

St. Mary's RECALL



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ANOTHER GREAT CARIBBEAN KNIGHT PARTY!

St. Mary's Catholic School held its 7th annual Caribbean Knight Party on May 14, 2022. A large crowd enjoyed another amazing event with great food, fun games, silent and live auctions and live music by Sandra Lee and the Velvets. A huge thanks to the planning committee: **Judd ('98) and Jen Walter, Tim ('99) and Cassie Schwartz, Brent and Rachel (Mathiowetz '02) Kucera, and Jake ('06) and Katie (Sellner '08) Bloedow!**



Thank you to everyone who attended the Caribbean Knight Party and contributed to its success! We are grateful to everyone who 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 to everyone who helped the committee with the set-up and/or clean-up process.

Congratulations to the raffle ticket winners: \$4,000 - **David P. Hoffmann ('84)**; \$1,000- **Larry "Stretch" Fisch-**

er ('76); \$500- **Jeff Helget ('77)/Tony Schmitz ('82) and James Losleben ('58)**; \$100- **Duane Knutson, Kurt Kramer, Wayne Pelzel ('68)**; **Larry Tessmer, Mark Guggisberg, Luke Northagen, Brad Portner, McKayla Theisen ('06), Sarah Evers, and Carter Fromm ('20).** Thank you to the raffle ticket sellers and to those who bought tickets! Thank you to the following



businesses who sponsored this event: **Mathiowetz Construction Co., Chuck Spaeth Ford, Sleepy Eye Electric, Miller Sellner, Schwartz Farms, M.R. Paving & Excavating, Inc., First Security Bank, River View Sanitation, Schroeffer Inc., Sleepy Eye Rivering Co., Sleepy Eye Coffee Co., SE Offsale Liquor, Schmid Financial, Americana Bank, Schweiss Meats, Thriveon, Locher Bros. Inc., and Pollard Dental Care.**

This year we were blessed with proceeds of \$170,000 with \$28,867.50 of this amount to be used for the fund-a-need to purchase new SmartBoards and playground equipment. Funds remaining are used to

increase enrollment and maintain affordable tuition. The success of this event is a true testament to the love that people possess for St. Mary's Catholic School!



RICHARD SCHULZE FAMILY FOUNDATION GRANT PROVIDES EXPANDED LEARNING PROGRAM



Thank you to everyone who helped us meet our goal of \$25,000 for the Richard Schulze Family Foundation challenge matching grant! Because of the generous response from so many, we received \$50,000 to create our Expanded Learning Program in January 2022. The primary objective of this grant is to help St. Mary's continue to strive for excellence in all areas of education. Thus, we created our Expanded Learning Program to provide our students

with unique learning opportunities outside of the current curriculum. Each semester will focus on a new and engaging subject. During spring 2022, our topic was "flight" and it was truly excellent! The students in grades K-5 had a paper airplane contest, made and flew their own kites with Dave Herzig aka "The Kite Man," visited Heiderscheidt Aerial to learn about planes and watch a flight show and experimented with using drones. The topic for fall semester will be "Sleepy Eye Lake" with fantastic learning opportunities planned! In addition, the grant will be used to build an outdoor classroom and supplement our resource room. Thank you for all those who are helping make St. Mary's the best possible school for our students!



The **Class of 1951** held their 70 year class reunion on October 27, 2021, at Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Pictured in the front row (left): Richard Callanan, Sleepy Eye; Gerald Riebel, Sleepy Eye and Harold Windschitl, Sleepy Eye. Back row: Lillian (Haala) Stimpert, Sleepy Eye; Phyllis (Jemmings) Schouvieller, Sleepy Eye and Marion (Sellner) Bertrand, Sleepy Eye.

The **Class of 1956** held their 65 year class reunion on August 21, 2021, at Sportsmen's Park in Sleepy Eye. Pictured in the front row (left): Phyllis (Hillesheim) Neudecker, Eden Prairie; Phyllis (Schroepfer) Stoneberg, Sleepy Eye; Linus Savage, Rochester; Lorraine (Helget) Tauer, Sleepy Eye. Back row: Pat Ubl, St. Paul; Tom Johnson, La Mesa, CA; Richard Haas, Mankato; Ed Treml, Sleepy Eye; and Robert Schroepfer, St. Paul.



The **Class of 1960** held their 61 year class reunion on August 21, 2021, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Pictured in the front row (left): Viola (Seifert) Leff, Walker; Suzanne (Seidl) Braun, Sleepy Eye; Marjorie (Lux) Weiss, Sleepy Eye; Marie (Huiras) Christensen, New Ulm; Joanne (Schmid) Seip, New Albany, OH. Second row: Doris (Fromm) Csukker, Fairfax; Alice (Weiss) Rothfork, Sauk Centre; Mary Ann (Schroepfer) Helling, Saint James; Sylvia (Schroepfer) Braun, Sleepy Eye; Delores (Moldan) Warner, Redwood Falls; Jane (Meilander) Pautz, St. Paul. Back row: Gerald Zuhlsdorf, Forest Lake; John Konz, New Ulm; Jeff Pelzel, Sleepy Eye; Dick Neyers, Sleepy Eye; Dennis Helget, Comfrey; David Bertrand, Minneapolis; and Richard Johnson, Waseca.



The **Class of 1961** held their 60 year class reunion on September 17, 2021, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Pictured in the front row (left): Mary (Kruzick) Wilms, St. Paul; Marie (Schueller) Weber, Chanhassen; Carol (Rasmussen) Thompson, Big Lake; Marlene (Haala) Schwartz, St. Peter; Marlene (Marks) Engelke, Plato; and Mary Jane (Hauser) Sellner, Sleepy Eye. Second row: Art Helget, Hanska; Steven Ibberson, Sleepy Eye; Reinhold Mathiowetz, Marshall; Fr. Jerry Paulson, Spicer; Monica (Seidl) Mueller, New Ulm; Yvonne (Crouch) Haas, St. Paul and Ginny (Schroepfer) Peichel, Chaska. Back row: Steve Schotzko, Sleepy Eye; Linus Kral, Sleepy Eye; Roger Kral, Sleepy Eye; John Sluss, Brooten; Pat Wurtzberger, Sleepy Eye; Bill Weber, Chanhassen and Mary Jane Huberty, Minneapolis. *Thank you to the class of 1961 for their donation of \$45 to the Adopt-A-Student fund.*



The **Class of 1966** held their 55 year class reunion on July 30, 2021, at Jerry Braulick's home in Sleepy Eye. Pictured in the front row (left): Joan Grausam, Sleepy Eye; Ken Krzmarzick, Stewart; Brenda (Frederickson) Walden, Sleepy Eye; Kathleen (Suess) Goetze, Duluth; Barb (Hillesheim) Filzen, New Ulm; DeeAnn (Pietig) Gieseke, Sleepy Eye and Helen (Sellner) Janni, Courtland. Back row: Janet (Sellner) Braun, Annandale; Jim Fischer, Sleepy Eye; Martin Hoffmann, Sleepy Eye; Jim Braun, Annandale; Gary Krzmarzick, New Ulm; Jeanne (Miller) Hume, Eagle Lake; Doug Hertling, St. Cloud; Jeanne (Haala) Lund, Dassel; Richard Sellner, Sleepy Eye; Richard Filzen, New Ulm; Jerry Braulick, Sleepy Eye; Gerald Woessner, Minneapolis and Lynn Bertrand, Annandale.

Congratulations Newlyweds

Bryan Tauer ('06) married Katherine Theis on September 5, 2021

Mariah Salfer ('14) married Alex Hunt on October 30, 2021

Kyle J. Krzmarzick ('10) married Cheyenne Schewe on November 13, 2021.

Elliot Braun ('15) married Kayla Larson on December 4, 2021

Zachary Miller ('12) married Kathryn Ray on January 1, 2022

Jamie Marti ('14) married Tristan Pietig on January 8, 2022

Victoria Anderson ('15) married Hunter Moore on May 21, 2022





The **Class of 1970** held their 51 year class reunion on September 25, 2021, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Pictured in the front row (left): David Carroll, Mankato; Tom Koll, Oakdale; Pattie (Pietig) Pelzel, Sleepy Eye; Mark Woessner, Edina and Michael Neudecker, Little Falls. Second row: Marcy (Sieve) Erickson, Cohasset; Rita (Prokosch) Jennings, Sandia Park, NM; Diane (Thul) Case, Sleepy Eye; Jan (Hansen) O' Marron, Sleepy Eye; Paulette (Zinniel) Bertrand, Mankato; Sandra (Geschwind) Burnett, Hutchinson; Monica (Hillesheim) Hauth, Springfield; Christine (Seifert) Hoffmann, Sleepy Eye and Denice (Lee) James, River Falls, WI. Third row: Michael Hillesheim, Maple Grove; Cletus Fromm, Mankato; Gary Braun, Sleepy Eye; Robert Butterfield, Mankato; Robert Krambeer, Sleepy Eye; Curt Helget, Sleepy Eye; Dan Hoffmann, Sleepy Eye and JoAnn (Haala) Woessner, Edina. Back row: Jean Kruzich, Seattle, WA; Doug Schwab, New Ulm; Allan Berkner, Streamwood, IL; Ron Berdan, Sleepy Eye; Dennis "Flash" Fischer, Webster, SD; Sylvia (Soukup) Ruiz, New Ulm; Connie (Gehrke) Baumann, Bemidji and Chuck Haala, Mankato. *Thank you to the class of 1970 for their donation of \$150 to the Adopt-A-Student fund in memory of their deceased classmates.*



The **Class of 1971** held their 50 year class reunion on July 31, 2021, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Pictured in the front row (left): Mike Fromm, Claremont; Renee (Seifert) Skow, Olathe, KS; Patti (Hansen) Anderson, New Ulm; Deb (Bertrand) Heiderscheidt, Sleepy Eye; Tim Mickelson, New Ulm; Shirley (Krzmarzick) Schroepfer, Sleepy Eye and Mike Soukup, New Ulm. Second row: Dean Hoffmann, Sleepy Eye; Mary (Krzmarzick) Fischer, New Ulm; Annette (Hillesheim) Braun, Sleepy Eye; Joyce (Schroepfer) Miller, St. Paul; Vicky (Cook) Helget, Sleepy Eye; Dan Schroepfer, New Ulm; Sherry (O'Hare) Tomasko, Shakopee; Tony Schroepfer, Sleepy Eye; John Schueller, Sleepy Eye; Mark Tauer, Sleepy Eye and Pat Hillesheim, Sleepy Eye. Back row: Gary Krueger, Glenwood; Bob Broich, Minneapolis; Leon Scherer, Sleepy Eye; Gerald Sellner, Sleepy Eye; Doug Dietz, Spicer; Stephen Weiss, Sleepy Eye; Mark Steffl, New Ulm; Jerome Braun, Sleepy Eye and Mike Guldán, Ely. Present but not pictured, Tom Kachelmeier, Sleepy Eye. *Thank you to the class of 1971 for their donation of \$150 to the Adopt-A-Student fund!*



The **Class of 1976** held their 45 year class reunion on September 17, 2021, at Larry and Deb Fischer's residence. Pictured in the front row (left): Lorin Helget, Sleepy Eye; Larry Soukup, Sleepy Eye and Larry Fischer, Sleepy Eye. Second row: Ken Kral, Sleepy Eye; Lavern Hauser, Sleepy Eye; Barb (Hoffmann) Miller, Fergus Falls; Pam (Soukup) Penkert, New Ulm; Marjorie (Horvat) Ruud, St Louis Park; Leslie (O'Hare) Portner, New Ulm; Kathy Jo (Hansen) Marti, North Mankato and Doug Kral, Hanska. Third row: Jeanette (Tauer) Lalim, Jordan; Nancy Carroll, Rochester; Deb (Schueller) Brandl, Sleepy Eye and Mary (Sturm) Krueger, Glenwood. Back row: Mike Schumacher, Wabasha; Jeff Mages, Tea, SD and Dean Schumacher, Sleepy Eye.



The **Class of 1980** held their 41 year class reunion on September 11, 2021, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Pictured in the front row (left): Pat Sellner, Fairfax; Becky (Schotzko) Braegelmann, New Ulm; John Rosenhammer, Sleepy Eye; Doug Helget, Mankato. Second row: Tracy (Meyer) Meyer, Sleepy Eye; Bonnie (Kral) Portner, New Ulm; Sheila (Krebsbach) Beltz, Sleepy Eye; Laurie Reiner, New Prague; Sister Shirley Ladd; Sleepy Eye; Patty (Spaeth) Berkner, Sleepy Eye; Mary (Braun) Kraus, New Ulm; Shelly (Ibberson) Schumacher, Sleepy Eye and Don (Dutch) Schroepfer, Sleepy Eye. Third row: Mary (Rathman) Blackstad, New Ulm; Jeanne (Weiss) Hietanan, Buffalo; Jim Gehrke, Hibbing; Joe Sellner, Minneapolis; Randy Schroepfer, Comfrey; Doug Hornick, Buffalo; Paul Schrupp, Chanhassen; Randy Wintheiser, Savage and Pat Berkner, Sleepy Eye. Back row: Larry Helget, Sleepy Eye; Sharon (Scherer) Larson, New Ulm; Robert Hillesheim, Buffalo Lake; Mike Walter, Sleepy Eye; Loren Tauer, Sleepy Eye; Steve Hoffmann, Glenwood; and Steve Seifert, Woodstock, GA. Present but not pictured: Pat Callanan, Minneapolis. *Thank you to the class of 1980 for their donation of \$800 to the Adopt-A-Student fund in memory of Sharon (Scherer) Larson.*



The **Class of 1985** held their 36 year class reunion on August 7, 2021, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Pictured in the front row (left): Lisa (Schimschock) Sellner, Sleepy Eye; Mary (Windschitl) Havemeier, Sleepy Eye; Joel Schroeppfer, Sleepy Eye; Maureen (Berkner) Heiderscheidt, Sleepy Eye; Sharon (Horvat) Hinniker, Nicollet and Kathy (Van Kuelen) Haug, St. Paul. Middle row: John Hertling, New Ulm; Dave Rosenhammer, New Ulm; Randy Hanson, Mankato; Connie (Mathiowetz) Wells, Sleepy Eye; Missy (Mertz) Maas, Sleepy Eye; Paula (Schotzko) Botsford, Marshall; Katie (Braulick) Johnson, Lakeville. Back row: Mark Moldaschel, Sleepy Eye; Leon Krzmarzick, Chandler, AZ; Brian Kiecker, Lakeville; Tim Windschitl, Comfrey, Dean Kral, Hanska and Dan Steffl, Sleepy Eye.



The **Class of 1991** held their 30 year class reunion on August 7, 2021, at Sleepy Eye Brewing Company. Pictured in the front row (left): Margaret (Tauer) Nuehring, Rockwell, IA; Robin (Smith) Rabey, Prior Lake; Deanna (Hirsch) Nelson, Sleepy Eye; and Tricia (Sellner) Ericksen, Sleepy Eye. Back row: Steve Hoffmann, Sleepy Eye; Neil Helget, Gibbon; Rusty Hoffmann, Sleepy Eye; Terry Zinniel, New Ulm; Jason Severson, Sleepy Eye; Jason Mangen, Sleepy Eye; Brian Haala, Chaska; Brad Wurtzberger, Nicollet; Tom Wurtzberger, Sleepy Eye; Jason Moldan, New Ulm and Aaron Bates, Avilla, IN. Present but not pictured: Randy Sellner, Sleepy Eye.



The **Class of 2011** held their 10 year reunion on July 24, 2021, at the Sleepy Eye Brewing Co. Left: Anna (Surprenant) Jensen, Fort Collins, CO; Lisa (Seidl) Marti, Sleepy Eye; Katie (Steffl) Northagen, Sleepy Eye; Megan (Gilliland) Van Zandt, Sleepy Eye and Nathaniel Volz, Fairfax.



The **Class of 2015** held their class reunion on February 19, 2022, at the Braun residence. Pictured in the front row (left): Jared Rothmeier, Sleepy Eye; Cody Gilliland, Willmar; Jaden Wait, Eagan; Erika Ries, Minnetonka; Kacie Goblirsch, Minneapolis; Tayler Hoffman, Sarasota, FL; Laura Pelzel, Ames, IA, Rebecca (Schmitz) Scharmer, Waunakee, WI; Kameron Trebesch, Saint Cloud; and Rebecca (Zinniel) Kern, Eagle Lake. Back row: Colton Borth, Sleepy Eye; Carter Krzmarzick, Sleepy Eye; Eric Goblirsch, Marshall; Lucas Heiderscheidt, Sleepy Eye; Brandon Helget, North Mankato; Elliot Braun, Farmington; Jay Helget, Burnsville; Sabrina Portner, St. Paul; and Anna (Miller) Gangelhoff, Sleepy Eye. Present but not pictured Seraphim Surprenant, Minneota; David Surprenant, Sleepy Eye; and Jennifer Sellner, Morgan.



The **Knights of Olde** held their annual gathering on Friday, January 7, 2022, at the Lost Spur Country Club in Eagan, MN. Pictured in the front row (left): Paul Schnobrich ('70), Curt Mages ('78), Ron Witt ('68), Phil Witt, Dave Berdan ('77), John Rosenhammer ('80), and Fr. Mark Steffl, pastor at St. Mary's. Second row: Bob Schroepfer ('63), Gerald Schnobrich ('57), Bob Schroepfer ('56), Franklin Johnson ('62), Richard Johnson ('60), John Johnson ('64), Bill Weber ('61), Bruce Woitas, Kevin Tauer ('69), and Gerald Braun ('57). Third row: Tom Larson ('69), Dave Weiss ('65), Pat Hillesheim ('71), Jerome Steffl ('52), Ed Trembl ('56), Richard Sellner ('66), Ron Haala ('76), Mark Woessner ('70), Peter Roufs, St. Mary's principal and Tom Koll ('70). Back row: Mandy Helget ('63), Greg Witt ('72), Jim Losleben ('58), Dick Schroepfer ('63), Dean Barthel ('70), and Marv Weiss ('69). St. Mary's High School principal, Mr. Peter Roufs, athletic director, Bruce Woitas and development director, Chris Heiderscheidt provided a brief update on the school. All men who attended St. Mary's School are welcome to mark your calendar to attend the next Knights of Olde gathering on Friday, December 9, 2022. We are grateful to them for \$1,009 collected for the Adopt-A-Student fund.

St. Mary's Catholic High



Carson Domeier
Gary & LeAnn (Lund '90) Domeier
Bethany Lutheran College - Mankato, MN



Katelyn Fromm
Dennis ('84) & Sharon Fromm
Minnesota State University - Mankato, MN



Julia Helget
Bill ('93) & Jennifer (Braulick '94) Helget
Bethel University - St. Paul, MN



Joey Herzog
Tim Herzog & Becki (Diel '93) Herzog
Ridgewater College - Willmar, MN



Madeline Hose
Ed & Judy (Braulick '85) Hose
North Dakota State University - Fargo, ND



Kya Krzmarzick
Clint ('87) & Kelly Krzmarzick
Minnesota State University - Mankato, MN



Sophie Kyllonen
Bruce & Jacki (Hillesheim '96) Kyllonen
South Dakota State University-Brookings, SD



Macey Ludewig
Jason & Jessica (Braun '95) Ludewig
Ridgewater College-Willmar, MN



Natalie Marti
Dell & Cindy Marti
South Dakota State University - Brookings, SD



Madison Mathiowetz
Matt ('04) & Brynn (Braulick '05) Mathiowetz
South Dakota State University - Brookings, SD



Logan Mickelson
Jeff & Patti (Fromm '88) Mickelson
Work



Maya Nelson
Joey ('87) & Stacy Nelson
Minnesota State University - Mankato, MN



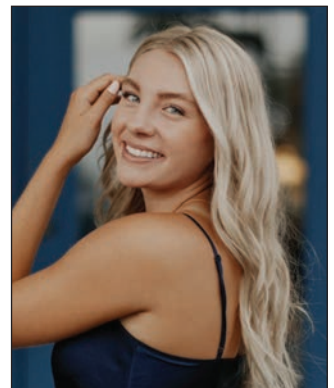
Hannah Pelzel
Bill ('90) Pelzel & Shari (Groebner '86) Pelzel
Minnesota State University - Mankato, MN



Katelyn Rutscher
Steve & Susan (Paulson '90) Rutscher
University of Minnesota - Rochester, MN



Jadon Schroeffer
Jason & Amber Schroeffer
South Central College - Mankato, MN



Reagan Severson
Mark & Rachel Severson
University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

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Laurence Simonsen
Dean & Rebecca Simonsen
4 - year college



Trent Steffensmeier
Jamey & Beth (Hoffmann '94) Steffensmeier
South Dakota State University-Brookings, SD



Jacob Stevens
Joel & Jenny (Heiderscheidt '92) Stevens
South Dakota State University - Brookings, SD



Trevor Zeig
Chad Zeig & Tracey Zeig
Iowa Lake Community College - Estherville, IA

St. Mary's Catholic High School Graduation

Grad Date: Sunday, May 29, 2022, 2:00 pm - St. Mary's Catholic Church

Class Colors: White & Gold

Class Flower: Green-tipped Rose

Class Saint: St. John the Beloved

Class Verse: "Entrust your works to the Lord and your plans will succeed."

Auxilium Christianorum Award: **Natalie Marti, Jadon Schroeffer**

Sue Windschitl Memorial Scholarship: **Kya Krzmarzick**

American Legion and VFW Award: **Kya Krzmarzick**

Lion's Club Student of the Year: **Reagan Severson**

John Philip Sousa Award: **Julia Helget**

Charlie Hale Scholarship: **Jacob Stevens**

Kaylie Hogue Scholarship: **Julia Helget**

John Mangen Scholarship: **Jacob Stevens, Julia Helget**

Tyler Hadley Athletic Achievement Award: **Carson Domeier**

Americana Community Bank: **Trent Steffensmeier**

Fischer-Groen Law Scholarship: **Katelyn Rutscher**

Gordie Osmonson Scholarship: **Reagan Severson**

Miss Sleepy Eye Scholarship: **Katelyn Rutscher, Natalie Marti**

Denis ('62) and Lynn Goblirsch Memorial Scholarship: **Julia Helget**

St. Mary's Foundation Scholarships: **Jacob Stevens**

Murthy Medical Scholarship: **Kya Krzmarzick, Reagan Severson**

Payton Adams Hustle Award: **Trent Steffensmeier, Kaleb Wait, Allie Labat**

SouthPoint Financial Credit Union Foundation Scholarship: **Julia Helget**

Esther "Sis" (Wagner '39) Dey Soukup Scholarship: **Emily Helget, Emma Fischer**

Richard ('53) & Mary Lou Mathiowetz Family Scholarship: **Trent Steffensmeier, Reagan Severson, Natalie Marti, Julia Helget**

Sleepy Eye Chamber of Commerce Scholarship: **Katelyn Fromm, Kya Krzmarzick**

Nicole Fuchs Memorial Scholarship: **Julia Helget, Kya Krzmarzick, Carson Domeier, Maya Nelson**

Charles "Chisey" Hansen ('42) Family Memorial Medical Scholarship: **Reagan Severson**



Congratulations to our co-valedictorians **Madison Mathiowetz** and **Reagan Severson**.

2021 MUSICAL PERFORMANCE: ELF



This year, all were invited to celebrate the holiday season by joining Sleepy Eye St. Mary's Catholic School for its production of *Elf*. After all, the best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!

Based on the popular Christmas film of the same name, *Elf* is the story of Buddy (Jacob Stevens, son of Joel and Jenny ('92 Heiderscheidt)), a young orphan, who mistakenly crawls into Santa's (John Miller, son of Ron and Melissa) bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause



him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father (John Miller) and his father's wife (Natalie Marti, daughter of Dell and Cindy) and discover his true identity. Faced with the harsh realities that his father is on the naughty list and his half-brother (Austin Forster, son of David ('98) and



Samarah) doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas. While in New York, Buddy also meets Jovie (Julia Helget, daughter of Bill ('93) and Jennifer (Braulick '94)), a store elf at Macy's who becomes the object of Buddy's complete adoration.

The production is directed by Geri (Carr '02) Pelzel with Rachel Moldan as tech director and Gary Sassenberg and Amy (Surprenant '09) Bohnen as choreographers. Abigail Schwartz, (daughter of Mark ('80) and Anita) and Bel-



la Hoffmann, (daughter of Rusty ('91) and Tiffany (Bertrand '94)) were student directors. Audiences filled the auditorium for three performances on November 19-21, at St. Mary's Catholic School Auditorium. With an outstanding cast, amazing musical and dance numbers, and a wonderful holiday message, *Elf* was the perfect way to celebrate Christmas 2021!



Congratulations to our juniors who competed in Subsection 2A South for speech with the River Valley Speech team on March 28, 2022. Abby Schwartz, (daughter of Mark ('80) and Anita) was the Subsection Champion in original oratory; Samantha Ibberson (daughter of Matt ('01) and Crystal) was the Subsection Champion in poetry and CJ Surprenant (son of Scott and Cynthia ('81 Van Keulen) earned second place in the Subsection for ex. speaking.

~FAREWELL~



St. Mary's bids farewell to Mary Krambeer as she retires after teaching in our elementary school since 1983. She is pictured here with her last 5th grade class following the May Crowning Mass.

We also say farewell to the following staff members who will not be returning in the fall for various reasons: Anne Hansen (4th grade), McKenzie ('17) Hoffmann (elementary resource), Sr. Mary Angela (Theology 11), Sr. Cecelia (Theology 12), Edmee Martinez (Spanish), Sean Connolly (Choir, Schola), and Fr. Zach Peterson. We thank each of them for sharing their unique zeal with our students and our school during their time here and we wish them the very best in the next chapters of their lives.



Congratulations to the Knights basketball team on their outstanding season which included being named Tomahawk Conference Champions and a return trip to the State Tournament! Pictured in the front row (left): **Noah Christensen, Cole Schroeffer, Kameron Kosak, Brandon Schmitz, Kaleb Wait, Jonathan Petermann, Kessler Severson, and Trevor Zeig.** Back row: **Coach Sean Mathiowetz ('13), Coach Tim Wait, George Schwint, Trent Steffensmeier, Jacob Stevens, Carson Domeier, Will Walter, Dylan Moldan, Owen Weiss, Mark Anderson and Head Coach Judd Walter ('98).**

2021 - 2022 SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



It was a great year to be a Knight! Our sports teams and our student athletes had enough incredible plays, exciting victories and individual and team accolades to fill countless highlight reels! Here are ten of our proudest moments of the 2021-2022 season (no particular order):

1. The boys' basketball team making a return trip to the State Tournament and head boys basketball coach **Judd Walter ('98)** being named Tomahawk Conference Coach of the Year
2. **Carson Domeier** (son of **Gary** and **LeAnn (Lund '90)**) scoring his 2000th point and being named Tomahawk Conference Player of the Year
3. **Trent Steffensmeier** (son of **Jamey** and **Beth (Hoffmann'94)**) being awarded the MNIAA Scholarship, the only male athlete in the state to receive it
4. **Julia Helget** (daughter of **Bill ('93)** and **Jenny (Braulick '94)**) scored her 100th career goal and was named to the Big South Conference Girls Hockey All Conference Team
5. **Madison Mathiowetz** (daughter of **Matt ('04)** and **Brynn (Braulick '05)**) being selected as one of five contenders for the title of Miss Basketball
6. **Mathiowetz** ending her career with 3762 points, the 4th highest in state history, and being named Tomahawk Conference Player of the Year for the fourth consecutive year
7. **Domeier, Mathiowetz,** and **Helget** all signing to play sports at the college level
8. Post-season successes for the River Valley Wildcats Track and Field team (**Jake Heinrichs** (son of **Kris** and **Sara**) with a trip to the State Tournament in the 4 x 200 relay and **CJ Surprenant** (son of **Scott** and **Cynthia (Van Keulen '81)** as an alternative) and the Sleepy Eye United golf team (The SEU girls' golf team including **Liz Schwint** (daughter of **George ('97)** and **Deanna (Fuchs '98)**), **Jaci Domeier** (daughter of **Gary** and **LeAnn (Lund '90)**), **Chloe Walter** (daughter of **Kaleb ('96)** and **Sara**), **Meriden Andres** (daughter of **Matt** and **Christina (Braun '96)**) and **Kiara Murphy** (daughter of **Craig** and **Amanda (Spaeth '03)**) with a trip to the State Tournament)
9. Both the boys' (repeat) and the girls' (three-peat) basketball teams were Tomahawk Conference Champions while the Sleepy Eye United girls' golf team was co-Conference Champions and the boys' golf team was Conference Champions for the sixth consecutive year
10. Thirteen St. Mary's students from the Sleepy Eye Trap Shooting Team competing in the State Shoot on June 18th

Words of Wisdom from our Co-Valedictorians...

Excerpts taken from their graduation speeches:

"We are ready. Ready because of our faith that has been so genuinely rooted in our everyday lives. This is the greatest, and ultimately, most important gift St. Mary's has given us. We have been taught the fundamentals and shown by example the importance of spreading Christ's love. The unique ability to pray every day together, receive the sacraments together, and experience retreats together is something that we, as a whole, have been able to journey through together. We are now going to make our own decisions, and decide who we would like to become, but we will always know that our identity lies in our Creator and we have our families and St. Mary's to thank for this gift."

Madison Mathiowetz

"Following today, we enter the world of even bigger ups and downs; we are now able to elect and pursue our own paths; paths that will lead us with ambition and faith while, on the other hand, there are paths that will be filled with challenges and adversity, and we must find the courage within us to face these paths and the might within us to carry on though it may get heavy. For God has given us each our necessary tools to succeed. Although some paths may be unknowing, and creating our own path may be trying, our ability to choose and navigate these paths is our push towards greatness. So choose your own path and shape your own future. Following another's will only serve them. What worked for others may not necessarily work for you. So strive for greatness in choosing your own path and determine your path based on what is right for you not others."

Reagan Severson

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



We just completed another academic year, and it was a successful one in so many ways – academic, athletic, and most importantly in what we continue to strive for in terms of Christian formation of our students in a virtuous life and relationship with the Lord Jesus and in love of His Mother, who is

our patroness and example of how to follow the Lord. I would want everyone who receives the RECALL to know that at each school Mass, we pray for our alumni and benefactors, as we try to instill a sense of gratitude in the hearts of our students who benefit from the generosity and sacrifices of so many!

For those of you who are geographically far from Sleepy Eye, this summer's newsletter offers me an opportunity to offer a few updates to you:

- This summer, a new terrazzo floor is being installed in the church, replacing the very worn wooden floor that has reached the end of its life.
- Also this summer, an extensive tuck pointing project

is being undertaken on the church.

- The remaining stained glass windows needing repair and re-leading in the sacristies and steeples have now been completed.

- We are in the process of raising funds to replace the elevator in the grade school that also has reached the end of its life (and at this time is on "life support...")
- New "Smart Boards" (which are interactive computer "black boards" for student learning) were ordered for the grade school classrooms, and those that were in the grade school already and were not obsolete are being moved to the high school.

- New additional playground equipment is on its way.
- An "outdoor" classroom is being constructed for teachers to use when weather permits!

This year's Caribbean Knight Party fundraiser, which was in May was a great success again this year. The weather was great in providing people to be outside for this event. I am so glad that it offers us an opportunity to come together for a common purpose of supporting our long tradition of Catholic School education in Sleepy Eye!

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This last school year, I ventured back into the classroom, teaching freshman and sophomore religion after a hiatus since I was here at St. Mary's as an assistant ten years ago. It was a good opportunity for me, learning again to try to stay a little ahead of my students!

Moving into next year, we decided not to raise tuition, and for families with multiple students in our programs, we have a "cap" of \$10,000 per family. We also were able to give a salary increase to our staff that reflects the unfortunately high inflation rates that we are experiencing. All of this is thanks to the tremendous continued support of our parish, and also very importantly you, our alumni and friends. Please know of our continued prayers for all of our benefactors!

MISS SLEEPY EYE 2022



Congratulations to the 2022 Miss Sleepy Eye Royalty who were crowned on March 12. **Katelyn Rutscher**, daughter of **Steve and Susan (Paulson '90) Rutscher** was crowned Miss Sleepy Eye while **Presley Braun (left)**, daughter of **Ashley Braun** and **Natalie Marti**, daughter of **Dell and Cindy Marti** were selected as princesses. These three ambassadors will spend the next year representing the community as they attend events in and around Sleepy Eye.



Mrs. Judy Mathiowetz had a very unique class this year in that every one of her third graders have at least one alumni parent! We are so proud to see the St. Mary's tradition continuing to a new generation. Front row: **Justin (Adam Marti '09 and Lisa (Seidl '11)), Hudson (Bob Schmid '99), Nathan (Rachel (Mathiowetz '02) Kucera), Jaxsen (Kristy (Forster '00) Sues)** and **Braedyn (Terry Riebel '06)**. Second row: **Inara (Christina (Braun '96) Andres), Easton (Judd Walter '98), Max (Amanda (Spaeth '03) Murphy), Walker (Andy Cook '03), and Emily (Jeff Moldan '92)**. Third row: **Stella (Ashley (Mathiowetz '02) Schieffert), McKenna (Matt Ibberson '01), Harper (Adam Armbruster '00) and Paige (Joe Rothmeier '06)**. Top row: **Kara (Jared Miller '03), Payton (Joshua Krebs '01), Haylee (Forrest Ibberson '95), Olivia (Sarah (Haala '02) Hinderman) and Alivia (Laura (Krzmarzick '03) Braulick)**.



All Schools Reunion

An All Schools Reunion will be held in conjunction with the city of Sleepy Eye's 150th celebration! All who attended either St. Mary's Catholic School or Sleepy Eye Public School are invited to come together to celebrate a joint All Schools Reunion on Friday, August 19, 2022, at the Sleepy Eye Brewing Co. The reunion will be a come and go beginning at 5PM. Visit the reunion page of our website for a complete schedule of this celebration!

Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 10, 2022

Sleepy Eye Golf Club

Three Person Best Ball

10:00 AM Shotgun Start

To register your team contact:

Bruce Woitas 507-220-0410

Dan Schmid 507-276-5570

Judd Walter 507-227-0903

Entry Fee: \$60 per person (Includes lunch)

CLASS REUNIONS IN 2022

Class of 1952 - 70 year reunion on Saturday, August 20, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Contact: Rosemary (Hoffman) Franta 507-359-4229.

Class of 1962 - 60 year reunion on Saturday, September 17, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Contact: Elaine (Schueller) Berdan 612-296-6281

Class of 1966 - 56 year reunion on Friday, August 5, at Gerald Braulick's home at 1PM. Contact: Richard Sellner 507-276-2750 or Jeanne (Miller) Hume 507-257-3352

Class of 1967 - 55 year reunion on Saturday, August 6, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Contact: Mary Baumann 507-217-9694

Class of 1972 - 50 year reunion on Saturday, July 30, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Contact: Bill Eckstein 507-766-3552.

Class of 1977 - 45 year reunion on Saturday, September 17, at Sportsmen's Park. Contact: Peter Schumacher 507-327-8527.

Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them

(Includes obituaries received through May 24, 2022)

Gladys (Eckstein) Portner, 82, died on July 16, 2019. She was a member of the class of 1954. Gladys is survived by her husband, Donald and children, Kathy (Randy) Hasse, Keven (Linda), and Doug (Becky).

Caroline (Fromm) Steffl, 85, died on January 21, 2020. She graduated in 1952 and is survived by her children, Michael (Roxy), Thomas (Lee), Sandra (Greg) Wille, Cheryl (Lowell) Lang, Kay, and Lori (Jeff) Brown.

Jerome Hillesheim, 75, died on May 7, 2020. He graduated in 1962 and is survived by his wife, Nancy and children, Tracy (Steve) Mosher, Tammy (Ken) Roos, and Justin (Gretchen).

Esther (Mickelson) Greenburg, 96, died on March 21, 2021. She graduated in 1942 and is survived by her daughter, Karen.

Judith (Goblirsch) Norvell, 85, died on September 13, 2021. She graduated in 1953 and is survived by her children, Kathy, Susan (Jim) Roy and Andy (Shelley).

J. Patrick Farrell, 92, died on September 22, 2021. He graduated in 1946 and is survived by his children, Susan, Michael, Maureen (Phil) Schrader, Beth (John) Hale, Joseph (Hollyce) and stepchildren, Hilary Jarvis-Hamill, Paige Jarvis and Ian Jarvis.

Jeanette Guhlke, 73, died on September 30, 2021. She is survived by her husband, Dennis ('65) and their children, Dwayne (Andrea), Jennifer (Antony) Motl and John.

Cheryl (Bertrand) Nessett, 60, died on October 1, 2021. She is survived by her sons, Chris and Gregory.

Leonard Wendinger, 90, died on October 3, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Verna (Haala '48) and their children, Lonnie ('72) (Renee Hillesheim '73), Laurie ('74) (Dale) Enns, Lisa ('77) Ganske, and Lana ('81) (Glen) Mathiowetz.

Joanne (Seidl) Klein, 84, died on October 9, 2021. She graduated in 1955 and is survived by her daughters, Lori ('80) (Steven) Kierke and Lisa ('82) (Tim) Eckstein.

Judith (Hillesheim) Klotz, 82, died on October 13, 2021. She graduated in 1956 and is survived by her husband, John and their children Stuart and Raelee (Dan) Lunney.

Kenneth Schons, 76, died on October 14, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Audrey and their sons, Doug (85) (Maura), Jeff ('87) (Paula) and Brad ('91).

Amelia (Tauer) Connelly, 94, died on October 16, 2021. She graduated in 1948 and is survived by her children, Phillip and Rebecca.

Ione (Wilms) McCarthy, 95, died on October 19, 2021. She graduated in 1944 and is survived by her children, Cathy (Bill) Walker, Mary Jo (Steve) Stosich, Patti (Dan) Walker, Peggy, Frank (Amy), Ann (Dan) Ueland, Mary Beth (Mike) Stajcar, David (Melissa), John (Tracy), and Matthew.

Scott "Droop" Ibberson, 70, died on October 22, 2021. He graduated in 1970 and is survived by his wife, Pattie and their daughters, Jennifer (Brian) McCormack, Anne (Ryan) Helget and Jessie (Mike) Fuller.

Sister Lorraine Landkammer, OSF, 97, died on November 8, 2021. She was a former teacher at St. Mary's School.

Colette (Ganske) Van de Bogart, 95, died on November 8, 2021. She graduated in 1944 and is survived by her children, Jim (Ann), David (Ruth Ann), Susan (Tom) Jordan, Jane (Ken) Riley, William (Annette), Bob, Mary (Kurt) Davidsen, Tom (Kathy), Katie (John) Killeen, Joan (Rob) Schrader, Steve (Jennifer), Joe (Pennie), Ann (Harry) Stoll, and Charlie.

Bernard A. Schumacher, 77, died on November 17, 2021. He graduated in 1961 and is survived by his wife, Kathy and sons, Jared (Doreen) and Todd (Paula).

Donna L. Soukup, 65, died on November 19, 2021. She is survived by her husband, Ron ('74) and their children, Tanya Grussendorf, Jeremy (Jenny) and Eric (Hannah).

Aloysius "Ollie" Schroeffer, 94, died on November 20, 2021. He graduated in 1945 and is survived by his wife, Dorothy and their daughters, Cheryl (Mike) Knight and Nancy Ford.

Marjorie (Wensauer) Fischer, 73, died on December 15, 2021. She graduated in 1968 and is survived by her husband, Daryl.

Vernard Haala, Sr., 89, died on December 15, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Donna (Ludewig '51) and their children, Jeanne ('72) Helget, Janice ('73) (Herb) Veigel, Vernard ('74) (Cindy Hertling '75), Joleen ('76) (Jim) Welsch, Jay, Jeff ('85), and Jill ('88) (Eugene) Sellner.

Gladys Reinarts, 85, died on December 26, 2021. She is survived by her children, Gail ('75) (Mark '75) Bertrand, Sheri (Dale) Tjernagel, Shirley (Ed) Hornick, Doug (Deb), Randy (Deb), Kevin, Scott (Darla) and Janelle ('87) (Terry) Kopacek.

Edith "DeeDee" (Prescott) Braun, 83, died on January 4, 2022. She graduated in 1956 and is survived by her husband, Gerald ('57) and their children, Kathy (John) Barth, Mike (Jean) and Susan.

Margaret "Mickey" Fischer, 79, died on January 11, 2022. She is survived by her children, Steve ('83) (Elaine), Lisa ('84), Martha ('87) (Chad '88) Witte, Anna ('88) Geiger, and Andrew ('93).

Donna (Windschitl) Hale, 93, died on January 12, 2022. She graduated in 1946 and is survived by her daughter, Linda ('66).

Angela (Schroepfer) Bushard, 80, died on January 31, 2022. She was a member of the class of 1959 and is survived by her children, Marie (Randy) Sperling, Patty, Mary (Cedric) Edwards, Allen (Robyn), and Michael (Nancy).

Douglas (Zeb) Ibberson, 65, died on February 2, 2022. He graduated in 1976 and is survived by his daughters, April (Adam) Fuchs and Amanda (Danny) Wills.

Sylvester J. Fischer, 93, died on February 13, 2022. He attended St. Mary's School and is survived by his wife, LaVon and his children, Roxanne DeRock, Bonnie Gutknecht, Karla Braulick, Linda (Cory) Hanson, Jane (Todd) Vorwerk, Marsha (Jeff) Miller, Terri, Sara (Patrick) Grogg, Randy (Theresa), Dwayne (Ranae), Sylvan, Danne Braulick, and Darwin.

Erna Scherer, 95, died on February 14, 2022. She graduated in 1944.

Barbara Marso, 80, died on February 21, 2022. She graduated in 1959.

Loren Blick, 78, died on February 28, 2022. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl (Mertz '75) and their daughters, Jennifer ('98) and Kelly ('00).

Shari Krebs, 50, died on March 1, 2022. She graduated in 1990 and is survived by her children, Larissa (member of 2012) and Jaden ('17).

Mary Ann (Johnson) Landkammer, 81, died on March 4, 2022. She graduated in 1958 and is survived by her children, Dean (Kathy), Julie (Scott) Armstrong, and Carol (Jon) Rodd.

Annette Johnson, 99, died on March 7, 2022. She is survived by Brenda (Frederickson '66) (Michael) Walden, Karen (Frederickson '67) (Kenneth) Schaefer and Karolyn (Frederickson '69) Marks.

Andrew T. Mertz, 31, died on March 7, 2022. Andrew is survived by his parents, Brad ('73) and Linda.

Bernadette (Sellner) Fischer, 89, died on March 13, 2022. She graduated in 1951 and is survived by her children, Gerard (Paulette) Fischer, Alethea (Roger) Fry, Johnita (Steve) Ihrke, Bill (Jeanie Swenson) Fischer, Kim (Russ) Anderson, Clifton (Renita) Streich, Jeff Streich, Bridget Streich, and Chad Streich.

Marion Helget, 86, died on March 23, 2022. She is survived by her husband, Myron ('57) Helget.

Sharon (Scherer) Larson, 60, died on April 1, 2022. She graduated in 1980 and is survived by her children, Isaac (Heather) and Aimee (Blake) and their father, Kurt Larson.

Rita Schleisman, 96, died on April 29, 2022. She is survived by her children, Judy ('65) Mathiowetz, Connie ('66) (Greg) Funk, Douglas ('67) (Ranae), Nancy ('69) (Richard) Beltz, and Leann ('72) Scalia.

Richard Callanan, 89, died on May 6, 2022. He graduated in 1951 and is survived by his children, Tom ('78) (Francie), Mary ('79) (Jim) Schaufler, Pat ('80) (Sandy), Lisa ('81), and Dan ('88) (Theresa).

Patricia (Sellner) Soukup, 88, died on May 10, 2022. She graduated in 1953 and is survived by her husband Edward "Spud" and their children, Pamela ('76) (Paul), Debbie ('78) (Pat) Buley and Tom ('80).

Elaine Helget, 87, died on May 17, 2022. She is survived by her children, Bradley ('73), Debbie ('74) (Gary) Beltz, Peggy ('76) (Mark '73) Seidl, Doug ('80) (Rachel) and Cheryl ('82) (Terry '82) Reynolds.

Mary Ann Broich, 90, died on May 22, 2022. She is survived by her children, Jeanne ('69) (Dave) Wass and Bob ('71) (Annette) Broich.

Kevin Reinarts, 58, died on May 24, 2022. He attended St. Mary's School and is survived by his daughter, Amanda.

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