

St. Mary's RECALL



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CARIBBEAN KNIGHT PARTY 2024



St. Mary's Catholic School held their 9th Caribbean Knight Party on February 10, 2024. It was another great success with proceeds estimated to exceed \$200K! Thank you to everyone who donated, helped and participated in any way. Thank you to the committee (pictured below) for spearheading this event (left): **Brent Kucera, Rachel (Mathiowetz '02) Kucera, Judd Walter ('98), Jen Walter, Katie (Sellner '08) Bloedow, Jake Bloedow ('06), Cassie Schwartz and Tim Schwartz ('99).** Thank you to the following sponsors for their support as well: M.R. Paving & Excavating, Mathiowetz Construction, Chuck Spaeth Ford, First Security Agency, Pollard Dental Care, Stimpert Enterprises, Envision Salon, Sleepy Eye Servicemen's Club, Sturm Funeral Home, Fischer Groen Law & Groen Title Co., Randy's Family Drug and Gift, Riverside Animal Clinic, Nuvera, Jensen Motors, Sleepy Eye Coffee Co., Sleepy Eye Brewing Co., Schweiss Meats, Miller Sellner, Schmid Financial, Schwartz Farms, Sleepy Eye Electric, Thriveon Information & Technology, Locher Bros. Inc., Kibble Equipment, SE Offsale Liquor, Kemske's and River View Sanitation.



Dear Alumni & Benefactors of St. Mary's School

"Why Did God Make You?"



For those who grew up with the "Baltimore Catechism," you may remember the answer to this question. *God made me, Fr. Mark Steffl, to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this life, so I can be with Him in Heaven.*

In the years that I have taught religion, first at Cathedral High School in New Ulm, and then 10 years ago during my first "stint" at St. Mary's and now in these recent years since I have returned, this is the first question on every test that I give to my students. I tell them at the beginning of the year to commit the answer to memory, and it will be "free points" on every exam during the year.

My hope in having my students memorize this, is that it will be helpful for them when they need to be reminded about "why they are here." We live in a society and culture where many do not know the purpose of their life, nor the "final goal," so they get completely lost in many other things and passing pursuits.

Every once in a while, I will have a former student who, when I encounter him/her after some time, will start a conversation with that definition. Just a short while ago, I met with a former student and her fiancé to begin their marriage preparation. She began our conversation with, *God made me, Molly, to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this life, so I can be with Him in Heaven.*

The Recall gives St. Mary's School an opportunity to

reach out to all alumni and benefactors who, both local and far away, have been "formed," under the Mantle of Our Lady. We use the word "formed" because it is much more broad than "educated." "Formed" includes education, but also involves the way we live and treat each other, and grow individually and together in a relationship with God through His Church with the aid of the Sacraments and through prayer.

I am grateful for the great support that we receive from our alumni and benefactors, both locally and from a distance. For the past nine years, we have held our annual fundraiser called Caribbean Knight Party. In recent years, it has raised \$200,000+/year with the purpose to increase enrollment and maintain affordable tuition. Without this event, tuition would increase 15% instead of 5%. It also provides funds for transportation to attend our school from neighboring towns. A live auction at the Caribbean Knight Party each year includes many clever and valuable things to auction off. Since **Fr. Tanner Thooft** has been here, he has offered a "day of farm work" to be auctioned off, and it has proven to be a very lucrative offer. In 2023, when he first offered it, it went for \$3,750 to four individuals bringing in \$15,000. This year, he offered the same and it sold for \$4,200 to four individuals bringing in \$16,800! As good as Fr. Tanner's work ethic is, this shows the generosity of the people who contribute to the success of St. Mary's Catholic School!

Thank you for your continued support, and know of the prayers of the students of St. Mary's for you, our alumni, benefactors, and friends!

Fr. Mark Steffl

IN TOUCH WITH ALUMNI

We thought it would be interesting to touch base with some of our graduates from time to time to share the impact an education at St. Mary's Catholic School made in their life. After all, your generosity is one of the reasons our school continues to make a difference in the lives of our students.



Featured in this issue is **Sophia Porter** who graduated as valedictorian in 2021. She currently attends North Dakota State University and will be graduating in December of 2024 with a degree in Natural Resource management.

"My time at St. Mary's prepared me for the life I now lead and discerning my next steps in numerous ways. In high school I was challenged in my studies at a somewhat higher standard than some of my peers at college. I got a taste of the potential rigor of college classes. Besides the practical skills I came away with of learning how to cite sources and not taking the easy way out just looking online, I was also blessed to have a semester less of credits to take and a solid foundation in my faith.

One specific situation I recently shared my gratitude for with my friends was in senior year English. We were assigned to come up with answers to a hypothetical

conversation we would have with a fallen-away Catholic, Protestant, atheist, and "spiritual but not religious individual." That assignment alone helped me to think about how I would defend the truth, truly reflect on why I don't believe those viewpoints, and to become more aware of the world outside my Catholic bubble. In religion class, we also had a debate on the lie of relativism that solidified the irrationality and pain that many unfortunately bear living this way. These are very present realities on a college campus.

Most importantly it was through St. Mary's that I first learned to truly pray and talk to God my Father. I learned to be honest and that the most freeing and beautiful way to live is to ask Him about it. I started to learn His voice of peace and clarity even if all of this made me seem different and stand out to my peers. Weekly Mass was where I fell in love with the Mass first and craved to continue going daily in my college schedule. The Sisters that taught me gave me a fresh perspective on the beauty of religious life. That experience in itself has had a lasting effect on my discernment for the future after college. I sincerely believe I was blessed with a firm Catholic foundation that freed me to grow and struggle with Christ as my anchor and guide through St. Mary's. Thank you to all that made this possible."



January 22, 2024 marked the 51st anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion nationwide. In 2022, this ruling was overturned, returning abortions issues to the state. Many of our 7th and 8th grade students along with **Fr. Tanner Thooft** and faculty members, **Ben and Mary Moritz** and **Ann Christensen** attended the annual March for Life at the State Capitol. The photo (above) captures the prayer service at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Those pictured include **Bishop Chad Zielinski** and former **Bishop John LeVoor** as well as others from our diocese.



St. Mary's High School Presents "Legally Blonde The Musical"



St. Mary's Catholic High School presented *Legally Blonde The Musical* on November 17-18, 2023. *Legally Blonde* is a 2007 musical with music and lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin and a book by Heather Hach. It is based on the novel *Legally Blonde* by Amanda Brown and the 2001 film of the same name.

The show relates the story of Elle Woods (**Reese Hoffmann, daughter of Rusty ('91) and Tiffany (Bertrand '94)**), a sorority girl who enrolls at Harvard Law School to win back her ex-boyfriend Warner (**McCoy Marti, son of Dell and Cindy**). She discovers

how her knowledge of the law can help others, and she successfully defends exercise queen Brooke Wyndham (**Josie Helget, daughter of Rick and Becky (Wagner '92)**) in a murder trial. Throughout the show, very few characters have faith in Elle, but she manages to surprise them when she defies expectations while staying true to herself.

The cast also included Elle's sorority sisters (**Kylie Pelzel, daughter of John ('01) and Geri (Carr '02)**, **Amelia Schwartz, daughter of Tim ('99) and Cassie, Olivia Scheiffert, daughter of Joe and Ashley (Mathiowetz '02)**, **Morgan Mathiowetz, daughter of Matt ('04) and Brynn (Braulick '05)**, **Brynne Ibberson, daughter of Ryan ('97) and Deanne (Sellner '95)**, **Alexa Pelzel, daughter of Andy Pelzel ('01) and Amy Kral ('05)**, **Caroline Currans, daughter of Kevin and Marnee (Schwab '93)**, **Kailey Nelson, daughter of Joey ('87) and Stacy, and Josie Helget**), Elle's only advocate and law teaching assistant Emmett (**Charlie Hoffmann, son of Andy ('96) and Heather (Heiderscheidt '96)**), enemy-turned-best friend Vivienne (**Kiara Murphy, daughter of Craig and Amanda (Spaeth '03)**), unethical law professor Callahan (**Addie Hoffmann, daughter of Andy ('96) and Heather (Heiderscheidt '96)**), hairstyling counselor Paulette (**Natalie Fischer, daughter of Adam ('01) and Melissa (Braulick '01)**), and UPS driver and Paulette's love interest



Kyle (**Kameron Kosak, son of Gary ('88) and Shelly (Groebner '89)**), and a variety of other fun and interesting characters including Elle's fellow law student Enid (**Grace Hoffmann, daughter of Brad ('90) and Lynn (Schneider '94)**), Paulette's sketchy ex-husband Dewey (**Jack Windschitl, son of Gary ('89) and Rachel**) and Elle's parents Mr. and Mrs. Woods (**Conner Kyllonen, son of Bruce Kyllonen and Jacki (Hillesheim '96) Kyllonen and Maria Schwartz, daughter of Mark ('80) and Anita**).

Legally Blonde The Musical is directed by the extraordinarily talented **Geri Pelzel**. The gifted musical director is **Rachel Moldan** and **Gary Sassenburg** once again shared his talents as choreographer and **Amy (Surprenant '09) Bohnen** assisted as dance captain. **Brynne Ibberson** and **Amelia Schwartz** were student directors. The talented tech crew included **Ella Pollard, daughter of Jason and Julie, Tyler Mathiowetz, son of Scott ('95) and Kayla, Shayna**

Sellner, daughter of Randy ('89) and Dawn (Eickhoff '94), **Jasmine Petermann, daughter of Jonathan and Jacklyn (Schwint '99)**, **Jaylynn Seller, daughter of Randy ('91) and Sheila and Taylor Mathiowetz, son of Scott ('95) and Kayla**.

Thank you to all those who made this phenomenal production possible, especially our volunteer set builders, set painters, costume and props committee, publicity department and box office. It takes countless hours to make this show a reality and the amount of shared time and talent is astonishing!

42nd ALUMNI & FRIENDS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Thank you to the teams who participated in this year's tournament on December 30, 2023. The 2005-2006 team won the tournament defeating the 2022 team in overtime, 40-35. Pictured in the front row (left): **Scott Mangen ('06)**, **Jacob Bohnen ('05)**, **Alan Woitas ('06)** holding Kinsley with baby Miles in front, and **Andrew Woitas ('06)** holding Olivia. Back row: **Kyle Ludewig ('04)**, **Christopher Ibberson ('05)**, **Justin Helget** with Ethan and **Willy Mangen ('06)**. 3rd Place went to the 2015 team, who beat the 2008-2014/2016 team, 47-37. Our net profit from this event was \$4,910.81.

Thank you to everyone who entered the sweepstakes drawing!

Congratulations to the following sweepstakes winners:

\$550—**Lynette (Heiderscheidt '77) Jensen**

\$400—**Jamey Steffensmeier**

\$300—**William Weber ('61)**

\$100—**Irene Schwartz, Tammy Helget, Chuck Spaeth Ford, Mary Lou Mathiowetz**

\$25—**Amy (Kral '93) Helvig, Tim Tauer ('57), Paul Dietz ('62), Galen Ludewig**

Thank you to our sponsors who make this possible year after year: **Schwartz Farms, Chuck Spaeth Ford, Kim (Schmid '87) Auth, Sleepy Eye Electric, St. Mary's Catering Service, Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women, Catholic Order of Foresters, Roger ('61) and Sharon (Schroepfer '64) Kral, St. Mary's Student Council, Bill and Anita Walter, Tony ('67) and Joyce Hoffmann, Don Woessner ('75), Stark Farmers Mutual Insurance Co. and Schweiss Meats.**

Annual Appeal Fund Update

Since 2011, St. Mary's Catholic School has designated donations to their Annual Appeal Fund to be used for one thing: To help satisfy the budgeted salary increase (plus benefits) for school personnel already factored in for the school year.



St. Mary's School looks to you for support. The following information is based on the projected budget for 2023-2024:

Did you know?

A beginning teacher's salary is \$36,300

Average salary at 10 years is \$38,900

Average salary at 20 years is \$41,900

Gifts to this appeal help keep tuition affordable for our families. Because of your generosity, we are able to continue our mission to guide students to form an authentic relationship with God while achieving academic excellence to live as faithful disciples of Christ.

The goal for 2023-2024 is \$175,000 by June 30, 2024. To date we have received gifts of \$79,800. We are truly grateful for the outpouring generosity of our alumni and friends; thank you!

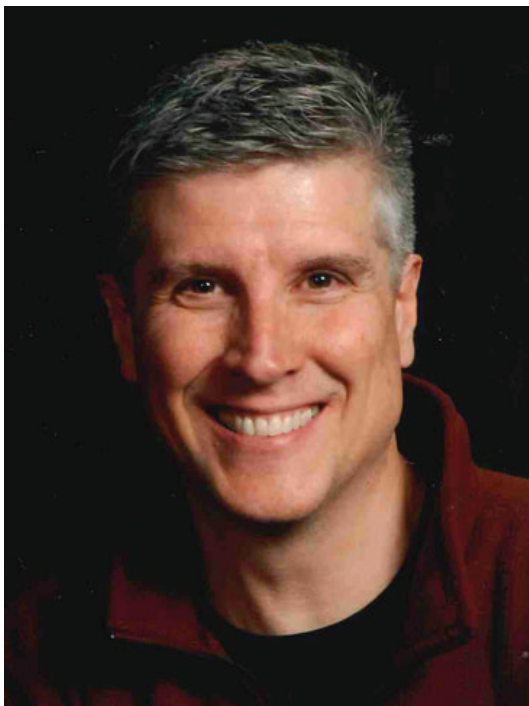
Please send a gift today to help pay our teachers and staff a just salary!



The **Knights of Olde** held their annual gathering on December 1, 2023, at the Lost Spur Country Club in Eagan, MN. Pictured in the front row (left): Doug Baumann ('69), John Rosenhammer ('80), Ron Haala ('76), Mark Lee ('67), Mike Reynolds ('86), Tom Koll ('70), Dan Baumann ('75), and Randy Krzmarzick ('74). Second row: Gerald Braun ('57), Pat Ubl ('56), Rich Haas ('56), Linus Savage ('56), Rex Savage ('53), Jerome Steffl ('52), Bob Schroepfer ('56), Jim Losleben ('58), Ron Witt ('68), and Phil Witt. Third row: Kevin Tauer ('69), Jerome Peichel ('63), Mike Hillesheim ('70), Chuck Hauser ('63), Ed Trembl ('56), Donald "Toby" Schmid ('63), Robert Schroepfer ('63), Tom Ries ('58), Shelley Schwab ('68), John Schwartz ('74), and John Johnson ('64). Back row: Mike Hentges ('62), Dr. Robert Rubey ('65), Lynn Bertrand ('66), Gary Goblirsch ('62), Gary Hoffmann ('68), Dave Runing ('58), Dick Schroepfer ('63), Jack Bollig ('70), Robert Huberty ('55), Bob Broich ('71), David Fromm ('68), Wayne Pelzel ('68) and Mark Schroepfer ('65). In attendance but not pictured was: Pat "Lefty" Reynolds ('58), Terry Reynolds ('82) and Steve Weiss ('71). Next year's gathering is scheduled for December 6, 2024.



The **Class of 2013** held their 10-year reunion on October 7, 2023, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Pictured in the front row (left): Allison (Schwartz) Kirk, Mountain Lake; Maddy Helget, Hopkins; Elly (Helget) Sprenger, Comfrey; RaeAnna (Zinniel) Schroepfer, Sleepy Eye. Back row: Karlie (Heiderscheidt) Mathiowetz, Sleepy Eye; Molly Lax, St. Louis Park; Kari Schumacher, Sleepy Eye; Mitch Neid, Sleepy Eye; Joey Krambeer, Eagan; and Sean Mathiowetz, Sleepy Eye.



DEAN BRINKMAN REMEMBERED WITH AWARD

Dean Brinkman graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1981, and sadly he passed away on September 5, 2022. Shortly thereafter, his brother **Dan ('71)** formed a committee to nominate his brother and one year later, on September 16, 2023, Dean was inducted into the Minnesota Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame.

The following is taken from their website (<https://www.mnamateurbaseballhof.com/dean-brinkman-2023.html>):

Dean Brinkman approached the game of baseball like life—with the passion and exuberance of a kid. Beginning with backyard sports with friends to VFW, Legion and high school baseball at Sleepy Eye St. Mary's, Dean was a leader on and off the field and was an essential part in those teams qualifying for multiple state tournaments. Following high school, Dean played one season at Boone Community College in Iowa where he hit an impressive .404 and helped the Bears qualify for the Junior College World Series in 1982. In 1983, Dean transferred to St. Cloud State University and played infield for two seasons before pursuing his Doctor of Chiropractic degree.

In 1981, Dean began his 20-plus year amateur baseball career where he was known as a power hitting pitcher/shortstop with a lifetime batting average above .300 and over 150 home runs. He played in eight state amateur tournaments for the Sleepy Eye Indians and multiple years as a draftee, being selected to the All-Tournament team in 1986 and 1995. A highlight of his amateur career was at age 19, when Dean hit a grand slam, a three-run home run, a double and a single, knocking in a whopping 10 runs. He continued to play competitive baseball until his mid-50s. When not playing the game, Dean helped young softball and baseball players develop skills through coaching, supervising open gym and throwing hours of batting practice. He was a driving force behind several ballpark fundraising endeavors, including implementing sponsored signage boards at the ballpark. He also helped coordinate the 100-year anniversary celebration of Babe Ruth's barnstorming game played at Sleepy Eye Ballpark in 1922.

For over 30 years, **Dr. Dean** provided care, healing, and friendship to his patients at Sleepy Eye Chiropractic. He was a member of the Lion's Club, President of the Sleepy Eye Medical Center Foundation, and President of the Sleepy Eye Baseball Boosters.

Dean had four priorities in life--faith, family, caring for others and baseball. He truly personified the philosophy of, "We don't stop playing when we grow old; we grow old when we stop playing."

Dean was born to **Dr. Don** and **Donna Brinkman** in 1963 and married **Sandy (Polesky) Brinkman** in 1991. They have three children: **Alex ('12)**, **Deonna ('14)**, and **Carter**.

Dean crossed home plate to heaven in September 2022.



Cook Brothers Receive Award

Congratulations to **Warren** and **Wayne Cook** who received the *Glenn Carlson Distinguished Service Award* at the Minnesota Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame banquet in St. Cloud, MN on September 16, 2023. Their long and distinguished umpiring careers earned them this award given to individuals whose work, actions and continued promotion have brought outstanding positive recognition to Minnesota Amateur Baseball.

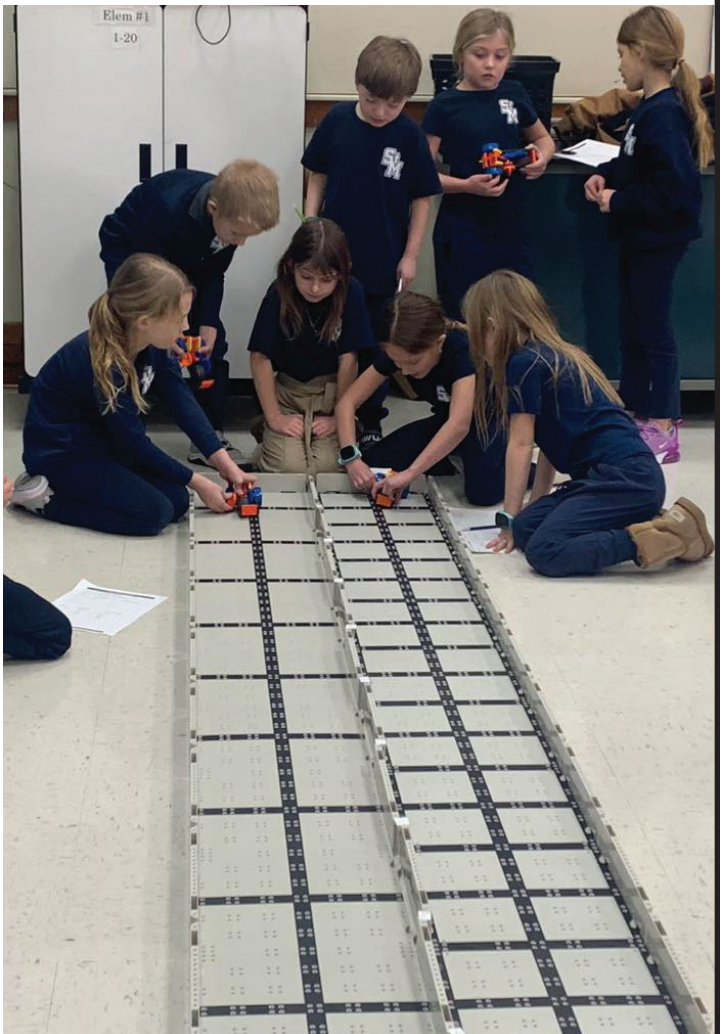
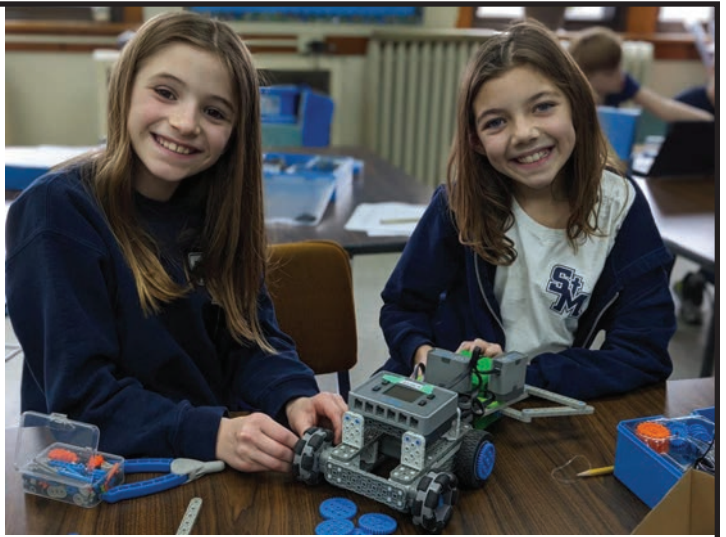
Warren and **Wayne Cook** graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1968.

Msgr. John Richter Celebrates 60 Years of Priesthood

Congratulations to **Monsignor John Richter** on his 60th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood! Msgr. Richter was ordained on February 22, 1964 and has spent the past 60 years serving God's people with kindness, generosity, and fidelity to the Catholic faith. His faithful service includes 16 years at St. Mary's Catholic Church and School. This remarkable priest continues to be faithful to his calling even during his "retirement," celebrating daily Mass at Lake Villa Maria and Divine Providence, leading the rosary and the Litany of the Blessed Mother before each Mass, and offering the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick to the residents. On February 18, a church filled with many family members, friends and former parishioners joined Msgr. Richter in celebrating the anniversary of his ordination with a Mass and reception (serving over 350 people!) at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sleepy Eye.



Msgr. Richter's family gathers for a photo following Mass.



In January, St. Mary's was excited to begin our Robotics unit through our Expanded Learning Program. This was made possible by the grant received from the Schulze Foundation. Starting on January 8, for six weeks, the 2nd and 4th graders met for Robotics each Monday. The 2nd graders used a program called Vex Go to design cars while the 4th graders used Vex Robotics to design a robot that could compete with other robots in a soccer-type match. The 3rd and 5th graders started meeting for six weeks following the 2nd and 4th graders. We are so blessed to have **Mr. Lindsey Johnson** as the instructor for this program. Mr. Johnson is an engineer by trade and has worked in area schools as a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and Robotics instructor. Most recently, he was at New Ulm High School as a Career and Technical Education Instructor and Robotics Coach. Thank you to Mr. Johnson for teaching this fantastic program at St. Mary's!

Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them

(Includes obituaries received through February 23, 2024)

Douglas Rono, 72, died on November 11, 2022. He graduated in 1969 and is survived by his daughter, Alison.

Marian (Boettger) Altmann, 78, died on December 30, 2022. She graduated in 1962 and is survived by her husband, George and their children, Peter, Carolyn (Dave) Boutain, Cheryl (Paul) Cardinal, Paul, Cathleen (Brian) Rutschow, Christine (Matt) Schmidt and Patrick (Cari) Altmann.

Daniel O. Barthel, 78, died on July 23, 2023. He graduated in 1963 and is survived by his wife, Vicky and their children, Crisa (Michael) Toms, Tanya (Robert) Barthel Visger and Bryan (Laura).

Austin Trebesch, 27, died on August 29, 2023. He is survived by his wife Justine and their daughter Gigi. Austin is the son of Brett Trebesch and Danna (Domeier '94) Trebesch.

Mary Louise (Gilland) Juettner, 79, died on August 29, 2023. She graduated as valedictorian in 1962. She is survived by her husband, Fred and children, Catherine and Andrew.

Marvin E. Frericks, 94, died on September 16, 2023. He is survived by his wife, Eunice (Huiras '57) and his children, Jan, Karen, Pam (Brian) McGlinch, and Doug (Lori).

Vernard Riebel, 86, died on September 30, 2023. He graduated in 1956 and is survived by his wife, Myrt and their children, David ('80) (Nancee), Mark ('81) (Kathy), Gwen ('82) (Darrel) Brey, and Sue ('84) (Blaine) Lueck.

Ivan Kotten, 101, died on October 8, 2023. He attended St. Mary's School and is survived by his children, Victor ('65) (Betty), Arla ('68) Danheim Suhr, Charlene ('70) (Dan) Saari, Steven (Brenda), Charles ('74) (Shelly), and Larry ('77) (Kathy Schmidt '79).

Sister Mary Edwin Lanners, 90, died on October 9, 2023. She worked as Development Director at St. Mary's (1983-1989/1995-1997).

Bernard Gulden, 88, died on October 12, 2023. He is survived by his children, Monica Parker, Tony (Shannon), and Renee (Leon '82) Kral.

Jean (Rono) Soukup, 72, died on October 13, 2023. She graduated in 1969 and is survived by her husband, Joseph ('69) and their son, Garrett (04) (Stef).

Mary Susann (Tauber) Krebs, 66, died on October 19, 2023. She graduated in 1975 and is survived by her children, Josh ('01) (Kasey), Julie ('06) (Justin) and Joe ('10).

Edward Lewis Abel, 73, died on November 4, 2023. He graduated in 1969.

Dorothy Krzmarzick, 95, died on Friday, November 17, 2023. She is survived by her children, Kenneth ('66) (Eileen), James ('68) (Diane), Peter ('70) (Connie), Michael ('72) (Emily), Jerome ('74), John ('77) (Deborah), Patrick ('78) (Jacqueline Ladd '83), Sister M. Donna ('80), Lois ('84) (Keith) Ezzo and Leon ('85) (Janine).

Catherine Sue (Hoffman) Wright, 47, died on November 20, 2023. She graduated in 1995 and is survived by her husband, Charles and children, Nolan, Ellia and Paisley.

Cecilia Joyce, 21, died on November 22, 2023. She graduated in 2021. Cecilia is the daughter of Dr. James and Kathleen Joyce.

Elaine Haala, 91, died on November 24, 2023. She is survived by her children, Sandy Langbehn ('68), Chuck ('70) (Lorrie), JoAnn ('70) (Mark '70) Woessner, Jon ('75) (Sue).

Steve Goblirsch, 73, died on November 28, 2023. He graduated in 1968 and is survived by his wife, Annette and his daughters, Maria (Greg) Gazzillo, Emily and Laura (Richard) Budnar.

Kathleen (Wagner) Roberts, 77, died on December 1, 2023. She graduated in 1963 and is survived by her husband, Jack and their children, Lori (Mike) Sanwick, Mark (Laarni) and Jenny (Randy) Avenson.

Frank P. Ziegler, 63, died on December 6, 2023. He is survived by his wife, Desiree and their children David ('06) (Laura Huiras '06), Nathan ('09) and Megan ('17).

Mary Jane (Sellner) Hoffmann, 69, died on December 7, 2023. She graduated in 1972 and is survived by her husband Martin ('66) and their sons, Luke (Kristi), Nicholas (Alissa), Samuel (Ann), Joseph (Karri), John (Amy) and Martin Jr. (Lacey).

Stacy Suzann Mathiowetz, 37, died on December 25, 2023. She is the daughter of Brian and Ronda Mathiowetz.

Kathleen (Bauer) Turbes, 83, died on December 26, 2023. She graduated in 1958 and is survived by her husband, Glen and their daughter, Deb (Jim) Gasch.

Jim Hogen, 82, died on January 9, 2024. He is survived by his wife, Susan (Goldschmidt '69) and his children, Vicky (Ed) Bode, Ricky (Renee) Hogen, Lisa (Tom) Bacon and Daniel (Rachelle) Schultz.

Jack Pelzel, 67, died on January 20, 2024. He graduated in 1974.

Debra (Pelzel) Windschitl, 63, died on February 5, 2024. She graduated in 1978 and is survived by her husband, Joe and their children, Cassandra ('06) and Shelby ('11).

UPCOMING CLASS REUNIONS FOR 2024

Class of 1954: 70-year reunion is being planned for some time this spring; stay tuned for more information. Contact: Marie Trautman (507) 382-7412 or Jerry Krzmarzick (507) 250-2070.

Class of 1959: 65-year reunion on Saturday, August 3, 2024 (11am-3pm), at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Contact: Carol (Goldschmidt) Hengel 507-220-1601.

Class of 1964: 60-year reunion on Saturday, August 3, 2024, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Contact: Teresa (Seifert) Wenisch 507-217-9342.

Class of 1969: 55-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Contact: Tom Larson 507-227-0652.

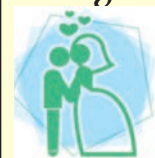
Class of 1974: 50-year reunion on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Contact: Mike Schmid mikeschmid56@yahoo.com

Class of 1979: 45-year reunion on Saturday, August 3, 2024, at the Dawg Haus Bar & Grill in Sleepy Eye. Contact: Lisa (Peichel) Pelzel 507-302-8146.

Class of 1999: 25-year reunion on Friday, August 16, 2024, at Naomi's home. Contact: Naomi (Walter) Weiss 507-766-4109.

Class of 2004: 20-year reunion on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at the Sleepy Eye Brewing Co. Contact: Raina (Walter) Klisch mrsklisch@gmail.com

Congratulations Newlyweds



Sabrina Portner ('15) married Cainan Florentino on October 21, 2023.

Megan Sellner ('17) married Adam Steffl on October 28, 2023.

Tom Windschitl ('10) married Autumn Krenz on December 8, 2023.

Eric Goblirsch ('15) married Emily Vogel on January 19, 2024.

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Email addresses wanted! The development office provides contact information to your classmates who are planning their reunion. Email addresses are often asked for when doing so. Simply visit the Alumni page on our website (www.sesmschool.com), and look for the page "Join Our Email List."



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ST. MARY'S CHURCH CALENDAR RAFFLE

\$12,000 in prizes to be awarded!

Once again we hope you will support this major fundraiser. The tickets drawn get thrown back in the drawing which means you may win more than once, and it happens! Daily prizes of \$25 with some as high as \$200! A limit of 1,500 tickets are sold. Each calendar raffle ticket cost \$25. The drawing will be held on July 1. Please send your check payable to St. Mary's Church by June 28th. We appreciate your support!

I would like to buy _____ calendar raffle ticket(s).

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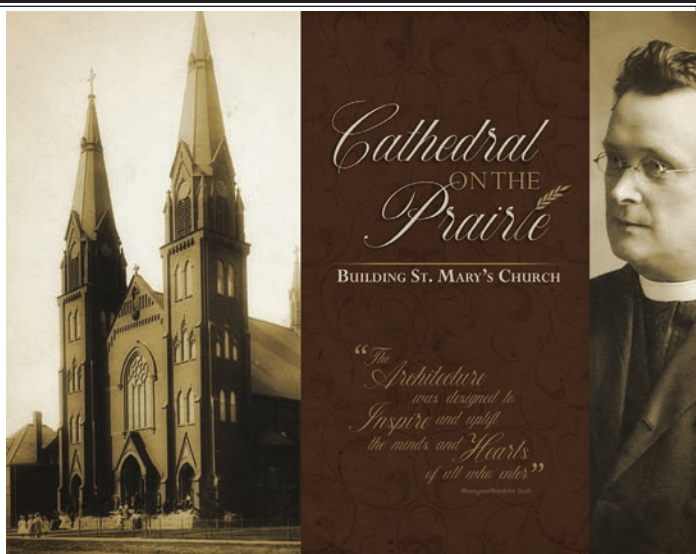


Mission Statement

St. Mary's Catholic School guides students to form an authentic relationship with God while achieving academic excellence to live as faithful disciples of Christ.

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Fr. Mark Steffl - Pastor/Superintendent
Fr. Tanner Thooff and Fr. Sam Perez
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Marti Schroepfer - HS Admin. Assistant
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