

# THE SENTINEL

NOVEMBER 2022



**MEET FR. JAKOB:  
Holy Family's First Alumnus  
Ordained as a Priest!**

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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER



*Dear Holy Family and Friends,*

**Welcome to the first edition of the Holy Family Sentinel quarterly magazine!**

The design is intentional as we want the reader to receive information through a summary of “what was,” an update of “what is,” and a look forward to “what is yet to come.” Our goal is to provide timely information, recognize accomplishments, and show appreciation for those who support our school. More frequent communication, via this magazine, will be achieved versus the former, one-time, annual report.

As you read and review this first edition, please note the feature article on Fr. Jakob Hurlimann, the celebration of the Blue Angel Homecoming Game, the return of tackle football to Holy Family after a championship season of flag football last year, faith in action through the Balloon Rosary and Angels 4 Life Club, a personal message of why someone gives to support our school, and a message about the Angel Fund kickoff.

This first edition will be followed up by a second one after the Christmas Season. Eventually, we will land on a more traditional quarterly cycle. Your feedback, ideas, updates, and support for events and activities that you can attend, are appreciated. This magazine will evolve, and hopefully, be something that builds connections, relationship among those who have walked these halls, and those who are building a foundation here now that will lead to a bright and successful future.

God bless you, your families, and Holy Family Catholic School!

**TIM CULLEN | PRESIDENT**

**P.S. - As you'll see on the following page, I hope to use this President's Corner to highlight great things going on at Holy Family. Enjoy!**





### **Did you know that the long-awaited completion of the campus building project started several years ago, is near completion?**

The final stage, the Wisdom Building, is expected to be completed and ready for occupancy before the Christmas break. So many of you have donated, prayed, shown creativity and flexibility, and unusual patience during the numerous starts, stops, and moving timelines for the campus projects. Look for future stories, pictures, and videos of the wonderful experiences that our students and staff will finally enjoy when everyone is “home” where they belong.

### **Did you know that our Parent Association provides love, care, attention, and much-needed support for all our families, students, faculty, and staff?**

This group has weathered the storm of pandemic restrictions and challenges to remain an active and thriving part of our school community. Their involvement with new parent visits, campus tours, connections through sponsored social and fund-raising events, and desire to welcome people into the Holy Family community is commendable and appreciated. Their generous support for faculty and staff throughout the year is humbling and spirit-lifting. Look for more information on how to join their efforts through direct volunteerism and upcoming events.

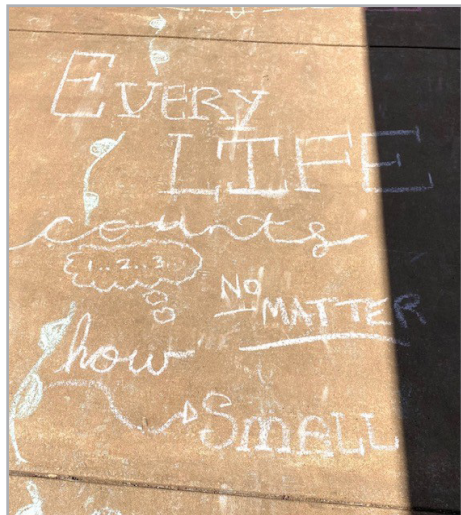
We are blessed by so many. We are challenged to not only receive these blessings, but to honor them through our words and actions. Please thank them when you see them.





# Prayers Lifted High

All-school balloon rosary brings prayers for Respect Life Month



To engage Holy Family students to pray the Rosary in a unique way the Angels 4 Life Club held an all-school Balloon Rosary on October 7 under the pavilion to kick off Respect Life Month.

The entire school witnessed the seventh and eighth-grade students as they formed a rosary circle. Each member having a balloon tied to their wrist released their balloon when they recited their rosary prayer. By the end of the Rosary, all balloons were flying high, and the image was breathtaking.

Mrs. Morley, Holy Family fourth grade teacher and Angels 4 Life Chair, offers special thanks to Mrs. Lillie and Sister Teresa Benedicta for working with the Angels 4 Life group to get them ready.

One of Mrs. Morley's 4th grade students said, "The sun seemed to shine especially bright while we were praying, as if God was making His presence known."

The Angels 4 Life Club is inspiring students during Respect Life Month to raise awareness for the protection of all life across the school campus. On October 5 students' chalk art could be seen on the sidewalks using bright colors and inspiring words reminding students, teachers and staff that life is precious.

There were also three Holy Family Prayer Vigils for Life held on October 13, 18, and 26.





# Blue Angels Athletics

The fall of 2022 has been the best athletics season yet at Holy Family. The energy on our campus from over 180 Blue Angel athletes was outstanding. Our fall athletics community, players, coaches, and parents, all worked tirelessly this season and should be very proud.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country showed up in a robust way at our 2022 CAPPS Championship Meet. Our teams ranked at the top in all divisions. Seventh and eighth-grade boys (pictured to the right) took first place, seventh and eighth-grade girls, fifth and sixth-grade boys, and fifth and sixth-grade girls took home second-place trophies.

## VOLLEYBALL

We entered our Volleyball CAPPS tournament with teams playing in seven divisions. Our fifth and sixth-grade girls (pictured below) finished with an undefeated season, Conference Champs, and CAPPS Tournament Champions. Our seventh and eighth-grade team finished the CAPPS season second in the Conference and fought hard for second place in the CAPPS tournament. Seventh and eighth grade 3A and fifth and sixth grade 4A were second in their division standings.



# »» A Winning Team

## Holy Family's transition to tackle football a success

How do you take a group of young men from a flag football program to a winning tackle team in one short season?

Head Football Coach Joe Castillo says he has the system, but the boys have the commitment, and it is showing. The team has been learning new techniques including the art of tackling, following the success of the championship-winning flag football team.

"We started our practices in August and the boys committed to three practices a week, which helped them build their strength as well as learn the game," said Coach Castillo, just before the 2022 Blue Angel Homecoming Game against St. Stephens Episcopal School at Westwood Stadium in Austin on October 12.

Out of the 14 young men on the Holy Family Blue Angel Football Team, there are four players who had experience playing tackle football, but all the players are now students of the game.


"Learning to tackle, and take a tackle is what we are working on so that when they go into high



school, they'll be prepared for the next level of gameplay," said Castillo, who worked as a high school football coach for 24 seasons before joining Holy Family four years ago.

This marks Castillo's 28th season coaching football overall. He says coaching boys in a tackle program is exciting when young men are eager to learn, adding, "The players are very athletic, so the learning comes easier with that kind of dedication."

The Blue Angles played a very exciting game despite their recent loss to St. Stephens 47-41. The team is 3-2 on the season.

"It has been so exciting to see tackle football back at Holy Family!" Said Mary Jo Kilburn, Athletic Director, Holy Family Catholic School. "It would not be possible without the commitment and dedication of our coaches, our players, and their families." 

*This was the inaugural year for the seventh and eighth-grade six-man tackle football program. Our young men finished their season with a winning 4-2 record.*



# Call to the Lord nurtured at Holy Family

FROM THE DAYS OF GROWING UP with his parents and brother in Austin and attending both Holy Family Catholic School and St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School, Jakob Hurlimann didn't always know he would accept the Call of the Lord to become a priest. Make no mistake though, the Lord had been knocking since middle school.

Hurlimann attended Holy Family Catholic School since the beginning days of its existence and graduated eighth grade in 2009. A smiley and energetic student, Hurlimann was taught by Mrs. Hinkel, who now is the Assistant Principal of Holy Family. She recalls Hurlimann being a one-of-a-kind student, an altar server with a sweet demeanor offering a gentle spirit.

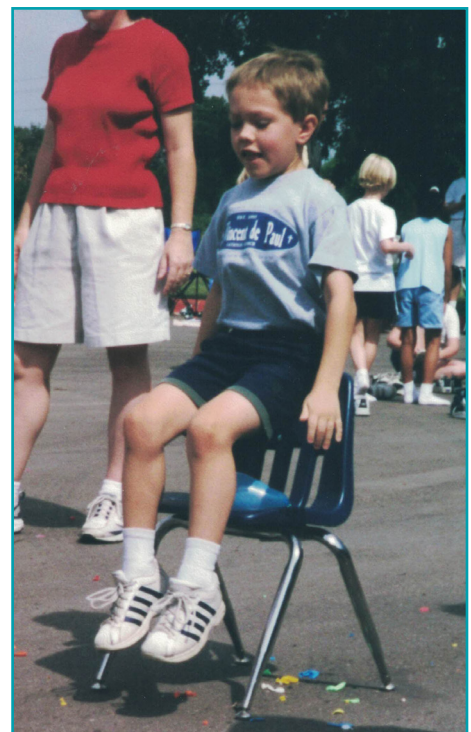
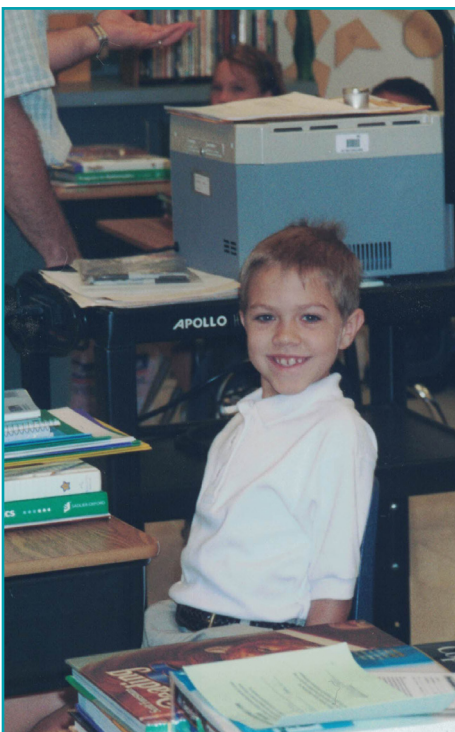
"Jakob Hurlimann was one of those "perfect" students who never had behavior problems, always had his work completed on time, and would reach out and help students who were struggling," said Hinkel, Assistant Vice Principal at Holy Family Catholic School. "I was happy when I learned he was going into the seminary because it was clear he would be an excellent



priest and would be able to handle all that came his way. I am proud to say that he was part of my class and honored to have been able to teach him at Holy Family Catholic School."

Graduating from Holy Family and moving next door to St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School was a natural fit for Hurlimann, who was an altar server during weekly Masses held at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, following the construction of the Church.

"I realized over my seven or eight years of considering the priesthood that everything I knew







about it was everything my heart was desiring,” said Father Jakob Hurlimann from his newly assigned Parish, Saint Mary Cathedral in downtown Austin. “The priesthood corresponded to what I wanted to do with my life, or what I wanted to give or do with my life.”

“It’s such a blessing to have our first ordained priest come out of Savio,” said Gian Gamboa, Director of Formation and Ministry, at St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School. “I believe in the power of the Holy Spirit at the school with 12 vocations coming out of Savio in 13 years, and I hope it continues to happen.”

As a track and cross-country athlete, Hurlimann ran for Savio each year from 2009 through graduation in 2013. He was dedicated to both sports and never gave up on the early morning runs and daily strengthening commitments.

This years-long loyalty would eventually prepare him for the eight years of formation to the priesthood, which would also bring him to Rome, where studying and mission service trips would solidify his decision to become a priest.

Father Jakob Hurlimann was Ordained to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Austin by Bishop Joseph Vásquez in June 2022, in front of his

family, former Holy Family and St. Dominic Savio teachers, and friends at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Austin. The irony of being Ordained near both schools which were instrumental in forming him to the priesthood, does not go unnoticed.

“The Call of the Lord to the priesthood started in middle school, but became stronger during my time at Savio,” said Father Jakob, who also confirms being greatly influenced by the priests who would come to Holy Family and celebrate Mass weekly in the gym.

Father Hurlimann is grateful to so many people who guided his journey to the priesthood, and who now offer support during his first assignment at Saint Mary Cathedral.

“Having been a priest for all of four months now, I can say, it’s a beautiful, beautiful life!” Father Hurlimann said, with a smile.



*Opposite, top: Jakob serves at a Holy Family Mass  
Opposite, bottom photos: Jakob during his time at Holy Family.*

*Above: Fr. Jakob prepares to have his hands blessed during his ordination by Bishop Joseph Vásquez.  
Below: Fr. Jakob anoints Michael Smith with chrism during his first baptism as a priest. The baby’s parents are Holy Family alumnus, Alex Smith, with his wife Erin.*



# INTRODUCING....

# Angel Appeal 2022-2023

As the Director of Development, I have the distinct pleasure of working with you, our community, to raise the much-needed funds necessary to facilitate the elevation of our school as we advance our mission and the educational experience of each child that walks through our doors.



This year you will see some changes to our annual giving program. These changes were made to allow us to better steward the funds that each of you entrusts to us to be used for our students and to make each giving opportunity unique and successful.

I also believe in relational fundraising. I want to get to know you better and I want to learn about what your passions at Holy Family are. It is my goal to meet with as many families as possible this year to discuss your Holy Family journey and how we can work together to take Holy Family to that next level. In the meantime, I've tried to answer some of the basic questions I get on a regular basis, listed on the next page.

Since my arrival 2 years ago, I have learned that Holy Family is a very special and blessed community. The young men and women who graduate from Holy Family are truly servant leaders and I am uplifted that they will be the future leaders of our church.

I can't thank you enough for your generosity and support of Holy Family, and of course, I thank you in advance for your commitment to the school and the educational journey of our students!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gina Kerley".

Gina Kerley | Director of Development

**P.S. - If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [gkerley@holyfamilycs.org](mailto:gkerley@holyfamilycs.org) or 512.244.4861.**

## What is The Angel Fund?

The Angel Fund supports Holy Family's annual giving program, which is comprised of the Annual Appeal, Run with the Angels, and Gala. Previously known as the Choir of Angels appeal, the annual fund appeal now stands alone as the most important fundraising appeal we have. It is the financial lifeblood of the school. It helps to sustain programs and activities that are not covered by tuition touching every student's experience academically, spiritually, and athletically.

Simply put, giving to the Angel Fund is the best possible way for alumni families, parents, grandparents, faculty, staff, and friends of Holy Family to help make a difference in the future of our school. Your investment on an annual basis is needed to raise the necessary funds for faculty and student programs as well as much-needed tuition assistance.

## How much should I give?

We ask that you discern your gift through prayer. While we do expect a gift from everyone, we expect different size gifts from different people according to their ability to give. Every dollar counts and when combined – small, medium, and large gifts work together to help meet our goals.

Keep in mind, your gift can be structured as a recurring gift/pledge to be paid by check, ACH, or credit card over the course of the school year or can be made as a one-time gift up until June 30. All gifts to the Angel Fund are tax-deductible to the fullest extent provided by current tax law. Gifts of stock are also gratefully accepted.

## What about matching gift programs?

We have been extremely blessed by the corporations that have matching gift programs. If you work for an employer that has a matching gift program, please take advantage of that match to amplify your gift - in most cases, doubling your personal donation.

## What are Giving Societies?

As we continue to improve our annual fund program, this year we have established two giving societies – The Leadership Society and The President's Circle Society. The Leadership Society acknowledges those gifts at or above \$1,500. Members of this society will be invited to a special VIP reception at Gala on February 11. The President Circle Society acknowledges those families who make a gift of \$4,000 or more. In addition to the VIP reception at the Gala, President Circle Society members will be invited to a special Mass celebrated by Very Rev. James Misko followed by a VIP cocktail reception on April 20.



HEART



MIND



BODY



SOUL



SCAN ME

# Parents Night Out

Inaugural Holy Family parent social brings food, laughs, great company

For the first time in its history an all-school Holy Family Parent Social was held on September 9 under the stars in the pavilion to welcome the parents back after the summer and greet new members of the Angel Family.

Organized by the Holy Family Advancement Office, nearly 100 parents came out to mingle, socialize and share a few laughs over ice breakers. In previous years, the parent socials were held by grade levels marking this year as the inaugural all-school event.

Upon arriving, parents were invited to grab a nametag, and place “extra” personality tags on them, which led to several conversation starters for couples.

Tim Cullen, President of Holy Family and St. Dominic Savio, introduced the evening with a few words of welcome and encouragement.

“As is evidenced by my three grown daughters, time flies in a hurry,” said Cullen, reminding parents to enjoy the little moments with their Holy Family Angels.



Parents Tim and Debbie Juhlke are joined by Gina Kerley, Director of Development, and Holy Family School President Tim Cullen at the social.

# WHY WE GIVE

## Greg & Brianna Hodge, HFCS Parents

*An unshakable faith foundation, a loving community, devoted teachers, and an encouraging environment – these are just some of the many values and blessings provided by Holy Family Catholic School in the last nine years.*

We both come from humble means growing up in south Texas. Greg was raised in SE San Antonio, TX in an area with low-rated public schools. His parents sacrificed to send four kids to Holy Name Catholic School and then later Central Catholic High School. Brianna was bounced from school to school as her family served in the military and then the oil industry, giving her first-hand experience with multiple public and private schools. Our families valued education and hard work, so we both worked multiple jobs while getting our degrees, continuing to value education, and building the grit needed to become successful entrepreneurs.

There was never a question of where we wanted our children to attend school – just a prayer that they would get in, and we would be able to afford it! As real estate investors we've moved from Round Rock to Leander (2015), to Georgetown (2019), and now live in North Austin (2020). The one constant during this transitional time was sending all three kids (Ellie, 8th; Brodie, 6th, and Cody, 2nd) to Holy Family Catholic School. Beyond the consistency, three experiences stand out: First, if you tour the campus you can feel the power of the Holy Spirit. We still recall returning to our car after our first visit and reading the inscription on the back of the Holy Family school sign. It says, "Train a child..." Second, the community is like none other – the community has experienced many things from great joy to horrific loss, all while consistently providing a loving and prayerful environment. The third is the way the school community embraced the children during the worst times in the pandemic. The teachers wrote scriptures on the sidewalk, took



extra time and love in developing lesson plans that could be compelling on Zoom, and even upon returning would wipe down every hula hoop just so the kids could enjoy a "normal" PE class.

When asked why we give to Holy Family? We are passionate about a Catholic education for our children and all children because we see it as an investment in the whole being, not just the mental education and growth, but also their physical and spiritual well-being. *The staff, volunteers, and teachers of Holy Family continue to pour the love of the Holy Spirit into the kids as an extension of their personal values.* We have contributed to the Choir of Angels (previous annual appeal) and other activities in the past and will continue to sponsor the Angel Fund because we believe all kids deserve the opportunity to attend a Catholic school with this quality, love, and consistency from pre-kindergarten to eighth grade.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**NOV. 18**

**Grandparents Day,**  
8am-12:30pm

**NOV. 21-25**

**Thanksgiving Break**

**DEC. 8**

**Immaculate  
Conception**

All-School Mass with  
Savio students at 10am

**DEC. 9**

**Student Council  
Movie Night**

**DEC. 10**

**Jingle & Mingle, 9am**  
New event!

**DEC. 13**

**Elementary Christmas  
Concert, 10am &  
5:30pm**

**DEC. 15**

**Middle School  
Christmas Concert,**  
7pm

**DEC. 16**

**Parent Christmas  
Party, 2pm**

Hosted by the Parent  
Association in the HFCS  
Pavilion

**JAN. 16**

**No School**

In honor of Martin  
Luther King, Jr. Day

**JAN. 30 - FEB. 3**

**Catholic Schools  
Week**

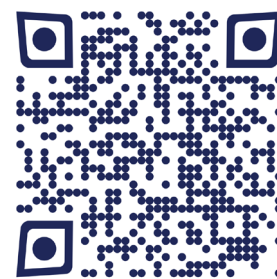
**JAN. 31 - FEB. 2**

**Middle School  
retreats**  
Hosted by NET  
Ministries

**FEB. 11**

**The Heart of Angels  
Gala**

Scan to see more  
events on the  
school calendar:

A promotional graphic for Grandparents Day. It features several cupcakes decorated to look like grandparents. One cupcake in the foreground is a woman with blue hair, glasses, and a red bow. Another is a man with a blue mustache and glasses. A purple banner in the top left says "You're Invited!". A dark blue circular text box on the right contains the school logo and event details.

*You're Invited!*

**HF**

**Grandparent's Day**  
**November 18, 2022**  
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
11:00 - 12:30 p.m. - Optional Estate  
Planning Seminar with lunch

**Holy Family Catholic School**  
**Welcome all Grandparents!**



ALL NEW  
HFCS Family Christmas Event

# JINGLE & MINGLE

## December 10, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 12 noon  
St. Thomas More PAC



THE HEART OF

# Angels Gala

FEBRUARY 11, 2023

## Save the Date!



Something new is coming your way!



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### Eat N' Treat Holy Family Fun

Another great Eat N' Treat hosted by the Holy Family Parent's Association brought families together for great fun! Sr. Amata Christi (left) and Sr. Mary Avila pose for a photo with costumed students, (left to right) Katelyn B., Julianna B., and Ophelia G.