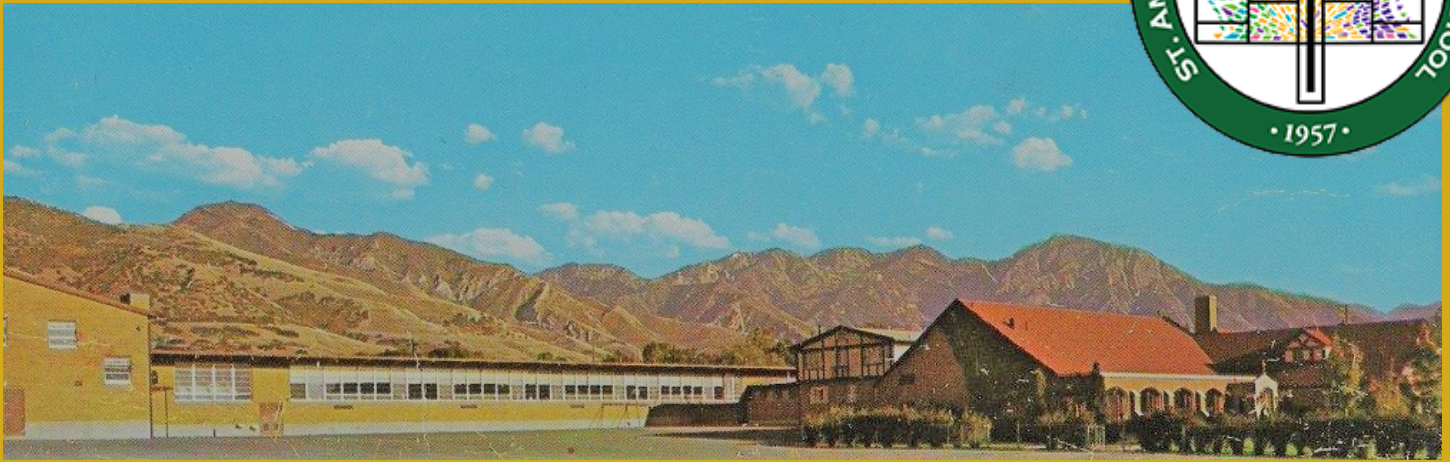


# J.E. COSGRIFF MEMORIAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL *Annual Appeal*



## 2020 - 2021

*The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. Matthew 7:25*

J.E. Cosgriff Memorial Catholic School is set solidly on rock. The Cosgriff-Sturdevant families founding gift built the school pictured above. The dedicated Daughters of Charity welcomed the children of the young St. Ambrose Parish in 1957, beginning the work of faith-filled education. Decades of families, pastors, administrators, faculty, staff and generous supporters fortified our foundation, moving us forward and bringing us to 2020.



The 2020-2021 school year continues the Cosgriff legacy of diligence and faith, however, it is also one of unforeseen demands on all stakeholders. The coronavirus has impacted how we do almost everything, but not who we are or why we are here. We opened the year with in person instruction and home

learner options. The questions of the summer, such as how students would wear face coverings all day, and how teachers would teach in face coverings with students in multiple places, have all been answered. We just do it. All of us, students, parents, faculty, and staff, are doing what needs to be done to take care of one another and learn.

We extend our gratitude and prayers to everyone, who through their work and generosity, built the foundation necessary to tackle the challenges of the 2020 - 2021 school year.



# ANNUAL APPEAL LETTER

The Annual Appeal has been one component of J.E. Cosgriff's fundraising for almost two decades. In this year of COVID the Annual Appeal takes on new prominence. Our historically successful in person fundraising events are all suspended or will be modified. Fundraising in an average year is necessary to support the costs not covered by tuition, and the demands of 2020-2021 have only added to those costs. The following are examples of costs we have incurred, or will continue to incur, to provide in person and home learner options for our students.

- July remodel of the school office creating a reception window, improved sick room and social distancing space
- Website rebuild which supports mobile access and includes our COVID response resources
- Hiring of five additional employees and increasing the hours of others to support smaller classes, instructional demands, and cleaning protocols
- Substitute teachers to cover periods of pending tests, quarantines and isolation
- Equipping new classroom spaces in the library, art room, Vaughan Center and parish social hall
- Face coverings, hand sanitizer, plexiglass, social distancing markers, and cleaning supplies
- Program subscriptions to support online learning
- Air purifiers and replacement filters for every classroom space
- Additional instructional materials to limit sharing among students
- Updates to our Wi-Fi and network infrastructure
- Replacement of aging hardware such as document cameras, projectors and interactive boards
- Tuition assistance for this year and predicted increase of demand for the coming school year
- Air purification upgrade for the McCarthy Center and Vaughan Center HVAC systems

I am honored to be the principal of J.E. Cosgriff Memorial Catholic School. My professional life began here 25 years ago. I spent four years gaining experience at other Catholic schools and now it is good to be home. This is not the year any of us could have possibly envisioned. We have been challenged beyond measure, however, the rock solid foundation of our community is carrying us through. We humbly ask for your financial support to help us maintain the quality education Cosgriff is known for and to weather this storm. As I said, the fundraising opportunities of this school year are limited and the Annual Appeal will be critical to our financial stability.

In gratitude, faith and hope,  
Lisa Romero

## ABOUT US

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## OUR PRAYER

*O God, we thank you for your many gifts to us. Bless everyone who has been part of our school community since its beginning in 1957. We especially pray for the Daughters of Charity whose faithful work inspires all who follow. May this school always be the home of truth and wisdom, faith, and good will toward all, helping to build up our community and your kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus.*

*Amen*

## TO DONATE

Thank you for your  
continued and generous  
support of our school and  
community.  
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