

# St. Mary's RECALL



A NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, SLEEPY EYE, MN • VOLUME 37 • NUMBER 1 • SPRING 2021

## Join Us for a Caribbean Knight Party!

A Can't-Miss Tropical Night (Outside)  
with Games, Pull Tabs, Friends and  
Tropical Food / Drinks

**\* \* \* Live Music \* \* \***

**Live and Silent Auction**

**~ Saturday ~**

**May 15, 2021**

**5:30 PM—Midnight**

**St. Mary's School  
Sleepy Eye**

***All Are Welcome!***



**Proceeds go to  
increasing enrollment  
and maintaining  
affordable tuition.**

**Raffle Drawing  
was held  
Feb. 13, 2021**

**Winners:**

\$4,000: Blair Folkens

\$1,000: Patrick Sellner ('80)

\$500:

Delores Spaeth

Carissa Pelzel ('05)

\$100:

Brad Kiecker

Gene & Ginger Veerkamp

Rosemary McGraw

Brynn (Braulick '05) Mathiowetz

Frances K. Berg

Bill Helget ('93)

Joe ('72) and Judy Schwartz

Dave ('64) and Kathy Sellner

Margie Zeug

Bishop John LeVoir.

**Thank you to everyone  
who purchased  
raffle tickets!**

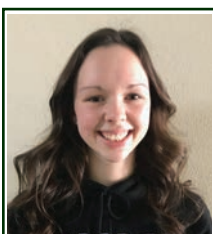




Congratulations to the St. Mary's Knights girls' and boys' basketball teams who made school history when both teams earned the Tomahawk Conference Championship this season! After gathering in the gym for ceremonial cutting of the basketball nets, the girls' and boys' teams posed for a photo. Front (left): **Annika Noshush** (stats), **Leah Miller**, **Sydney Windschitl**, **Madison Mathiowetz**, **Braden Hansen**, **Trent Steffensmeier**, **Carson Domeier**, **Kaleb Wait**, **Gracie Sellner**, **Maddie Hose**, **Emma Currans**, and **Maryanne Larsen**. Second row: **Coach Glen Mathiowetz**, **Regina Surprenant** (stats), **Sophia Portner**, **Katelyn Rutscher**, **Emily Weiss**, **Jacob Stevens**, **Kyle Goblirsch**, **Will Walter**, **Jacob Lux**, **Jon Petermann**, **Megan Ahlness**, **Allie Labat**, **Reagan Severson**, **Coach Ashley (Mathiowetz '02) Schieffert**, and **Head Coach Bruce Woitas**. Back row: **Coach Tim Wait**, **Coach Sean Mathiowetz ('13)**, **Head Coach Judd Walter ('98)**, **Owen Weiss**, **Trevor Zeig**, **Cole Schroeffer**, **Brandon Schmitz**, **Mark Anderson**, **Liz Schwint**, and **Jenica Schroeffer**. Go Knights!



Congratulations to junior **Madison Mathiowetz** who scored her 2000th career point on January 21, making her the first Knight to accomplish this feat. The Lady Knights also defeated GFW (68-58). **Madison** is the daughter of **Matt ('04)** and **Brynn (Braulick '05) Mathiowetz**. Congratulations to **Sydney Windschitl** who became the second all-time scorer for the Lady Knights on March 12 when St. Mary's defeated BLHS with a score of 78 - 46. Sydney is the daughter of **Jason** and **Barb Windschitl**. **Madison** and **Sydney** have also been named co-KEYC Athletes of the Week as well as being selected to the All-State Class A Girls Basketball Team (**Madison**) and Honorable Mention Team (**Sydney**). The Lady Knights ended their regular season with an undefeated record and the title of Tomahawk Conference Champions, a back-to-back honor for the Knights!



Congratulations **Julia Helget** on being selected as one of the 2021 ExCEL State Award Winners! EXCEL stands for Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership. The award is aimed exclusively at Minnesota high school juniors, and is awarded by an independent panel of judges through the Minnesota State High School League. **Julia** is the daughter of **Bill ('93)** and **Jennifer (Braulick '94) Helget**.



Congratulations to junior **Carson Domeier** who scored his 1000th career point in the Knights' game against GFW on January 22. The Knights were also victorious in the game, winning by a score of 66-50. Carson is the son of **Gary** and **LeAnn (Lund '90) Domeier**.



**MISS SLEEPY EYE 2021**  
 Congratulations to Miss Sleepy Eye **Leah Miller**! **Leah** is a senior at St. Mary's Catholic School. She is the daughter of **Ron** and **Melissa Miller**. Congratulations to the princesses: **McKenna Dockter**, daughter of **Matt** and **Carrie Dockter** and **McKenna Strong**, daughter of **Travis** and **Carmen Strong**.



Congratulations to eighth grader **Wyatt Pollard** who earned a spot in the State Wrestling preliminaries. Wyatt is the son of **Jason** and **Julie**. Wyatt wrestles as part of our co-op with the New Ulm Eagles Wrestling.



## THE SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY REMAINS STRONG

St. Mary's Catholic School Marathon for Non-Public Education was held on October 2, 2020. As with just about everything this year, the actual Marathon looked different from previous years because of COVID precautions. However, the spirit of the Marathon remained as strong as ever!

The Marathon is an extremely important event for St. Mary's. In previous years, the entire school gathered to celebrate Mass together before following the high school band on a symbolic Marathon walk through town. Upon arriving at Allison Park, the elementary students partnered with the high school students and played games together. It was a wonderful time of strengthening our school community and demonstrating pride in our Catholic school.

For the 2020 Marathon, the students were unable to walk through the community together or gather as an entire student body at the park. In the elementary school, each classroom walked to a separate park for a fun afternoon of playing together. The middle and high school students walked around the bike trail by the lake, enjoying the beautiful weather. In addition, the students still enjoyed a variety of incentives including a treat from the Knights of Columbus, dress up days, special meals for top pledge earners, a "Punch It Game" for prizes, and theme basket raffles.

The Marathon is an incredible way to celebrate St. Mary's. It is also one of the major fundraisers of the year. Our students and staff ask for pledges from family and friends and write letters to alumni and friends of St. Mary's. In 2019, the Marathon generated \$68,921.80 for St. Mary's. Remarkably, despite COVID, the total increased in 2020 with the pledges totaling \$77,803.29! Approximately 31% of the total comes from our alumni, a percentage that astonished our newly assigned parish priest, Father Mark Steffl. Upon seeing such generosity he commented, "They sure contribute a high percentage to the fundraising compared to other schools."



*Bishop Lucker walking on our Marathon in 1978. Anyone recognize these students?*

Their generosity is a strong example of their appreciation and support of St. Mary's and their desire for future generations to obtain a Catholic education. Words cannot express our gratitude for our alumni as well as our former priests, sisters, teachers, families and friends. We are also very thankful for the support of the Knights of Columbus. For St. Mary's, the Marathon is not only an important fundraiser. It is a tangible example of the value that so many place on private education, especially Catholic education at St. Mary's. For all those who support our Marathon, thank you!

### Mary Gangelhoff Receives Leadership Award



St. Mary's Elementary School principal **Mary (Hoffmann '78) Gangelhoff** was selected as the recipient of the Leadership Award from the Minnesota Independent School Forum (MISF) for the 2021 Independent Education Awards. This award recognizes the hard work and dedication of school heads, presidents, principals, superintendents, or executive directors.

Mary's bright smile and kind wisdom is a true gift to Catholic education, to St. Mary's School, and to her students and staff. Through her leadership, the school has flourished as it has carried out its mission to assist the parents in passing on the Catholic faith while providing a quality education in a safe and positive environment. God has blessed the school greatly with her leadership.

She was recently interviewed and there will be a virtual awards program on April 29.

*Congratulations Mary on this well deserved honor!*

### IT'S TIME FOR ST. MARY'S CHURCH CALENDAR RAFFLE

**\$12,000 in prizes to be awarded with over 377 chances to win with this raffle!**

Once again we hope you will support this major fundraiser that, since 2013, has generated at least \$20,000! Tickets drawn get thrown back in the drawing which means you may win more than once, and it happens! Daily prizes of \$25 with some as high as \$200! There are 1,400 tickets we hope to sell. Each calendar raffle ticket cost \$25.

The drawing will be held on July 1st. Please send your check payable to St. Mary's Church by June 28th so that we receive it in time for the drawing. We appreciate your support!

Please include this portion with your payment:

I would like to buy \_\_\_\_\_ calendar raffle ticket(s). Payment is enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

## **CLASS REUNIONS**

*All class reunions that were scheduled last year were canceled due to the pandemic. This list includes those who have re-scheduled.*

**Class of 1956** - 65 year reunion on Saturday, August 21, at the Sportsmans Park in Sleepy Eye. Contact-Tom Johnson: 401-258-2850 or Rich Haas: 507-995-7803

**Class of 1960** - 61 year reunion on Saturday, August 21, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Contact-John Konz: 507-359-3372

**Class of 1961** - 60 year reunion on Friday, September 17, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Contact-Monica (Seidl) Mueller 507-354-5626

**Class of 1965** - 56 year reunion to be determined. Contact-Linda (Gehrke) Schroepfer: llschroepfer@yahoo.com

**Class of 1970** - 51 year reunion on Saturday, September 25, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Contact-Christine (Seifert) Hoffmann: choffmann@sleepyeyetel.net

**Class of 1976** - 45 year reunion. Should we have one? Send feedback to Deb (Schueller) Brandl: 507-220-6411 or Jane (Moran) Cook: 507-240-0372 (text or call)

**Class of 1980** - 41 year reunion on Saturday, September 11, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Contact - Doug Helget: 507-381-1468.

**Class of 1985** - 36 year reunion on Saturday, August 7, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club. Contact - Kathy (Van Kuelen) Haug 612-483- 9422.

## **KNIGHTS OF OLDE GATHERING**

The “**Knights of Olde**” is a gathering open to all men who have attended or graduated from St. Mary’s High School. Their first gathering was held on December 21, 1990, for one common reason - their CONNECTION to the same alma mater - St. Mary’s! Last December would have marked 30 years since they began meeting, but just like everything else, it was canceled due to the pandemic. Plans are to meet this year when most will feel comfortable doing so. Watch for more information on our school website and Facebook page (past attendees will be notified as usual). If you would like more information or have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact: **Jim Losleben** call 651 686-9547 or email: leben815@aol.com.





## THE GIFT OF A TEACHER'S LOVE FOR ST. MARY'S



Helen Fohl and Darleen Carroll together after Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church. (Photo taken about five years ago by Nancy ('76) Carroll.)

St. Mary's was blessed to be the beneficiary of a large gift of \$68,205.74 from **Mrs. Helen Fohl** in October 2020. Needless to say, we were grateful, excited and astounded, and yet quite puzzled; who is Mrs. Helen Fohl? Her obituary provided a small glimpse of who this generous woman was as it read: "She taught at schools in Morgan, Gilfillan, Sleepy Eye, Evan, and New Ulm, Minnesota, as well as in Seattle, Washington and Beaverton, Oregon," and other information indicating she taught here prior to 1955.

The question lingered about a week after a few phone calls were made to some folks in hopes they could shed some light. The mystery was over after **Mary Carroll ('74)** read the bulletin and learned our exciting news. We are grateful to Mary for providing the following information for us.

Mary's parents, **Paul and Darleen (Appel '48) Carroll** were dear friends with **Mick and Helen Fohl**, who all lived above Al's Bakery on Main Street in 1948. Carrolls occupied the back apartment while Fohls lived in the front apartment. Helen was an elementary classroom teacher at St. Mary's despite few lay teachers then in both elementary and high school. Mick was a telecommunications engineer and worked at the Sleepy Eye Telephone Company. By 1955 they had moved to Oregon when Mick got a job offer to work for General Telephone Corporation to improve telephone service and telephone lines in the Northwestern area of the country.

After Mick and Helen moved to Oregon, they maintained their close friendship with the Carrolls making trips to visit one another. Mick and Helen didn't have their own biological children but, as a teacher, Helen had a multitude of children she loved and educated.

Mary adds, "Helen was a grand lady who captivated everyone who knew her. Her life was exemplified by strength, compassion, sympathy, trust, patience, humor, acceptance, and generosity. Helen was probably Mom's oldest and dearest friend for more than 70 years. Helen wasn't Catholic but she loved Mom and she loved St. Mary's."

## IN GRATITUDE OF LARGE BEQUESTS

St. Mary's Parish has been blessed to receive several bequests. We are extremely grateful for all gifts, large and small. Included below are bequests of \$1,000.00 or more received during the FY ending 6/30/20.

**Bennett C. Tauer** - \$100,000.00  
**Cordella Soukup** - \$25,888.62  
**Bernice Eckstein** - \$10,033.17  
**Sylvester and Irene Hauser** - \$10,000.00  
**Bob Novotny** - \$10,000.00  
**Rose Fromm** - \$6,987.90  
**John and Theresa Reiniger** - \$2,037.05  
**Norbert and Veronica Johanneck** - \$1,000.00

*Please remember St. Mary's in your planned giving.*

## SCHROEPFER - BERTRAND FOUNDERS' FUND

St. Mary's Catholic School is excited to have received \$25,000.00 establishing **The Schroepfer -Bertrand Founders' Fund** (Founders' Fund) on August 21, 2020. The donor intends to make annual contributions to the Founders' Fund as circumstances permit. The purpose of this fund is to provide financial assistance to students of St. Mary's Catholic School while preserving the memory of some of the founders of the Catholic parish and its first church in Sleepy Eye in 1876. We are truly grateful for this gift in tribute to the German-speaking, devout Catholic immigrant farmers and their families who helped pioneer the development of St. Mary's Parish!

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020

## Alumni & Friends Annual Appeal Fund Donors

*Our total received during this fiscal year was \$100,294.15. Our goal was \$100,000.00. This money was used to help pay for school personnel salaries. Thank you to the following individuals who contributed to this fund:*

### **Mary, Queen of Peace ♦ Gifts of \$5,000 & More**

Anonymous *in memory of Phil & Betty Heymans* Schwartz, John '74 Schwartz, Joseph '72

### **Mary, Help of Christians ♦ Gifts of \$2,500 - \$4,999**

Armbruster, Randy & Roxanne Losleben, Jim '58 Tauer, Jerome H. '54  
Fuchs, Gregory '72

### **The Immaculata ♦ Gifts of \$1,000 - \$2,499**

Anonymous Krzmarzick, Donna '59 Schwartz, Mark '80  
Bloedow, Steve and Judy Losleben, Lucille Seidl, Dan '79  
Bromenschenkel, Leo and Gail Ludewig, Duane '79 Seidl, Samantha '10  
Callanan, Richard '51 Miller, Mark and Joanne Sellner, David J. '64  
Carroll, Mary '74 Nosbush, Brad and Sara Sellner, Phil '74  
Farrell, J. Patrick '46 Pelzel, John '01 & Geri (Carr) '02 Steffl, Andrew '14  
Hoffmann, Gary '68 & Marie (Seifert) '68 Rubey, Dr. Robert '65 Steffl, Mark '71  
Juettner, Mary Lou (Gilland) '62 Scheid, Cindy (Goblirsch) '82 Tauer, John '89  
Konz, Leo '61 Schmid, Dan '95 & Sheila (Sellner) '96 Tauer, Robert '59 & Darlene (Boettger) '64  
Kotten, Ivan Schroepfer, Dick '63 & Linda (Goblirsch) '65 Woessner, Donald '75  
Kral, Roger '61 & Sharon (Schroepfer) '64 Schwartz, Irene

### **The Magnificat ♦ Gifts of \$500 - \$999**

Broich, Gwen '75 Hillesheim, Gary '63 McMillan, Stephanie (Krzmarzick) '05  
Carroll, Darleen (Appel) '48 Hirsch, Thomas '59 & Sharon (Simonsen) '70 Peichel, Joseph '75  
Conrad, Tom '79 *in memory of Dan Conrad* '73 Hoffmann, Michael '63 & Marjorie (Braun) '65 Rausch, Betty  
Fischer, Larry '76 & Deb (Mages) '79 Jirak, Don and Sarah Rosenhamer, Patrick '59 & Joan  
Fischer, Lyle '81 Kral, Linus '61 Rosenhammer, John '80  
Folkens, Blair & Val Krambeer, Robert '70 Schmidt, Verna  
Gangelhoff, Greg '78 & Mary (Hoffmann) '78 Krebs, Cori '99 Schmitt, Marlys (Hauser) '81  
Goblirsch, Rob and Kathy Krzmarzick, Randy '74 Sellner, Gerald V. '58  
Haala, Whitney '05 Lozinski, Msgr. Eugene Tauer, David '98  
Heiderscheidt, Diane (Schroepfer) '62 Mages, Barbara Tauer, Peggy A. (Krzmarzick) '49  
Helget, Becky (Wagner) '92 Martinez, Victor and Edmee Windschitl, Gina (Roiger) '84

### **Hail Mary ♦ Gifts up to \$499**

Anderson, Brenda (Sellner) '80 Cook, Wayne '68 Haala, Dustin '99  
Anonymous Daily, Donna *in memory of Darleen* Haala, Martin '72 & Yvonne (Osmonson) '73  
Arbes, Richard '59 Dean, Janice (Laux) '52 Haas, Yvonne (Crouch) '61 *in mem of Philip Haas* '59  
Baechler, Paul '61 Dey, Carol *in memory of Esther Wagner Dey* Hagen, Tony and Maria  
Balint, Marjorie (Hoffmann) '68 Dietz, Paul '62 Hansen, Charles '42  
Barnett, Catherine (Mack) '55 Doll, Diana (Dietz) '57 Hansen, Kathy (Sellner) '67  
Bender, Amanda (Fromm) '04 Ecker, Roxanne Hanson, Rick '89  
Berg, Caleb '17 Eickhoff, Bob and Joleen Hanus, Kayla (Koll) '78  
Bertrand, Jenny (Bertrand) '01 Ericksen, Patricia (Sellner) '91 Hauser, Terry '90  
Bertrand, John '59 Fischer, Carol (Gulbrandson) '62 Heiderscheidt, Deb (Bertrand) '71  
Bertrand, Lynn '66 & Mary (Rubey) '67 Fischer, Lois *in memory of Delores Guldán* Heiderscheidt, Monte '79 & Chris (Berkner) '81  
Braulick, Gerald '66 Fischer, Mary (Rosenhammer) '14 Helget, Dean '86  
Braulick, Lynne (Schmid) '07 Forst Transfer Inc. Helget, Dennis '60  
Braun, Brian '82 & Chris (Meyer) '83 Fromm, David '68 & Janis (Miller) '68 Hengel, Carol (Goldschmidt) '59  
Breuer, Deborah (Sellner) '68 Fromm, Ervin J. '61 Heymans, Frances '46  
Brey, Gwen (Riebel) '82 Gangelhoff, Florence Hirsch, Leonard '62  
Bruckbauer, Robert '62 & Jeanette (Steffl) '63 Gazich, Sue (Eckstein) '77 Hoffmann, Fred '52  
Brunner, Marylou (Backus) '51 Glotzbach, George Hoffmann, Joan '63  
Bruss, Mary (Fischer) '74 Glynn, Dorothy (Crouter) '49 Hoffmann, Patrick '64  
Buley, Debra (Soukup) '78 Goblirsch, Gary '62 & Judy (Johnson) '62 Hoffmann, Robert R. '65  
Christensen, Mark and Ann Goettig-Ruddy, Gwyn '69 Hoffmann, Robert W. '65  
Christians, Devyn (Meyer) '13 Goldschmidt, Sr. Audrey '55 Hoffmann, Tony '67  
Chute, Audrey (Braulick) '66 Gorres, Charlotte (Strate) '60 Huberty, John '57  
Cibuzar, Carol (Goblirsch) '53 Grabow, Gladys (Seidl) '50 Huberty, Kathleen '63  
Cook, Warren '68 Gausam, Joan '66 Huberty, Mary Jane '61

Huiras, Andrew '02  
 Johnson, John '64  
 Johnson, Richard '60  
 Johnson, Thomas '56  
 Kastner, Teresa (Fromm) '88  
 Kelly, Marie (Neid) '53  
 Kiecker, Brad and Cheryl  
 Kluesner, Amy (Heymans) '77  
 Knights of Columbus  
 Kohout, Gene  
 Koll, Dean '74  
 Koll, Thomas '70  
 Kosak, Randy '80  
 Kotten, Patrick '58  
 Krzmarzick, Brent '00  
 Krzmarzick, Cletus '74  
 Krzmarzick, Gerald '54  
 Krzmarzick, Kenneth '66  
 Krzmarzick, Marvin '53  
 Krzmarzick, Ronald '62  
 Kuebler, Margaret (Schreiner) '60  
 Larson, Dr. Thomas '69  
 Lax, Angela '12  
 Lax, Mark '05  
 Letellier, Katherine (Berkner) '05  
 Losleben, Helen  
 Lux, Matt '88  
 Lux, Nick and Irene  
 Mages, Curtis '78  
 Mages, Rick '72 & Jane (Pelzel) '73  
 Marso, Gilbert '53  
 Maurer, Scott '98  
 McCabe, Russ & Ann

McKeown, Mike and Gina  
 Miller, Barbara (Hoffmann) '76  
 Moeller, Krista (Armbruster) '05  
 Moldaschel, Lucille (Mathiowetz) '52  
 Moosbrugger, John and Karen  
 Moulton, Margaret (Peichel) '58  
 Newfield, Sylvia (Gilland) '68  
 Olmscheid, Mary *in memory of Paul Wurtzberger*  
 Peichel, Jerome '63 & Ginny (Schroepfer) '61  
 Pelzel, Wayne '68 & Pattie (Pietig) '70  
 Penkert, Pamela (Soukup) '76  
 Peterson, Fr. Zachary  
 Peterson, Linda (Helget) '77  
 Popken, Jim '65  
 Portner, Mark '88  
 Rasmussen, Barbara (Berdan) '55  
 Reddy, Patricia (Soukup) '58  
 Reed, Cletus and Audrey  
 Reis, Rita  
 Riebel, Kenneth '63  
 Riebel, Mark '81  
 Ries, Thomas '58  
 Robertson, Joan (Mangen) '66  
 Robinson, Kathleen (Steffl) '63  
 Rosenhamer, Brenda '86  
 Roufs, Peter and Shelley  
 Runing, David '58 & Sandra (Bertrand) '59  
 Schmid, Jeanne (Pietrus) '49  
 Schneider, Donna Mae (Hillesheim) '52  
 Schnobrich, Daniel '59  
 Scholtz, Laura (Rosenhammer) '10  
 Schons, Ken & Audrey  
 Schouvieller, Phyllis (Jemmings) '51

Schroepfer, Cletus '52  
 Schroepfer, Myra '03  
 Schroepfer, Scott '93  
 Schulz, Irene (Lammers) '52  
 Schumacher, Bernette (Hillesheim) '53  
 Schumacher, Donna (Dietz) '55  
 Schwab, Shelley '68  
 Seidl, Andy '98  
 Seidl, James '58  
 Sellner, Charles '67  
 Sellner, Eileen '79  
 Sellner, Gerald '62  
 Sellner, Scott '72  
 Siegwarth, Donna (Longworth) '46  
 Soukup, Charles '83  
 Steffl, Joel '75  
 Steffl, Kathy (Tauer) '78  
 Stimpert, Lillian (Haala) '51  
 Tauer, Kevin '69  
 Tauer, Richard E. '65  
 Tauer, Scott '76  
 Treml, Edwin '56  
 Ubl, David '65  
 Ubl, Roger '58  
 Vickery, Barb  
 Wagner, Mike and Audrey  
 Walden, Brenda (Frederickson) '66  
 Woitas, Bruce and Mary  
 Wurtzberger, Anthony '65  
 Wurtzberger, Florian '64  
 Zollner, Ron '57 & Jeanette (Huiras) '57  
 Zschetzsche, John '62

### Scholarship Trust Fund Donors

*Our total donations received during this fiscal year was \$3,850.00. The balance on 6/30/20 is \$403,892.21. This money is invested and the interest is used to assist families who need help meeting the cost of tuition. Thank you to the following who contributed to this fund:*

#### *Gifts of \$1,000 or more*

Heymans, Greg '80

Kral, Roger '61 & Sharon (Schroepfer) '63

#### *Gifts of \$1 - \$999*

Anonymous

Huberty, Robert '55

Steffen, Patrick '56

Hoffmann, David '84

Ries, Thomas '58

Wagner, Matt '00

Holmes, Marjorie (Sellner) '75

**Other Major Gifts (\$5,000 or more)** Bennett C. Tauer Estate \$50,000.00 for tuition assistance; Jean and Mark Schroepfer Fund \$20,000.00 (\$12,800 - computer wiring project/\$4,000 math and science education/\$3,200 for pre-school materials); Jean and Mark Schroepfer Fund \$11,100.00 for Catholic Virtual online academic courses; Anonymous \$10,000.00 computer wiring project; SouthPoint Financial Credit Union \$10,000.00 for computer wiring project; Anonymous \$10,000.00 for teachers' bonus; Jim Losleben \$7,500.00 for tuition assistance and annual appeal; Roger and Sharon Kral \$5,851.25 for computer wiring project and misc. projects; Mary Lou Mathiowetz \$5,000.00 for the field house maintenance; Mike Maurer \$5,000.00 for general school needs Brad and Sara Nosbush \$5,000.00 for pre-school transportation

*Thank you to everyone who supports our school in any way!*

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



Since I arrived here at St. Mary's just eight months ago, I have come to be aware of and am so impressed with the group of very generous benefactors who support St. Mary's School. We have many alumni who, although they have not lived in Sleepy Eye since graduation from high school, continue to

support our programs and annual fundraisers and appeals. (One thing that I am particularly impressed with is each year at the time of the Marathon, our students send letters to our alumni and many send notes or memories of their time at St. Mary's School along with a contribution to the Marathon!)

In addition to our alumni, I have also discovered there are those who live "far and wide" and support our school simply because they want to contribute to what we provide here after hearing about it, or meeting one of our alumni. Recently, a priest in a different parish who has a number of St. Mary's alumni in his congregation made the comment that his "best parishioners are St. Mary's graduates!" This is a great testimony to the programs that we offer.

For all of us who have had the blessing of a Catholic School education, we have those to thank for their support. Those who "invested in us" with their financial support, time and talent and those who gave their whole life dedicated to teaching, the religious Sisters. Everything we invest in Catholic education is our way of "paying it forward" in gratitude for what we have received!

And I want everyone to know that we pray for our

alumni and benefactors, living and deceased, at our school Masses.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about our plans for the next big project at St. Mary's. Part of the "St. Mary's experience" is the beautiful church that we have, which in so many ways is the "crown jewel" of the Diocese of New Ulm and southwest Minnesota, a monument of our faith "on the prairie." Parishioners have been hearing about a big project we are anticipating in 2022, which is a new floor for the church and to restore/re-lead the remaining stained glass windows in the church that have not already been repaired. The cost of these two projects put together is going to be about \$650,000.00, and we are beginning to solicit donations.

The wooden floor, which was refinished in 2000 has reached the end of its life, and there is no further way to refinish or rehabilitate it. What is being proposed is a terrazzo floor. Terrazzo is in many churches (and St. Mary's School). It is a composite floor made of chips of stone held together in a poured composite that can be colored and designed. The benefit of such a replacement is that it is easy to clean and maintain and is basically a "100-year" floor. Since St. Mary's High School was built 60 years ago, the terrazzo floor there continues to serve us well, and since then the technology has so improved that it is more durable and requires less structural support, which makes it a good solution for the church.

Mentioning this, it is my hope that our alumni and benefactors may consider a gift to the cost of this project, helping us to keep St. Mary's the beautiful and impressive church that it is!

Fr. Mark Steffl,  
Parish Priest

## From the Development Desk...

By Chris (Berkner '81) Heiderscheidt



Thank you for the generosity displayed during the interesting year of 2020! So many of you stepped forward volunteering your time and talent to help wherever needed and so many of you gave generous monetary gifts! As well, some of you offered prayers for all involved at St. Mary's during this difficult school year. Thank you for this!

And just like most things this past year, our Night of Knights Dinner in November was not held, but nonetheless we presented our 2020 Hall of Fame inductees their plaques after Mass. We look forward to celebrating their induction at our Night of Knights Dinner on November 20, 2021.

As many of you know, our Annual Appeal Fund is used to help satisfy the budgeted salary increase for our teachers and personnel already factored in for this 2020-21 school year. Since 2013, our Night of Knights Dinner has provided that shot in the arm (no pun intended) giving this fund a boost with gifts exceeding \$50,000 in just that night alone! Without this event, we have received \$54,000 to date towards our goal of \$100,000 by June 30, 2021. If you are among the many who are grateful for a Catholic school education, this is a great way to say "thanks." Please send a gift today.

I look forward to seeing many of you on May 15, at our Caribbean Knight Party (see front cover). If you haven't had the chance to attend this fun event before, mark your calendars to attend this year. This is a great time to reunite with friends while supporting St. Mary's Catholic School!





## HALL OF FAME 2020



Pictured in front (l-r) are St. Mary's Catholic School Service Achievement Award recipients: **Verna (Haala '48) Wendinger**, **Rosella Windschitl**, and **Dorothy Haala**. Not present but pictured in the background are the Athletic Achievement Award recipients, **Leo Braun ('59)** and **Steve Seifert ('80)**. The awards were presented during Mass on November 21, 2020. This Mass is available for viewing by visiting the Hall of Fame page found under Alumni on our school website. There is also a link to read about our inductees at the bottom of that same page. Since we were unable to have our banquet due to the pandemic, we will acknowledge these inductees at the Night of Knights banquet this year on November 20, 2021.

## "ARTS"

### ADDED TO HALL OF FAME AWARDS

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). We invite you to nominate individuals for our Hall of Fame who demonstrate qualities of character, citizenship, and faith that reflect the philosophy of St. Mary's School.

*Nomination forms are available by visiting the Hall of Fame page found under Alumni on our school website: ([www.sesmschool.com](http://www.sesmschool.com))*



**Congratulations** to the winning team of the **30th Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament** held on September 12, 2020 (left): **Bryan Weiss**, **Judd Walter ('98)**, and **Adam Fischer ('01)**. Second place team was **Brent Kucera**, **Nolan Kucera** and **Nick Novotny ('02)**. Longest drive: **Lucas Heiderscheidt ('15)**, **Heidi (Carr '08) Braulick**. Closest to the pin: **Nolan Kucera**, **Angie Cook**. Longest putt: **Nolan Kucera**, **Lois (Sellner '65) Kuelbs**. 34 teams participated this year generating proceeds of \$5,261.75 benefiting the athletic department. Thank you to **Dan Schmid ('95)** and **Judd Walter ('98)** for their time organizing this event. Thank you to the following businesses for sponsoring this event- \$300: **Mathiowetz Construction**, \$250: **MR Paving & Excavating**, \$130: **Arneson Distributing**, **Miller Sellner Implement**, **Chuck Spaeth Ford**, **Schwartz Farms, Inc.**, \$100: **Randy's Family Drug & Gift**, **First Security Agency**, **Sleepy Eye Electric**, **South-Point Federal Credit Union**, **Americana Bank**, **Kibble Equipment**, \$50: **Schmid Financial Services** and **Schweiss Meats**. We also appreciate the following players who donated their prize winnings: **Jay Krzmarzick**-\$100, **Tom Schmid ('89)**-\$25 and **Tim Schwartz ('99)** team who won Flight Two-\$150. Thank you to the following volunteers: **Jeff Koewler**, **Tammy Helget**, **Jeanne Tauer**, **Wendy Hoffmann**, and students **Madison Mathiowetz**, **Trevor Zeig**, **Reagan Severson**, **Sam Ibberson**, **Kenadi Steffl**, **Julia Helget**, and **Maya Nelson**. Thank you to **St. Mary's Booster Club** and **St. Mary's Catering** for donating door prizes.

## Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament Saturday, September 11, 2021

### 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)**

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***Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them***  
*(Includes obituaries received through March 15, 2021)*

**Sister Helenette Baltés, OSB**, 104, died on January 2, 2020. She graduated in 1933 and entered Saint Benedict's Monastery that fall making her perpetual monastic profession on July 11, 1939.

**Martin Hillesheim**, 85, died on January 15, 2020. Martin graduated in 1953. He is survived by his daughters, Ann (Mark) Skoglund and Marcie (Jeff) Halberstadt.

**Mary (Abel) Wolle**, 64, died on March 6, 2020. Mary graduated in 1974 and is survived by her sons, Christopher (Lisa) and Bradden (Samantha).

**Lois (Ubl) Horwath**, 90, died on April 20, 2020. She graduated in 1948 and is survived by her children, Cheryl Heinecke, Pam Highstrom and Allan.

**Helen L. Fohl**, 99, died on May 6, 2020. Helen is a former teacher of St. Mary's School.

**Fr. Robert Goblirsch**, 86, died on August 19, 2020. He graduated in 1951 and was ordained a priest on February 21, 1960. Fr. Goblirsch received the St. Mary's Catholic School Hall of Fame Distinguished Service Award in 2012.

**Lowell R. Mathiowetz**, 72, died August 30, 2020. He graduated from in 1965 and is survived by his fiancée, Debbie Rokala, and his children, Brian ('88), Brad ('88) (Christine), Scott ('95) (Kayla), and Pamela ('90).

**Lorraine (Sellner) Roiger**, 89, died on September 1, 2020. She attended St. Mary's School and is survived by Christie (Philip) Hansen and Vickie (Russell '71) Schroepfer.

**Sylvan A. Goblirsch**, 84, died on September 9, 2020. He was a member of the class of 1954.

**Rita (Stadick) Sabatino**, 88, died on September 10, 2020. Rita graduated in 1950 and is survived by her children, MaryKay ('76), Barb (Armin) Kronback, Mark (Dawn), and Paul ('82) (Renae Schewe '83).

**George Glotzbach**, 89, died on September 15, 2020. George is survived by his wife, Sharon and his children, Karl, Paul, Mary and Anne (Bill) Tlusty. George was a benefactor of our school as his father, Linus graduated with the class of 1918, our first graduating class at St. Mary's High School.

**William (Bill) Wintheiser**, 84, died on September 30, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Maggie and their children, Rick ('76) (Mafalda), Randy ('80) (ReNae) and Brenda ('84) (Rick) Schumann.

**Monica "Mickey" (Thome) Geschwind**, 91, died on October 3, 2020. She graduated in 1947 and is survived by her children, Susan ('69) (Eric) Mullins, Sandy ('70) (Dennis) Burnett, Bill ('72) (Deb), Rosie ('75) (Mark) Osmonson and Jon ('77) (Marie).

**Claire (Hittesdorf) McDowell**, 71, died October 5, 2020. She graduated in 1967 and is survived by her sons, Michael (Suhua), Aaron, Christopher ('92) (Satoko), and Magnus ('94) (Kristine).

**Heidi D. Ibberson**, 47, died on October 9, 2020. She is survived by her husband, Todd ('87) and her children Saydi ('12) (Nolan '12) Helget, Laura ('16) Martinka, Skylar Zuhlsdorf, Nick Martinka and step-son Carter ('18) Ibberson.

**John Schumacher, Jr.**, 60, died on October 14, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Bernie, and their daughters, Tavia (Andrew) Bachmann and Nikki (Kiel) Fechtelkotter. John is a former phy-ed teacher and football coach at St. Mary's.

**George Forst**, 71, died on November 7, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Mary and their children, Wendy (Rick) Hoffmann, who is a former teacher of St. Mary's, Jill (Tony) Berdan, Derek and Justin (Kristy).

**Alfred Schmitz**, 79, died on November 20, 2020. He graduated in 1959 and is survived by his wife, Jan and their children, Craig (Recarda), Chris (Steve) Domser, and Cory (Sara).

**Ann (Soukup) West**, 93, died on November 27, 2020. She graduated in 1945 and is survived by her children, Kathy (Bud) Van Gundy, Dr. Steven (Mary), Don (Linda), and Mike (Jeannie).

**Robert "Chisey" Sellner**, 75, died on December 11, 2020. Robert was a member of the class of 1963. He is survived by his wife, Diana (Wensauer '65) and their children, Troy (Jessica) and Kari (Steve) Oman.

**Raymond E. Rothmeier**, 58, died on December 11, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Tammy and their children, Raymond "Joe" ('06) (Becky), Jenny ('09) (Jon) and Jared ('15) (Andrea Schwartz '14).

**James "Jim" Smith**, 70, died on December 14, 2020. He graduated in 1968 and is survived by his wife, Bonita "Bunny" (Haas '69) and their daughters, Robin ('91) (Jeff) Rabey and Bobbi ('93) Jo Nash.

**Lois Tauer**, 78, died on December 18, 2020. She is survived by her husband, Tim ('57) and children, Sheila ('80) (Dan) Beltz, Sherri ('81) (Dean '76) Braun, Stacie ('88) (Brent) Amsden, and Scott (Karen).

**Colleen (Wersal) Ibberson**, 89, died on December 20, 2020. She graduated in 1949 and is survived by her children, Lee (Beverly Schroepfer '72), Paulette (Greg '69) Grausam, Jeff (Lisa), and Sue (Jerry '84) Forster.

**Magdalen "Maggie" Wintheiser**, 85, died on December 20, 2020. She is survived by her children, Rick ('76)



(Mafalda), Randy ('80) (ReNae) and Brenda ('84) (Rick) Schumann.

**Nicole (Steffl) Fuchs**, 37, died on December 21, 2020. She graduated in 2001 and is survived by her husband, Paul ('03) and children, Brecken Hulke and Corbin Fuchs. Nicole received St. Mary's Catholic School Distinguished Athletic Award in 2014.

**Donald M. Ludewig**, 82, died on December 25, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Kathy and their children, Loren ('79) (Jeanne), Duane ('79) (Karen), Brad ('82) (Denise), Neil ('84) (Bobbi), Amy (Paul) Albrecht, Galen (Cindy), and Jennifer ('97) (Chris) Asche.

**Dennis C. Sellner**, 83, died on January 25, 2021. Dennis graduated in 1955 and is survived by his wife, Mary (Seidl '61), and their children, Steve ('79) (Joleen Walter '79) and Christine ('82) (Matt) Steffen.

**Mary Jane (Mertz) Baechler**, 83, died on January 27, 2021. She graduated in 1955 and is survived by her husband Robert ('55) and her daughter ReNae (Randy '80) Wintheiser.

**Velma Hoffmann**, 94, died February 2, 2021. She is survived by her sons, Dean ('71) and Brad ('79) (Julie).

**Timothy Dubois**, 37, died on February 17, 2021. Tim was a member of the Class of 2001.

**Arthur J. Sellner**, 98, died on February 18, 2021. He is survived by his children, Theresa ('66) Thomas, Ann Marie ('67) (Craig) Gifford, Mary Jane ('72) (Martin '66) Hoffmann, David ('73) (MaDonna), and Linda ('75) Schroepfer.

**Patricia (Tauer) Alt**, 77, died on February 25, 2021. She graduated in 1961 and is survived by her children, David (Lauri), Daniel (Deb) and Deborah (Lonny) Cathcart.

**Keith Moldan**, 53, died on March 1, 2021. Keith graduated in 1987 and is survived by his children, Brooklyn and Peyton.

**Patricia "Patsy" (Sellner) Reynolds**, 81, died on March 3, 2021. She graduated in 1957 and is survived by her husband, Pat ('58) and their children, Terry ('82) (Cheryl Helget '82) and Mike ('86). Patsy is a former English teacher at St. Mary's High School.

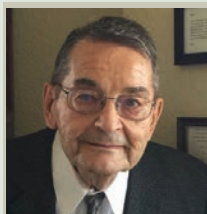
**Paul Nuytten**, 71, died on March 6, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Jane and their children, Laura ('92) Platz, Matt ('94) (Bobbie) and Marcy ('94).

**Richard John Mathiowetz**, 82, died on March 6, 2021. Richard was a member of the class of 1956. He is survived by his wife, Agnes and their children, Kelvin, Myron (Lynn), Kristi Lang, Mary Hillmer and Julie.

**Rhoda Dietz**, 102, died on March 10, 2021. She is survived by her children, Paul ('62) (Janice), Juliann ('63) (Darrell) Ogilvie, Phillip ('65), and Kathryn ('71) (Vernard) Domeier.

**Donald "Don" Hirsch**, 76, died on March 11, 2021. Don graduated in 1962 and is survived by his children, Doug ('86), Deanna ('91) (Gary '83) Nelson, and Stacy (Andy) Strand.

**Sherry (Krzmarzick) Eigen**, 58, died on March 15, 2021. Sherry graduated in 1981 and is survived by her children, Jeffery "JJ" ('02) (Nicole), Jessie ('04) (Andrew) Incorvaja and Justine ('07).



St. Mary's Church and School bid farewell to **Mike Maurer**, 87, who died on February 21, 2021. Mike learned of St. Mary's about 31 years ago when he came to Sleepy Eye to visit his parents. During his visits, he often accompanied his Dad to weekday school Masses and he was impressed. Because of Mike's strong commitment to Catholic schools and what they stand for, he (and his late wife, Betty) chose to give generously to St. Mary's from their financial blessings. Their first gift was \$52,000 to renovate the football field. Over the years, Mike's generosity continued and exceeded \$225,000 for various purposes, but it didn't end there. Of all the charitable organizations to choose from, Mike saw to it that upon his death, all memorials go to St. Mary's School. We have been truly blessed by the generosity of Mike Maurer and we are grateful for him, and ALL of our benefactors.

### **Congratulations Newlyweds**

**Andrea Schwartz ('14)** married **Jared Rothmeier ('15)** on July 18, 2020

**Rick Hoffmann ('84)** married Wendy Owens on July 25, 2020

**Rebecca Schmitz ('15)** married Ethan Scharmer on August 8, 2020

**Anna Miller ('15)** married Jacob Gangelhoff on August 29, 2020

**Dillon Kober ('13)** married Jessica Helget on September 5, 2020

**Nikki Carr ('14)** married **Lucas Heiderscheidt ('15)** on October 17, 2020

**Kyle C. Krzmarzick ('12)** married Elizabeth Schreier on November 14, 2020

**Grace Steffl ('17)** married Adam Roskam January 2, 2021



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