St. Mary's RECALL



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HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

St. Mary's Catholic School expected to proudly present the musical production, High School Musical this spring. High School Musical is the story of two high school students, Troy Bolton (Jacob Stevens, son of Joel and Jenny (Heiderscheidt '92)), captain of East High School's Wildcats basketball team, and Gabriella Montez (Natalie



Marti, daughter of **Dell** and **Cindy**), a shy top student. Both of them try out for lead roles in their school's musical (and quickly fall in love in the process) despite the lack of support from the rest of their classmates, especially Sharpay Evans (Julia Helget, daughter of Bill ('93) and Jenny (Braulick

'94)) and her brother/sidekick Ryan Evans (Joey Fischer, son of Lyle ('81) and Laurel) who believed that the lead roles belong to them. Are these high schoolers going to "Stick to the Status Quo" or will all of the varied groups from the jocks (including Stevens, Caleb Schumacher, son of Dean ('76) and Julie; Patrick Hoffmann, son of Andy ('96) and Heather (Heiderscheidt '96) and



Jacob Lux, son of Matt ('88) and the late Maria) to the thespians (including Helget, Fischer, Laurence Simonsen, son of Dean ('85) and Rebecca; Trista Ibberson,



daughter of Ryan ('97) and Deanne (Sellner '95); Vanessa Goblirsch, daughter of Kurt ('80) and Sheri; Owen Weiss, son of Bryan and Naomi (Walter '99) and Leah Miller, daughter of Ron and Melissa) to the brainiacs (including Marti, Maya Nelson, daughter of Joey ('87) and Stacy; Abby Schwartz, daughter of Mark ('80) and Anita; and Katelyn Rutscher, daughter of Steve and Susan (Paulson '90) to the skaters (including CJ Suprenant, son of Scott and Cynthia (Van Kuelen '81) and Vanessa

Goblirsch, discover that they truly are "All in This Together"?

Directed by the talented Geri (Carr '02) Pelzel with the assistance of

vocal director Rachel Moldan and choreographer Amy (Surprenant '09) Bohnen, High School Musical was sure to be "What [You're] Looking For"!



The months of hard work and commitment by the students and directors were evident in the high quality of this show. Originally, High School Musical was scheduled to be performed on March 20 -22. But, as with so many events this year, the coronavirus pandemic forced the public performances of the musical to be cancelled.



However, the cast was able to give a performance for their parents on March 15, and it was truly an incredible display of talent. Although it was so disappointing that the show could not go on as planned, our students still had phenomenal experiences during the months they prepared for the musical. Congratulations to the directors and the students for their hours of work and outstanding talent and for presenting an amazing show despite their disappointment. DVD's are available at the school for \$20.00 each. GO WILDCATS!

Mike Maurer Award



Congratulations to Msgr. Eugene Lozinski and Fr. Andv Michels who were selected by the St. Mary's faculty and staff as this year's recipients of the Mike Maurer Award. They are pictured with high school principal Peter Roufs and elementary principal Mary Gangelhoff. This award is given to a St. Mary's faculty or staff member who exemplifies Christian values, shows dedication and loyalty to St. Mary's and demonstrates a love for education and our school mission. We are grateful to Msgr. Lozinski and Fr. Andy for their dedication and faith-filled service to St. Mary's over the years. We will certainly miss them. May God continue to bless them as they transition to their new parish assignments. Thank you to Mike Maurer who so generously gives this annual award. His commitment to Catholic education and to St. Mary's is truly appreciated!

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S







Fr. Mark Steffl

Fr. Sam Perez Fr. Zach Peterson

The Divine Mercy Area Faith Community is excited to welcome Fr. Mark Steffl as pastor and superintendent of St. Mary's Catholic School. We also welcome Fr. Sam Perez and Fr. Zachary Peterson to our AFC. We are grateful to have them here to assist us in passing on the Catholic faith!



STATE SCIENCE FAIR

Congratulations to the following eight St. Mary's students who participated virtually in the 2020 State Science and Engineering Fair. Pictured above (left): Natalie Marti, daughter of Dell and Cindy; Sophie Kyllonen, daughter of Bruce and Jacki (Hillesheim '96); and Lyndsey Sellner, daughter of Gary ('88) and Rebecca (Hoffmann '90). Back row: George Schwint, son of George ('97) and Deanna (Fuchs '98); Noah Simonsen; son of Lynn ('80) and Holly; Elizabeth Schwint, daughter of George ('97) and Deanna (Fuchs '98); Maria Schwartz, daughter of Mark ('80) and Anita and Annika Nosbush, daughter of Brad and Sara.

Annika Nosbush and Elizabeth Schwint received the Association for Women Geoscientists Student Award for Geoscience Excellence and the Graduate Women in Science Award given to one female project in each grade for their project: "The Effects of Tillage Depth on the Transmission of Nitrates Through Soil Macropores."

Congratulations to these students and their advisor, Mrs. Patti Braulick.

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CARIBBEAN KNIGHT PARTY 2020

St. Mary's Catholic School held its 5th annual Caribbean Knight Party on February 15, 2020, in the school gym and field house. Many attended another amazing event with great food, fun games, silent and live auctions and entertainment by the live band DW3! A huge thanks to the planning committee again this year: Judd ('98) and Jen Walter, Tim ('99) and Cassie Schwartz, Brent and Rachel (Mathiowetz '02) Kucera, and Sam ('00) and Jessica Bloedow!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Caribbean Knight Party and contributed to its success! We are grateful to everyone who pitched in and helped the committee behind the scenes and during the event. Thank you to the people who donated items to the live and silent auctions, and to those who bid and purchased items. Thank you to those who prepared and served the delicious food and everyone who helped the committee with the set-up and/or clean-up process.

Congratulations to the raffle ticket winners: \$4,000 - Jacque (Ladd '83) Krzmarzick; \$1,000- Duane Nachreiner; \$500- Jeff Berdan and Sara Bode; \$100-

George and Mary Forst, Sister Lisa Maurer ('88), Deanne (Sellner '95) Ibberson (drawn two times), Pattie (Pietig '70) Pelzel (thank you for donating your winnings back!), Deacon Mike McKeown, Paul Pieschel, Galen Ludewig ('86), Kenneth Callier, and Greg ('69) and Paulette Grausam. Thank you to the raffle ticket sellers and to those who bought tickets!

The proceeds from this year's party are \$141,030.31. These funds are used to increase enrollment and maintain affordable tuition at St. Mary's Catholic School. In addition, we also received \$50,920.00 for this year's fund-a-need. This year it was determined that the fund-a-need would be air conditioning for some classrooms in the school building. We are amazed and extremely grateful for the outpouring generosity displayed at this event!

The success of this event is a true testament to the love that people possess for St. Mary's Catholic School. May God bless you for your generosity. Thank you to **Jacki (Hillesheim '96) Kyllonen** for taking photos. Mark your calendar to attend next year's Caribbean Knight Party on **February 13, 2021!**



St. Mary's Loyal Lady Knight Retires

by Mary (Hoffmann '78) Gangelhoff



Lillian (Haala) Stimpert describes St. Mary's School as "the gold at the end of the rainbow." Lillian has decided to retire after 54 years of dedication, commitment, and love for the Catholic education provided at St. Mary's School. Lillian is an alumna of St.

Mary's School as she attended grades 1-12 and graduated in 1951. In the fall of 1966, Fr. Adrian visited her at home and asked her to be a teacher at St. Mary's School. Her husband, Bud (Merton '50 Stimpert) said, "Why don't you? Both kids

are in school." Lillian said it worked perfectly and it was a good fit.

She started teaching 3rd grade, moved to Little St. Mary's and taught 2nd grade, and then worked in the Open Classroom which included grades 3-6. Sr. Laura Noy asked her to teach 7th and 8th grade religion. At that time, 8th graders received the Sacrament of Confirmation. She remembers Sister purchas-

ing new textbooks written by the Benediction Sis-



ters. She attended a workshop at St. Joseph's, MN, put on by the Benedictine nuns, and she loved the religion program that was used for the junior high students and the sisters as well. She then went

on to teach 6th grade and ended her teaching career teaching the grade she started in, which was 3rd grade.

After that, Lillian worked as a teacher aide. She said it was very common to have 28 students in a classroom when she



taught. Her favorite subjects to teach were religion and reading. She has many special memo-

ries of St. Mary's School. As a faculty member, she enjoyed the Christmas parties with Sr. Nicholine ('40)(who often played Santa Claus). She appreciated the fact that when she taught, she was able to discipline and was backed by the parents. She never had a parent question her discipline.

Lillian said the best thing about St. Mary's School

was being able to teach as Jesus did and share her Catholic faith.

Her stories, artwork, words, and actions reflected Christ. For all of the love Mrs. Stimpert gave to St. Mary's School, we are asking alumni, parents, and parishioners to shower Mrs. Stimpert with a card (PO Box 427, Sleepy Eye MN 56085). This "card shower" shows our thanks and gratitude for the ways Mrs. Stimpert showered her students with love for education and the Catholic faith.

Thank you to Mrs. Stimpert for assisting our parents in passing on the Catholic faith for so many years. May God bless you for your dedication and service to St. Mary's!



The Knights of Olde held their annual gathering on Friday, December 13, 2019, at the Lost Spur Country Club in Eagan, MN. Pictured in the front row (left): Tom Ries ('58), Doug Baumann ('69), Mike Schmid ('74), Les Hittesdorf ('78), Bob Weiss ('68), Dr. Robert Rubey ('65), Tom Koll ('70), Ron Haala ('76), Phil Witt, and Mark Woessner ('70). Second row: Dan Baumann ('75), Wayne Pelzel ('68), Tom Larson ('69), Richard Sellner ('66), Ed Treml ('56), Marv Krzmarzick ('53), Jerry Sellner ('58), Pat Ubl ('56), Robert Johnson ('54), Bob Schroepfer ('63), Mark Lee ('67), Randy Krzmarzick ('74), and Toby Schmid ('63). Third row: Myron Helget ('57), Gerald Braun ('57), Rich Haas ('56), Bob Schroepfer ('56), Steve Seifert ('80), Dave Berdan ('77), Gerald Schnobrich ('57), Rex Savage ('53), Linus Savage ('56), Bill Weber ('61), Lefty Reynolds ('58), John Johnson ('64), Jerome Steffl ('52), Mike Hillesheim ('70), Reinhold Mathiowetz ('61), Dick Schroepfer ('63), Mandy Helget ('63), Kevin Tauer ('69), and Randy Wintheiser ('80). Back row: Gary Hoffmann ('68), Bob Broich ('71), Lynn Bertrand (66), Peter Roufs, Jeff Sellner ('94), Paul Steffen ('57), Dave Runing ('58), Dean Barthel ('70), Ron Witt ('68), Jim Losleben ('58), Ed Reynolds ('63), Chuck Hauser ('63), Shelley Schwab ('68), Marv Weiss ('69) and Mike Braulick ('75). St. Mary's High School principal, Mr. Peter Roufs provided a brief update on the school. We are grateful for their donation of \$1,240.00 to sponsor our Alumni Basketball Tournament. All men who attended St. Mary's School are welcome. Mark your calendar to attend the next Knights of Olde gathering on Friday, December 11, 2020. (Photo submitted by Dan Baumann)



CLASS REUNIONS IN 2020

Class of 1960 - This reunion is postponed until further notice.

Class of 1965 - 55 year reunion: Saturday, August 29, at the Servicemen's Club. Contact person: Linda (Gehrke) Schroepfer Ilschroepfer@yahoo.com

Class of 1973 - This reunion is cancelled.

Class of 1980 - 40 year reunion: Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Contact person: Doug Helget 507-381-1468.

St. Mary's Catholic High



Kyle BorthRobert & Michele Borth
Technical College or Work



Lorena ButlerWendy & Brad Carlson
Aims Community College – Greeley, CO



Kyle FischerDarrel & Nikki (Hillesheim '90) Fischer
Minnesota West Community &
Technical College — Pipestone, MN



Carter Fromm

Dennis ('84) & Sharon Fromm

St. Cloud Technical and Community

College – St. Cloud, MN



Lauren Hoffmann - Valedictorian Rusty ('91) & Tiffany (Bertrand '94) Hoffmann South Dakota State University — Brooking, SD



Nicholas LabatCraig & Tina (Schueller '95) Labat
South Dakota State University — Brookings, SD



Marcus Lang Holly & Scott ('92) Haala, Josh Lang Ridgewater College — Willmar, MN



Michael Ludewig Loren ('79) & Jeanne Ludewig Ridgewater College – Willmar, MN



Madesen Roberts Brian Roberts & Katie ('98) Trebesch South Central College – N. Mankato, MN

h School - Class of 2020



Zachary Rutscher Steve & Susan (Paulson '90) Rutscher Alexandria Technical College – Alexandria, MN



Caylee Seidl - Salutatorian Mark ('83) Seidl and Becky Seidl-Vee Minnesota State University – Mankato, MN



Blake SteffensmeierJamey & Beth (Hoffmann '94) Steffensmeier
South Central College — N. Mankato, MN

Sunday, May 24, 2020, 2:00 pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church (parking lot)

Class Color: Black & Gold
Class Flower: Green-Tipped White Rose
Class Saint: St. John the Beloved

Class Verse:
"A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter,
he that has found one has found a
treasure. - Sirach 6:14

Class Apparel: S*E*N*I*O*R*S 2020: The one where they were quarantined.

Christian Award: Zach Rutscher, Lauren Hoffmann Sue Windschitl Memorial Scholarship: Lauren Hoffmann

American Legion Award: Caylee Seidl

VFW Post 800 Award: **Kyle Fischer, Lauren Hoffmann** Lion's Club Student of the Year: **Lauren Hoffmann**

Rick Losleben ('77) Memorial Scholarship: Carter Fromm

Charlie Hale Scholarship: **Zach Rutscher** Kaylie Hogue Scholarship:**Lauren Hoffmann**

John Mangen Scholarship: Lauren Hoffmann, Nick Labat Tyler Hadley Athletic Achievement Award: Zach Rutscher

Americana Community Bank: Caylee Seidl
Wayne Pelzel ('68) Scholarship: Caylee Seidl

Gordie Osmonson Scholarship: Lauren Hoffmann Neubauer Family Award (from Mike Maurer): Maryanne Larsen

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Denis ('62) and Lynn Goblirsch Memorial Scholarship: Lauren Hoffmann

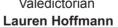
Payton Adams Hustle Award: **Reagan Severson, Trent Steffensmeier** Esther "Sis" (Wagner '39) Dey Soukup Scholarship: **Jacob Lux, Regina Surprenant**

Richard ('53) & Mary Lou Mathiowetz Family Scholarship: Kyle Fischer, Carter Fromm, Madesen Roberts, Caylee Seidl

Brian Paulson ('97) and Family Musical Scholarship: Kayla Schroepfer, Jacob Lux, Sophie Kyllonen, Caleb Schumacher, John Miller

Charles "Chisey" Hansen ('42) Family Memorial Medical Scholarship: Lauren Hoffmann Murthy Medical Scholarship: Lauren Hoffmann, Madesen Roberts







Salutatorian

Caylee Seidl

Mission Statement: St. Mary's Catholic School exists to assist parents in passing on the Catholic faith while providing a quality education in a safe and positive environment.

MATHIOWETZ SETS SCHOOL RECORD

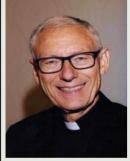


Sophomore Madison Mathiowetz, daughter of Matt ('04) and Brynn (Braulick '05), who netted her 1,000 career point last year as a freshman is at 1,923 points to date becoming the school's all time school record holder breaking her aunt Molly (Mathiowetz '07) Anderson and uncle Sean Mathiowetz's ('13) records. Madison was chosen All Conference Tomahawk Player of the Year, team MVP, KNUJ Player of the Year, All Journal Player of the Year and Class A All State team. Congratulations Madison!



Congratulations to junior **Sydney Windschitl**, daughter of **Jason** and **Barb**, who netted her 1,000 career point this past winter season and is at 1,408 points to date! She was chosen for the leadership award this year and also All Conference. Visit ourwebsite for a complete listing of sports awards.

Dear Alumni and Friends of St. Mary's School,



This has been an unprecedented year. Who could have possibly imagined a school year would end in such a unique and challenging manner. The last two months with the coronavirus pandemic truly presented a challenge, not only for the school staff but for the parents and, last but not least, the students. I believe that all

weathered the storm well. Challenges were met and all survived no worse for the wear. It took a lot of prayers, patience and hard work. It was good to see that everyone was up to the challenge. I believe we all learned a whole lot through it all. Now we await the uncertainty of this fall.

With things being as they are, we need your support more than ever. We will need all the help we can get. First and foremost, we will need your prayers. Please add a petition to God each day for St. Mary's School. Your moral support along with a word of thanks, and/or a note of appreciation to the teachers/staff is always greatly appreciated. And we will need your financial help. If you are able in any way to give financially, please be generous. I realize many of you are hurting financially as our economy was affected by the pandemic; we understand if this is not an option for you.

Where do we go from here? We soldier forward with a tremendous trust in God and willingness to do

whatever needs to be done. Our mission is no less than fulfilling the command of Jesus, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you. And behold I am with you always, until the end of the world." Mt 28: 19-20. "We are the salt of the earth and the light of the world." Mt 5:13-14. Our mission is vital for the salvation of the world.

As I take leave of being pastor here, my mind wanders back to St. John Paul II who certainly was one of the major influences on my priesthood. Although most often poorly done. I have tried to follow his approach to life and the priesthood. He was a realist. He saw the world as it is, the arena of God's activity. The world is filled with much potential, indeed boundless potential for it is the place of God's greatest act of love, the death of His Son on the cross. Thus, the world is filled with the potential for love. As imperfect as it is, it is the institution of the Church as founded by God to bring about His world of love. It does this by preaching the Gospel, celebrating the Sacraments and bringing His presence in our midst. His presence of love. That is why it is so important that we keep trying to love one another and thus be witnesses of God's love.

Thank you for all you do to help us fulfill that mission and to stay focused. May God bless and keep you. May He let His face shine upon you.

Msgr. Eugene Lozinski, Pastor-Superintendent

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL ~ NIGHT OF KNIGHTS with HALL OF FAME ~

Saturday, November 21, 2020 • St. Mary's Church Social Room SOCIAL HOUR AT 6:30 PM FOLLOWING THE 5:30 PM MASS WITH DINNER AT 7:30 PM

Be our guest as we come together for another fun-filled evening to kickoff our Annual Appeal Fund! All gifts received at this event will be used to satisfy the budgeted salary increase for school personnel already factored in for the 2020-2021 school year.

We look forward to honoring our Hall of Fame inductees during this event!

Distinguished Service Award











Verna (Haala 48) Wendinger

Dorothy Haala

Rosella Windschitl

Leo Braun ('59)

Steve Seifert ('80)

Email: cheiderscheidt@sesmschool.com or call 507-794-4121 to make your reservation. \$30 for adults / \$12 for children 12 and under

NEW for 2021 - ARTS will be added to our Hall of Fame achievements!

Beginning next year we will add the Arts Achievement Award to St. Mary's Catholic School Hall of Fame Athletic and Service Achievement award categories. The Distinguished Arts Award will be considered for individuals who have excelled in the fine arts (band, choir or theater) while attending St. Mary's and/or upon graduation (refer to the criteria on the nomination forms for details). We invite you to nominate individuals for our Hall of Fame who demonstrate qualities of character, citizenship, and faith that reflect the philosophy of St. Mary's School.

Nomination forms are available by visiting the Hall of Fame page found under Alumni on our school website (www.sesmschool.com). Please submit before March 1, 2021.

MISS SLEEPY EYE 2020



Congratulations to the 2020 Miss Sleepy Eye Royalty who were crowned on Saturday, March 7. Maranda Braulick, daughter of Doug ('86) Braulick and Melinda Braulick, was crowned Miss Sleepy Eye while Jaclyn Nessett, daughter of Greg and Sheila Nessett, and Asha Schmid, daughter of Dan ('95) and Sheila (Sellner '96)Schmid, were selected as princesses. These three ambassadors will spend the next year representing the community as they attend events in and around Sleepy Eye. A special congratulations to Caylee Seidl, daughter of Mark ('83) Seidl

and Becky Vee, who received the Past Queens' Scholarship, based on her essay about the importance of Food for Kidz. In addition to Caylee's scholarship, a donation to Food for Kidz will be made in her name.

Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them

(Includes obituaries received through July 3, 2020)



Maria Lux, 52, died on April 25, 2020. Our faculty and staff are saddened by the loss of Mrs. Lux who taught in the elementary school for 28 years. She was an outstanding teacher who had a deep love for her students, a joyous enthusiasm for St. Mary's and a strong faith in God's plan. She will be greatly missed. We offer our deepest sympathy to her husband Matt ('88) and children, Anna ('17) and Jacob (senior).

Robert Cleary, 79, died on April 2, 2019. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1958. He is survived by his wife, Catherine and children, Michele and Matt.

Lyle Ganske, 95, died on August 4, 2019. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1943. He is survived by his daughters, Beverly (Robert) Potter, Carol (Douglas) Troxel, Lana (Curtis) Kiel and Donna (Hans) Regeon.

Patricia (Evers) Schroeder, 76, died on September 19, 2019. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1961. She is survived by her sons, David (Jeanne), Scott, and Randy.

Paul Schroepfer, 63, died on October 30, 2019. Paul graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1974. He is survived by his wife, Linda (Sellner '75) and their children, Mark ('96) (Maria), Dominic ('97) (Stacy), Gregory ('98) (Christa), and Myra ('03).

Roger Sellner, 90, died on November 3, 2019. He attended St. Mary's School. He is survived by his children, Scott ('72) (Tina), Stephanie ('74) (Carl) Benson, Sandra ('81) (Gary) Wee and Michael ('84) (Janice).

Gerald Weiss, 81, died on November 5, 2019. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1956. He is survived by his wife, Marge (Lux '60) and children, Susan ('82) Kruger and Mike ('86).

Alice (Tauer) Sellner, 83, died November 8, 2019. She was a member of the class of 1954 at St. Mary's High School. She is survived by her husband, Donald (member of '49), and their children, Duane ('75), Darold ('77) and Danette ('82) (Gary) Olson.

Delores (Suess) Guldan, 90, died on November 9, 2019. She attended St. Mary's School. She is survived by her children, Judy ('68) (Terry) Anderson, Mike ('71) (Annie Helget '72), Steve ('78) (Ana Martha), Denny ('79) (Dani), Tom ('82) (Bonnie Nelson '84), and Jon ('84) (Julie Klein '85).

Rosemary (Mathiowetz) Rathman, 80, died on November 10, 2019. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1956. She is survived by her husband, James and children, Gerard (Joy), Danette (Sayed Alzaman) Lincoln, and Deborah.

Marguerite (Schueller) Boice, 86, died on November 17, 2019. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1950. She is survived by her children, Betsy Engle, Robert (Teena), and Bonnie (Peter) Mortimore.

James Gulbrandson, 77, died on November 27, 2019. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1960. He is survived by his son Eric (Jennifer).

David McDowell, 78, died on December 11, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Claire (Hittesdorf '67) and their sons, Michael (Suhua), Aaron, Christopher ('92) (Satoko) and Magnus ('94) (Kristine).

Ronald Haas, 74, died on December 17, 2019. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1963. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine, and their children, Brian ('84) (Julie), Sue ('85) (Brent) Becker, Craig ('89) (Amy), and Shelly ('95) Haas.

Gerald Prescott, 79, died on December 23, 2019. Gerald graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1958. He is survived by his wife, Julie and children, Lisa (Tim) Williams, Alison, and Jason (Jennifer).

Marjorie (Hirsch) Broich, 88, died on January 28, 2020. She was a member of the class of 1949 at St. Mary's High School. She is survived by her children, Gwen ('75), Kevin ('78) (Lisa), and Glen ('83) (Cara).

Audrey Walter, 84, died on January 29, 2020. She is survived by her children, Karen ('75) (Mike '74) Schmid, Karla ('76) (Michael) Augustine, Joleen ('79) (Steve '79) Sellner and Gary ('83).

Veronica Groebner, 99, died on February 2, 2020. She is survived by her children, Verena ('59) (Bob '58) Nelson and Richard ('64).

Irene Hauser, 93, died on February 16, 2020. She is survived by her children, Laurie ('76) (Gary '73) Tauer, Alan ('78) (Anne), Marlys ('81) (Dave) Schmitt and Gary ('84) (Danelle).

Janet (Sellner) Evenson, 78, died on February 19, 2020. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1959.

She is survived by her children, Mary (Javad) Baradaran, Deb (Mark) Huiras, Tina (Chris) Nachreiner, Jim (Naomi), Scott (Paula), and Mike (Teresa).

Dolores Sellner, 93, died on February 28, 2020, She is survived by her children, Diane ('72) (Dennis '66) Krzmarzick, Mike ('74) (Judy), Brian ('76), Renee ('75) (Bill) Petersen, and Brenda ('80) (Glenn) Anderson.

Stella Sellner, 92, died on March 9, 2020. She is survived by her daughter, Kathy ('73) Varva.

John Oglesby, 72, died on March 13, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Kathy and their daughters, Nicole (Clarence) Newman and Natalie ('05) (Matt) Huberty.

Mildred (Helget) Augustin, 89, died on March 14, 2020. Mildred graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1948. She is survived by her children. Alan (Julie), Dale, Kent (Eileen), Mark (Monica), Beth (Alan) Zuhlsdorf, Aloysius Kachelmeier, 92, died on March 31, 2020. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1946.

Leonard Hillesheim, 74, died on April 3, 2020. Leonard graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1964. He is survived by his children Jennifer ('92), Amy ('95) Wroolie, Joel, and Brandon ('03).

Shawn Jirak, 28, died on April 21, 2020. Shawn graduated from St. Mary's High School in 2009. He is survived by his children, Landyn, Kadan and Luna. Shawn is the son of Don and Sarah, a teacher at St. Mary's High School.

Donald Schumacher, 87, died April 24, 2020. Donald graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1950. He is survived by his wife Donna (Bauer '52) and their children, Melanie, Randall, Mark (Keiko), Gina (Phil) Sarge, Pat (Tom) Whittaker and Tim (Melissa).

Robert Johnson, 83, died on April 27, 2020. Robert graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1954. He is survived by his wife, Janice and children, Thomas (Carrie), Mark (Lisa), and Amy (Brian) Husebye.

Norbert Krzmarzick, 90, died on May 6, 2020. Norbert graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1947. He is survived by his wife. Alice and their children. Julie ('79), Cathy ('80) (Jim '77) Moldaschel, Sherry ('81) Eigen. Steve ('86).

Bernice (Krzmarzick) Eckstein, 95, died on May 9, 2020. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1942. She is survived by her children, Bill ('72) (Kris), Patty ('74) (Jerry) Kopel, Sue ('77) (Jeff) Gazich, and Kay ('79) (Mark) McGuire.

Frances Heymans, 91, died on May 9, 2020. Fran graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1946.

Leo E. Schroepfer, 91, died on May 23, 2020. Leo graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1947. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine and his children, Linda ('69) (Mike '69) Seifert, Dan ('71), Debbie ('72) Kuderer, Laurie ('74) (Glenn '75) Sieve, Lisa ('78) (Perry '73) Pietig, Dohn ('87); stepchildren, Cynthia ('81) (Scott) Surprenant, Paul ('82) (Denise) Van Kuelen, Mary ('84) (Paul) Thomas, Kathy ('85) (Mark) Haug and their son Dustin ('98) (Jessi).

Jerome Koll, 89, died on May 28, 2020. He is survived by his children, Tom ('70) (Karen), Lynette ('73) (John) Lundgren, Dean ('74) (Liz) and Kayla ('78) (Ken) Hanus.

Paul Baechler, 76, died on May 29, 2020. Paul graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1961. He is survived by his children, Janel (Mark) Schliemann, and Jeff (Michelle).

Charles "Chuck" Wellman, 87, died on June 9, 2020. Chuck is survived by his wife Alice (Mathiowetz '55) and children, Bernice (Jeff) Brandt, Brad (Sue), and Cathy (Pat) Stampfle.

Ronald "Butch" Hillesheim, 78, died on July 3, 2020. Ronald graduated from St. Mary's in 1960. He is survived by his wife Nancy, Terry (Shawna), Patty (Todd) Burkle, Sandy (Bill) Harrington, Sonya (Dale) Matthews, Becky (Brad) Babcock and four stepdaughters, Chris, Shawna, Melanie and Janel.

Congratulations Newlyweds

Christopher Ibberson ('05) married Andrea Thurmes on October 19, 2019.

Joseph Berdan ('11) married Carrie Ingish on November 9, 2019.

Alissa Fischer ('05) married Cody Groen on November 23, 2019. Andrew Steffl ('14) married Alaine Buysse on December 21, 2019.

Molly Schwartz ('13) married Andrew Hawkins on December 31, 2019.

Emily Schumacher ('14) married Daniel Taylor on February 15, 2020.

Natalie Schwartz ('12) married Anthony Gazich on April 18, 2020. Devyn Meyer ('13) married Duane Christians on May 30, 2020.

Emily Rutscher ('15) married Bryan Dewanz on July 4, 2020.



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