

St. Mary's RECALL



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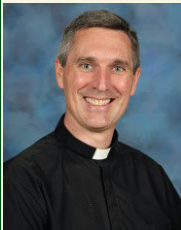
CONGRATULATIONS ST. MARY'S CLASS OF 2025



Auxilium Christianorum Award Recipients, Rachel Portner and Wyatt Pollard pictured with Fr. Craig Timmerman and Bishop Chad Zielinski during commencement.



Dear Alumni & Benefactors of St. Mary's School



It was very special.

This year has been very busy! There is so much that goes on here at St. Mary's. I got to stand backstage at our amazing musical and watch the kids at work on stage and changing sets. I got to play with the pep band at a few games. Together with the whole town, we cheered on many sports teams, especially our girls at the State Basketball Tournament. I've enjoyed shooting hoops with the guys and playing Frisbee with the youth group. A special opportunity was teaching juniors and seniors in the classroom a few times a month.

Where else can students find dynamic, strong, faith-filled witnesses in their math, science, English, arts, (etc.) teachers?! Where else do students have Religious Sisters (Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus) witnessing to the joy of religious life as they teach religion and interact with students daily? Where else do they have three priests around every week, rubbing shoul-



ders, there to ask questions? From the principal to the custodians to the athletics, we uphold high standards for our staff, so that our students know that faith is the most important thing they receive. All that said, you know better than me how proud we are of our academics here!

I said back in September that I desire to bring Jesus, that personal relationship with Him, to our wonderful institution of faith. We are updating curriculum for our new MNSAA standards. One update to religion was to plan how we teach prayer from elementary through high school, giving them age appropriate tools at each stage to bring them closer with Jesus when they go to adoration, Mass or just praying in the room. Thank you for your support of St. Mary's, so we can pass on the most important thing to the next generation.

Speaking of passing on the most important thing to the next generation - thank you to everyone who donated to our St. Mary's Church plaster repair and paint project! We reached our goal on May 1, exceeding \$2.8 Million! The project will begin in June 2026, and last six months until just before Christmas 2026. I am so excited to see it going forward! I am so honored by people's great generosity and love of our Church and our Catholic faith. I am blessed to be here at St. Mary's! You are blessed to be part of such a wonderful family! Jesus, I Trust in You.

Fr. Craig Timmerman

UPCOMING CLASS REUNIONS IN 2025

Class of 1960: 65-yr reunion, July 26, at the Dawg Haus in Sleepy Eye. Contact: John Konz 507-276-6961.

Class of 1965: 60-yr reunion, September 13, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Contact: Linda (Gehrke) Schroepfer 507-794-6842.

Class of 1966: 59-yr reunion, August 1, at the Gerald Braulick home. Contact: Richard Sellner 507-276-2750

Class of 1970: 55-yr reunion, September 20, at the Sleepy Eye Brewery. Contact Christine (Seifert) Hoffmann 507-227-5253

Class of 1975: 50-yr reunion, September 20, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Contact: Jeane (Tauer) Havemeier 507-227-4047.

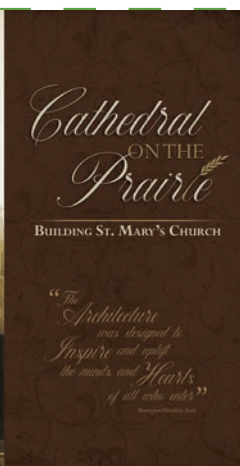
Class of 1980: 45-yr reunion, August 15, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Contact: Doug Helget 507-625-9400.

Class of 1985: 40-yr reunion, July 12, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Contact: Kathy (Van Keulen) Haug kmhaug2013@icloud.com.

Class of 1990: 35-yr reunion - plans are underway.

Class of 1995: 30-yr reunion - plans are underway.

Class of 2005: 20-yr reunion, August 15, at the Sleepy Eye Brewery. Contact James Mangen 507-227-8261.



Cathedral on the Prairie book

This beautifully crafted book details the church's construction evoking its historical setting with numerous full-color and archival images that convey the majesty of this building. Readers will be transported back into time as they follow the progress of the church's construction through detailed notes from its building committee and archival news stories. As both a historical record and a beautiful picture book, the *Cathedral on the Prairie* is uniquely captivating and illuminating.

It is available to purchase at the parish or school office, Nex-Tu-Nu II store, Sleepy Eye Depot Museum and Randy's Family Drug and Gift.

Please send payment of \$25 (plus \$10 for postage) to St. Mary's Rectory, 636 1st Ave N, Sleepy Eye MN 56085.

Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them (Includes obituaries received through May 30, 2025)

Dorothy (Crouter) Glynn, 91, died on April 23, 2023. She graduated in 1949 and is survived by her children, Lynda Evans, Karen (Norm) Lancaster, Patty Jo, Casey, Kelly (Sandy), Katie (Adrian) Turner and Jim.

Theresa (Eichten) Grupe, 92, died on June 27, 2023. She graduated in 1949 and is survived by her children, Paula (Dave) VanOverbeke, Mary (Russ) Nelson, Robert (Deb), Greg (Melissa) and David (Kimbe).

Brother Martin Sellner, 87, died on January 12, 2025. He graduated in 1955. He was a De La Salle Christian Brother for 70 years.

Phyllis (Thul) Heinrich, 80, died on January 13, 2025. She graduated in 1962 and is survived by her husband, Gary.

Richard Hentges, 86, died on February 10, 2025. He graduated in 1956. He is survived by his wife, Carol and children, Kathy (Pat) Tobin, Patty (Andy) Jeschke, Pete (Janae) and Matt (Amber).

Peter Windschitl, 86, died on February 11, 2025. He is survived by his wife, Lois and their children, Tim ('85), Tami ('88) (Doug) Gardner, Troy ('93), and Teri ('99) (Chris) Ebert.

Richard L. Weiss, 61, died on February 25, 2025. He graduated in 1982.

Craig C. Hansen, 69, died on February 27, 2025. He graduated in 1974 and is survived by his wife, Linda and their children, Brady ('12) and Jody ('18) (Jevan) Richert.

Monica (Neudecker) Juba, 69, died on March 13, 2025. She graduated in 1974 and is survived by her husband Mike and their children.

Joan Hoffmann, 79, died on March 20, 2025. She graduated in 1963.

Marianne (Hillesheim) Bianchi, 84, died on April 15, 2025. She graduated in 1957 and is survived by her children, Brenda (Rodney) Smith, Bonnie (John) Mohr, Becky (Paul) Waibel, Belinda (Scott) Ash, Barbara (Scott) Clayton, Beverly (Scott) Williams, Fred (Laura) and Betsy Chambers.

Dale Mudick, 79, died on May 7, 2025. He is survived by his wife Rae and their children, Jeffrey ('88) (Erica) Munick, Susan (Kevin) Hendrickson, Traci ('96) (Phil) Thieschaefer, and Janann Arrelano.

Donna (Ludewig) Haala, 91, died on May 9, 2025. She graduated in 1951 and is survived by her 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.

Brandon Hoffmann, 28, died on May 16, 2025. He attended St. Mary's Elementary School. He is survived by his son, Wesley.

Jim "Jungi" Goblirsch, 88, died on May 20, 2025. He attended St. Mary's School and is survived by his son, Jim Jr. ('87).

Lawrence "Larry" Heiderscheidt, 83, died on May 20, 2025. He is survived by his wife Diane (Schroepfer '62) and their children, Todd ('83) (Maureen Berkner '85), Terry ('86) (Shelly), and Jenny ('92) (Joel) Stevens.

IN TOUCH WITH ALUMNI



by Barb (Trost '78) Timm

Thank you for the opportunity to share how my Catholic Faith has affected my life. Everyday, I express my gratitude to God for all my blessings. I was blessed to have been adopted by Matt and Lenore Trost. They were my first teachers in the faith.

I was truly blessed with the opportunity to attend St. Marys Catholic School from 1st -12th grade, graduating with the great class of 1978. Such a wonderful group of classmates. Our teachers were wonderful teachers of the faith, in particular, the Sisters of St. Francis. As I pursued my career in nursing in Rochester, MN, I was again blessed by Sisters of St. Francis as teachers.

I met my husband, Mike, here in Rochester and he

converted to the Catholic Faith and we were married at St. Pius X Catholic Church. We have been blessed with six wonderful sons, who are grown and five of the six live in town. They too attended Catholic grade and high school. We have five grandchildren.

We joined a Catholic Couples group called Teams of Our Lady and have been in this for the past 40 years. We have been blessed to hold leadership positions in this organization and were able to travel to Fatima, Portugal and Turin, Italy for International conferences. We have been active in Marriage Encounter, and the Ladies Auxiliary for the Knights of Columbus.

I continue my nursing career and have completed my doctorate in nursing, working as a nurse practitioner. I have been at Mayo for 43.5 years. I am active at St. Pius, in choir, as a lector and a Eucharistic Minister.

Even though I don't get to Sleepy Eye much anymore, I do cherish the memories and am so grateful for the opportunity to stay connected with the Sisters of St. Francis. (I just got to see **Sr. Joann** on 5/3/2025).

My faith has been instrumental in my becoming the person I am today.

St. Mary's Catholic High



Dylan Augustin

Michelle Augustin
University of MN - Minneapolis, MN



Brandon Braulick

Dan ('00) & Lacey (Krzmarzick '01) Braulick
South Dakota State University - Brookings, SD



Noah Christensen

Mark & Ann Christensen
Southwest Minnesota State University - Marshall, MN



Caroline Currans

Kevin & Marnee (Schwab '93) Currans
Minnesota State University - Mankato, MN



Talan Helget

Jason & Heide (Hornick '99) Helget
Southwest Minnesota State University - Marshall, MN



Nora Hoffmann

Brad ('90) & Lynn (Schneider '94) Hoffmann
Southwest Minnesota State University - Marshall, MN



Kameron Kosak

Gary ('88) & Shelly (Groebner '89) Kosak
Southwest Minnesota State University - Marshall, MN



Dena Kral

Dean ('85) Kral & Lori Kral
Undecided



Caidence Kucera

Brent & Rachel (Mathiowetz '02) Kucera
Minnesota State University - Mankato, MN



Nico Nosbush

Brad & Sara Nosbush
Minnesota West Technical & Community College - Jackson, MN Southwest Minnesota State University - Marshall, MN



Wyatt Pollard

Jason & Julie Pollard
Southwest Minnesota State University - Marshall, MN



Rachel Portner

Mark ('88) & Lisa Portner
South Dakota State University - Brookings, SD



Amelia Schwartz

Tim ('99) & Cassie Schwartz
Minnesota State University - Mankato, MN



Maria Schwartz

Mark ('80) & Anita Schwartz
Minnesota State University - Mankato, MN



George Schwint, III

George Jr. ('97) & Deanna (Fuchs '98) Schwint
Southeast Technical College - Sioux Falls, SD

h School - Class of 2025



Lyndsey Sellner

Gary ('88) & Rebecca (Hoffmann '90) Sellner
Minnesota State University - Mankato, MN



Shayna Sellner

Randy ('89) & Dawn (Eickhoff '94) Sellner
Minnesota State University - Mankato, MN



Kessler Severson

Mark ('96) & Rachel Severson
Southeast Technical College - Sioux Falls, SD



Chloe Walter

Kaleb ('96) & Sara Walter
Nova Academy of Cosmetology - Mankato, MN

St. Mary's Catholic High School Graduation

Grad Date: Sunday, May 18, 2025, 3:00 pm at St. Mary's Church

Class Colors: White & Gold

Class Flower: Lily

Class Saint: Blessed Carlo Acutis

Class Verse: "Do not worry about tomorrow, tomorrow will take care of itself."

- Matthew 6:34

Auxilium Christianorum Award: **Wyatt Pollard, Rachel Portner**

Sue Windschitl Memorial Scholarship: **Noah Christensen**

American Legion and VFW Award: **Caroline Currans**

Lion's Club Student of the Year: **Noah Christensen**

John Philip Sousa Award: **Nora Hoffmann, Shayna Sellner**

Charlie Hale Scholarship: **Kameron Kosak**

Kaylie Hogue Scholarship: **Amelia Schwartz**

John Mangen Scholarship: **Brandon Braulick**

Tyler Hadley Athletic Achievement Award: **Kameron Kosak**

Americana Community Bank: **Noah Christensen**

Adam Jensen Scholarship: **Rachel Portner**

Rick Losleben ('77) Memorial Scholarship: **Brandon Braulick**

Gordie Osmonson Scholarship: **George Schwint**

Miss Sleepy Eye Scholarship: **Caroline Currans**

Murthy Medical Scholarship: **Maria Schwartz, Lyndsey Sellner**

Payton Adams Hustle Award: **Tyler Mathiowetz, Brynn Ibberson**

Fischer (Alissa '05)-Groen Law Scholarship: **Noah Christensen**

Sleepy Eye Chamber of Commerce Scholarship: **Brandon Braulick**

Denis ('62) and Lynn Goblirsch Memorial Scholarship: **Maria Schwartz**

Esther "Sis" (Wagner '39) Dey Soukup Scholarship: **Kiara Murphy, Santiago Martinez**

Sleepy Eye Servicemen's Club Charitable Gambling Scholarship: **Shayna Sellner**

Richard ('53) & Mary Lou Mathiowetz Family Scholarship: **Nora Hoffmann, Kameron Kosak, Rachel Portner, Noah Christensen**

Nicole Fuchs Memorial Scholarship: **Noah Christensen, Caroline Currans, Brandon Braulick, Maria Schwartz**



Congratulations to our valedictorian **Rachel Portner** (center) and co-salutatorians **Lyndsey Sellner** (left) and **Caroline Currans** (right).

A STEP BACK IN TIME



This photo was taken during the procession for Msgr. Stulz's investiture as a Monsignor in 1913. They are processing from the first school building (constructed in 1883) to our present day church. The first church (constructed in 1876) and this school were torn down in 1919, in preparation for the construction of the convent. Construction of our present day school was completed in 1914, in the same location of the two buildings at the end of the street.

MISS SLEEPY EYE 2025



Congratulations to the 2025 Miss Sleepy Eye Royalty who were crowned on March 16. **Lily Kallevig**, daughter of **Allan** and **Christy Kallevig** was crowned Miss Sleepy Eye while **Caroline Currans** (left), daughter of **Kevin** and **Marnee (Schwab '93) Currans** and **Paige Haala**, (right), daughter of **Cory ('90)** and **Kathy Haala** were selected as princesses. These three ambassadors will spend the next year representing the community as they attend events in and around Sleepy Eye.

Congratulations Newlyweds



Jody Hansen ('18) married Jevan Richert on March 8, 2025.

Regina Surprenant ('21) married Colby Aderhold on May 3, 2025.

MIKE MAURER AWARD



Congratulations to **Mary Krambeer** who was selected by the staff as this year's recipient of the Mike Maurer Award after 39 years of dedicated service to St. Mary's School! Our pastor, **Fr. Craig Timmerman** and principal, **Peter Roufs** presented the award during our staff lunch together as we ended the school year. This honor is given to an individual who exemplifies Christian values, dedication, and loyalty to St. Mary's as well as a love for education and for the mission of St. Mary's. Mary retired in 2022 but returned this year after the passing of Miss Blick to help out with some of her duties. Throughout her career, Mary wanted only the best for her students. Thank you, Mary, for your incredible impact on generations of students!



GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM FINISHES STRONG

Congratulations to our girls' basketball team on an outstanding season and a fourth-place finish at state! Pictured in the front row: **Kiara Murphy**, daughter of **Craig & Amanda (Spaeth '03)**; **Natalie Fischer**, daughter of **Adam ('01) & Melissa (Braulick '01)**; **Morgan Mathiowetz**, daughter of **Matt ('04) & Brynn (Braulick '05)**; **Brynn Ibberson**, daughter of **Ryan ('97) & Deanne (Sellner '95)**; **Kylie Pelzel**, daughter of **John ('01) & Geri (Carr '02)**; **Jaylynn Sellner**, daughter of **Randy ('91) & Sheila**; **Taylor Mathiowetz**, daughter of **Scott ('95) & Kayla**; and **Millie Lax**, daughter of **Mike ('02) Lax & Cheyenne Runck**. Back row: **Coach Bruce Woitas**, **Sidney Tauer**, daughter of **Ron ('87) & Stacy (Hillesheim '00)**; **Olivia Schieffert**, daughter of **Joe & Ashley (Mathiowetz '02)**; **Amelia Schwartz**, daughter of **Tim ('99) & Cassie**; **Grace Hoffmann**, daughter of **Brad ('90) & Lynn (Schneider '94)**; **Audra Hoffmann**, daughter of **Joe & Karri**; **Brylee Hansen**, daughter of **Michael & Nichole**; **Breanna Braulick**, daughter of **Nick & Laura (Krzmarzick '03)** and assistant coaches, **Ashley Schieffert** and **Sydney ('21) Windschitl**.

Congratulations to the following award recipients:

Conference Coach and Section 2A Coach of the Year: **Bruce Woitas**

Section 2A Assistant Coach of the Year: **Ashley Schieffert**

All Conference: **Morgan Mathiowetz** and **Olivia Schieffert**

Honorable Mention All Conference: **Natalie Fischer** and **Brynn Ibberson**

Conference Player of the Year: **Morgan Mathiowetz**

All-Academic All Conference: **Natalie Fischer**, **Kiara Murphy**, **Morgan Mathiowetz**, **Kylie Pelzel** and **Sidney Tauer**.

All State Class A: **Morgan Mathiowetz**

All Tournament Team Class A: **Morgan Mathiowetz**



Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament
Saturday, September 6, 2025

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)

ST. MARY'S CHURCH CALENDAR RAFFLE

Please support this annual fundraiser. All tickets drawn are returned to 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. We appreciate your support!

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

Payment is enclosed for \$ _____

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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.

Administrative School Staff:

Fr. Craig Timmerman - Pastor/Superintendent
Fr. Nathan Hansen and Fr. Sam Perez
Peter Roufs - Principal
Marti Schroepfer - HS Admin. Assistant
Tiffany Hoffmann - HS Admin. Assistant
Cassie Schwartz - GS Admin. Assistant
Bruce Woitas - Athletic/Activities Director
Matt Grausam - Business Manager
Chris Heiderscheidt - Development Director



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
ALL SCHOOL REUNION *and*
150TH PARISH ANNIVERSARY
SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026

That's right, another ten years has gone by and it's time for another All School Reunion and since our parish will be observing their 150th anniversary, we will celebrate these together!

Plans are underway so for now, save the date to join us on Saturday and while you're here, plan to attend our Parish Summer Festival the next day!

More information to follow at a later date.