efficient way.

- **QCDs allow taxpayers aged 70½ or older to donate up to $108,000 (as of 2025) directly from a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to a qualified charity.**
- **If you own a traditional IRA and are 73 years of age or older, you are required to take a minimum distribution each year. However, you may not need the added income, nor the added tax burden.**
- **To qualify, the distribution must be made directly from the IRA to qualified charities. Because it passes directly to the charity, the distribution is not considered income.**
- **Contact your IRA Custodian to get started. Most companies have a distribution form to complete. You will need the name and address of the charity for distribution.**
- **Both St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School Foundation and St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School are qualified charities. Indicate the address below on your distribution form and please instruct your custodian to let us know your name and address so we can THANK YOU!**

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Empowering Families and Expanding Opportunities

At St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School, we've been proudly serving the children of Casper, WY since 1927 and are looking forward to celebrating 100 years of educating young minds and hearts. As we look toward the future, one thing remains clear: *every child deserves the opportunity to learn in the environment that fits them best.*

The Steamboat Legacy Scholarship is a powerful step forward allowing Wyoming families a choice that aligns with their child's unique needs, without being limited by financial barriers. At St. Anthony's, we believe that parents are the primary educators of their children and they deserve the freedom to choose where, how, and why their child is educated.

In Natrona County and beyond, we see parents making thoughtful decisions every day about what learning environment best serves their child, whether for reasons of safety, academic rigor, discipline, family environment, or faith. The Steamboat Legacy Scholarship helps level the playing field by making those choices more accessible to all families with children K-12 regardless of income and pre-kindergarten income qualified families.

At St. Anthony's, we welcome students of all faiths, academic needs, and financial backgrounds. While our foundation is Catholic, our mission is inclusive:

- Over 35% of our students are not Catholic
- We offer free and reduced lunch for qualifying families
- Tutoring and support are available for students with learning differences
- We assess students three times a year to ensure we meet their academic growth goals.

The cost of providing a high-quality education is over $12,000 per student per year. That means that tuition alone doesn't cover the full picture. Our tuition is just over $5,000 for K–8 and $6,000 for preschool, but last year alone, 30% of our families applied for financial aid, with an average income just over $77,000. The financial gap to support these students reached over $650,000. The Steamboat Legacy Scholarship will directly impact families like these, allowing more children to access the school that's right for them, and giving us the ability to support a greater number of students in need.

We take our responsibility to students, families, and our community seriously. Nearly all our teachers are certified by the state of Wyoming, and we are held accountable by our school board, the Diocese of Cheyenne, and our accrediting agency. We are committed to being responsible stewards of public dollars and continuing our tradition of excellence and accountability.

Every child is different and every family should have the freedom to choose the school that will help their child thrive, The Steamboat Legacy Scholarship makes this possible.

APPLY HERE!

Before you apply and choose St. Anthony's as your educational provider, see our website at www.sascasper.com for more details about documents you will need.

Yes! I want my gift to support St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School students as they grow in faith, serve others and achieve academic excellence!

Please make checks payable to: St. Anthony School or St. Anthony School Foundation.

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Spring has Sprung at St. Anthony School

Our middle school students have been busy. Our new Future Famers of America (FFA) Chapter competed in the State FFA Convention in Cheyenne and won 3rd place in meat judging, while our Science Olympiad Team competed in the District Olympiad and won numerous medals across many categories.

Our elementary students shared their musical talents in multiple languages and taught us about all they have been learning in music this year.

Kindergarten students welcomed the first day of Spring and some new friends, 12 chicks hatched from eggs they'd been caring for.

Our school community came together for an amazing cause and collected 825 cereal boxes to be donated to the food insecure.

School families and faculty helped create an outdoor educational space planting trees and wildflowers, building planter beds, a chicken coop, posts for grape vines and a compost bin.

As the world prayed for the conclave in Rome, students in the 8th grade helped enact the process of a conclave to our school.

Our primary students had the privilege of being on retreat, with quiet time for prayer and focus on the Jubilee Year theme, "Pilgrims of Hope."

Memorial and Honorariums:

Memorial and Honorarium donations are beautiful tributes with a lasting legacy. Since our last publication, the following individuals have been honored through memorial or honorarium gifts.

In Memory of:

Mary Harris
Sister Mary Carlo Colibraro

In Honor:

John Martin

Antonian Angels:

We remember those alumni, former staff and pastors of the school who have left us this past year. May they rest in peace and may God's grace and mercy comfort their families.

Katherine (Burridge) Arnoldi
Mary Harris Basko
Matilda (Marinich) Bryans (Class of '37)
Robert Bryans (Class of '64)
Michael Burke (Class of '59)
Eileen (Schauss) Coughlin (Class of '43)
Brian Curtis
Alan F. Depoorter (Class of '72)
Vivian Grant (Class of '53)
Sharon (Longpre) Horton (Class of '60)
Dean Jackman (Class of '62)
Linda Kaye Lembeck (Class of '63)
Mary Dell Rey (Clark) Long (Class of '60)
Patrick Kelly O'Brien (Class of '57)
Marianne (McCarthy) Quinn (Class of '56)
Eileen (Burke) Sullivan (Class of '63)
Tina Waters (Class of '77)

We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of our lists and apologize for any errors or omissions. Please contact the Foundation Office at 307-337-1362 with any corrections or questions. Thank you.

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