

# St. Mary's RECALL



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## **RICHARD SCHULZE FAMILY FOUNDATION OFFERS \$25,000 CHALLENGE MATCHING GRANT**

An amazing \$750,000 opportunity has been presented to Catholic schools across the Diocese of New Ulm! Richard Schulze, founder and chairman emeritus of Best Buy Co., Inc., and his foundation, the Schulze Family Foundation, has offered the Diocese of New Ulm a "Challenge Matching Grant" to assist our 13 elementary Catholic schools in enhancing educational excellence as well as growing enrollment. St. Mary's Catholic School is excited to report that we have been offered a \$25,000 matching grant from the Schulze Family Foundation.

### **HERE'S HOW IT WORKS**

Each Catholic elementary school in the diocese is challenged to raise \$25,000. Schools that meet this Challenge would, in return, receive from the Schulze Family Foundation \$25,000, which totals \$50,000 back to the school.

### **MATCHING GRANT GUIDELINES**

Donors to the Challenge Matching Grant must be: A "new donor" (one who has not financially supported a Catholic school in the diocese)

**OR**

A previous donor whose donation "exceeds" their largest previous donation to a Catholic school.

### **DEADLINE**

The goal deadline for our school to raise \$25,000 is December 31, 2021. All donations must be collected by this date to meet the requirements for the match.

### **HOW TO CONTRIBUTE**

Simply send your gift using the envelope provided inside, visit our website for online giving or feel free to call if you wish to discuss other options.

### **HOW WILL WE USE THE MONEY?**

This grant will be used to expand our learning program by providing resources and opportunities for students who wish to learn beyond the expected curriculum. Classes offered would consist of (but not limited to) the following: Languages, pottery, stained glass window making, carpentry, home economics, robotics, solar and wind energy, astronomy, animals and wildlife. Some of these classes may be taught by community members skilled in these trades. As part of this expanded learning program, we also envision an outdoor classroom to enhance the learning experience. We believe this enrichment program can reach all students and inspire them to learn more about themselves, their interests, and the world around them.

We would also like this program to be an attraction and recruitment tool for others to join our school program. St. Mary's is blessed with a strong core curriculum that truly prepares our students for their futures. It is now our desire to provide opportunities for enrichment beyond the core curriculum. In this way, we hope to help all of our students discover an untapped interest, expand a current passion, or even plant the seed for a future career or lifelong hobby. We are so excited about offering this to our students and we want to truly amaze them with the opportunities that we will create, as well as show them what businesses and services are available within our community.

*We are proud of the great tradition of Catholic education here at St. Mary's School. This is a place where successful adults and strong leaders are formed. We instill strong values in students and develop hearts committed to faith and service. We hope you will partner with us in this worthy mission.*

# Solar Solutions--Global and Local Impact

By: *Mary Beth (Sellner) Botz ('76)*

During the 2020-21 school year, St. Mary's Environmental Science class participated in a pilot program called "We Share Solar Solutionaries." This program provided an interdisciplinary blend of science and social studies lessons with the real world impact of deploying a solar suitcase to a refugee camp in Uganda. Through the lens of innovation and entrepreneurship, students were challenged to answer the driving question: How do we ensure access to electricity for nearly 1 billion people who lack it today while keeping the climate change below 1.5oC of warming?

The first phase of the We Share Solar Solutionaries program integrated two curriculums--science and social studies. In the science portion, students explored the solar energy industry and its impact on communities and on the environment. Next, they learned the basics of DC electricity by experimenting with solar cells, motors, and digital multimeters to maximize photovoltaic power. Assembling the solar suitcase culminated the science section. The solar suitcase is a 12-volt DC stand-alone solar power system that can power lights, cell phones and small electronic devices. Students took on roles as assembly engineers, quality control engineers, public relations specialists, and artists to prepare the suitcase for deployment to the Rwamwanja settlement in Uganda.

Through the social studies curriculum, students dove deeply into the concept of solidarity--the global dimension of loving one's neighbor (paraphrased from the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching). Initial lessons focused on areas of the world that lack energy access and how that deficit impacts their opportunities in life. Then students grappled with the question. "How does the international community collaborate to set goals that will improve the lives of all people and the environment?" and evaluated the Sustainable Development Goals established by the United Nations in 2015. To create a more personal connection to the community that will benefit from the solar suitcase, students learned about hardships faced by refugees all over the world, and specifically about life in the Rwamwanja refugee settlement. The final lesson challenged students to think as social entrepreneurs, to innovate solutions to problems such as lack of access to education or energy or clean water.

The second phase of the We Share Solar Solutionaries program was called "Knowledge to Action." Students used the skills they learned as solutionaries to identify an issue and then design an impactful solution using solar electric technology. Unanimously, they chose to solve the problem of no hot water in St. Mary's high school bathrooms. Partners researched the energy requirements and cost of different sized hot water heaters. Tim Zinniel ('88), president of Zinniel Electric, was

contacted to learn how to best incorporate solar energy. Through a series of meetings, the students and Mr. Zinniel decided to install nine 375 watt PV panels on the roof of the concession stand between the high school building and the football field and to use "the grid" as a battery. In other words, the energy produced by the PV panels will supply the school with a small portion of its electricity needs, thus saving on energy bills. Mr. Zinniel generously offered to donate all the supplies plus his time to make the project a reality. On Saturday, May 8, the six environmental science



Front row (left): Kayla Schroepfer, Sophie Kyllonen, and Natalie Marti. Back row: Trevor Zeig, Tim Zinniel, Caleb Schumacher and Braden Hansen.

students, along with Tim and AJ Klein, assembled, mounted, and hooked up the panels. As licensed electricians, Tim and AJ did all the wiring. Tim also donated five-year access to a web-based app which tracks overall energy and per-panel energy production data.

Another service benefit branching from the We Share Solar Solutionaries program is a partnership with St. Mary's chapter of MN Honor Society and Julie Neubauer, a former St. Mary's social studies teacher. The goal is to raise funds to purchase a second solar suitcase to send to the Maasai women in Noonkotiak, Kenya. (At this time, although enough money was collected, the actual deployment of the suitcase to Noonkotiak is on hold because of difficulties coordinating an installation team to be on site when Mrs. Neubauer travels to Kenya in September.)

St. Mary's involvement in this pilot program was made possible through MN Independent Schools Forum (MISF) STEM Community Partnership with We Share Solar. There was no cost for schools to participate in this first year grant-funded program. Teachers received training, curriculum, Solar Suitcase equipment, learning tools, and deployment of a Solar Suitcase to East Africa valued over \$2,500. In future years, schools can opt to participate and will be responsible for funding the cost to replace and deploy a Solar Suitcase kit.

Overview--link to Website

<https://www.wesharesolar.org/>

<https://classroom.google.com/u/1/w/MTI1ODM2MzE3NzM5/t/all>

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Lg8XAL9McGrk54fu7q3z8KKJvI-9m\\_2n\\_/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Lg8XAL9McGrk54fu7q3z8KKJvI-9m_2n_/view)

## 2021 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD



Chamber board members presenting the award to our principals Peter Roufs and Mary Gangelhoff are (left) Scott Salfer ('12), Christina (Braun '96) Andres ('96), Shelly (Groebner '89) Kosak, Matt Wagner ('00) and John Cselovszki.

St. Mary's Catholic School was honored to receive the Sleepy Eye Chamber of Commerce 2021 Business of the Year award on May 28, 2021. Chamber Director, **Christina (Braun '96) Andres** was pleased to share the multiple write-in's she received with the nominations:

*In March of 2020, teachers turned around packets in a 3-day weekend so school for their students would not be interrupted. They committed to scheduled delivery and drop-offs to minimize disruptions. They played with new technologies, quick to embrace those that worked, quick to discard those that frustrated (students and parents alike). They were creative, disciplined, innovative, resilient and tenacious.*

*These qualities continued in September when they collaborated with stakeholders and medical professionals to return ALL students back to IN PERSON classes in a safe learning environment. They "played" zone*



*defense, carefully crafting plans which would minimize student exposure should that occur, from assigned seats, to a cafeteria and playground rotation, to changing the structure/curriculum of physical education classes. They methodically reviewed their practices, and continuously improved.*

Included with this award was the honor of being Grand Marshal for the End of Summer community parade. Thanks to **Mike Carr** who loaned his '66 Mustang, to **Dave Haala ('64)** who loaned his trailer, and to **Dan Fischer ('68)** who pulled the trailer full of teachers with his pickup, we were able to show our gratitude as our cheerleaders led the way! We are grateful to all the support we receive from our great community!



### HOMEcoming 2020

*This news was inadvertently omitted in the last issue.*

Congratulations to last year's Homecoming King **Jacob Lux**, son of **Matt ('88)** and the late **Maria Lux** and **Queen Sydney Windschitl**, daughter of **Jason and Barb** who were crowned at coronation (parents only) on October 18, 2020. Also pictured is **Anna Lux** (2016 Homecoming Queen). The homecoming court consisted of **Emma Currans**, daughter of **Kevin and Marnee (Schwab '93)**; **Sophie Portner**, daughter of **Tom ('88)** and **Mary**; **Megan Ahlness**, daughter of **Jason and Sue**; **Emily Weiss**, daughter of **Karl and Jill (Schumacher '92)**; **Spencer Hoffman**, son of **Jeff and Amy (Braulick '88)**, **Brad Balko**, son of **Tom Balko and Tammy Balko**; **Anthony Helget**, son of **Rick and Becky (Wagner '92)** and **Caleb Schumacher**, son of **Dean Schumacher ('76)** and **Julie Schumacher**.



### HOMEcoming 2021

Congratulations to this year's Homecoming King **Jacob Stevens**, son of **Joel and Jenny (Heiderscheidt '92)** and **Queen Reagan Severson**, daughter of **Mark and Rachel** who were crowned during coronation on September 26, 2021. The homecoming court consisted of **Maya Nelson**, daughter of **Joey ('87)** and **Stacy**; **Julia Helget**, daughter of **Bill ('93)** and **Jenny (Braulick '94)**; **Kya Krzmarzick**, daughter of **Clint ('87)** and **Kelly**; **Madison Mathiowetz**, daughter of **Matt ('04)** and **Brynn (Braulick '05)**; **Jadon Schroepfer**, son of **Jason ('90)** and **Amber**; **Carson Domeier**, son of **Gary and LeAnn (Lund '90)**; **Trent Steffensmeier**, son of **Jamey and Beth (Hoffmann '94)** and **Joey Herzog**, son of **Tim Herzog and Becki (Dietl '93)**. Homecoming week ended with a Knights victory as they defeated the GHEC-Truman Jaguars 22-6.

**“Check out” the High School Library**



Thank you to **Abeni Docter’s** sister, **Olivia Aschebrook** for updating our high school library as part of her internship while pursuing her degree in interior design. The room was redesigned and painted last summer to create a better learning space.



**MIKE MAURER AWARD**

Fr. **Mark Steffl** presented **Diane (Sellner '72) Krzmarzick** the Mike Maurer Award last spring. This award is given to an individual chosen by the staff who exemplifies Christian values, dedication and loyalty to St.

Mary’s and a love for education and the mission we strive to carry out here at St. Mary’s. Diane taught at St. Mary’s Elementary School for 37 years. She was especially known for sharing her love of math and science with her students. An extraordinarily dedicated teacher, Diane truly modeled patience and kindness to her students and co-workers. Although she is retired from teaching, she still shares her time and talents with St. Mary’s as a substitute teacher.



**THANK YOU FR. ROBERT GOBLIRSCH**

We are extremely grateful to be named a beneficiary of **Fr. Robert Goblirsch’s** fund with Catholic United Financial Foundation with gifts to be disbursed annually for 20 years. On September 2, 2021, Fr. Goblirsch’s Trustee **Mike Bredeck** presented St. Mary’s School Principal **Peter Roufs** and St. Mary’s Parish Pastor **Fr. Mark Steffl** with checks representing the first and second annual distributions from his fund as follows: \$8,331.65 to the parish, \$1,893.55 to the school, and \$3,029.69 to the cemetery fund. Fr. Goblirsch graduated from St. Mary’s in 1951 and was later ordained to the priesthood in 1960. He died on August 19, 2020, leaving a fine example of stewardship for us all. Please consider including St. Mary’s in your will and estate planning.



**CARIBBEAN KNIGHTS PARTY BEST EVER!**

Our Caribbean Knight Party was held on May 15, 2021, instead of February as planned. An extremely generous crowd enjoyed a beautiful evening under the stars with great food, drinks and entertainment by Sandra Lee and the Velvets! Thank you to everyone involved in any way who contributed to this successful event resulting in proceeds of \$202,500, which includes \$59,565 for this year’s fund-a-need: air conditioning in the high school. A big thanks to the committee: **Judd ('98)** and **Jen Walter, Brent and Rachel (Mathiowetz '02) Kucera, Tim ('99)** and **Cassie Schwartz, Jacob ('06)** and **Katie (Sellner '08) Bloedow** and the many volunteers. Mark your calendars for next year’s party on May 14, 2022 to attend!

**Congratulations Newlyweds**

- Christopher Bertrand ('10)** married Elizabeth Rummel on April 10, 2021
- ShyAnn Hoffmann ('12)** married Bradley Depuydt on June 19, 2021
- Allison Schwartz ('13)** married Jordan Kirk on July 16, 2021
- Bethany Berkner ('14)** married **Carter Krzmarzick ('15)** on August 14, 2021
- Boston Portner ('11)** married Robert Davis on August 21, 2021
- Rebecca Zinniel ('15)** married Gunnar Kern on September 4, 2021
- Shaun Wensauer ('15)** married Alexandra Braun on September 18, 2021





### FAREWELL

Last spring as we ended our 2020-2021 school year, we also bid farewell to some staff members. Pictured above (left): former teacher and recently classroom aide **Rose Schwartz**, Elementary Administrative Assistant **Tammy Helget**, Elementary Principal **Mary (Hoffmann '78) Gangelhoff**; and elementary teachers **Diane Lax** and **Diane (Sellner '72) Krzmarzick** as well as high school teacher **Sarah Jirak** (not pictured). Thank you for your many years of dedication to teaching our youth. We wish you all the best in your next endeavor! Article available online at <https://www.sleepyeyenews.com>.

(Photo courtesy of Herald-Dispatch)



**Congratulations to the winning team of the 31st Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament that was held on September 11, 2021 (left): Toby Weiss, Kevin Helget ('76), and Ken Kral ('76). Second place team was Don Woessner ('75), Dan Woessner and Gerry Woessner ('66). Longest drive: Brett Mathiowetz ('00), Meriden Andres; closest to the pin: Ken Kral ('76), Angie Cook; longest putt: Dan Woessner and Ruth Brandl. 23 teams participated this year generating proceeds of \$4,843.75, benefiting the athletic department. Thank you to Dan Schmid ('95) and Judd Walter ('98) for organizing this event. Thank you to the following businesses for sponsoring this event: Mathiowetz Construction, MR Paving & Excavating, Arneson Distributing, Miller Sellner Implement, CliftonLarsonAllen, Chuck Spaeth Ford, Schwartz Farms, Inc., Randy's Family Drug & Gift, First Security Agency, Sleepy Eye Electric, SouthPoint Federal Credit Union, Americana Bank, Kibble Equipment, Schmid Financial Services and Schweiss Meats. Thank you to Willy Mangen ('06), Scott Mangen ('06) and Andy Hartman for returning their 2nd place (flight 2) winnings of \$75 and to Kevin Helget and Ken Kral for returning a portion of their winnings. Thank you to the following volunteers: Cole Owens, Caidence Kucera, Mary Woitas and Jeff Koewler. Thank you to St. Mary's Booster Club and St. Mary's Catering for donating door prizes. Mark your calendars to join us for next year's tournament on September 10, 2022.**



### WELCOME NEW TEACHERS

St. Mary's Catholic School welcomes our new teachers for the 2021-22 school year. Pictured in the front row (left): **Anne Hansen** - Grade 4, **McKenzie Hoffmann ('17)** - Resource Teacher and Computers and **Barb Pelzel** - Kindergarten. Back row: **Edmee Martinez** - Spanish, **Sr. Cecilia** - Theology 12, and **Angie Tauer** - Science (grades 6-9).

### CLASS REUNION

**Class of 1967** - 55 year reunion on Saturday, August 6, 2022, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club.  
Contact Mary Baumann: 507-217-9694.

### KNIGHTS OF OLDE GATHERING

**December 10, 2021 at the Lost Spur in Eagan**  
Social Hour at 11AM with lunch at 12:30PM  
RSVP to Jim Losleben: 651-686-9547 or  
email: [leben815@aol.com](mailto:leben815@aol.com)

### St. Mary's now has Venmo!

Donations may now be made to  
[@stmarysschoolsleepyeye](https://www.venmo.com/stmarysschoolsleepyeye)



# St. Mary's Catholic High



**Megan Ahlness**  
Jason & Sue Ahlness  
Hamline University-St. Paul, MN



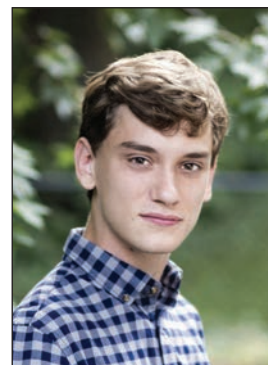
**Bradley Balko**  
Tom & Nicole Balko, Tammy Balko  
Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN



**John Balko**  
Tom & Nicole Balko, Tammy Balko  
Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN



**Emma Currans**  
Kevin & Marnee (Schwab '93) Currans  
Southwest Minnesota State University-  
Marshall, MN



**Joseph Fischer**  
Lyle ('81) & Laurel Fischer  
University of Denver-Denver, CO



**Kyle Goblirsch**  
Rob & Kathy Goblirsch  
Southwest Minnesota State University-  
Marshall, MN



**Vanessa Goblirsch**  
Kurt ('80) & Sheri Goblirsch  
Graceland University-Lamoni, IA



**Braden Hansen**  
Michael & Nichole Hansen  
South Dakota State University-Brookings, SD



**Anthony Helget**  
Rick & Becky (Wagner '92) Helget  
Work



**Spencer Hoffman**  
Jeff & Amy (Braulick '88) Hoffman  
Lake Area Technical College-Watertown, SD



**Patrick Hoffmann**  
Andrew ('96) & Heather (Heiderscheidt '96)  
Hoffmann  
South Central College-N. Mankato, MN



**Trista Ibberson**  
Ryan ('97) & Deanne (Sellner '95) Ibberson  
University of Wisconsin-River Falls, WI



**Cecilia Joyce**  
James & Kathleen Joyce  
University of Mary-Bismark, ND



**Maryanne Larsen**  
Pat & Mary Kate Larsen  
Lake Area Technical College-Watertown, SD



**Mckenna Larson**  
Chris & Vicky (Wurtzberger '93) Larson  
Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN



**Jacob Lux**  
Matthew ('88) & the late Maria Lux  
South Dakota State University-Brookings, SD



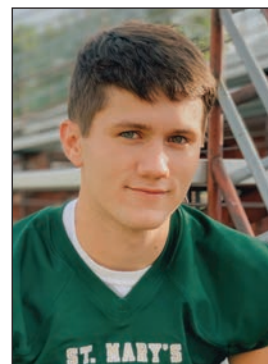
**Leah Miller**  
Ron & Melissa Miller  
South Dakota State University-Brookings, SD



**Sophia Portner**  
Tom ('88) & Mary Portner  
North Dakota State University-Fargo, ND



**Kayla Schroeffer**  
Joel ('85) & Marti Schroeffer  
Iowa State University-Ames, IA



**Caleb Schumacher**  
Dean ('76) Schumacher and Julie Schumacher  
South Central College-N. Mankato, MN

# h School - Class of 2021



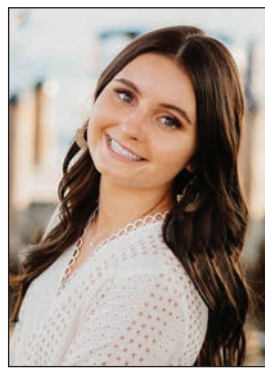
**Riley Strate**  
Brian ('92) & Michelle (Bauer '92) Strate  
Construction



**Regina Surprenant**  
Scott & Cynthia (Van Keulen '81) Surprenant  
University of Mary-Bismark, ND



**Emily Weiss**  
Karl & Jill (Schumacher '92) Weiss  
South Dakota State University-Brookings, SD



**Sydney Windschitl**  
Jason & Barb Windschitl  
South Dakota State University-Brookings, SD

**Sunday, May 30, 2021, 2:00 pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church**

Class Color: Silver & Gold

Class Flower: Forget-me-not

Class Saint: Blessed Carlos Acutis

Class Verse: "Rejoice always." -1 Thessalonians 5:16

Class Motto: "Let's get this party started with a prayer." - Mr. Kaminsky

Christian Award: **Jacob Lux, Sophia Portner**

Sue Windschitl Memorial Scholarship: **Emma Currans**

American Legion Award: **Jacob Lux**

Lion's Club Student of the Year: **Jacob Lux**

Rick Losleben ('77) Memorial Scholarship: **Spencer Hoffman**

Charlie Hale Scholarship: **Jacob Lux**

John Philip Sousa Award: **Kayla Schroeffer**

Kaylie Hogue Scholarship: **Joey Fischer**

John Mangen Scholarship: **Jacob Lux, Emily Weiss**

Tyler Hadley Athletic Achievement Award: **Emily Weiss**

Americana Community Bank: **Sydney Windschitl**

Wayne Pelzel ('68) Scholarship: **Leah Miller**

Gordie Osmonson Scholarship: **Megan Ahlness**

Neubauer Family Award (from Mike Maurer): **Sophie Kyllonen**

Nicole Fuchs Memorial Scholarship: **Mckenna Larson, Emily Weiss**

Denis ('62) and Lynn Goblirsch Memorial Scholarship: **Maryanne Larsen**

Payton Adams Hustle Award: **Trent Steffensmeier, Sydney Windschitl**

Miss Sleepy Eye Scholarship: **Leah Miller**

Miller Sellner Scholarship: **Patrick Hoffmann**

Esther "Sis" (Wagner '39) Dey Soukup Scholarship: **Julia Helget, Madison Mathiowetz**

Richard ('53) & Mary Lou Mathiowetz Family Scholarship: **Joey Fischer, Sophia Portner, Emily Weiss,**

**Regina Surprenant**

Schroeffer - Bertrand Founders Fund Scholarship: **Regina Surprenant**

Minnesota Drifters Memorial Scholarship: **Sophia Portner**

SouthPoint Financial Credit Union Foundation Scholarship: **Regina Surprenant**

Charles "Chisey" Hansen ('42) Family Memorial Medical Scholarship: **Emily Weiss**

Murthy Medical Scholarship: **Sydney Windschitl, Emily Weiss, Maryanne Larsen**



Congratulations to salutatorian **Megan Ahlness** and valedictorian **Sophia Portner**.

*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.*

# Night of Knights

ANNUAL APPEAL DINNER

~ November 13, 2021 ~

Social Hour at 6:30 pm with Dinner at 7 pm  
Entertainment provided by musical cast "ELF"  
and Lillian Stimpert "What Kids Say!"

Join us for another great Night of Knights to kickoff our Annual Appeal Fund! Guests will be asked to give a generous donation at the end of this evening to this fund which satisfies the budgeted salary increase for school personnel already factored in for the 2021-2022 school year. Special guests of honor will be last year's Hall of Fame inductees: Leo Braun ('59), Steve Seifert ('80), Rosella Windschitl, Dorothy Haala and Verna (Haala '48) Wendinger.

Contact your table captain or email (cheiderscheidt@sesmschool.com) by November 5, so we may provide Marie a head count for food.

**Come enjoy an evening filled with fun in the spirit of giving!**



## "ARTS" CATEGORY ADDED TO HALL OF FAME!

The Hall of Fame committee decided to add ARTS achievement to our Hall of Fame list of awards. 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). Who do you know who demonstrates qualities of character, citizenship, and faith that reflect the philosophy of St. Mary's School? Nominations are easy to submit. Simply visit our Hall of Fame page on the Alumni tab of our school website: ([www.sesmschool.com](http://www.sesmschool.com)) before March 1, 2022.

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



This year, we began the academic year in a much different place than last year, many of the "COVID" rules having become obsolete. **The biggest victory of the last academic year is that we were in session the entire school year**, and managed some absences of teachers and students, but we made it!

Most of our alumni of St. Mary's received a letter in the mail from a student requesting a pledge for our annual "Marathon for Public Education." (If you didn't, let me know and I will be happy to send you one!) I have always appreciated this annual letter writing campaign that the students do to our alumni, beyond the fact that it raises money for the school, it is a way for us to keep in touch with you all in a very personal way. Beyond your generosity that "pays it forward" each year, many students receive anything from a little note to a long letter from alumni who have fond memories of themselves being students at St. Mary's. The students like to receive these messages and notes that you include with the pledges that you send in!

**The big project in front of us this next year is a new elevator for the school.** Technically speaking, it is not an "elevator" but a lift that is classified as a LULA which is an abbreviation for Light Utility, Limited Access. It is smaller than a full-sized elevator, but is used often to move equipment, cleaning supplies, and

most importantly students and staff with injuries that prevent stairs. The current one that we have, installed 25 years ago, is still limping along, but we have been told that it is so obsolete that parts are impossible to get, so right now we are just "living on borrowed time" with it, as the phrase goes... Because it is not as complex as a full-sized elevator, the cost is more economical, we are figuring that \$150,000 will be needed to replace it. I mention this with the hope that this need might touch some hearts to generosity in helping us get this replaced.

This year, once again we are blessed to have some religious sisters teaching in the High School. Two of the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus, a newly formed religious community, teach junior and senior religion. We are grateful not only for their teaching, but their presence as consecrated religious in our school, carrying on the long tradition of the religious sisters who have taught so many years, and who have been and continue to be a "sign of the Kingdom to come."

Lastly, I want to **thank everyone for their continued support of St. Mary's School and its mission, most especially your continued prayers.** Over and over again, I hear people from outside of the parish comment at how amazing it is that we are able to have what we do in our preK-12 Catholic School program in Sleepy Eye. And I share their wonderment! Please know that **each school Mass ends with a prayer for our alumni and our benefactors.** May the Lord continue to reward you all!

Fr. Mark Steffl, Parish Priest



## *Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them*

*(March 16, 2021 through September 28, 2021)*

**Charles H. O'Malley**, 72, died on January 15, 2019. Charles graduated in 1964 and is survived by his wife, Joan and daughters, Janine (Scott) Lortz and Kerri (Shawn) Robb.

**Ann Hillesheim**, 65, died on September 29, 2020. She is survived by her husband William ('69) and their children, Stacy and Wade.

**Michael Wagner**, 78, died on March 22, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Audrey and their children, Michael Jr. (Dawn), Mark, Gina (Michael) Wilmes, Jay (Laura), Melissa (Ron) Miller, Pamela ('88) (David) Guggisberg, Rebecca ('92) (Rick) Helget, Samuel ('95), Anthony ('98) (Andrea Seidl '01), Adam ('99) (Ruth), Matt ('00) (Mandy), Andrew ('02) and Katherine ('05) (Brian) Marks.

**Leo Bromenschenkel**, 85, died on March 23, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Gail (former teacher at St. Mary's) and sons, Adam ('89) (Heather) Huiras, John ('94) (Tracie) Huiras, Paul ('00) (Elizabeth) Huiras, Michael ('04) Huiras, and daughter-in-law, Stacey Huiras.

**Robert R. Hoffmann**, 73, died on March 27, 2021. He graduated in 1965 and is survived by his wife, Leslie and their sons, Carl ('06) (Caitlin) and Keith ('07).

**Scott A. Tauer**, 63, died on April 6, 2021. Scott graduated in 1976 and is survived by his children, Dominic ('99), Nevada (Lupe) Rosales, Damian (Steffi) and Samantha ('09) (Matt) McLaughlin.

**Patrick Welter**, 77, died on April 7, 2021. He was a member of the class of 1961.

**Marie (Kotten) Jones**, 93, died on April 8, 2021. Marie graduated in 1945 and is survived by her daughters Vivian Batts, Lois Jones, Gail (Larry) Nuckolls, and Phyllis (Gene) Eddy.

**Ordell Krambeer**, 102, died on April 17, 2021. She is survived by her sons, John ('62) and Bob ('70) (Mary-SMS teacher).

**Ione Woessner**, 99, died on May 10, 2021. She is survived by her sons, Tom ('64) (Joan), Gerry ('66) (Lynne), Mark ('70) (JoAnn), Steve ('73) (Leann), Don ('75) (Ann) and Mike ('81) (Judy).

**Florine (Krzmarzick) Rohde**, 94 died on May 11, 2021. Florine graduated in 1944. She is survived by her children, Catherine Cushard, Kristine, Jack, Mark (Janice), Donald, Michael Potzman, Michael Wille, Richard, and Marilyn Quilling.

**Colette (Schilling) Schunk**, 97, died on May 28, 2021. She graduated in 1942 and is survived by her children, Marilyn, Rick and Tom.

**Douglas Stoneberg**, 63, died on July 5, 2021. Doug attended St. Mary's School.

**Cecilia (Sellner) Scherer**, 92, died on July 13, 2021. Cecilia graduated in 1948. She is survived by her children, Virginia ('70) (Vern) Lindenfelser, Leon ('71) (Gladys), Joan ('73) (Joseph) Mueller, Donna ('75) (Scott) Kettler, Mary Jo ('77) (Wayne) Pieper, Joseph ('79) (Laurie), Lorraine ('81) (John) Hillesheim, Tom ('83) (Laurie), Brian ('85) (Colleen) and Brenda ('86) (David) Alexander.

**Mavis (Marks) Davis**, 84, died on July 17, 2021. She graduated in 1954 and is survived by her husband, Victor and her children, Sheri, Gary and Mary (Jeff) Hohensee.

**Joan (Sellner) Richert**, 84, died on July 22, 2021. She graduated in 1954 and is survived by her children, Mike (Kaye), Cindy Johnson, Sue Wood, Mary (Tom '86) Portner, Barb (Todd) Egenes, Brian (Fawne), Chris (Sally).

**Patricia (Deibele) Hurrle**, 90, died on July 24, 2020. She graduated in 1947 and is survived by her children, Debra (Robert) Markfort, Mark (Debra), Tim, Craig (Bonnie), Lisa (Bill) Bond and Pam (George) Broshears.

**Jackson J. Wotschke**, 1 month old, died on July 29, 2021. Jackson is survived by his parents, Courtney (Schneider '12) and Michael.

**John Broich, Jr.**, 87, died on August 8, 2020. He graduated in 1951 and is survived by his wife, Phyllis and children, Joan (Junior) Gent, David, stepdaughters, Lisa (Allen) Gentry, and Lori Jeffcoat.

**Melania (Sellner) Meyer**, 87, died on August 9, 2021. Melania attended St. Mary's School. She is survived by her children, Roxanne ('74) (Leonard) Fassbender and Dean ('82) (Darla).

**Tim Schultz**, 66, died August 12, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Donna. Tim was a former teacher and basketball coach at St. Mary's School.

**Jeffrey M. Schmid**, 65, died on August 17, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Joanna (Hillesheim '75) and their children, Laura (Joe) Laechel, Mary (Tim) Woltjer and Thomas.

**Dorothy Fischer**, 90, died on August 23, 2021. She graduated in 1949.

**Shirley Braulick**, 85, died on September 2, 2021. She is survived by her children, Mike ('75) (Brenda), Greg ('76) (Deb), Joe ('78) (Karen '80), Laurie ('79) (Paul '72) Hillesheim, Katie ('85) Dan Johnson.

**Charles Baechler**, 86, died on September 3, 2021. Charles graduated in 1953.

**Richard E. Tauer**, 73, died on September 9, 2021. Richard graduated in 1965 and he is survived by his wife, Kathleen and son, Adrian (Michelle).

**Helen (Wolf) Zangl**, 91, died on September 13, 2021. Helen graduated valedictorian in 1947 and is survived by her children, Jim (Janna), Ruth (Dave) Mecklenburg, Charles, Marie (Mark) Hippert and Ann Johnson.

**Angeline Kral**, 99, died on September 19, 2021. She is survived by her children, Jean ('70) (Mel) Wendt, Kathy ('71) (John) Hillesheim, Frank ('73) (Gwen), Tom ('75) (Pennie), Ken ('76) (Suzanne), Margie ('80) (Randy) Kirchhoff.

**Robert "Bobby" Fischer**, 81, died September 22, 2021. He is survived by his children, Rick (Becky), Curtis, Katti ('89) (Robert) Penkaty, Brenda Hawker, and Lisa (Leo) Wallace.

**Bonnie (Johns) Ladd**, 69, died on September 25, 2021. She graduated in 1970 and is survived by her husband, Steven and her daughters, Dyani Ladd and Robyn (Dan) Ladd-Moeckly.

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021

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