

STS IS A FAMILY TRADITION



Humble Beginnings

Joyce Hood, Alumni & Parishioner

St. Theresa Parish has very humble beginnings. In 1947, three families donated the land on which we reside to establish a Catholic Mission Church which became an extended part of the Cathedral of St. Andrew. The first church, a simple small white building, was completed in 1951, and St. Theresa became a developed parish in 1954. The school was established in 1959. Classes were held in the parish hall until 1961 when a building of four classrooms was erected. A second such unit was added in 1963. The school structure was expanded in the 1980s to add Prekindergarten, Kindergarten, and special activity classes, as well as to reduce class sizes. This project was completed over time utilizing the time and talents of parents and parishioners. St. Theresa Catholic School has always had dedicated people attending to its needs and wants. We consider our community to be a jewel in the Southwest Little Rock neighborhood.

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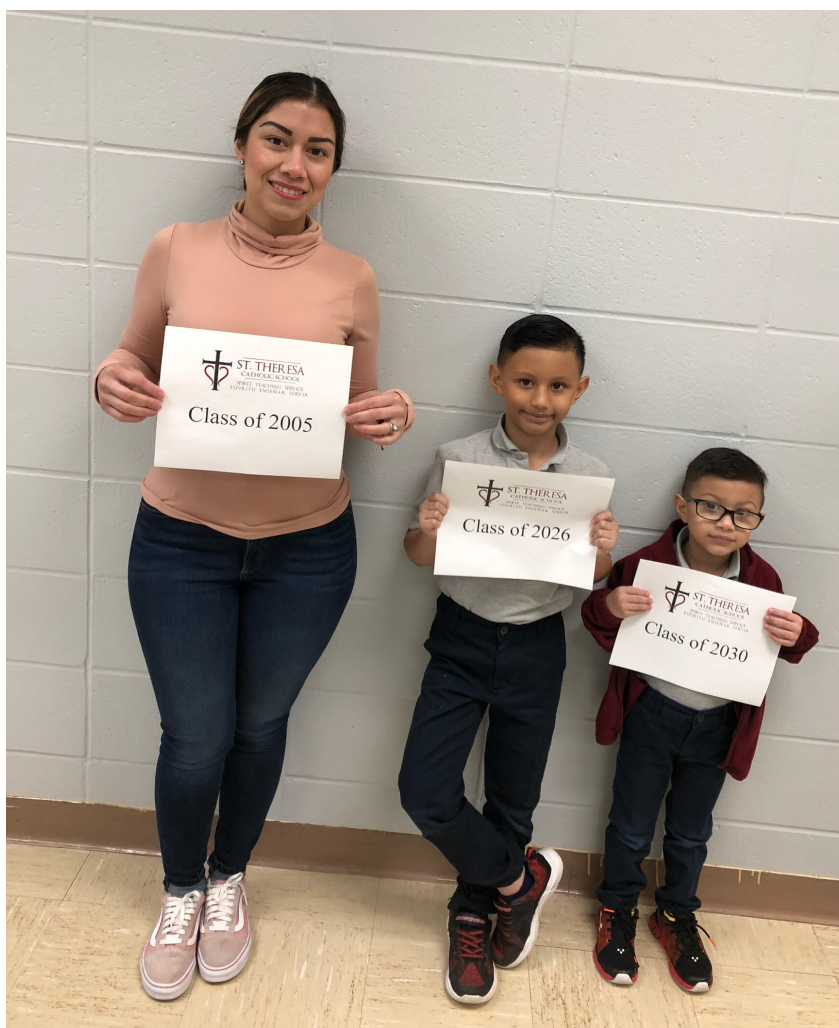
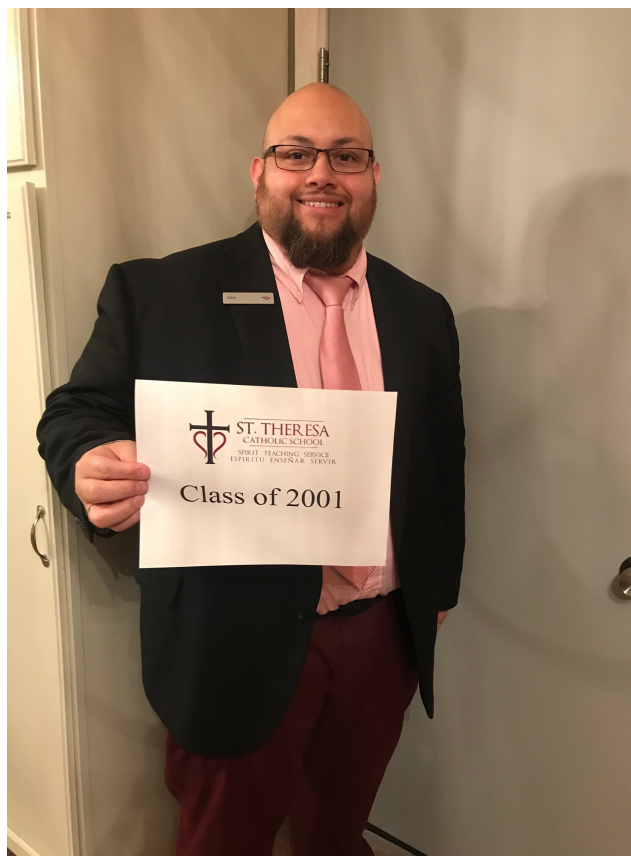
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Ortega Family

Nielsen Daniela Ortega - Alumni and STS
Parent

My name is Nielsen Daniela Ortega. I am a St. Theresa Catholic School Alumni; I graduated in 2005. My older brother Julio graduated in 2001, and my younger brother Othoniel graduated in 2011. My time at St. Theresa was always fun with great teachers who became like family. I had the opportunity to learn within a faith oriented community. What I cherish the most would be the family feeling atmosphere. The moment you walk in the school you know you will see your small circle of friends whom you've become close with. This is exactly what I wanted my own children to experience. I chose STS for my two sons Julio and Sebastian to give them same academic opportunity that my parents offered myself and siblings, and I can not wait to see what the future holds for my boys!



Ruiz Family

Vanessa Cerda, Parent

My name is Vanessa Cerda-Ruiz my children and nephews are students at STS. I would love to share with you why we have chosen to be part of this wonderful school. St Theresa has taught my children so much and has always provided the best learning academics not just for my children but every child that attends school here. They have always lend a helping hand when my family is in need and I will forever be thankful for that. Also I just want to stress how wonderful the staff is with working with the children knowing that their students are a priority is all that a parent can ask for. We love STS school and we will always be part of this wonderful community.



Dunn Family

Andi Dunn, Alumni

What STS means to me:

St Theresa's has been my home since I was four. I spent the majority of the first 13 years of my life there. St Theresa's has raised me to be full of love and respect for all others. We are a different school than many others, we accept everybody for who they are. St Theresa's teaches us right from wrong, teaches us how to love and respect others. After we graduate, we go into the world as loving people backed by a loving community.



Gangluff Family

Maggie Gangluff, 5th Grade Student

I love that STS makes sure you learn new things and that they want you to learn. I am glad that my parents chose to send me and my siblings here. I really like that I can see family older and younger than me. In 5th grade we learn so much and I love Mrs. French and Mrs. Boyette. We learned how to add, subtract, divide, and multiply fractions. We're also learning about the underground railroad. I love STS!



Mrs. Dunn Receives National Catholic Education Association Award

Marguerite Olberts - Associate Superintendent for Marketing and Public Relations

Kristy Dunn, principal of St. Theresa Catholic School in Little Rock, has been chosen as a recipient of the Lead, Learn, and Proclaim Award by the National Catholic Education Association. The award will be presented during a dinner at the NCEA Convention on Tuesday, April 14 at 6 p.m.

NCEA has a longstanding tradition of honoring and recognizing excellence and distinguished service in Catholic school education. The Lead Learn Proclaim Award recognize outstanding efforts, contributions, and achievements on behalf of Catholic school education.

Mrs. Dunn was nominated due to her work to provide a Catholic education to all students regardless of cultural, economic background, or academic ability. St. Theresa has a student population that is 87% Latino, and the school serves students with various learning disabilities, such as autism and dyslexia.

Some of the accomplishments which lead to her nomination are:

- Establishing a free breakfast program so that the children coming to St. Theresa from improvised homes would have the physical nutrition necessary to fully participate in all the wonderful spiritual and academic programs of the school.
- An after-school program providing a snack and academic support for just \$1 a day.
- Meaningful roles for Latinos on the school board, Strategic Planning Committees, PTO, and other areas.
- The hiring of faculty and staff of diverse cultures and backgrounds to better reflect the culture and background of the student population at St. Theresa.
- Partnerships with the Mexican Consulate and city officials to provide opportunities for immigrant parents.
- Establishing the Same Spirit Program for students with different learning needs.
- ELL instruction integrated into the classrooms.
 - Programs that support student growth incorporated into the school day like Read Across America.

Dunn was quoted in an article for Arkansas Catholic, "We pride ourselves on being an extended family to our families. We're in partnership; we're a support. I would never say my job is just to figure out what this particular kid needs in his science class. I've gone to people's apartments. We've journeyed with them on immigration."

Providing a Christ-centered, personalized experience for each student and family is Dunn's greatest accomplishment.

STS 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Jasmine Gonzalez - Vice Principal

Wow! St. Theresa Catholic School is celebrating their 60th anniversary this year. These past sixty years, STS has helped parents fulfill their duties as primary educators of their children by welcoming our multicultural children and families to a safe and supportive Christ-centered environment. We invite you to help us celebrate this wonderful milestone. This is a free event, so no ticket purchases are necessary. Instead, we ask you to bring a dish from your culture to serve at the event. We will have several raffle items and an opportunity for you to donate towards our scholarship fund. We will debut our art project - Retraction of Identity. This project helped portray stories of immigration and identity. We hope to see you there!

MARCH 14TH @ 5:30
ST. THERESA PARISH CENTER
6311 BASELINE ROAD, LITTLE ROCK

5:30 - 6:30

Music, Dinner, Raffles, visit art exhibit

6:30 - 7:30

Keynote speaker, student and parent testimonials, slideshow photo presentation, open donations for student scholarships

7:30 - 8:00

Announce raffle winners, music, visit art exhibits



**Key note speaker: Msgr. R.
Scott Friend**