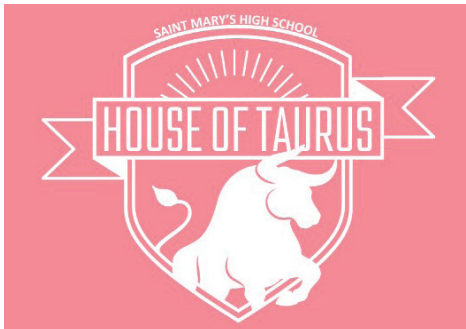


St. Mary's RECALL



A NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, SLEEPY EYE, MN • VOLUME 40 • NUMBER 3 • Fall 2024



St. Mary's High School officially launched its new House system with a placement ceremony. Students were divided into four different Houses named for the symbols of the four Gospel writers, Angelus (the Angel), Leo (the Lion), Taurus (the Ox), and Aquila (the Eagle). The Houses will serve to advance the philosophy statement of St. Mary's by developing the whole person through enrichment activities, creating community by encouraging friendly competition among the Houses, and being of service by enabling students to work together on projects for the good of the community.



The **Class of 1954** held their 70-year reunion on May 7, 2024, at the Canadian Honker restaurant in Rochester, MN. Pictured in the front row (left): Mary (Trembl) Sellner, Rosemount; Sr. Cecily Helen Schroeffer, Rochester; and Marie (Maurer) Trautman, Mankato. Back row: Claudia (Tauer) Klages, Good Thunder; Joan (Thuer) Werner, Saint Peter and Gerald Krzmarzick, Rochester.



The **Class of 1959** held their 65-year reunion on August 3, 2024, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Pictured in the front row (left): Rita (Pelzel) Neid, Sleepy Eye; Dorothy (Billmeier) Krzmarzick, Sleepy Eye; Carol (Goldschmidt) Hengel, Sleepy Eye; Sandy (Bertrand) Runing, St. Paul; Patty (Bertrand) Steeber, Osseo; Judy (Schottenbauer) Conrad, Sartell; and Donna Krzmarzick, Osseo. Second row: Tom Hirsch, Sleepy Eye; Sr. Theresa Hoffmann, Rochester; Ken Huiras, New Prague; Carolyn (Suess) Bertrand, New Ulm; Curt Runing, Casa Grande, AZ; Margaret (Seidl) Bauer, New Ulm; Anna Marie (Zinniel) Scharfencamp, New Ulm; Marietta (Guttum) Ludewig, Sleepy Eye; Ed Berkner, Sleepy Eye; Robert Tauer, Hanska; Margie (Olsen) Rasmussen, Canton, OH; and Linus Hoffmann, Sleepy Eye.



The **Class of 1964** held their 60-year class reunion on August 3, 2024, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Pictured in the front row (left): Darlene (Boettger) Tauer, Hanska; Joyce (Sellner) Berg, Sleepy Eye; Beverly (Witt) Reynolds, Sleepy Eye; Kathy (Piehl) Grausam, New Ulm; Teresa (Seifert) Wenisch, Lambertson; Dave Haala, Sleepy Eye and Ardelle (Helget) Domeier, New Ulm. Second row: Robert Braun, Sleepy Eye; Florian Wurtzberger, New Ulm; Pete Schreiner, Mankato; Leo Soukup, Bemidji; Pat Hoffmann, Sleepy Eye; Madeline (Hillesheim) Toups, New Llano, LA; Sharon (Schroepfer) Kral, Sleepy Eye; Mary Ann (Schmidt) Sommerfeld, Sleepy Eye; and Leonard Hauser, New Ulm. Back row: Ron Krzmarzick, New Ulm; Clete Zinniel, Sleepy Eye; Tom Woessner, Brandon; Mike Cleary, Brandon; Tim Peichel, Gainesville, TX; Tim Soukup, Spicer and Dave Sellner, Sleepy Eye.



The **Class of 1966** held their 58-year class reunion on August 2, 2024, at Gerald Braulick's residence in Sleepy Eye. Pictured in the front row (left): Connie (Lee) Tretter, Brainerd; Janet (Sellner) Braun, Annandale; Alice (Hoffmann) Tanley, New Ulm; and Beverly (Forster) Cleary, Brandon. Second row: Leon Spaeth, Maple Valley, WA; DeeAnn (Pietig) Gieseke, Sleepy Eye; Jeanne (Miller) Hume, Eagle Lake; Brenda (Frederickson) Walden, Sleepy Eye; Ken Krzmarzick, Stewart; Martin Hoffmann, Sleepy Eye and Kathy (Suess) Goetze, Duluth. Back row: Dennis Krzmarzick, Sleepy Eye; Jim Fischer, Sleepy Eye; Gerald Braulick, Sleepy Eye; Richard Sellner, Sleepy Eye; Gary Krzmarzick, New Ulm; James Braun, Annandale; Lynn Bertrand, Annandale; Richard Filzen, New Ulm; and Barb (Hillesheim) Filzen, New Ulm.



The **Class of 1969** held their 55-year class reunion on September 21, 2024, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Pictured in the front row (left): Joan (Schottenbauer) Fixsen, Fairfax; Adelle (Sellner) Fischer, New Ulm; Susan (Goldschmidt) Hogen, New Ulm; Gretchen (Schwartz) Hesli, Loretto; Jean (Zollner) Moody, Sanborn; Darlene (Berberich) Hoffmann, New Ulm; Carol (Mathiowetz) Wendland, Sleepy Eye; and Allen Fischer, Sleepy Eye. Second row: Kevin Tauer, Minneapolis; Kathy (Rubey) St. Lawrence, Fairhope, AL; Mary Ann (Helget) Krebs, Sleepy Eye; Jane (Helget) Eckstein, Sleepy Eye; Mary Jo (Bauer) Evers, Sleepy Eye; Pat (Seidl) Rademaker, Sleepy Eye; Alvin Krzmarzick, Sleepy Eye; Jeanne (Broich) Wass, New Ulm; Tom Larson, Sleepy Eye and Steve Eichberger, New Ulm. Back row: Marv Weiss, Sleepy Eye; Doug Baumann, Minneapolis; Steve Braulick, Sleepy Eye; Eugene Krueger, Farwell; Ken Hauser, Sleepy Eye; Mike Hillesheim, New Ulm; and Willy Hillesheim, Sleepy Eye. Not pictured but present: Gwyn Goettig Ruddy, Sleepy Eye; Carol Hillesheim, Sleepy Eye; Larry Mages, Lafayette and Linda (Schroepfer) Seifert, Sleepy Eye. *We are grateful for their donation of \$400.00 to our Adopt-A-Student Fund!*



The **Class of 1974** held their 50-year reunion on August 17, 2024, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Pictured in the front row (left): Fr. George Schmit—guest; Phil Sellner, Sleepy Eye; Debra (Helget) Hacker, Olivia; Rita (Moldaschel) Weiss, Sleepy Eye; Joan (Konz) Rasmussen, New Ulm; Mary Jo (Goblirsch) Hille, Minneapolis; Diane (Neid) Meath, Forest Lake; Jerome Krzmarzick, Sleepy Eye; Laurie (Schroepfer) Sieve, St. James; Randy Krzmarzick, Sleepy Eye; Steve Meyer, Mankato; and Dale Berkner, Brandon, SD. Second row: Julie (Helget) Windschittl, Comfrey; Diane (Lux) Radtke, Mountain Lake; Joan (Gangelhoff) Dording, Winthrop; Laurie (Wendinger) Enns, St. Paul; Patty (Eckstein) Kopel, Mankato; Mary Carroll, New Ulm; Cathy Haala, Sleepy Eye; Carol (Fromm) Whitney, Mankato; Sandy (Braun) Perkins, Alexandria; Dan Braun, Sleepy Eye; Vernard Haala, Sleepy Eye; Dean Koll, Glenwood Springs, CO; John Schwartz, Sleepy Eye and Mark Bruggeman, Minneapolis. Back row: Matt Rausch, Millersville, MD; Mike Sellner, Sleepy Eye; Fred Braulick, Sleepy Eye; Wally Johns, Mankato; Craig Hansen, Sleepy Eye; Steve Hansen, St. Paul; John Ebenhoh, Sleepy Eye and Mike Schmid, Sleepy Eye. Present but not pictured: Ralph Hillesheim, Sleepy Eye; Sherry (Ganske) Bahr, Madison, WI; Chuck Zinniel, Sleepy Eye; Sandra (Krueger) Nydam, Sleepy Eye and Bruce Sellner, New Ulm. *We are grateful for their donation of \$450.50 to our Annual Appeal Fund and for representing St. Mary's in the Summerfest Parade (thanks to Lowell Heiderscheidt for the use of his trailer).*



The **Class of 1979** held their 45-year reunion on August 3, 2024, at the Dawg Haus Bar & Grill in Sleepy Eye. Pictured in the front row (left): Daune Hoffmann, Kasota; LaMonte Heiderscheidt, Sleepy Eye; Dan Seidl, Sleepy Eye; Loren Ludewig, Sleepy Eye; Brad Hoffmann, Sleepy Eye; Dennis Guldán, New Ulm; and Dan Bauer, New Ulm. Back row: Eileen Sellner, Redwood Falls; Bob Bertrand, Redwood Falls; Monica (Sellner) Lax, Sleepy Eye; Mike Gangelhoff, St. Paul; Randy Zinniel, Sleepy Eye; Lisa (Peichel) Pelzel, Sleepy Eye; Maurice Seidl, New Ulm; Darold Krzmarzick, Sleepy Eye; Nellie (Sellner) Richter, Comfrey; Joyce (Berdan) Krenz, Sleepy Eye; Lois (Ludewig) Fromm, New Ulm; Deb (Mages) Fischer, Sleepy Eye; and Kathy (Schroepfer) Mathahs, Ventura, IA. *We are grateful for their donation of \$420.00 to our Adopt-A-Student Fund in memory of their deceased classmates, Perry Goblirsch and Glenn Berkner.*



The **Class of 1984** held their 40-year class reunion on September 7, 2024 at Carl's Corner in Essig. Pictured in the front row (left): Lois (Krzmarzick) Ezzo, Canton, OH; Jerry Forster, Saint Bonifacius; Rick Hoffmann, Sleepy Eye; John O'Hare, New Ulm; John Schotzko, New Ulm and David Hoffmann, Starbuck. Second row: Nancy (Reiniger) Reed, Lafayette; Amy (Steffl) Mages, Sleepy Eye; LuAnn (Krzmarzick) Kvasnicka, Mankato; Karen (Lochner) Schwacke, Delano; Sue (Riebel) Lueck, Saint Cloud and Brenda (Wintheiser) Schumann, Mansfield, TX. Back row: Gina (Roiger) Windschitl, Sleepy Eye; Jean Kiecker, Faribault; Ann (Schmitz) Schotzko, New Ulm; Joan Kiecker, Sleepy Eye; Diann (Dietz) Wiederich, LeSueur; Karen (Sellner) Schneider-Nonhof, Nisswa and Bonnie (Nelson) Guldán, Sleepy Eye. Present but not pictured: Gary Hauser, New Ulm and Renae (Kuebler) Berg, Essig. *We are grateful for their donation of \$1,984 to our Adopt-A-Student Fund!*



The **Class of 1994** held their 30-year reunion on August 10, 2024, at the Sleepy Eye Brewing Co. Pictured in the front row (left): Joanna (Hoffmann) Carroll, West Fargo, ND; Connie Nelson, Sleepy Eye; Holly (Hoffmann) Christensen, Sleepy Eye; Lisa (Kral) Oberg, Alexandria; Jenny (Braulick) Helget, Sleepy Eye; Dawn (Eickhoff) Sellner, Sleepy Eye; and Sarah (Forster) Lee, Maplewood. Back row: Jeremy Mages, New Ulm; Troy Huiras, Sleepy Eye; Kevin Bushard, Northfield; Matt Nuytten, Lake Crystal; Jeff Sellner, Saint Paul; Mike Hillesheim, Shakopee; Tim Haala, Saint Paul; Justin Weiss, Chandler, AZ; Nicole Paulson, Sleepy Eye and Dan Haala, New Ulm. Not pictured: Rachel (Meyer) Hoffman, New Ulm.



The **Class of 1999** held their 25-year reunion on August 16, 2024, at Naomi (Walter) Weiss' home in Sleepy Eye. Pictured in the front row (left): Tim Schwartz, Sleepy Eye and Kurt Wurtzberger, New Ulm. Second row: Heide (Hornick) Helget, Sleepy Eye; Naomi (Walter) Weiss, Sleepy Eye; Michelle (Sellner) Masog; Paynesville; Susie Eckstein; Minneapolis; Rachelle (Hoffmann) Weicherding, Sleepy Eye; Kristin (Jahnke) Sprenger, New Ulm; Janice (Haala) Morasch, Gilbert, AZ; Christine (Mages) Vander Hook, Minneapolis; and Dusty Helget, Minneapolis. Back Row: Sarah (Eifert) Stensby, Minneapolis; Ryan Scherer, Sleepy Eye; Lee Kachemeier, Mankato and Cori Krebs, Minneapolis.



The **Class of 2004** held their 20-year reunion on May 4, 2024 at the Sleepy Eye Brewing Co. Pictured in the front row (left): Sadie (Sabatino) Brown, Watertown, WI; Jessie Helget, Saint Paul; Robyn (Helget) Schumacher, Mankato; Sara (Wersal) Filzen, Eagan; Julia (Eckstein) Henke, Hopkins; Raina (Walter) Klisch, Springfield; Jennifer (Stimpert) Hinderman; Sleepy Eye; Samantha (Mecklenburg) Clemente, Saint Paul; Sarah (Kuebler) Allen, North Mankato; and Maria Wenner, Minneapolis. Back row: Joey Wahl, New Ulm; Nick Braun, South Haven; Garrett Soukup, Farmington; Cole Helget, Mankato; Steven Seidl, Sleepy Eye; Jamie Pietig, Sleepy Eye; Jim Peterson, Sleepy Eye; and Shawn Krzmarzick, Sleepy Eye. In attendance but not pictured: Nikki (Hertling) Evers, Sleepy Eye and Amanda (Helget) Wunderlin, New Ulm.

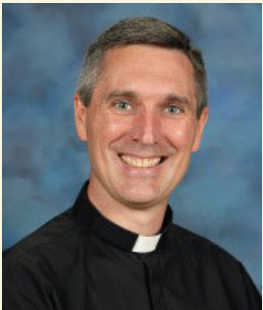


The **Class of 2014** held their 10-year class reunion on June 1, 2024 at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Pictured in the front row (left): Myra Soukup, New Ulm; Lexie (Weiss) Altmann, Sleepy Eye; Larissa (Helget) Surprenant, Sleepy Eye; Mariah (Salfer) Hunt, West Fargo, ND; Nikki (Carr) Heiderscheidt, Sleepy Eye; Mary (Rosenhammer) Fischer, Hanska; and Maggie (Sellner) Kohout, New Ulm. Back row: Andrew Steffl, Sleepy Eye; Bryant Mages, Sleepy Eye; Deonna Brinkman, Plymouth; Jamie (Marti) Pietig, Sleepy Eye; Cole Reinarts, Sleepy Eye and Bethany (Berkner) Krzmarzick, Sleepy Eye.



The **Class of 2019** held their 5-year class reunion on September 14, 2024, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Pictured in the front row (left): John Luu Mathiowetz, Sleepy Eye; Dominic Helget, Comfrey; Kyle Tauer, Nicollet; Collin Ludewig, Sioux Falls, SD; and Dallas Bauer, Sleepy Eye. Back row: Callie Bohnen, Mankato; Emily Stevens, Mankato; Leah Weiss, Sleepy Eye; Alexa Owens, Sleepy Eye; Kendra Zuhlsdorf, New Ulm; Gabriella Helget, Winner, SD; Leah Schnobrich, Amery, WI; Hali Soukup, Bloomington; Cassie Heinrichs, River Falls, WI; and Alexis Anderson, Fargo, ND.

Dear Alumni & Benefactors of St. Mary's School,



I am so pleased to be here as pastor of Divine Mercy Area Faith Community, and specifically, St. Mary's Catholic School. I have a great love for Divine Mercy and the Sacred Heart: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I Trust in You!

I was ordained a priest in 2005, classmates with Fr. Steffl. My first three years in New Ulm I was very involved in the high school at NUACS. Then I was pastor of three other elementary/middle schools for the following 15 years with this being my first time as pastor of a high school. Already, I am excited by the relationships that have opened up with the students. They enjoy interacting with us priests and naturally receive us as 'spiritual fathers.' My first volleyball game they even called 'Red Rover' and called 'Fr. Timmerman over' and let me sit with them the rest of the game. This is the fruit of having a Catholic High School. I guarantee it will affect their vision of priests for the rest of their lives. Think of the impact that will have!

St. Mary's and Sleepy Eye are special places. This summer, I often said my evening prayers down by the lake watching the sunset, and talking to those who passed by. There are so many families with kids safely biking around and fishing and parents pushing

strollers. What a wonderful place to raise a family in faith!

There is also much support here. People support each other through deaths (I had seven funerals my first month!), sicknesses, etc. I notice how so many give to support the students so others can have the same education they did. Someone told me of Fr. Adrian's vision of supporting life from womb (baptism) through school at St. Mary's, marriages and families (especially with the Schoenstatt Sisters and Family Shrine), until the end of life with Divine Providence Nursing Home. What a great vision of Catholic life.

Your generosity has made all this possible! As Fr. Steffl told me, "They love their Church and School. You just have to ask and they will give." I'm asking you to prove his words true as we need these resources to make St. Mary's the best school it can be for the next generation. My first desire is to simply bring you Jesus, to root this 'institutional faith' in a deep relationship with Jesus Christ, which makes it come alive! This can only happen by our time in adoration, prayer, attending Mass regularly, going to confession when we fall, and sharing our faith with our family and neighbors and inviting them to join in! This is our task for today, so our children and grandchildren receive the same blessings we did.

For all this, Jesus, I Trust in You.

Fr. Craig Timmerman, Pastor-Superintendent

HOMECOMING 2024



Congratulations to this year's Homecoming King Wyatt Pollard, son of Dr. Jason and Julie, and Queen Rachel Portner, daughter of Mark ('88) and Lisa. The Homecoming court consisted of Amelia Schwartz, daughter of Tim ('99) and Cassie; Noah Christensen, son of Mark and Ann; Caidence Kucera, daughter of Brent and Rachel (Mathiowetz '02); George Schwint, son of George ('97) and Deanna (Fuchs '98); Maria Schwartz, daughter of Mark ('80) and Anita; Talan Helget, son of Jason and Heide (Hornick '99); Shayna Sellner, daughter of Randy ('89) and Dawn (Eickhoff '94); and Kameron Kosak, son of Gary ('88) and Shelly (Groebner '89). The Homecoming game was held on Friday, October 4, with Sleepy Eye United defeating Martin County West (36-30).

SAVE THE DATE CARIBBEAN KNIGHT PARTY! SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025

5:30 PM – Midnight
St. Mary's School, Sleepy Eye

A Can't-Miss Tropical Night with Games,
Pull Tabs, Raffles, Friends and
Tropical Food / Drinks

Proceeds from this event are used to increase enrollment
and maintain affordable tuition.

Live and Silent Auction!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

IN TOUCH WITH ALUMNI *by Becky Malecki*



My mom, **Katie Pinzka**, attended St. Mary's in the 1940's and '50's, graduating in 1955. Back then, tuition was \$35 a year. My mom said, "We attended Mass every morning and all of my teachers were nuns. I remember **Sister Florian** in second grade because she had the same name as my father. **Sister Sylvia** led the Drum and Bugle Corps in high school. My job was to help carry the bass drum. **Sister Michael**, the nuns' housekeeper, was a big favorite of the students because if you were sent on an errand to the Convent she always gave you a cookie!"

Almost all of the high school kids worked after school - at the Del Monte plant, the drug store or Al's Bakery or Haas' Bakery. My mom said, "For fun kids went roller-skating at the rink (under a big tent), went to movies on Main Street, to the soda foundation at Doeltz's Drugstore and after football and basketball games, everyone went to Jim's Steak House downtown." Kids also went ice-skating in the slough behind the school and, in warmer months, played baseball in the streets.

In high school my mom took business classes, and

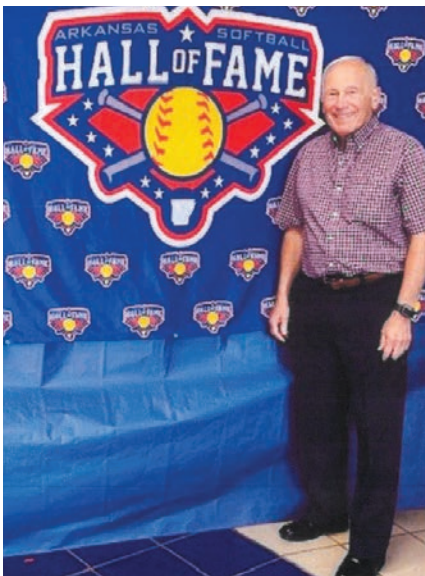
was excited to learn to type on the manual typewriters (before that all papers were done in cursive)! She had a major role in every junior and high school play, and helped direct the senior class play about the story of Brother Martin's life. She also sang in the student choir at the 8 am Mass every Sunday. She loved singing, but said "the stairs going up to the choir loft were so narrow!"

After graduating Mom moved to Chicago to work at St. Vincent's, a hospital and orphanage, part of Catholic Charities. In Chicago, my mom met my dad, Ted Malecki. They got married at Saint Mary's in June 1958. My mom said the aisle at St. Mary's never seemed so long! They celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary this year!

My parents returned to Chicago and soon started a family: two girls and two boys. She was truly our "first teacher." She taught us all to read, and emphasized the importance of education, hard work, and community service. She was always a room mother, always in the stands at sporting events, always sewing Halloween costumes or prom dresses, and volunteering in whatever way she could. She wrote the weekly social column for the local newspaper for years. When my siblings and I were older, my mother started working as an elementary school secretary. In that role, she encouraged struggling students over the years, rewarding them with tickets to Chicago sporting events (in the era of Michael Jordan, no less!)

My parents retired to Sonoma, California to be near family. They now have seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. My mom turned 87 this year. She continues to be a voracious reader and an avid games player who can still beat me at Scrabble or cards. She bakes, tends an incredible garden, and remains a loyal sports fan. She is a kind person with a big heart. It's been awhile since Katie Pinzka graced the halls of St. Mary's, but that foundation served her well for a lifetime of commitment to family and community.

SCHROEPFER INDUCTED INTO ARKANSAS SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME



Congratulations to **Marlyn J. Schroeffer ('58)** on his induction into the Arkansas Softball Hall of Fame on June 20, 2024.

Marlyn and his wife, Ruth, retired and moved from Minnesota to Bella Vista, Arkansas in 2001. He started playing on a traveling senior softball team out of Bella Vista (Retreads) then, after years of playing league ball and senior ball in Minnesota.

Marlyn has played on teams from Oklahoma, Michigan, Texas, Kansas and Arkansas over 23 years receiving many MVP honors and developing lasting friendships for him and Ruth.

At the last tournament of 2023 in Las Vegas, he hit his 200th home run, a goal of his that was a highlight of his softball career but getting inducted into the Arkansas Softball Hall of Fame with family and grandkids in attendance topped that!

Marlyn continues to play on a team (85 and over) called the "Midwest Driving School Antiques" out of Topeka, Kansas and has played with a team (80 and over) in a couple of tournaments during 2024. The "Antiques" won the championship in the 85 division in Las Vegas in September 2024 and Marlyn hit his 201th home run there!

ALUMNI & FRIENDS GOLF TOURNAMENT



Congratulations to the winning team of the Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament held on September 7, 2024: (left) **Nick Labat ('20)**, **Blake Schueller** and **John Schueller ('71)**. Second place team was **Jared Rothmeier ('15)**, **Sean Salfer ('17)** and **Cole Owens ('17)**. Longest drive: **Dan Woessner** and **Jill (Schumacher '92) Weiss**. Closest to the pin: **Terry Reynolds ('82)** and **Megan Secrist**. Longest putt: **Adam Fischer ('01)** and **Misty Riebel**. Thank you to the 21 teams who participated in this year's tournament that generated proceeds of \$4,968.00 benefiting the athletic department. Thank you to **Dan Schmid ('95)** and **Judd Walter ('98)** for organizing this fundraiser. Thank you to the following businesses for their sponsorship: **Arneson Distributing, Chuck Spaeth Ford, Randy's Family Drug & Gift, First Security Agency, MR Paving and Excavating, Miller Sellner Implement, Mathiowetz Construction Co., Sleepy Eye Electric, SouthPoint Federal Credit Union, Americana Bank, Kibble Equipment, Schmid Financial Services, Schwartz Farms Inc. and Schweiss Meats**. Thank you to the following volunteers for their help on the course: **Leah Weiss ('19), Jeff Koewler, Geri (Carr '02) Pelzel, Jen Walter and Judd Walter ('98)**. Thank you to **Gerry Woessner ('66), St. Mary's Booster Club and St. Mary's Catering Service** for donating door prizes.

Mark your calendars for our 35th Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament on September 6, 2025!

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S



Fr. Craig Timmerman Fr. Nathan Hansen Leah Weiss Abeni Docter Nicholas Liese Bethany Krzmarzick John & Karen Moosbrugger

We are excited for another school year as we welcome our new pastor and superintendent, **Fr. Craig Timmerman**, along with our new associate pastor, **Fr. Nathan Hansen**. Welcome to our new teachers and staff: **Leah Weiss ('19)** (2nd gr.), **Abeni Docter** (10-12 gr. English), **Nicholas Liese** (choir), **Bethany (Berkner '14) Krzmarzick** (school nurse) and **John & Kären Moosbrugger** (9th gr. English). Thank you for your role in Catholic education at St. Mary's!

MARATHON BLESSINGS



October 4th was a great day to be a KNIGHT as St. Mary's Catholic School celebrated its annual Marathon for Non-Public Education! From a beautiful all-school Mass to Fr. Timmerman's blessing of the students and our school to a fantastic Marathon walk around Sleepy Eye Lake to the amazing generosity of our students' families and friends as well as from our alumni, we felt so very blessed by all of the support for St. Mary's! Our goal this year is \$60,000! It's not too late to give if you wish. Thank you for supporting St. Mary's Catholic School!

Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them

(Includes obituaries received through September 25, 2024)

Ursula Broich, 99, died on February 27, 2024. She is survived by her children, Nancy ('78) Gabler and Ann ('81) (Pat) LaCourse.

Dolores (Pelzel) Braunger, 93, died on April 4, 2024. She graduated in 1948 and is survived by her daughters, Linda Braunger, Kathryn (Robert) Jones, and Mary (Gordon) Taggart.

Linda Hale, 75, died on April 29, 2024. She graduated in 1966 and is survived by her daughter, Emily (Sam) Wolfe.

Wallace Guggisberg, 87, died on May 26, 2024. He is survived by his wife, Louise (Hoffmann '55) and their children, Charlene Guggisberg, Brian (Cynthia), Al (Dorreen), and David.

Alice Krzmarzick, 83, died on May 28, 2024. She is survived by her children, Julie ('79) Krzmarzick, Cathy ('80) (James '77) Moldaschel, and Steve ('86) (Karen).

Bernadette (Riederer) Johnson, 79, died on June 5, 2024. She graduated in 1962 and is survived by her husband James and children, Leo (Jodi) and Jan (Bill) Morisette.

Shane Allan Sellner, 28, died on June 10, 2024. He is survived by his wife, Amanda and their son, Isaac and baby on the way, Andrew. He is the son of Rick ('82) and Traci.

Donna Konz, 69, died on June 25, 2024. She is survived by her husband, Mark ('68) and their children, Tracy ('93) (Justin) Grodnitzky, Jessica ('96) (Eugene) Elliott, and Andrew ('01) (Christine).

Frederick Hoffmann, 90, died on July 4, 2024. He graduated in 1952 was a member of St. Mary's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2018. He is survived by his wife, Bernadette and their children, Barb ('76) (Jeff) Miller, Mary ('78) (Greg '78) Gangelhoff, Steve ('80) (Nancy), and David ('84) (Linda).

Deborah (Bertrand) Heiderscheidt, 70, died on July 5, 2024. She graduated in 1971 and is survived by her children, Nichole ('93) (Nathan) Wintheiser, Heather ('96) (Andrew '96) Hoffmann and Joseph ('01) (Laura).

Jerome R. Mathiowetz, 79, died on July 5, 2024. He graduated in 1962 and is survived by his wife, Shirley and son Greg (Lisa).

Robert Schroepfer, 78, died on July 11, 2024. He graduated in 1963 and is survived by his wife, Linda (Gehrke '65) and their children, Brian ('85), Dale ('89) (Jackie), Kelly ('91) (Casey) Schewe, Becky ('93) (Dave) Wilfahrt, David ('00) (Nichole), and Emily ('02) (Lance) Buck.

Veronica "Bonnie" Hose, 88, died on July 22, 2024. She is survived by her children, Bill (Connie), Mike (Kim Konz '85), Ed (Judy Braulick '85), Mary Johnson, and Marv (Kristi Groebner '92).

Joel Hillesheim, 46, died on July 25, 2024. Joel attended St. Mary's School and is survived by his mother, Gayle and his siblings, Jennifer ('92), Amy ('95) (Dustin) Wroolie and Brandon ('03) (Jenn).

Helen (Riederer) Fahey, 81, died on August 5, 2024. She graduated in 1961 and is survived by her daughter, Betsy (Dan) Rieke.

Joan (Plotz) Kalkhoff, 94, died on August 17, 2024. Joan graduated in 1948 and is survived by her children, David, Stephen (Pam), Susan (Neal) Rohlik, Denis, Eugene, Karen Berkner, Jean (Robert) Neumann, Jane (Gary) Wubben and Leon.

Florence Sheesley, 82, died on August 21, 2024. She is survived by her husband, Gerald Shamlia and her children, Melanie ('96) (Cory) Greseth, Devin ('97) (Michaela) and Kyle ('99) (Tiffany).

Susan Sink, 60, died on August 15, 2024. She is survived by her husband, Steve Heymans ('75) and her three stepdaughters.

Bernice (Braulick) Sturm, 99, died on August 22, 2024. Bernice attended St. Mary's School and is survived by her children, John (Sharon), Dick (Alicia), Beverly, and Colleen (Pat) Windschitl.

Alice Zinniel, 81, died on August 27, 2024. She is survived by her husband, Robert ('61) and their daughters, Brenda (Loren) Brey and Cyndi (Duane) Hansen.

Dorothy (Hoffmann) Waibel, 89, died August 30, 2024. Dorothy graduated in 1953 and is survived by her husband, Willard and their children, Julie Kraus, Carol (Mark) Reedstrom, Dan (Jean), Mary (Joe) Ulrey, Susie (Hugh) Rosser, and Greg (Max).

James J. Wendinger, 85, died on September 4, 2024. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis (Braulick '59) and their children, Jerry (Lori), Tammie Thibedeau, Lee, Julie (Eugene '73) Krzmarzick, Robin (Danny) Havemeier, Jody (Greg) Anderson, Gordy (Amy), Lance (Tonya), Anita (Brian) Weir and Sara.

Robert Forster, 79, died on September 4, 2024. Bob graduated in 1963 and is survived by his children, Todd ('83), Jerry ('84) (Sue), Lisa ('86) Hoffmann, Sandi Sportelli and Kristy ('00) (Mike) Suess.

Veronica Helget, 95, died on September 8, 2024. She is survived by her children, Daryl ('68) (Lois), Lynette ('73) (Steve '73) Braun and Linda ('78) (Lenny) Neid.

Audrey (Broich) Baumann Scholtz, 104, died on September 15, 2024. She graduated in 1938 and is survived by her children, Tom (Georgia) Baumann, Kathy (Tom) Johnson and Steve (Robin) Baumann.

Myron Helget, 85, died on September 24, 2024. He graduated in 1957.

Sandra (Bertrand) Runing, 83, died on September 25, 2024. Sandra graduated in 1959 and is survived by her husband, Dave ('58) and their children, Kelly (Marcia) and Kim (Rich) Boyd.

Congratulations Newlyweds



Ryan Heinrichs ('16) married Jessica Edwards on June 14, 2024.

Kailey Larson ('18) married Jarrett Geihl on August 3, 2024.

Mike Fischer ('14) married Laura Soland on August 24, 2024

Luke Miller ('18) married Allison Steinkamp on September 7, 2024

Jay Helget ('15) married Sharol Pacheco on October 12, 2024

Alumni and Friends Basketball Tournament December 28, 2024

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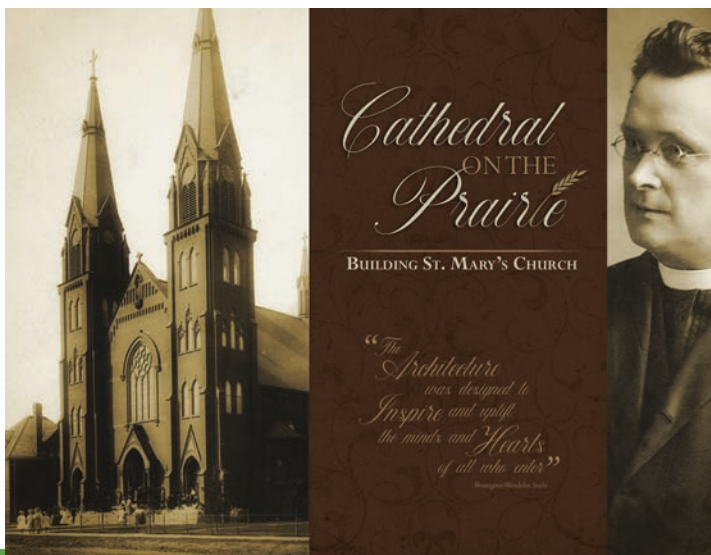
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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024

Alumni & Friends Annual Appeal Fund Donors

Our total received during this fiscal year was \$150,661.16. Our goal was \$175,000.00. This fund helps pay for school personnel salaries. Thank you to the following individuals who contributed to this fund:

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Anonymous	Mathiowetz, Lana (Wendinger) '81	Schwartz, Joseph '72
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Ibberson, Steven '61	Roufs, Peter & Shelley	Steffl, Mark '71
Knights of Olde	Rubey, Dr. Robert '65	Tauer, John '89
Konz, Leo '61	Schmid, Dan '95 & Sheila (Sellner) '96	Tauer, Peggy A. (Krzmarzick) '49
Kotten, Ivan	Schmitz, Jessica '13	Tauer, Robert '59 & Darlene (Boettger) '64
Kral, Martin '66	Schmitz, Paul '81 & Debra (Krzmarzick) '80	Tauer, Dan and Mary
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Cook, Wayne '68	Riebel, Gerald '51 & Diane (Schieffert) '58	Steffl, Mark '71
Hoffmann, Gary '68 & Marie (Seifert) '68	Rosenhammer, John '80	Tauer, Dan and Mary
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Bertrand, John '59	Condon, Kathy (Dietz) '78	Fischer, Carol (Gulbrandson) '62
Bertrand, Lynn '66 & Mary (Rubey) '67	Conrad, Tom '79 <i>in mem of Dan Conrad '73</i>	Fischer, James '66
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Borth, Bob and Michele	Cook, Warren '68	Fromm, David '68 & Janis (Miller) '68
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Breuer, Deborah (Sellner) '68	Dietz, John '62	Gajewski, Elaine (Seidl) '74

Gangelhoff, Florence
Gangelhoff, Greg '78 & Mary (Hoffmann) '78
Gannon, Tom '59 & Eileen (Bruckbauer) '61
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Helget, Dennis '60
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Helget, Gloria (Windschitl) '65
Helget, Myron '57
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Krzmarzick, Kenneth '66
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Schmidt, Verna
Schneider, Bernadette (Braulick) '58
Schnobrich, Daniel '59
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Schroepfer, Cletus '52
Schroepfer, Linda (Sellner) '75
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