



# ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23



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Over the past year, it has been a great privilege and honor to fulfill the roles of Principal and Pastor at St. Mary-Basha Catholic School. We are delighted to share the 2023 Annual Report with you, offering significant highlights and achievements from the preceding year.

Last year we were extremely blessed to have our generous community support our Annual Fund Eaglethon Campaign. Additionally, we were awarded a prestigious Yass Prize Education award. This along with state, private, and charitable grants helped bridge the gap between tuition income and school expenses allowing us to provide quality Catholic education and support student programs, academic enhancements, and campus improvements.

#### Highlights include:

- Purchased additional and replacement Chromebooks and technology for students
- Upgraded security with new key FOB access system for all classrooms
- Created a Student Support Center resource room in the Media Center for tutoring sessions, testing and support team meetings
- Created, furnished and outfitted a new electives classroom off the Cafeteria
- Purchased electives curriculum and resources for new courses added this year
- Installed new air conditioning unit
- Added blue benches and trash cans in the hallway and corridor
- Updated signage throughout the campus for all classrooms, special classrooms, offices, restrooms and buildings
- Revised and posted Mission Statement and SLE signage throughout the campus

Although this Annual Report aims to showcase the distinctive features of our school, we recognize that a comprehensive representation goes beyond mere images and words on paper. Whether it's in matters of faith, finance, curriculum, or service, the richness of our school community is a constant reminder of the blessings we enjoy.

We sincerely appreciate your unwavering support for St. Mary-Basha. Anticipating the continuation of cherished traditions, a culture of innovation, and the advancement of our school's mission for generations to follow, we express our gratitude.

Many blessings,

*Katie Lyon*

Katie Lyon  
Principal

*Fr. Dan McBride*

Fr. Dan McBride  
Pastor





## MISSION STATEMENT

**St. Mary-Basha Catholic School is dedicated to promoting academic achievement while preparing the student for a life that will positively impact the community through principles rooted in the Gospel and the teachings of the Catholic Church.**

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

Mary, Queen of Peace, save us all, who have so much trust in you, from wars, hatred, and oppression. Make us all learn to live in peace, and educate ourselves for peace, do what is demanded by justice and respect the rights of every person, so that peace may be firmly established.

*Amen*



# OUR PHILOSOPHY

St. Mary-Basha Catholic School is dedicated to the education of the whole child as a Catholic and as a citizen. The mutual cooperation of the home, Church, school, and community, ensures an atmosphere in which each student is provided the opportunity to develop unique gifts in order to build a life based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



## THE ST. MARY-BASHA EXPERIENCE

Established in 1944, St. Mary-Basha is a WCEA accredited school that provides an outstanding, accelerated curriculum with Catholic faith at the core and a long-standing tradition of academic excellence.

- A supportive Catholic community
- Excellent academics
- Small class sizes
- Daily morning prayer
- Weekly Mass
- Sacrament preparation
- Numerous specials and electives classes
- Student service opportunities
- Community building events
- After school activities, clubs, and extended day care for all grades



# SMB BY THE NUMBERS



401

Students  
Enrolled



20

Average  
Class Size



2

Homerooms per  
Grade Level



96%

8th Graders Accepted  
to Catholic High  
Schools



88%

Students Supported  
by Tuition Awards



87%

Teachers with  
Advanced Education

## STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

It is expected that St. Mary-Basha Catholic School students will become:

### ACTIVE CATHOLICS WHO:

- Effectively apply Discipline With Purpose skills
- Have knowledge of Sacred Scripture and Church teachings
- Express belief through prayer, sacraments, and liturgy
- Have knowledge and ability to make good moral choices
- Demonstrate stewardship in Church, family, and community

### RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS WHO:

- Effectively apply Discipline With Purpose skills
- Respect Church and civil authority
- Know the foundation and laws of our nation
- Understand consequences of action and impact on society
- Contribute to the betterment of society

### ACTIVE LEARNERS WHO:

- Effectively apply Discipline With Purpose skills
- Demonstrate mastery of basic skills in reading, writing, and math
- Apply critical thinking skills recognize unique gifts of oneself and others
- Use technology to enhance learning
- Develop an appreciation of and participate in Physical Education, Music, and Art

### EFFICIENT COMMUNICATORS WHO:

- Effectively apply Discipline With Purpose skills
- Communicate effectively through the arts
- Communicate effectively through technology
- Communicate ideas in a variety of mediums, including reading, writing, and speaking

# SMB CURRICULUM KINDERGARTEN-8TH GRADE

St. Mary-Basha Catholic School has selected rigorous curriculum in core subject areas with consideration for emphasis of reading and conceptual comprehension, engaging and interactive activities, and variety of differentiated instruction materials to help teachers meet the needs of all students in their classroom.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

The SuperKids Reading program from Zaner-Bloser is a comprehensive K-2 reading program that is designed to help students develop the essential skills they need to become successful readers. The program is based on the following principles:

Key features of the SuperKids Reading program:

- **Explicit instruction in all aspects of reading:** The program provides explicit instruction in all aspects of reading, including phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, and grammar.
- **Systematic and sequential instruction:** The program is organized in a systematic and sequential way, so that students learn new skills in a logical order.
- **Engaging and interactive activities:** The program uses a variety of engaging and interactive activities to keep students motivated and interested in learning to read.
- **Family resources:** The program includes a variety of resources for families, such as parent guides and home activities.

The Journeys and Voyages ELA curriculum is utilized in grades 3-8.

Key features of Journeys and Voyages curriculum:

- **Focus on reading comprehension:** Students are taught how to identify the main idea and supporting details of a text, make inferences, analyze context, and draw conclusions.
- **Integration of the State Standards:** This ensures that students are learning the skills they need to be successful in college and careers.
- **Variety of text types:** Students are exposed to a variety of different text types, including fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and drama which helps students to develop reading skills and to learn about different genres of literature.
- **Engaging and interactive activities:** The curriculum includes a variety of engaging and interactive activities to help students learn and practice the skills they are being taught.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

Social Studies curriculum is unique to each grade and allows for the integration of faith into all aspects of the curriculum, as students explore social studies concepts through the lens of their Catholic faith.

Key features of Social Studies curriculum:

- **Focus on Community:** Students study and understand community and the different types of communities in which they belong.
- **Focus on Citizenship:** Students explore the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.
- **Focus on History:** Students examine how history has shaped the world they live in today and connect with the past on a personal level.
- **Focus on Stewardship:** Students identify the ways in which they can be stewards of God's creation.
- **Focus Justice and Peace:** Students engage in service project activities and discussions of Catholic social teaching on these subjects.





# SMB CURRICULUM KINDERGARTEN-8TH GRADE

## MATHEMATICS

Big Ideas Math is a comprehensive mathematics curriculum designed to help students develop a deep understanding of mathematical concepts based on the following principles: visible learning, conceptual understanding, problem-solving, and student engagement.

Key features of Big Ideas Math:

- **Learning Targets and Success Criteria:** This helps students to understand what they are expected to learn and how they will be assessed.
- **Visual Learning:** Engaging visuals and diagrams help students understand complex mathematical concepts.
- **Math Practices:** Big Ideas Math integrates State Standards for Mathematical Practice into every lesson which helps students to develop their mathematical skills.
- **Comprehensive Assessment:** A variety of formative and summative assessments help teachers track student progress and identify areas where students need additional support.

## RELIGION

Be My Disciple is a Catholic religious education curriculum that emphasizes learning and practicing the skills and habits, virtues and spiritual gifts that lead young disciples to higher levels of moral thinking.

Be My Disciple is based on the following principles:

- **Christ-centered:** Students are invited to encounter Jesus through Scripture, prayer, and the sacraments.
- **Balanced:** Students learn about the Catholic faith through the four pillars of catechesis: Scripture, Tradition, Liturgy, and Magisterium.
- **Engaging:** Students are given opportunities to move, to sing, to pray, and to reflect.
- **Formative:** Students are helped to develop their critical thinking skills, their moral compass, and their relationship with God.

## SCIENCE

Amplify Science is a research-based curriculum that has been shown to improve student learning outcomes.

Key features of Amplify Science:

- **Phenomena-based instruction:** Units are organized around compelling phenomena that students investigate and learn from.
- **Hands-on investigations:** Students learn by doing in a variety of hands-on investigations.
- **Literacy-rich activities:** A variety of literacy-rich activities help students develop their reading, writing, and speaking skills.
- **Interactive digital tools:** The digital platform provides students with access to interactive simulations, data visualizations, and other tools that help them to learn and explore scientific concepts in a deeper way.

## ENROLLMENT PROCESS:

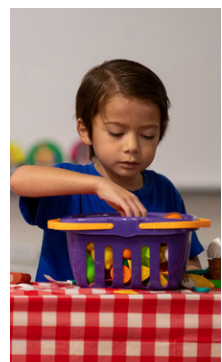
1. Online Application Form
  - Upload Birth Certificate, Immunizations, and Baptism Certificate
2. Teacher Recommendation Form
3. Assessment at the school
  - Online Star Assessment for 1st-8th grades
  - In-person Assessment for Kindergarten
4. Meeting with Administration
5. Online Enrollment Form due upon formal acceptance



# SMB PRESCHOOL & PRE-KINDERGARTEN



St. Mary-Basha Catholic Preschool is a Christ-centered, play-based learning environment. Children develop math, science, language, social, spiritual, and emotional skills through a wide variety of activities. Our caring and professionally-trained staff, in partnership with the family, will teach the skills each child needs to be successful in kindergarten. St. Mary-Basha Catholic Preschool embraces the developmental philosophy of learning, which respects each child as a unique individual, and supports the knowledge that young children learn best through play and hands-on experiences.



## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, also known as Atrium, is a worldwide religious formation program for children Preschool to First Grade at St. Mary-Basha. The goal of Atrium is to fulfill the religious potential of the baptized child.

The Christ-centered catechesis in the Atrium allows children to come closer to God through Christ. Children gather in a room specially prepared for them (an 'atrium') which contains simple yet beautiful materials to grow in their faith and participate in the liturgy.







# ENRICHMENT CURRICULUM KINDERGARTEN-6TH GRADE

Enrichment classes are an important part of a holistic Catholic school education. Students have the opportunity to learn about a variety of subjects in addition to the regular core curriculum. Students develop their creativity, problem-solving skills, and critical thinking skills while exploring subjects that may pique new interests and talents. With a hands on approach to enrichment classes, students develop skills that are vital for success in high school, college and beyond.

In addition to these general benefits, enrichment classes are an important part of a Catholic school education because they can help students to develop their spirituality. Students learn to express their faith through the arts, foreign language and culture, as well as develop a sense of teamwork and community.



Music



Art



Physical Education



Spanish



STREAM

# JUNIOR HIGH EXPERIENCE

At St. Mary-Basha Catholic School, we prioritize a holistic education, fostering your child's intellectual, spiritual, and social growth through a challenging curriculum aligned with the highest standards. Explore the Junior High benefits below:

- **Differentiated math:** We offer a variety of math courses to meet the needs of all of our students - both on grade level and advanced mathematics.
- **Science Fair:** Students “learn science by doing science,” which is exemplified by the Science Project Portfolio that guides students through the process of designing and conducting a science experiment and communicating their results. The project culminates with a science fair where students showcase their work.
- **Honors placement in high school:** Our students are well-prepared for the rigors of high school. A majority of our students go on to place in honors and AP courses.
- **Community and service:** We believe in the importance of giving back to our community. Our students build community through service to our parish, school, and local organizations.
- **Theology of the Body:** We offer a unique course on Theology of the Body, which teaches students about the beauty and dignity of the human person.
- **7th Grade Science Camp:** Students spend two days and nights at University of Arizona's Sky School at Steward Observatory atop Mt. Lemmon, where they design and conduct an ecological investigation, explore the geology of southern Arizona, and see stellar nurseries and other astronomical phenomena using the observatory's telescopes.
- **A Journey to the Nation's Capital:** Each year, our 8th grade students embark on a trip to Washington, DC, immersing themselves in the rich history and government of our nation.
- **High school scholarships:** We are committed to making Catholic education affordable beyond St. Mary-Basha. Several scholarships assist families in affording Catholic high school.
  - Kathy Campanella Catholic High School Scholarship
  - CCF Christian Service Award
  - Alice C. Hintze Memorial Scholarship
  - NJHS Outstanding Achievement Award
  - Three Principal Scholarships recognizing outstanding achievements in the categories of Catholic Values, Scholastics, and Hard Work/Persistence

Apart from our core courses, we provide a diverse range of elective options enabling students to delve into their passions and skills. Furthermore, a variety of extracurricular engagements, such as sports, clubs, and service projects, are also available.



## Junior High Electives





# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Orchestra	Chess	Musical Theater
CHOIR	BASKETBALL	STEM Club
FLAG FOOTBALL (BOYS)	Baseball Softball	VOLLEYBALL (GIRLS)
BRICKS4KIDZ	Robotics Club	Little Flowers
Boy Scouts	Student Council	CHEERLEADING
National Junior Honor Society	After School Care	Little Veterinarians
Ballet	Band	And More!

# WITH GRATITUDE (2022-23)

This year, countless benefactors, families, parishioners, alumni, business leaders, staff and friends of St. Mary-Basha have given generously to our Annual Fund Eaglethon Campaign and our school throughout the year. The Annual Fund Eaglethon Campaign is our primary fundraiser and provides the resources needed to invest in curriculum, student programs, instructional technology, make improvements to our campus facilities, and professional development opportunities. We are extremely grateful to the following supporters for their generous contributions during our last school year, July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 that helped forward our mission.

## \$9500+

Ms. Barbara Amezcua Schulte  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe and Michelle  
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A BIG thank you to all our families who contributed to our Annual Fund Eaglethon and fulfilled their family obligation of \$375. Every effort has been made to ensure that each donor is listed properly. If an error or omission has been made, please notify the Advancement Office at (480) 963-4951.

## \$1000+

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## \$750+

Catholic Education of Arizona  
Cova Consulting, LLC  
Volleyball Clinic at SMB

## \$500+

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Sierra Family  
Stewart Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tardif  
Mrs. Kim Tessier  
Vogt Family  
Wahbah Family

## \$376+

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Oliver-Pass Family  
Pechtl Family  
Ramirez Family  
Ringer Family  
Mr. Kenneth Sisco  
Trujillo Family

## Corporation Matching Funds

An easy way to double your contribution to St. Mary-Basha Catholic School is through employee giving programs. If you volunteer with us, your employer may also provide us with a grant as a way to recognize your support. Thank you to the following companies for matching your employee contributions to St. Mary-Basha:

Allstate Insurance  
Boeing Corporation  
Charles Schwab  
Colgate-Palmolive  
Go Daddy  
Honeywell  
Humana Corporation  
Intel Corporation  
Silicon Valley Bank  
USG  
Vanguard  
Wells Fargo

## Gifts to the School

Several families and organizations provided support to enhance our family faith formation, student programs, scholarships and facility improvement projects during the school year. Thank you to the following families and organizations:

Mr. and Mrs. Armanini  
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Catholic Media Ministry  
Cazares Media  
Dorame Family  
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Mr. Craig Ettiner  
Mr. Sal Flores  
D. Johnson Family  
Little Flowers Club  
Magnus Family  
The Matthew 19:14 Project  
McCarthy Family  
L. Munoz Family  
Mr. Kenneth Selover  
The Yass Prize





# SUPPORT SMB

**VOLUNTEER:** We could not accomplish all that we do without our volunteers. Volunteers help in the classrooms, cafeteria, playground, community events, and even coach. We are always looking for new volunteers.

**ANNUAL FUND:** Give a gift to the Annual Fund as a sponsor or donor. The Annual Fund continues to be the primary fundraiser to support our school by giving unrestricted funds to address our most pressing needs. We need your help to bridge the gap between tuition dollars and the actual cost of educating each child and providing the opportunities we offer at St. Mary-Basha.

**DONATIONS:** We appreciate both monetary and in-kind donations to support our school. Perhaps you can donate supplies, equipment or professional services. Contact us to discuss donation opportunities.

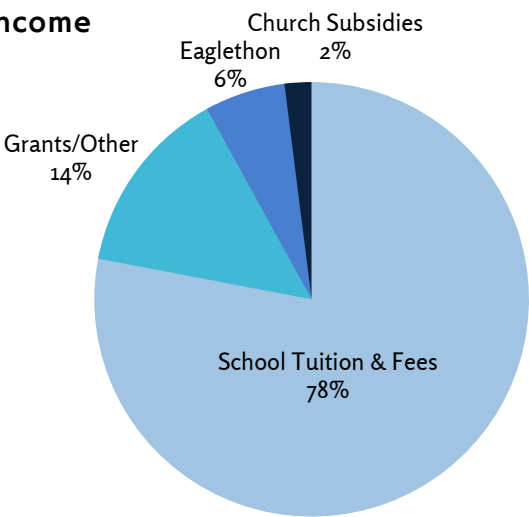
**MATCHING CORPORATE FUNDS:** Inquire if your company makes matching gifts for employee contributions. When you give to St. Mary-Basha, and your company matches it, this can double or even triple your donation to our school.

**TAX CREDITS:** You can redirect your Arizona state tax liability to Catholic Education of Arizona to support St. Mary-Basha Catholic School students. This does not require any additional out of pocket cost for you but provides life changing tuition assistance.

Contact the Office of Advancement to discuss opportunities to support St. Mary-Basha Catholic School.

## FUNDING AT A GLANCE

### Income

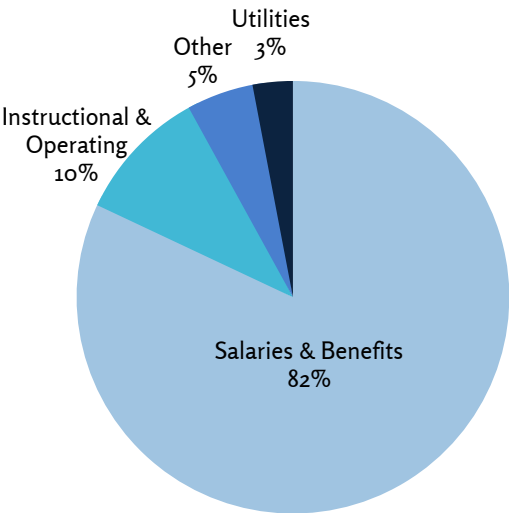


Fiscal Year 2022-2023

While the expenses incurred by our school surpass the income generated from tuition, we are fortunate to have secured several grants and garnered unwavering support from our school community. The generous contributions from Eaglethon donations play a crucial role in bridging the tuition to cost to educate gap, allowing us to continue providing a high-quality education to our students.

### Expenses

By carefully examining our expenses and making strategic decisions, we were able to amplify the impact of grants and fundraising efforts. This ensured the intentional allocation of resources for an enriched educational experience.



# SMB EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS





# SERVICE AT SMB

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**APPLY TODAY**

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