



St. Mary's Catholic School

14th Hall of Fame

Appreciation Dinner

Saturday, January 27, 2018

Service Achievement

Kathy Wichmann

Athletic Achievement

Ashley (Mathiowetz '02) Schieffert

Fred ('52) Hoffmann



Distinguished Service Achievement Award Inductee



Because of her life of generous service to God and others, **Kathy Wichmann** is most deserving of her induction into the St. Mary's Hall of Fame for Distinguished Service. She truly lives her life by the following Scripture verse: *"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me."* (John 12:26).

Born in Wanda, Minnesota, Kathy graduated from St. Anne's Catholic School in Wabasso. After moving to New Ulm, she worked at Eibner's Restaurant for a year before taking an office position at AJ Pietrus in Sleepy Eye. Eventually, she became employed at Haas Press (now BIC Graphics USA) where she continued working for twenty-nine years.

In 1993, Msgr. John Richter asked Kathy to be the Pastoral Minister for St. Mary's Parish. This decision was a natural choice because of Kathy's deep faith and strong commitment to service. Her deep dedication was evident in her extensive involvement in the parish, generously volunteering on various committees. As Pastoral Minister, Kathy graciously took on many valuable ministries within the parish. Her roles included taking Holy Communion to the homebound, visiting the sick in hospitals, leading prayer services, managing the social room,

cleaning and assisting with the parish bulletin. Wherever there was a need, Kathy willingly did whatever she could in order to fill it. She is a true example of one who genuinely lived out the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy in her life. Her life of service did not go unnoticed. In 2004, she received the Spirit of St. Mary's award and, in 2007, she was named the New Ulm Diocesan Woman of the Year, an honor received after being nominated by the women in the parish. These honors vividly illustrate the tremendous role that Kathy plays in furthering the ministries and mission of the parish and the entire diocese.

One of the ministries that Kathy is most passionate about is the protection of the unborn and the elderly. Her active involvement in fighting for the rights of the most vulnerable members of society led her to initiate the Pro-Life/Pro-Family Committee that met for many years in the parish. In addition, she was vigilant about remaining current on political issues regarding legislation that threatened the unborn or elderly and diligently worked to share this information with the parish and the community and fight against these injustices. Due to Kathy's efforts, the National Life Chain (which began in California in 1987) became a practice in Sleepy Eye in 1999. People of all faiths continue to publicly join together in silent prayer on the corners of Highways 4 and 14 on Respect Life Sunday in October. According to St. Mary's Development Director Chris Heider-scheidt, "Kathy is one of those rare gems who practices serving God like very few will ever even attempt to. Observing her dedication and focus, especially in her work to save the unborn has inspired me, as I'm sure it has others, in ways she may never realize. She is the definition of unselfishness."

Although Kathy officially retired as the Pastoral Minister in 2007, she did not retire from serving St. Mary's. She continues to help the parish in countless ways such as by finding people to carry up offertory for the Sunday Masses. In addition, she has the tremendous responsibility of serving as the coordinator of Perpetual Adoration at St. Mary's Parish. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament began in St. Mary's Parish on Ash Wednesday, February 25, 1998, while Kathy was working with Msgr. Richter. For the past twenty years, she has remained actively involved as she continues to coordinate the details to ensure that there are constantly adorers praying in the chapel every hour of every day. Perpetual Adoration has been a tremendous blessing to St. Mary's and it would not have been possible without the extraordinary efforts of individuals like Kathy.

Former St. Mary's Elementary Principal Wayne Pelzel concurs with the many gifts that Kathy has shared with the parish: "Kathy has been the hub of the wheel that allows Perpetual Adoration to continue to turn. She lines up people to cover open slots in the schedule (which she's done since Adoration began). In addition, for many years, Kathy was an important cog in the wheel as a main salesperson in the Parish Calendar fund raiser. Lots of things in our parish wouldn't go around were it not for Kathy."

Because Kathy lives by her belief that, "As Catholic Christians, we need to get back to our faith and keep Jesus first in our lives," she is an exceptional role model of what it means to be a true disciple of Christ. Just as she truly must be honored by the Father for her service to Him, she should also be deeply admired for her induction into the St. Mary's Hall of Fame for Distinguished Service.

Distinguished Athletic Achievement Award Inductees



Ashley (Mathiowetz) Schieffert is an outstanding inductee to the 2018 St. Mary's Hall of Fame for Athletic/Coaching Achievement. During high school, Ashley excelled as a three-sport athlete, running both cross country and track and playing basketball. Her statistics in each of these athletic endeavors demonstrate her talent, her dedication and her hard work.

As a cross country runner, Ashley earned the Most Improved Award as a seventh grader in 1996. The following season, Ashley was recognized with the Best Runner Award, an incredible accomplishment for an eighth grader. On the basketball court, Ashley continued to demonstrate her athletic abilities. Her statistics vividly illustrate her talent as she ended her basketball career with 1032 points, 200 assists, 192 steals and 436 rebounds. She was named to the All-Conference team for three years and the All Journal team for two years. In addition, Ashley was selected as a KNUJ Player of the Week for two years. According to her former teammate Nicole (Steffl) Fuchs: "Her leadership abilities on the court led to her being named team captain. Ashley and I ran track and played basketball together. Ashley is one of the teammates you can look back and say that you were honored to play with. She always had a positive attitude and strived to make herself and her teammates better. She was a great player and her years of practice and dedication

shown through. Ashley was always the player you could count on in a big moment, she never cracked under pressure. As teammates you see each other at their best and at their worst between wins and losses, 3 on 3 and punishment killers. I can honestly say that she was always the one picking everyone else back up when they were down. We may have given Coach Woitas a run for his money at times, but he knew our hearts were always in the right place! It was a joy being her teammate! This honor is well-deserved."

In addition to her excellence on the basketball court, Ashley was a phenomenal member of the Sleepy Eye United Track and Field Team. Many of her records remain unbroken including her time of 2:25.7 in the 800 meter run. Records as a member of relay teams also still stand including a time of 4:05.18 in the 4X400 relay and a time of 9:46.52 in the 4X800 relay. The success of both the 4X400 relay and the 4X800 relay teams earned Ashley and her teammates a trip to the State Tournament in 1998. Former relay teammate Geri (Carr) Pelzel recalls, "Ashley was blessed with a lot of natural athletic talent, but she didn't just rely on that. She was always putting in extra time and going the extra mile to be the absolute best she could be. She had high expectations for herself and was willing to put in the necessary work to reach her goals."

After her graduation from St. Mary's in 2002, Ashley attended the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. She graduated in 2005 with a major in Family Social Science and a minor in Psychology.

She and her husband Joe live in Sleepy Eye where Ashley is active in various school and community activities including heading the remodeling project of the playground at Kiefer Park. Ashley continues her involvement in basketball, coaching at various levels for the last twelve years. She has coached elementary, junior high and B-squad teams. She is now the B-squad coach for the Lady Knights basketball program.

Ashley is currently an agent at Community Insurance Agency as well as the owner with Joe of Superior Transportation Services Bus Company. Joe and Ashley have two daughters, Olivia, a second grader and Stella, a preschooler, both at St. Mary's.

In high school, Ashley repeatedly proved that she was gifted with tremendous athletic abilities. Today, she generously uses those talents to help young athletes develop their own abilities through her knowledge, dedication, and commitment to excellence. Her abilities and attitude make her an ideal inductee in to the St. Mary's Hall of Fame.

Distinguished Athletic Achievement Award Inductees



Fred Hoffmann is an extremely deserving inductee into the St. Mary's Hall of Fame for Athletic Achievement. During high school, Fred excelled on both the football and baseball fields. However, St. Mary's almost missed the opportunity to have this legendary Knight! Because Fred grew up on a farm, he assumed that he would not be playing sports until head football coach Ray Wilder visited the family farm and personally recruited Fred for his team. According to Fred's son, Steve, "...my dad was quite an athlete at St. Mary's back in the late 1940's and early 1950's...even though he was only 5'8" and weighed about 152 pounds, he was a starter at right guard...he was a very hardworking and tough competitor. He was a member who contributed to the Knights 1951 DeSmet Conference Championship Football Team." His talents were recognized as he was the very first person to receive the Most Valuable Player in football at St. Mary's, an honor voted on by his teammates. He received the Delbert Longworth Memorial Trophy for MVP as an offensive guard and a defensive tackle. In addition, Fred was named to the 1951 DeSmet All Conference Team. According to a newspaper article, he was "an outstanding lineman for the Saints all season" who was "nominated for a position on the all-state team," earning an Honorable Mention All-State in football.

On the baseball field, Fred demonstrated an equal commitment to excellence. He was a member of the first St. Mary's baseball team (began in 1952), playing center fielder for the Knights. His batting average was a team-leading .423, leading local newspapers to include comments such as "If Morton's Indian Trails team never has to face Fritz Hoffmann, Sleepy Eye outfielder again, it will be all right as far as the Mortonites are concerned." Other newspaper clippings of that era are full of his accolades and accomplishments on the baseball field.

As a senior, Fred also received the American Legion Award. He graduated from St. Mary's in 1952. After his graduation, Fred's love of St. Mary's athletics continued. His son Steve recalls, "He not only practiced with his children out in the yard, but also attended their games and later was a regular fan at his grandchildren's games." In addition, Fred firmly believed that future Knights should have the same opportunities to play sports as he was given. Thus, he has been extremely generous both with his financial gifts to various St. Mary's athletic programs and with his time, assisting with laying the sod on the present football field and laying the floor in the field house.

Fred is also a strongly committed member of St. Mary's Parish. He serves as a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic United Financial. He has also donated his time as an usher. Each year, he faithfully helps with the Men's Sausage Dinner, a tremendous fund-raiser for the parish. His siblings shared that Fred is "a religious man...blessed to have a wife, Bernadette, with a strong faith who together raised their children in the Catholic faith." His son, David, concurs: "Throughout his lifetime, he has influenced how I am as a person by showing how much he cares about his faith...seeing my dad volunteer on so many different occasions in the church or school has made me want to do that in my church."

As spending his life farming, Fred is now enjoying retirement in Sleepy Eye. His siblings refer to him as an "artist, fixing and building machinery, interested in farm antiques, and creative in making things whenever he has an idea." He has been married to his wife, Bernadette, for over sixty years, vividly illustrating his dedication and commitment to the sacrament of marriage. David shares that his father "taught his kids the importance of having a relationship with God through prayer and going to church." He is the proud father of four children (Barb Miller ('76), Mary Gangelhoff ('78), Steve ('80) and David ('84)), grandfather of eleven children, and great-grandfather of seven children.

As impressive as Fred Hoffmann's athletic accomplishments certainly are, it is truly his commitment to his family, his faith and St. Mary's that makes him an exceptional individual and a strong role model for all who know him. He is most deserving of his induction into St. Mary's Hall of Fame.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

<u>FOOTBALL</u>		<u>BOYS TRACK</u>	
Conference	1935,1936,1938,1948,1949,1950	Conference	1948,1962
	1954,1957,1961,1967,1970,1975, 2012, 2013		
Section	1988, 2011, 2012, 2013	<u>SOFTBALL</u>	
State Participant	1979,1988, 2011, 2012, 2013	Conference	2012
		District	1983
		Sub-Section	1985,1986,1987,1988,1 989
<u>VOLLEYBALL</u>		Region	1980,1981,1982,1983, 1984
Conference	2008	Section	2007, 2017
Sub-Section	1999,2000,2002,2004,2006,2008	State Participant	1981, 1982, 2007, 2017
		State 3rd Place	1983, 2017
<u>GIRLS CROSS COUN- TRY</u>		State Runner Up	1980
Conference	2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016	State Champs	1984
State Participant	1999	State Academic Champs	2007
<u>BOYS BASKETBALL</u>			
Conference	1937,1950,1954,1958,1962,1971 1975,1998,2003,2004,2005,2012, 2013	<u>BASEBALL</u>	
		Conference	1954,1955,1956,1957, 1958,1959,1967,1970,
Sub-Section	1998,2001,2004,2005,2006		1975,1988,1993,1995, 2001,2003,2004,2006,
Section	1998,2005,2006		2007,2008,2012, 2013
Region	1949,1957,1958	District	1975,1979,1980,1987
State Participant	1938,1940,1945,1949,1950,1957	Sub-Section	1997,2001
	1958,2005,2006	Section	2001,2002,2003,2004, 2006,2007
State 4th Place	1951,1998	Region	1970,1974,1979,1980
		State Participant	1954,1955,1956,1970, 1974,1979
<u>GIRLS BASKETBALL</u>		State 3rd Place	2003
Conference	1996,1999	State Runner Up	1967,1980,2001
Sub-Section	1999,2005	State Champs	2002,2004,2006,2007
Section	1999,2005		
State Participant	1999,2005	<u>GIRLS GOLF</u>	
State Academic Champs	2006,2007	Conference	2004,2005,2006, 2010
		Sub-Section	2004, 2010
<u>GIRLS TRACK</u>			
Conference	1981,1982,1984,1985,1986,1988, 2009, 2010, 2011,2012, 2013	<u>BOYS GOLF</u>	
District	1982,1983,1984,1985,1986	Conference	1957,1958,1995,1996, 1997,2000, 2016, 2017
Sub-Section	1993,1995, 2010	Sub-Section	2012, 2016
Region	1986	Section	2016, 2017
State Participant	1986	State 3rd Place	2016, 2017
4x200 Relay Champs	2005		

Past Hall of Fame Inductees

SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

COACHES ACHIEVEMENT

2005 Inductees

Sr. Margeen Hoffmann ('54)
Jack Berdan ('49)/Coach

Fred Bruckbauer ('56)
Richard Callanan ('51)

Moe Moran
Eugene Maurer ('63)

2006 Inductees

Sr. Theresa Hoffmann ('59)
Spud Dietz ('44)

Herm Sellner ('53)
Mike Hentges ('62)
Jerry Steffen ('63)

Charlie Hale

2007 Inductees

Fr. Wilfrid Upson ('47)

Ed Schotzko ('58)
Jim "Fetch" Seidl ('58)
Bob Broich ('71)
Jim Popken ('65)
Roger Goblirsch ('67)

February 2008 Inductees

Stan Meidl
Sr. Nicholine Mertz ('40)
Sr. Audrey Goldschmidt ('55)

Sue (Riebel) Lueck ('84)
Les Haala ('57)
Pat "Lefty" Reynolds ('58)
Donald "Toby" Schmid ('63)
Jeff Cook ('76)

November 2008 Inductees

Sr. Marlene Pinzka ('63)
Linus Glotzbach ('18)

Francis Broich ('43)
Charles Murry ('46)
Steve Hoffmann ('80)

2009 Inductees

Philip Sellner Jr. ('74)
Nicholas Mertz Jr. ('48)

Janet (Schotzko) Bolstad ('83)
Glenn Sieve ('75)
Mark Tauer ('71)
Joe (Dutch) Schroepfer ('48)

2010 Inductees

Grace (Sellner) Strangis ('62)
Cathy Haala ('74)

Kelly (Tauer) Hogan ('96)
Gary Hoffmann ('68)
Greg Gangelhoff ('78)

Wayne Pelzel ('68)

2011 Inductees

Rita Hirsch ('64)
Tom Popken ('75)

Kim (Schmid) Auth ('87)
Vic Helget Jr. ('75)
Shelley Schwab ('68)

Past Hall of Fame Inductees

SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

COACHES ACHIEVEMENT

2012 Inductees

Fr. Robert Goblirsch ('51)
Marie (Sellner) Bushard ('60)
Norbert ('19) & Joseph ('21) Pietrus

Liz (Neubauer) Braulick ('97)
Kyle Krzmarzick ('91)
George Ladd ('68)

2013 Inductees

Lillian (Haala) Stimpert ('51)

Jill (Schumacher) Weiss ('92) Mike Schumacher ('76)
Bill Eckstein ('72)

2014 Inductees

Rick Mages ('72)

Nicole (Steffl) Fuchs ('01) Denny Lux ('77)
Mike Steffl ('82)

2015 Inductees

Leona Helget
Richard ('53) & Mary Lou Mathiowetz

Jenny (Braulick) Helget ('94)
Dan Schmid ('95)

2017 Inductees

Tom ('59) & Sharon (Simonsen '70) Hirsch

Kit (Neubauer) Rehmann ('99)
Tom Hentges ('55)

St. Mary's Catholic School Mission Statement

St. Mary's Catholic School exists to assist parents in passing on the Catholic faith while providing a quality education in a safe and positive environment.



St. Mary's Catholic School
DISTINGUISHED DONOR REPORT
Recognizing Gifts of \$1,000 or More
Received during the fiscal year July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

THANK YOU TO OUR DISTINGUISHED DONORS WHO HAVE GIVEN \$1,000.00 (OR MORE) DURING THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017 TO THE FOLLOWING FUNDS: STAFF ENDOWMENT FUND, SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND, ALUMNI & FRIENDS ANNUAL APPEAL FUND, AND PARISH ENDOWMENT FUND. EACH DISTINGUISHED DONOR WILL RECEIVE A SPIRITUAL BOUQUET OF PRAYERS OFFERED UP BY OUR FACULTY AND STUDENTS. (AN ANNUAL REPORT LISTING ALL OUR DONORS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE RECALL FALL 2017 ISSUE.)

Staff Endowment Fund

This fund is used to award staff members a bonus based on their years of service. This year the total amount of this bonus (80% of the interest earned) amounts to \$26,838.82 which will be distributed at the Appreciation Dinner. We received \$26,818.97 in donations during the previous fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 bringing the balance to \$1,293,357.00.

Anonymous (3)	Larry and Deb Fischer	Phil and Betty Heymans	Mathiowetz Construction
J. Patrick Farrell	Candy Hacker <i>in memory of Dean Hacker</i>	Ivan Kotten	Glen and Lana Mathiowetz

Scholarship Trust Fund

We received \$98,852.17 in donations during the previous fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 bringing the balance to \$331,159.49. The interest from this fund is used to assist families who need help paying tuition.

Anonymous	Elaine Gajewski	Candy Hacker <i>in memory of Dean Hacker</i>	Rosemary Wiltscheck
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Alumni & Friends Annual Appeal

The total donations received for this fund during the previous fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 were \$81,145.14. This money was used to help pay for salary increases including the costs of benefits.

Anonymous	Leo Konz	Joe & Judy Schwartz
Adam & Karlyn Armbruster	Donna Krzmarzick	John & Rose Schwartz
Randy & Roxanne Armbruster	Mary Lou Mathiowetz	Samantha Seidl
DeLoy & Annette Berkner	Brad & Sara Nosbush	Sleepy Eye Electric
Steve & Judy Bloedow	Rex Savage	John Tauer
Mary Carroll	Cynthia Scheid	Bill & Anita Walter
Candy Hacker <i>in memory of Dean Hacker</i>	Bob and Linda Schroepfer	Don & Ann Woessner
Phil and Betty Heymans	Irene Schwartz	Frank and Desiree Ziegler

Parish Endowment Fund

This fund was established May 29, 2013 for parish needs. 80% of the interest derived from the investment of the fund may be used as determined in the parish's budgeting process. We received \$5,800.00 in donations during the previous fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, bringing the balance to \$15,050.00.

Darleen Carroll	Wayne and Pattie Pelzel
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This report reflects the funds tracked by the Development office. It does not include ALL the gifts our school receives for various purposes throughout the year. Please know we appreciate all gifts to St. Mary's!