

Seasons of the Saints

Winter 2026



From the Principals

Dear All Saints Academy Community,

As we enter into the second half of this school year, we reflect upon our All Saints Academy community, which can be synonymous with family. As a school family, we have many times in which we come together to celebrate with joyful hearts. In those moments, smiles, laughter, and happiness are abundant, and the love we share is vibrant.

Life, as we know, comes with joy and sorrow. This school year, we have watched as our community has surrounded those navigating sorrow in ways that are inspiring, uplifting, and reflective of the faith we share. Our faith holds with it the promise of eternal life. Jesus died and rose for us.

We hold this promise of everlasting life in our hearts, and yet the reality of loss, sorrow, and grief remains with us. This school year, our community has surrounded many from within our school family who have experienced loss—the loss of a spouse, the loss of a parent, the loss of a child. It is in these moments that the people who create the fabric of ASA shine the brightest. They are present, thoughtful, and kind. There are prayers prayed, cards written, and love shared. Love is often shared in the simplest of ways. Even when our words feel short, we know whatever words we express will be appreciated.

With faith comes hope. Our hope is that those in our community continue to feel the love poured out by so many, whether celebrations are times of rejoicing in gifts given by God or in remembrance of a life well lived. Thank you for being a part of ASA.

Many Blessings,

Mrs. Megan Schneider
Mr. Michael Debri

And now these three remain:

FAITH,
HOPE,
AND LOVE

But the greatest of

these is
Love
1 Corinthians 13:13

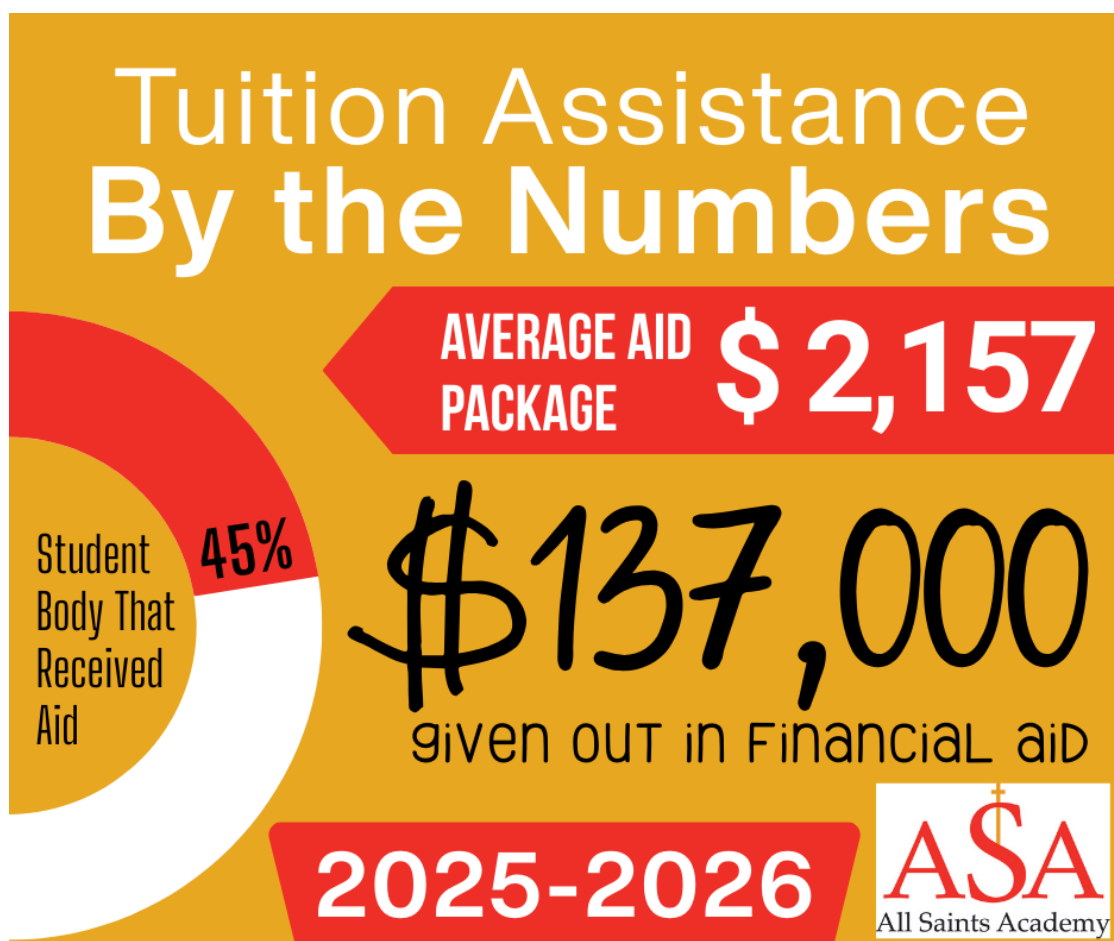
Tuition Assistance at ASA

All Saints Academy is committed to making Catholic education affordable and accessible to our families. This cannot happen without the generous support of parents, parishioners, and those in our community. This past Eaglesfest, we raised the paddle for an astounding \$32,000. An additional \$32,000 was raised through matches from families who could not attend Eaglesfest, which put our total at \$64,000 for tuition assistance. Also announced at Eaglesfest was a legacy gift from the late Jaunita Fabian. Jaunita was a long-time St. Jude parishioner and volunteer. Her gift of over \$70,000 will be used to provide tuition assistance through the Catholic Foundation of West Michigan.

Why is this generosity so important to the mission of All Saints Academy? As we have begun enrolling students for the 2026-2027 school year, we have received many financial aid applications. With approximately 98% of these applications submitted, the demonstrated need of our families is already over \$160,000. Once all of these applications are collected, we can expect that number to be well over \$175,000.

Thankfully, we have mechanisms in place like our own ASA endowment, endowments through our parishes, and other outside organizations like the Kremer Foundation to help bridge the gap so we can fulfill our shared purpose of forming saints to serve all.

If you are thinking about sharing your legacy with All Saints Academy, please reach out to Michael Debri.



2025's Eagle Award Winner is...

The Eagle Award is presented each year by the Home and School Association to a member of the ASA community in acknowledgement of his or her extraordinary contribution to the success of All Saints Academy. This award enhances the culture of All Saints Academy by drawing attention to those who are living our Catholic faith and supporting our school mission by holding them up as an example for others to follow.

We are pleased to announce Mrs. Angela Mitchell as recipient of the 2025 All Saints Academy Eagle Award.



Here is what was said in Mrs. Mitchell's nomination:

—Mrs. Mitchell truly cares about the children and goes above and beyond with everything she does. Angela serves as the Upper Campus administrative assistant (which, in education code language, means she runs the school).

—Angela embodies and lives out ASA's core values of faith,

learning, loving, and serving in her everyday life and through her daily interactions with our students, parents, and fellow community members. Angela is always giving back in any and every capacity.

—She uses her many skills to keep the school organized, with her enthusiasm, kindness, and knowledge for our kids every day. Angela's loving and helpful personality makes anyone who enters the office feel seen and heard, and puts them at ease. We are truly blessed to have her as the first face people see at ASA's Upper Campus.



—She is both a staff member and a huge supporter of our ASA community. She is good at seeing the gaps and filling them. Whether big or small, whatever needs to be done, just gets done, without reservation.

—If you are a part of the ASA community, you have been impacted by the kind, selfless, generous, and delightful Angela Mitchell. I can't think of a more deserving person to receive this Congratulations, Mrs. Mitchell!

The winners of this award reflect the characteristics we hope for in our students and need in our school family. Prior recipients of this award have included:

2011: Chris Burns
2012: Pete & Peg Gonzalez
2013: Mariae Firlit
2014: Christine Jarecki
2015: Linda Kozminski
2016: Judy Hardy
2017: Jon Fournier
2018: Deb Westveer
2019: Jenny LaPonsie
2020: John Matlak
2021: Jill Ott
2022: Susan Zarzecki
2023: Beckie Patterson
2024: Darrell Beckwith



Thank you, Mrs. Muma!

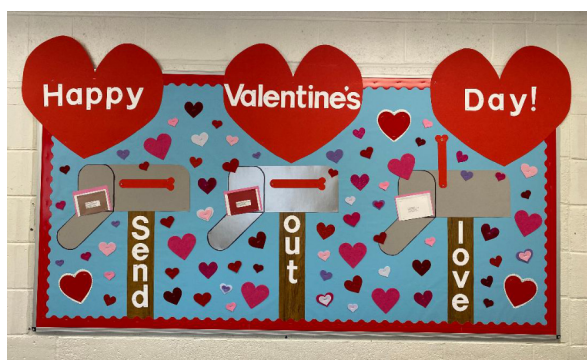
My name is Kimberly Muma, and in late November 2025, I started volunteering to work on bulletin boards at All Saints Academy (ASA). The ASA office asked me to write a summary about myself, my background, and my desire to work on bulletin boards. So, here it goes!

I am a wife and proud mother of three grown children (Brandon 32, Kelsey 30, and Connor 25). My husband Brian and I look forward to welcoming our first grandchild this summer. Brian attended Blessed Sacrament Elementary School (through 8th grade) and West Catholic High School, and I attended Blessed Sacrament's religious education classes when I was a child. Growing up, our families were both members of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, and our three children also attended weekly religious education classes at Blessed Sacrament. In the mid-1980s, Brian coached 7th & 8th grade boys' basketball and football for Blessed Sacrament Elementary School, and Brian and I assisted in coaching 7th & 8th grade girls' volleyball in the early 1990s. While raising our children, our entire family served as facilitators (for ten years), volunteering monthly at Kids' Food Basket. Brian currently volunteers assisting Father Christopher with computer-related projects at St. Alphonsus & Blessed Sacrament churches, and he also volunteers to drive a truck for the St. Alphonsus food pantry. I also volunteer to make food for funeral luncheons at Blessed Sacrament Church. We have been involved with Blessed Sacrament Church and school (now ASA) for a long time.

In 2021, I happily retired from a fulfilling professional work life. My professional career included the following roles: mainframe computer programmer/systems analyst, college professor, registered nurse, learning resource coordinator for university nursing labs/simulation center, and lastly, paralegal.

Personally, I enjoy swimming laps, walking, gardening, golfing (occasionally), sewing/crafts, and spending time with my family. The first bulletin board I ever worked on was during high school. I used to be a teacher's aide for my high school German teacher, and I did her bulletin boards. When our children were younger, I was very active volunteering in their classrooms and year-round athletics. Many years ago, my former neighbor and I developed a children's garden at our children's elementary school. The garden is still there today (with other volunteers now tending it).

I find working on the bulletin boards at ASA to be an enjoyable, creative outlet and appreciate the opportunity to enhance ASA's positive learning environment. The ASA staff are very appreciative and provide me with positive feedback about the children's reactions to the bulletin boards. Just as author Richard Scarry hides "Goldbug" on the pages of his children's books, each bulletin board is "made with love" (see if you can find it on each one).



We appreciate Mrs. Muma's talent in creating the beautiful bulletin boards this year.

Let the Good Times Roll

Myles Ott is a 2025 graduate of All Saints Academy

“My earliest memory of bowling was at my 11th birthday party at Westgate. I had all of my friends there. We didn’t really know what we were doing, but we had fun.”

Myles Ott, a freshman at Grand Rapids Catholic Central, didn’t foresee the influence that bowling would eventually have in his life. He would come to realize how much he actually enjoyed bowling and that there is much more to it than just throwing a ball down a lane.

“Now I know you have to be able to concentrate and control your emotions when things aren’t going well. If you have a bad frame, you have to be able to forget it and move on. I have to know which ball to use, where to play, and know the lane conditions.”

Myles joined a bowling league in 7th grade with a friend. Both were new to bowling. Myles’s dad, who was a National Champion bowler in college, helped them both not only enjoy the sport, but get better. Soon, Myles would watch his older brother, Owen, play on the Catholic Central bowling team. The team went to the state finals in 2024, and then Owen went individually in 2025. It was then that Myles knew he wanted to bowl in high school and get to state finals, as well.

Like all sports, to excel takes dedication and practice. Myles currently bowls three times a week with his high school team and once or twice a week on his own. He would go every day if he could.



“A bowling practice for me is a mix of changing or improving my technique and bowling games. In practice, I practice spares and use different balls to practice with them. I often have someone record a video of me, so I can see what I am doing easier. If I am not making good shots, or if I feel like something is off, I watch the video and change what I need to change.”

Myles is no stranger to athletics. Playing basketball and baseball for much of his life, he is used to sports and no stranger to practices, games, and hectic schedules. However, bowling is a little bit different from the others he has played.

“Bowling is less physically demanding than most other sports, but it is much more mentally demanding. There are more intense moments for me than when I play other sports. If I am not making good shots or my score is

not where it should be, it can be difficult to come back. When this happens, I have to forget the previous shots and start over. Also, if my scores are good, it becomes intense in a good way because I want to continue doing well.”

So far, Myles’ biggest achievement is bowling a 300 game in a league. He did this on October 11, 2025. He was 14. Myles had the idea that he could get a perfect game in his head after about the 5th frame. “After the 10th in a row, I kind of knew I would get it. I knew I had to stay calm and keep everything the same. I have a routine that I do before every shot, and this keeps me consistent. No matter how good or bad I am doing, I try to keep everything the same.” Myles’s dad bowled his first 300 game at age 15.

What’s the next goal Myles has set for himself? Making it to state finals.

“To make states, I have to average above 185 during 6 games at the Regional Tournament. The top 7 bowlers are taken to states. Ever

since my brother made it, I have wanted to make it more times than he did. Currently, I am averaging a 190 this season, so if I continue what I have been doing, I should make it to states.”



St. Jude Ministry Mingle

The Brophy Center was packed with parishioners after the 10:30 Mass on February 1st as St. Jude held its first “Ministry Mingle.” Lunch was provided by Pete Gonzalez and the Knights of Columbus, as the room was filled with tables from the various ministries of the parish. While attendees “mingled,” they received updates on the Strategic Plan activities, learned about exciting plans for 2026, and received information about the many ways to get involved at St. Jude Parish. There was even a scavenger hunt for the younger parishioners!

Check out all the ways you can get involved at St. Jude:

Parish Life Ministries

Adopt a College Student
40 Days for Life
55 Plus
Bereavement
Blood Drive
Book Club
Catholic Grandparents Group
Christmas Giving Tree
Collection Counters
Delivery of Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets
Eucharistic Adoration
Food Pantry – Ship of Hope
Funeral Luncheons
Grief Support Group
High School Exam Care Packages
Kitchen
Knights of Columbus
Living Your Strengths
Mary’s Mantle Consecration
Meal Train
Parish Grounds – Flower Beds
Pop Up Park Days!
Prayer Line
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Prison/Jail Ministry
Rummage Sale
Shut-In Ministry
Spiritual Support for the Sick and Grieving
Vacation Bible School

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Linen Maintenance
Altar Server
Altar Server Robe Maintenance
Church Environment
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Funeral Masses
Healing Mass
Hospital Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Lectors (Readers)
Music
Rosary (before Sunday’s 8:30 a.m. Mass)
Sacristan
Usher



Mission Statement

All Saints Academy is a Catholic School inspired by the Holy Spirit and dedicated to teaching and living as Jesus did. Our mission is to serve and partner with our families, parishes, and communities as we focus on the spiritual, intellectual, moral, social, and physical development of our children.

Lower Campus at Diamond

2233 Diamond Avenue NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505
616.447.2997

Upper Campus at Four Mile

1110 Four Mile Road NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
616.363.7725

Just Keep Swimming!

Finding Nemo Jr. was a swimming success! Our cast and crew of over 50 students did not battle the sharks in the ocean, but rather the wrath of snow and ice. Despite incurring three snow days during tech week and braving the arctic low temperatures, the show had to go on! Kenowa Hills and their stage manager worked closely with us so that Marlin, Dory, Nemo, Crush, and the rest of the cast could take on the jellyfish and brave the big blue, on stage! Thank you to our audience, you were amazing. We hope to see you at our show next year!



Photo taken by Jamie Geysbeek

Academic Calendar

March

March 6

No School
Child Care Open
Professional Development

March 8

Pack the Pews
10:30 a.m. Blessed Sacrament

March 9

Protecting Young Eyes
6:30 p.m. Brophy Center

April

April 2

Via Dolorosa

April 3

No School
Child Care Closed
Good Friday

April 5

Easter Sunday

April 6 - 10

No School
Child Care Open
Spring Break

April 19

Pack the Pews
9:00 a.m. St. Alphonsus

April 22

Alleluia Day
Lower Campus

April 26

ASA Day at the Whitecaps

May

May 25

No School
Child Care Closed
Memorial Day

May 28

8th Grade Graduation
6:30 p.m. St. Jude

June

June 4

Last Day of School
Half Day
Child Care Closes at 12:30 p.m.

June 5

Child Care Closed

June 8

Summer Child Care Begins

Save the Date

8th Grade Graduation

Thursday, May 28

6:30 p.m.

St. Jude