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INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION

St. Anne Catholic School Hosts a Record-Breaking Gala

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ON NOVEMBER 15, 2025, The Club at Wynstone glowed with elegance, warmth, and a shared spirit of purpose as St. Anne Catholic School welcomed parents, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends to its annual fundraising gala. Set against the sweeping vistas of one of the region's most prestigious golf clubs, the event brought together over 160 members of the St. Anne Catholic School community for an extraordinary evening of celebration, gratitude, and hope for the future. Guests were welcomed with the joyful buzz of community as they browsed the robust silent auction. Inside the beautifully decorated ballroom, attendees enjoyed a gourmet dinner, moving reflections from school leadership, and a live auction featuring highly coveted items and experiences.

Under the leadership of Co-chairs Medbh Huschitt and Jill Dunstan, the gala achieved record-breaking fundraising—an astonishing \$335,000. The unprecedented generosity demonstrated the community's steadfast belief in St. Anne's mission and its bright future.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR ST. ANNE SCHOOL

This year's gala—aptly themed *Inspiring the Next Generation*—arrived at a historic moment for the school. Just weeks earlier, St. Anne Catholic School met the criteria for the National Blue Ribbon School distinction for the third time in its history, a testament to its academic excellence, innovative teaching practices, and unwavering commitment to nurturing the whole child. The award infused this year's celebration with a heightened sense of

pride and purpose, reminding attendees that their support is helping shape one of the most dynamic and forward-looking schools in the Northwest Suburban area.

The impact of the community's generosity has been unmistakable. Last year's fundraising efforts resulted in the creation of a state-of-the-art STEAM lab, transforming hands-on learning for students and expanding opportunities in science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics. Building on that momentum, this year's gala will help fund major physical improvements to the school, ensuring common areas and learning environments continue to evolve to meet today's educational standards. The commitment to ongoing modernization remains central to St. Anne's mission, and the gala serves as the primary catalyst for making these enhancements possible.

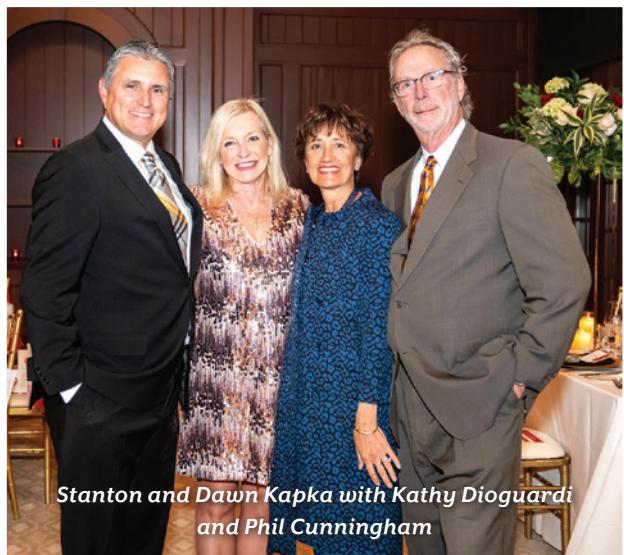
A PROMISE TO THE NEXT GENERATION

An event of this magnitude would not be possible without the support of dedicated partners Kelleher+Holland; Tiffany and Adam Marshall; the Bartus Family; Idealease; Phil Cunningham and Kathy Dioguardi; Drs. Catherine and Michael Gavino; and the Lyon family.

Their extraordinary commitment helped elevate the event and ensure its resounding success, making it abundantly clear that the St. Anne community is united, inspired, and committed to building a school that continues to grow, innovate, and lead both academically and spiritually. This year's gala was not just a celebration—it was a promise to the next generation. 



Eighth grade St. Anne students helped with the event.



Stanton and Dawn Kapka with Kathy Dioguardi and Phil Cunningham



Beth and Justin Mecher



Katie and Greg Belton with Cherrisse Sabillion



Jake and Meg Chapell



Mark and Natalie Piotowski



Standing, from left: Sara, Mandy, and Chris Bartus. In front, from left: Andrew, Jim, and Sue Bartus.



Jose Lopez and Whitney Lyon



Grae Kotz and Alessandra Ladd



Andy and Robin Kelleher



JR and Angie Depa



Taylor and David Meehan



Bill and Margaret Graff



Robert and Kelly Dittman



Tiffany and Adam Marshall



Fr. Mike Mehringer and Fr. John Trout with students.



Joyce Dadouce, Steve and Lindsay Dadouce



Maureen and Patrick Wright



Mary and Peter Schallmoser



St. Anne School teachers Sharon Curran, Stephanie Nisbet, Payal Patel, and Patty DiMonte



Daniel and Renee Hass with Drs. Cathy and Mike Gavillo



St. Anne Catholic School parents enjoy the gala.