

Annunciation Recovery Work: A Family Assistance Perspective



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What Happened

A gunman opened fire at **Annunciation Catholic Church & School** in South Minneapolis during an all-school morning Mass that started at 8:15 a.m.

The attack started at approximately **8:27 a.m.** August 27, 2025

Students, faculty, and parishioners were inside the church when shots were fired through the windows.



Casualties

2 children killed
Haper Moyski 10
and Fletcher
Merkel 8.

30 others
injured by
gunfire.

The shooter **died**
by suicide at the
scene.



Shooter

Suspect identified 23.

Fired multiple firearms (rifle, shotgun, and pistol) for two minutes before suiciding.

Weapons were **purchased legally** and used from outside the church through chapel windows.

Response

Police and emergency services responded within minutes.

Injured were transported quickly to multiple hospitals.

Multiple organization responded



Community

Minneapolis was shaken by violence at a church and school.

Families, peers, and community members held memorials and vigils for victims.

Resilience Center at a local library

