

ELK COUNTY CATHOLIC *School System*

ANNUAL GIVING REPORT
2024-2025



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a message from ECCSS

Dear Friends of ECCSS,

At Elk County Catholic School System, we are good stewards of your generosity. Every gift impacts our system in a meaningful way. Restricted gifts are designated as requested. Unrestricted gifts are critical for the day-to-day operations. Every donation, large or small, fuels daily life across our campuses and ensures that our students can learn, grow, and thrive.

- When you see students on retreat—you helped with that.
- When the parking lot was repaired this summer—you helped with that.
- When a child opened a new book or a graduate walked across the stage—you helped with that.

Through your support, our maintenance team can respond to repairs without hesitation, our teachers feel encouraged, and our students are given every opportunity to succeed. Your gifts are woven into the very fabric of ECCSS, both in the details that keep our buildings running and in the moments of faith and learning that shape our students' lives.

As Director of Advancement, I have the privilege of seeing these impacts every day. My camera roll is filled with snapshots of Crusader life—faith-filled celebrations, classroom discoveries, spirited games, and everyday smiles. This report offers you just a glimpse into those moments. I hope you can feel the joy and gratitude behind each one, because none of them would be possible without you.

I encourage you to reach out, whether with a phone call or a visit, so I can personally share more about the exciting things happening at ECCSS. It is always an honor to connect our supporters more closely to the mission they make possible.

Thank you for believing in Catholic education and for walking alongside our students, faculty, and staff. Together, we are building something extraordinary.

With gratitude,

Franchesca Herzing
Franchesca Stubber Herzing '05



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Expanding Opportunities Through the SPE Program

One of the programs we are most proud of this year is the continued growth of our Special Purpose Entity (SPE) program, a giving opportunity that directly transforms the lives of students across the Elk County Catholic School System.

Through this Pennsylvania tax credit initiative, individuals and businesses can redirect a portion of their state tax liability to provide need-based tuition assistance for ECCSS students. In return, donors receive a 90% state tax credit, making it one of the most impactful and accessible ways to support Catholic education.

Each year, ECCSS works hard to keep tuition as affordable as possible for all families. However, the actual cost to educate each student exceeds the amount covered by tuition and fees, creating what we call the “tuition gap.” Gifts made through the SPE program help bridge that gap, ensuring that the cost of a Catholic education remains attainable for every family who desires it.

This year, the generosity of our SPE participants provided vital scholarship support to dozens of qualifying students and helped keep tuition costs affordable for *all* ECCSS families. If you pay Pennsylvania state taxes, you may be eligible to participate. For example, a \$5,000 SPE contribution results in a \$4,500 tax credit, meaning the donor’s out-of-pocket cost is only \$500, yet ECCSS receives the full \$5,000 in scholarship support. Participation truly multiplies the impact of every gift.

We encourage you to reach out to our office, or consult with your financial advisor, to learn more about how to get involved. A full list of this year’s SPE participants is included among the donor lists later in this report.

We are deeply grateful to all who participated in the program and to those who helped us expand its reach. The growth of this initiative is a powerful reminder of what can happen when our community comes together in faith and generosity. In recent years we have more than doubled the number of donors in this program. We’re on a roll—help SPE continue to grow through your participation!



faith-filled moments



St. Leo School's Floating Rosary **Inspires Prayer and Connection**

Each fall, St. Leo School continues one of its most meaningful traditions—the Floating Rosary, lovingly prepared and led by the middle school girls. The students craft a full rosary made entirely of balloons, each filled with prayer intentions from classmates, teachers, and staff.

After praying the Rosary together in church, the school gathers outside to launch the rosary, which remains tethered as it floats high above town throughout the day and into the evening, a visible reminder of faith lifting the community in prayer. As dusk falls, students gently bring the rosary down and burn the intentions, symbolizing their prayers rising to heaven.

This year's celebration was made even more special as the Elk County Catholic High School seniors joined in the event. For many, it was a heartfelt return to their St. Leo alma mater, offering a final opportunity to pray and celebrate with the younger students.

All Saints Day Parade **Brings Faith and Joy to Campus**

Students from St. Marys Catholic Middle School and Elk County Catholic High School came together on All Saints Day for a celebration of faith, community, and tradition. The day began with a school-wide Mass, followed by a joyful All Saints Day Parade that made its way from the school to the Convent Cemetery, led by the ECC Marching Band.

Each grade level selected a patron saint for the school year, wearing shirts and accessories in colors inspired by their chosen saint. As students marched, they rang bells, waved ribbons and pennants, and cheered together in celebration of the feast day. The band filled the air with a spirited rendition of “When the Saints Go Marching In,” setting the perfect tone for the procession.

At the cemetery, students gathered in prayer, reciting St. Gertrude's prayer for the souls of the faithful departed before returning to campus to close the celebration on a sweet note with cookies.

It was a gorgeous day of faith and fellowship, marking the beginning of what is sure to become a beloved new ECCSS tradition, a living reminder of the saints who inspire our students to live with purpose and joy.





Homecoming Tradition Reimagined

In Fall 2024, ECCSS introduced an exciting new Homecoming format, celebrating Crusader pride in a fresh and memorable way. For the first time, the Homecoming celebration and crowning ceremony were held during a soccer doubleheader at Fox Township Park, with both the boys' and girls' teams taking the field and the traditional crowning taking place at halftime of the boys' game.

The park overflowed with maroon and gold as students of all ages, families, alumni, and community members gathered to cheer on the Crusaders. Numerous school groups, including the Athletic Department, PTO, Student Council, and Cheerleaders, joined forces to make the evening a true community celebration.

The event marked a meaningful new chapter for this long-standing tradition. By moving Homecoming to the soccer field, ECCSS created a celebration that reflected the strength of our athletic programs and the unity of our school community. It was a night filled with pride and connection, and perfectly captured what it means to be a Crusader.

Celebrating Coach Aaron Straub's 1,000th Career Win

On January 3, 2025, Elk County Catholic High School's legendary coach Aaron Straub achieved an extraordinary milestone—his 1,000th career win. This achievement, decades in the making, reflects not only excellence on the court but also a lifetime of leadership, mentorship, and commitment to Catholic education.

A few weeks later, on January 31, Coach Straub, members of his coaching staff, and other key contributors to Crusader Athletics were honored at a home basketball game celebrating the milestone. The gym was filled with alumni, former players, and supporters who returned to St. Marys to share in the moment. Following the game, a community celebration was held at Makers Warehouse, where stories, memories, and gratitude filled the room.

As part of the festivities, former players sent in heartfelt messages of thanks and congratulations, which were compiled into a book presented to Coach Straub during the event. Many supporters also chose to honor the occasion with gifts to the Crusader Fund, raising nearly \$50,000 to support future athletic upgrades and improvements.

The evening served as more than a celebration of a record, it was a tribute to the lasting impact of Crusader Athletics, the lasting bonds between players and coaches, and the shared pride of an entire school community inspired by Coach Straub's example.



ECCSS Donors



Elk County Catholic School System is a community richly blessed in so many ways. Our students bring curiosity and joy to learning; our faculty and staff serve with faith and dedication. Our schools continue to thrive thanks to the generosity of parents, grandparents, alumni, friends, and businesses who believe in our mission.

The following pages acknowledge the individuals, families, businesses, and organizations who made financial contributions to the Elk County Catholic School System during the fiscal year from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. Our supporters give in many meaningful ways —through financial gifts, in-kind contributions, volunteer service, and steadfast advocacy—and we are grateful for them all. While in-kind gifts are not listed here, they remain deeply appreciated and vital to our success.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to every supporter whose generosity helps sustain Catholic education and strengthen the future of ECCSS.

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State Representative Visits SMCES

PA State Representative Mike Armanini visited St. Marys Catholic Elementary School to read to Kindergarten and first-grade students as part of the Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation's 2025 Ag Literacy Week.

Rep. Armanini shared the book "The Soil in Jackie's Garden," which introduces children to gardening, soil health, and the magic of composting. He also provided copies of the book, classroom activities, and snacks for each class.

We are grateful for his visit and his continued support of agricultural education and literacy in our local schools.



Crusader Club

\$100 - \$249

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9/11 Survivor Shares Story of Courage

St. Marys Catholic Middle School welcomed Dr. Gordon Huie, the only known “Triple” of 9/11—a survivor, family member of a victim, and rescue worker.

On September 11, 2001, Dr. Huie was working as an orthopedic surgeon in New York City and rushed toward the World Trade Center to assist, drawing on his background as an Army Combat Medic and Air Force Medical Officer. He shared with students the lasting physical and emotional effects of that day and the importance of remembering the victims, heroes, and lessons of 9/11.

Dr. Huie’s powerful message reminded students of the enduring strength of faith, courage, and compassion in the face of tragedy.





Crusaders Celebrate Read Across America Week

Members of the Elk County Catholic High School Future Business Leaders of America Club and Boys Basketball Team visited St. Marys Catholic Elementary School and St. Leo School as guest readers in celebration of National Read Across America Week.

High school students shared some of their favorite books with younger Crusaders, inspiring a love of reading and building connections across ECCSS campuses.

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St. Leo School Honors First Distinguished Graduate

During the Catholic Schools Week Kickoff Mass, St. Leo Catholic School proudly presented its first Distinguished Graduate Award to Wee J. Fernan. The award was presented by Father Justin Pino, pastor, and Sam MacDonald, former ECCSS president (and St. Leo classmate), at St. Leo Magnus Church in Ridgway.

This National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) honor recognizes Catholic school alumni who exemplify faith, service, character, community connection, and lifelong learning.

Wee J.'s humility, generosity, and steadfast commitment to his faith made him a truly deserving first recipient of this recognition.

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43rd Annual Golden Grads Reunion

Elk County Catholic High School hosted the 43rd Annual Golden Grads Reunion, a tradition honoring alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago.

The day began with Mass in the ECC Chapel followed by a social and dinner in the cafeteria. The Class of 1974 (pictured here) were presented with handcrafted knotted Rosaries made by ECC students in honor of their golden anniversary.

Hosted by the Elk County Catholic High School Alumni Association and the ECCSS Advancement Office, the annual event celebrates decades of faith, friendship, and Crusader pride shared by generations of alumni.

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St. Leo Students Create Book

Celebrating the PA Wilds

This year, St. Leo School enrichment students combined art and science to create an original children's book about the Pennsylvania Wilds. Throughout the year, students participated in field trips and welcomed guest speakers to learn about native and invasive plants and animals in our region.

Each student researched one plant and one animal, writing "kid-friendly" stories and creating vibrant Eric Carle-style illustrations under the guidance of art teacher Mrs. Nancy Hoffman.

The finished book was shared with the community and added to the Ridgway Public Library collection, celebrating both creativity and a deeper appreciation for the natural world.





SMCES Students Share Faith Through Service

Students at St. Marys Catholic Elementary School found creative ways to share faith and kindness throughout the 2024–25 school year.

During Catholic Schools Week, students prepared and distributed water bottles featuring the verse Isaiah 43:2, “When you go through deep waters, I will be with you.” The bottles were shared with local businesses and first responders as a gesture of gratitude and encouragement.

In another project, students designed hand-decorated coffee sleeves with personal messages and artwork, which were delivered to The Diamond Perk. Every student played a part in spreading faith, love, and joy throughout the community.

These simple acts of service served as daily reminders that small gestures, rooted in faith, can have a lasting impact on others.

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Students Represent ECCSS at Parish Masses

To kick off Catholic Schools Week, student representatives from across ECCSS participated in Masses at local parishes.

Students served as lectors, altar servers, choir members, greeters, and offertory helpers, joyfully representing their school and sharing their faith within their parish communities.

We are grateful to all who participated and to our parish families for their continued support of Catholic education.

Raymond Nero

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Richard Straub '56

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'58 Donald Schreiber	01/20/2025
'59 Joseph Kim	07/11/2025
'59 Gloria Bauer Harvey	01/15/2025
'59 David Kronenwetter	07/24/2025
'59 Dorothy Eichmiller Anderson	10/14/2024
'60 Gerald Brennen	01/13/2025
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'61 Joseph Vollmer	04/08/2025
'61 Richard Schutz	04/02/2025
'62 Nancy Distler Engelberg	09/26/2024
'62 Carol Seelye Cox	11/06/2024

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*Eternal Rest Grant
Unto Them, O Lord*



Please remember those in our alumni community who have passed away. May God grant them eternal rest and may the perpetual light shine upon them. Our deepest sympathies are extended to their families. If you know someone who was inadvertently omitted from this list, please let us know by emailing or calling the ECCSS Advancement Office (814-834-1480 x 232, advancement@eccss.org).

faculty features

Celebrating Our Faculty and Staff

The faculty and staff of the Elk County Catholic School System are the heart of our mission. Their dedication, compassion, and professionalism shape the daily experience of every student who walks through our doors. We are blessed beyond measure by the gifts they share and the leadership they provide in our classrooms, hallways, offices, and campuses.

This year, we were grateful for many opportunities to support, celebrate, and uplift our incredible team—from our back-to-school in-service at the Dam Inn, to moments of fun and fellowship like our faculty paint-and-sip event, to the special activities planned during Teacher Appreciation Week.

These highlights reflect just a small portion of the gratitude we feel. Everything we do as a school system is possible because of the extraordinary people who serve our students with faith, joy, and dedication each day.



Mrs. Rose Anne Reuscher



Mrs. Bonnie Reinke



Honoring Retiring Faculty and Staff

Congratulations to Bonnie Reinke, who retired after 18 years of service, teaching Spanish at both the middle and high school levels, and to Rose Anne Reuscher, who retired after 22 years in the Finance Department.

We are deeply grateful for their dedication, talent, and many contributions to the ECCSS community. Their impact on our students and schools will be felt for years to come.



Palumbo Charitable Trust **Supports ECCSS**

The A.J. and Sigismunda Palumbo Charitable Trust once again demonstrated its generosity with a \$120,000 gift to the Elk County Catholic School System. This grant provided vital scholarship assistance to our students and families, helping to make Catholic education accessible for all. We are deeply grateful for the continued partnership and longstanding support of the Palumbo Trust.

Pictured are John Kowach, Palumbo Executive Director; Franchesca Herzing, ECCSS Director of Advancement; Sam MacDonald, former ECCSS President; Rob O'Leary, Palumbo Trustee; and Amy Straub, ECCSS School Board Member.



Newell Family Scholarship Fund Established

The Newell Family Scholarship Fund has been established by Jim and Ann Curtis in memory of Ann's parents, Dorothy Samick Newell and Gerald Philip Newell, in gratitude for their dedication and sacrifice.

Ann and Jim created this fund to honor the legacy of Ann's parents, who worked tirelessly to provide a Catholic education for their seven children. Through this charitable investment, and the generosity of others who may choose to contribute, the Curtises hope to ensure that faith and opportunity continue to flourish for students whose families need tuition assistance.

ECCSS Scholarship Funds

Thanks to the support of our benefactors, ECCSS has many sources of aid to help keep Catholic Education affordable in Elk County. Each year, the school finance office awards a substantial number of scholarships based on financial need and other award-specific criteria. ECCSS holds a number of endowed scholarship funds internally. While some scholarships are recently established, others are long-standing and have been supporting our students for many years. Whether old or new, we are eternally grateful to our supporters who believe in the importance of Catholic Education. The following endowed funds received gifts this fiscal year:

Class of 1966 Tuition Assistance Fund
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Newell Family Scholarship Fund
Robert Taylor Fund
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Trinity Endowed Scholarship Fund

The minimum to start a new named scholarship at ECCSS is \$10,000. If you would like more information on starting a scholarship, contact Franchesca Herzing at 814-834-1480 ext. 232 or herzingf@eccss.org.

gifts and grants

Fr. Eric Vogt Memorial Fund

Benefits ECC Baseball

The Fr. Eric Vogt Memorial Fund, a donor-advised fund administered by the Elk County Community Foundation, was established by Fr. Eric's family to honor his legacy and support youth programs that foster education, mentorship, and personal growth.

To help grow the fund, a golf tournament was held at Bavarian Hills Golf Course, bringing together family, friends, and supporters who wished to celebrate and

carry forward Fr. Eric's memory. Thanks to this generous support, the first distribution from the fund was awarded to the Elk County Catholic High School baseball team, a meaningful tribute to Fr. Eric, who spent years coaching, teaching, and encouraging countless Crusader athletes both on and off the field.

Thank you to the Vogt family, the Elk County Community Foundation, and all who have contributed to this meaningful fund in celebration of Fr. Eric's lasting impact on our school and community.



Timm Family Scholarship Honors Excellence in Academics and Athletics

The Timm Family Scholarship was established by James Timm in honor of his brother, John Timm, and in appreciation for the excellent education and athletic opportunities provided to students of Elk County Catholic High School.

James generously donated \$20,000 to create the fund, which will provide two annual \$2,000 scholarships, one to a male and one to a female graduating senior, beginning with the 2024-25 school year. The awards recognize well-rounded scholar-athletes who exemplify excellence in both academics and athletics, maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and demonstrate leadership and involvement in school life.

Recipients are selected through an application process coordinated by the ECCHS Guidance Office and Scholarship

Committee. The first awards were presented at the Senior Awards Ceremony in May 2025. The inaugural recipients were Lance O'Neill and Andrea Baron.

ECCSS extends heartfelt gratitude to the Timm Family for their investment in our students' futures and for honoring their family legacy through this meaningful new scholarship.





Kreckel Enterprises Student of the Year

Kreckel Enterprises, Inc. presented its 2025 Student of the Year Award to William Wortman, son of Rob and DeeDee Wortman of St. Marys, following an all-school Mass at Elk County Catholic High School.

Wil, a member of the Class of 2025, is a dedicated student and an accomplished multi-sport athlete. He is well respected by his teachers, coaches, and peers for his leadership and school spirit.

The award is given annually in memory of Lavern Kreckel Jr., a 1963 graduate of ECCHS. Each year, Kreckel Enterprises donates \$500 to an ECCSS program selected by the recipient. Wil chose to support Crusader Athletics.

Security Enhancements Strengthen School Safety

Over the past several years, ECCSS has secured multiple PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency Targeted School Security Grants, allowing us to make significant improvements to the safety of our campuses. These grants have funded upgraded security cameras, enhanced door-locking and keyless entry systems, and other important safety measures designed to protect our students and staff.

In the most recent grant cycle, ECCSS was blessed to receive funding for a school security officer, marking an important next step in our ongoing commitment to campus safety. ECCSS has contracted with Kellington Protection, a state-approved provider serving K–12 schools and universities across Pennsylvania.

Our officer's responsibilities include patrolling school grounds, responding to emergencies, providing safety measures and conflict resolution, and building positive relationships with students and staff to ensure a safe and supportive learning environment.

We are deeply grateful for the continued support from state agencies and our community partners who help us provide secure, faith-filled spaces where our students can learn and grow with confidence.

LEGO Education Boosts STREAM Learning

St. Marys Catholic Elementary School students explored new hands-on learning opportunities this year thanks to LEGO Education sets, purchased through state grant funding for technology. These innovative kits are part of the school's STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Math) program and have quickly become a student favorite.

Through building, coding, and collaboration, students are developing critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills in a fun, engaging way. LEGO Education helps learners turn abstract ideas into tangible creations, bridging the gap between play and purposeful learning. This grant-funded addition has enhanced classroom engagement and inspired curiosity across grade levels.



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