

# St. Mary's RECALL



A NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, SLEEPY EYE, MN • VOLUME 32 • NUMBER 2 • FALL 2016

By **Jennifer Blick ('98)**

“Well done, good and faithful servant” (Matthew 25:23). Few words are a more apt description of **Sr. Nicholine Mertz**. As she celebrated her 75th anniversary as a Franciscan Sister on August 11, 2016, Sr. Nicholine (’40) truly demonstrates how to live out the call to be a “good and faithful servant.” Sr. Nicholine entered the Rochester Franciscan Congregation from St. Mary’s Parish in Sleepy Eye, professing her first vows in 1941. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the College of St. Teresa in Winona and a Master of Arts in Teaching (with a focus on religious education) from St. Mary’s University in Winona. A natural teacher and leader, she served as an educator and/or religious education coordinator in parishes in Iona, Austin, Owatonna, Waseca, Chicago, Hayfield, Edina, Chatfield and Leavenworth.

Sr. Nicholine also spent twenty-two years at her home parish of St. Mary’s in Sleepy Eye, both teaching and acting as the religious education chairperson. During that time, she worked with then-high school principal Jerry Neubauer. Neubauer shares: “In the fifteen years that Sister and I worked together at St. Mary’s, I never thought of her as one of my staff for she became much more than that to me. She was my confident, my friend, my spiritual mentor, my sidekick. I would love to share with you a fault of Sister’s, for she would get a kick out of that, but the only thing I can think of is the fact that she ate way too much and I always joked that this skinny



little woman would gain weight! A very special time in my early years with Sister was that, once a week, Sister would meet with the males on staff, Pat Gardon, Dave Freitag, Tim Solinger and me for faith formation. I always appreciated her insights, her humor and the fact that she shared so much of herself with us, especially with me. I always felt that I may not have been the smartest administrator who lived, but I knew that I had the most blessings in my life and Sr. Nicholine was truly one of them.”

So many, many people have been blessed because Sr. Nicholine said “Yes!” to her vocation as is evidenced by the comments on the Facebook posts congratulating her on this anniversary including: Such a remarkable woman!; Love this lady!; She is an awesome lady! Love her sense of humor!; Love, love, love Sr. Nicholine!; One of the most incredible women I know and I am one of the blessed ones! Thank YOU!. Her remarkable life was acknowledged as she was inducted into the St. Mary’s Hall of Fame for Distinguished Service Achievement in 2008.

Sr. Nicholine is currently retired and lives at Assisi Heights in Rochester. Through her years of service to God and His Church, she has taught us all so much about what it truly means to love God and others, to act with generous selflessness and to live a life of joy in doing God’s will. Congratulations Sr. Nicholine on your 75th anniversary as a Franciscan Sister and on your life as a continued “good and faithful servant!”



### WELCOME FR. SAM WAGNER

St. Mary's welcomes Fr. Sam Wagner to our parish as Parochial Vicar. Fr. Sam graduated from St. Mary's Catholic School in 1995 and was ordained a priest on June 7, 2014. He previously served in Holy Cross Area

Faith Community (New Ulm, Searles, Lafayette, West Newton Township) before being assigned to our parish in July. We are excited to have him here to serve our parish as well as our school.



Congratulations to the winning team of our **26th Annual Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament** held on Sept. 10, 2016, (from left): **Gerry Woessner ('66)**, **Don Woessner ('75)** and his son **Dan Woessner**. Second place went to **Adam Armbruster ('00)**, **Bob Schmid ('99)** and **Josiah Brinkley**. 25 teams participated this year contributing to our profit of \$4,327.50. The longest drive for men: **Sean Mathiowetz ('13)**, women: **Jenny Rothmeier ('09)**; closest to the pin for men: **Lefty Reynolds ('58)**, women: **Brynn (Braulick) Mathiowetz ('05)**; longest putt for men: **Brad Mathiowetz ('88)**; women: **Jill (Schumacher) Weiss ('92)**. The winners of skins were **Matt Mathiowetz ('04)**, **Sean Mathiowetz**, **Chad Mathiowetz ('08)**, **Alan Woitas ('06)**, **Chris Ibberson ('05)**, **Drea Thurmes**, **Karl Weiss**, **Marv Weiss ('69)** and **Jill Weiss**. Thank you to **Dan Schmid ('95)** and **Judd Walter ('98)** for helping organize this event as well as the golfers and sponsors for their support of our athletic department!

### NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE COMING SOON



Earlier this year a marketing committee was formed following the Caribbean Knight Party. Members of this committee are **Mary (Hoffmann '78) Gangelhoff**, **Andrew Bach**, **Chris (Berkner '81) Heiderscheidt**, **Rose Schwartz**, **Sam Bloedow ('00)**, **Brad Kiecker** and **Wayne Pelzel ('68)**. Among other things, the committee is currently in the process of building a new website. Our current website will remain available until the new one is complete and the address will remain the same: [www.sesmschool.com](http://www.sesmschool.com). Also in the works is a short video clip promoting the school. We are grateful for these marketing tools made possible with funds raised at the Caribbean Knight Party!

### STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2016



Congratulations to the following students who competed in the 79th Annual Minnesota State Science and Engineering Fair in Bloomington, MN in April. Freshman (center) **Anna St. Peter**

presented her project "The Effects of Decibel Levels on Dampening Materials." She received the U.S. Air Force Award and Excellence in Acoustics Award from the Acoustical Society of America. **Anna** is the daughter of **Jim** and **Christasia**. Eighth grader (right) **Majesta Schaunaman** presented her project "Are Opinions Influenced Subconsciously Through Subliminal Imagery?" She received the Broadcom MASTERS Award (Math, Applied Science, Technology and Engineering Rising Stars) which is the premier science and engineering competition for middle school students. She also received the Wolfram Research Mathematics Software Award and the Gold Grand Award. **Majesta** is the daughter of **Mandy** and **Matt ('00) Wagner** and **Travis Schaunaman**. Freshman (left) **Hali Soukup** presented her project "Does the Focal Length of Varying Lenses in a Telescope Affect Clarity?" Hali is the daughter of **Mike ('71)** and **Jane**. **Mrs. Patti Braulick** is the Science Fair Advisor.

### MISS SLEEPY EYE 2016



Congratulations to Miss Sleepy Eye 2016 **Lauren Laffen** (center) and her princesses (left) **Kaitlyn Krzmarzick ('16)** and (right) **Taylor Pelzel ('16)**. **Lauren** is the daughter of **Shane** and **Nancy**; **Taylor**, the daughter of **Larry ('80)** and **Lisa**; and **Kaitlyn**, the daughter of **Leon ('81)** and **Kim (Hoffmann '82)**. In addition to their titles, each of the three girls received a college scholarship and will represent Sleepy Eye at various community events throughout the year. **Lauren** will participate in Aquatennial Queen of the Lakes program next summer.



The best way to stay current on what's happening when it happens is with **Facebook!** Our school has one of the best FB pages you'll find. Go to [www.facebook.com/sesmschool](http://www.facebook.com/sesmschool).



**MIKE MAURER AWARD**

Congratulations to **Rose Schwartz** who was selected as the recipient of this year's Mike Maurer Award. She is pictured with Msgr. Lozinski, receiving her award. This honor is given to someone who exemplifies Christian values, dedication and loyalty to St. Mary's and a love for education and the mission we carry out here. Few individuals fit that description better than Rose. In her nomination, second grade teacher **Anita Schwartz** described Rose with a quote from St. Teresa of Calcutta: "Intense love does not measure, it just gives." Rose lives out that "intense love" every day as she joyfully and selflessly gives of her time, talent and treasure to the entire St. Mary's community. It is impossible to delineate all that Rose has done, but the list includes teaching in the primary classrooms for many years, working currently as a teacher's aide, assisting in the school cafeteria, volunteering as a religious education teacher, offering her expertise for various Catholic Schools Week events and working at fundraisers to benefit the school and parish. More importantly, Rose truly lives out her faith, always making it clear that Christ is the center of her life. Rose and her husband, **John ('74)**, have four children: **Andy ('98)**, **Dan ('01)**, **Peter ('09)**, and **Natalie ('12)**, all alum of St. Mary's School. Congratulations Rose on your much-deserved honor and may God bless you for all you do for St. Mary's!

*Thank you to **Mike Maurer** who so generously gives this annual award. His commitment to Catholic education and to St. Mary's is truly appreciated!*



**Congratulations Newlyweds!**

- **Shaun Kober ('07)** married Katie Moosbrugger on 4-2-16.
- **Kimberly Braulick ('09)** married Ryan Fox on 6-11-16.
- **Kelsey Sellner ('10)** married Landon Seidl on 6-25-16.
- **Jeff Pietig ('07)** married Caitlyn Steffl on 7-23-16.
- **Lisa Sellner ('02)** married Jay Anderson on 7-30-16.
- **Adam Marti ('09)** married **Lisa Seidl ('11)** on 8-27-16.



Congratulations to **Sister Claren Sellner** as she celebrates her 60th Diamond Jubilee as a Franciscan Sister. Sister Claren graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1953. Her primary ministry was spent in teaching and pastoral ministry in a number of schools in southeastern MN, followed by pastoral ministry at Epiphany Parish in Coon Rapids, MN. Currently, Sister Claren is retired and resides at Assisi Heights in Rochester, MN. She spends time gardening, sewing for others and volunteering for Caring Hands at Mayo Clinic Hospital -Saint Marys Campus and at Assisi Heights.

**St. Mary's High School**

**proudly presents the 2016 Musical**

**Annie**

**Friday, November 18, at 7:30 PM**

**Saturday, November 19, at 7:30 PM**

**Sunday, November 20, at 2:00 PM**

**St. Mary's Auditorium**

Directed by Geri (Carr '02) Pelzel  
Choreographed by Gary Sassenburg

**Dinner Theater - November 19**  
**St. Mary's Church Social Room**

Tickets will go on sale November 1.  
Check the website for more information then.



St. Mary's School held their **All School Reunion** on August 6, 2016, at the Orchid Inn in Sleepy Eye. The All School Reunion is held every 10 years with the first one held in 1976 when St. Mary's Parish observed their centennial anniversary. We wish to thank Ole (**Wayne Pelzel '68**) and Lena (**Linda (Schroepfer '69) Seifert**) for providing the wonderful entertainment.

Chris (Berkner '81) Heider-scheidt with her 1st grade teacher Sr. Dale Lewis.

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



As I write this article, the administration and staff of St. Mary's are preparing to welcome the students on Monday, August 29, to begin the new school year. We will begin this school year as always, with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop John M. LeVoir at 8:30 AM on that first day of school. On that day we call down the Holy Spirit to give us the wisdom and strength that we need to fulfill our mission at St. Mary's.

There is an excitement in the air as we anticipate our students coming. We have initiated a number of new things this year. We had a number of resignations last spring but God has provided us with wonderful new staff. We truly are blessed with some fine teachers. It is great to see them prepare, and under the leadership of our two great administrators, gel into a team with all of the staff. They, like all the staff, are excited to be available to help our young people grow into faithful disciples of Jesus and thus save their immortal souls. We all know that there is really only one thing necessary in this life and that is to cooperate with God's grace in order that we will be able to be with Him forever in heaven. To help us as a staff to be more equipped to help our students, we invited Deacon Ralph Poyo, who will be our presenter at our Parish Mission on November 12 through November 16, to spend one of the staff workshop days with the teachers prior to school starting. He challenged all of us

to become more comfortable with sharing what God has done and is doing in our lives here and now. He challenged us to become more united by sharing more in each other's lives and thus model committed Christian living to our students. In that manner, we will be able to be more authentic witnesses of Jesus to our students and thus help them to come to know Jesus more deeply.

Education is one of the most important things that we do as adults to help the next generation to live good and fulfilled lives. We look forward with eagerness to this school year in order to continue that process that humans have done since the beginning of time, that of helping the next generation to receive the wisdom of the past so that they can continue the work of co-creating a better world with God's help.

I wish to thank all of you for your continued support. So many of you give so much in so many different ways. You give of your time, talent and treasure. You especially give so generously financially, which is so vitally necessary and I ask you to continue to do so and increase your giving if you are able. I thank all of you who pray before the Blessed Sacrament for our school staff and students. Those prayers are so critical and necessary.

May God bless all of you. And may He bless us as we embark on this great work of evangelization and catechesis.

Praised be Jesus Christ now and forever,  
Msgr. Eugene Lozinski, Pastor-Superintendent

## *Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them...*

*(Includes obituaries received through August 25, 2016)*

**Duane Mages**, 63, died on December 28, 2015. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1971. He is survived by his wife, Jermayne and their children, Roger (LaCosta), James (Tricia), Laura (Ryan), Ken (Trista), Steven (Melanie), and Melanie (Steve).

**Barbara (Schwab) Aikin**, 67, died February 16, 2016. Barbara graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1967. She is survived by her husband Doug and sons, Christopher (Rachael) and Jonathan (Allison).

**Gary Kersten**, 70, died on April 27, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Connie and their sons, Seth (Paula), Drew (Maika), and Roth (Katie). Connie was employed as the Media Center Specialist at St. Mary's School.

**Marlin J. Mathiowetz**, 63, died on March 10, 2016. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1970.

**Agnes (Hoffmann) Helget**, 82, died on March 21, 2016. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1951. She is survived by her children, Julie ('74) (Jeff) Windschitl, Francis ('75) (Cindy), Germaine ('77) (Wayne) Michels, Geraldine ('79) (Steve) Vogel, Anthony ('81), Paul ('82), Medard ('83), Tim ('88) and Colette ('90) (Tim) Smith.

**Barbara Larsen**, 100, died on March 26, 2016. She is survived by her children, Randy ('77) and Brenda ('80) (Bill '80) Tauer.

**Alice Henle**, 81, died March 27, 2016. She is survived by her children, Lynn, Gwen (Rick) Christiansen, Shauna (Rich) Moldan, Claire (Steve) Bunda, Keven (Mary) and Keith (Tammy). Shauna is employed at St. Mary's as Religious Education Director.

**Lester Reinarts**, 81, died on March 28, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Gladys and children, Gail ('75) (Mark '75) Bertrand, Sheri (Dale) Tjernagel, Shirley (Ed) Hornick, Doug (Debbie), Randy (Deb), Kevin, Scott (Darla) and Janelle ('87) (Terry) Kopacek.

**Harriet Lee**, 92, died April 18, 2016. She is survived by her children Connie ('66) (Jim) Tretter, Mark ('67) (Cathy), Jeff, Denise ('70) (Gary) James, Mary ('73), Cathy ('75) (Bryan) Christle, Corinne ('78) (Randy '75) Losleben and Stacie ('82) (John) Falvey.

**Rita C. Seidl**, 86, died April 23, 2016. She is survived by her children Patricia ('69) Rademaker, Marlene, Joyce ('72) (Kevin) Bigalk, Jolene (Al) Craddock, Elaine ('74) (Robert) Gajewski, Rita ('75) (David) Gehrke, Carol ('77) (Steven) Bass, Roger ('77) (Peggy), Dan ('79) (Bonnie), Sandra ('80), Stan ('82) (Karen), Mark ('83) and Art ('87).

**Donna Kachelmeier**, 86, died on April 23, 2016. She is survived by her children Diane ('67) Johnson, John ('69) (Cheryl), Tom ('71) (Bernadette) and Janice ('72) (Richard) Hagen.

**Martha M. Remiger**, 100, died on April 27, 2016. She is survived by her daughters Mary Ann ('53) (Willard) Berle, Patricia ('57) (Joe) Burns and Virginia ('58) Eckhart.

**Marlys (Mathiowetz) Haala**, 79, died May 3, 2016. Marlys graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1955. She is survived by her son Ron ('76) (Jolene).

**Marjorie (Fritz) Allen**, 78, died May 12, 2016. She attended St. Mary's School. She is survived by her children Carla, Kay (Brad) Schultz and Brett.

**Sophia Hillesheim-Kral**, 101, died May 22, 2016. She is survived by her children Patricia ('56) (Henry) Brandel, Charlene ('57) (Gil) Peichel, Johnora ('61) (Lon) DeGregoris, Stephen ('63) (Lois Olsen '63) Hillesheim and Renee ('73) (Lonnie '72) Wendinger.

**Wilma Krzmarzick**, 75, died on May 25, 2016. She is survived by her husband Charles ('52) and sons Darold ('79) (Jan) and Brian ('80) (Lava).

**Kathleen (Olsen) Bruckbauer**, 77, died on June 29, 2016. Kathleen graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1956. She is survived by her children Terry (Laurie), Deborah (Kent) Jacobson, Sandra (Todd) Andrew, and Amy Ziegler.

**Joyce (Schiller) Roberts**, 74, died on July 2, 2016. Joyce graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1960. She is survived by her children Jan (Darold '79) Krzmarzick, Brian (Chari), Jason (Penny) and Troy (Samantha).

**Thomas Bertrand**, 77, died July 5, 2016. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1957. He is survived by his wife Carolyn (Suess '59) and daughters Janelle ('82) and Jacque ('83) Behrens.

**Marie (Wiltscheck) Tauer**, 97, died on July 9, 2016. She is survived by her children Patricia ('61) Alt, Marlene ('63) (Donald) Chambers, Charles ('64) (Pamela), Dennis ('69) (Rita Wersal '71), David ('72) (Wanda), Jerome ('74) (Bonnie).

**Fr. Edward Ardolf**, 79, died on August 1, 2016. He served as pastor of St. Mary's Parish from 1998-2002.

**Steven J. Schroeder**, 67, died August 8, 2016. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1966. He is survived by his wife Brenda and his children, Joshua (Margarita), Jared (Tokeshia), Joel (Lisa) and Jerilyn.

**Adella Tauer**, 89, died August 14, 2016. She is survived by her children Richard ('65) (Kathi), Marie Raden ('68), Tom ('69), Dennis ('71), Cletus ('71) (Patty Weiss '72), Marlys ('72) (Larry) Decker, Marlin, Eileen, Douglas, Diane (Jim) Reed, Monica (Bob) Farasyn, Pat (Linda), Wayne and Gary.

**Shirley (Mertz) Hansen**, 78, died August 25, 2016. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1956. She is survived by her husband Charles ('42) and her stepchildren Jan ('70) (Rod) O'Marron, Craig ('74) (Linda) and Scott (Mary).

What will your legacy be? Making a gift to St. Mary's Catholic School in your will allows you to leave a legacy. **Please remember St. Mary's School as you prepare your will.**

# St. Mary's Catholic High



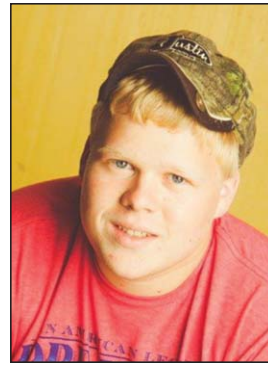
**Jared Beltz**  
Jody and Vicky Beltz  
University of Minnesota-Duluth



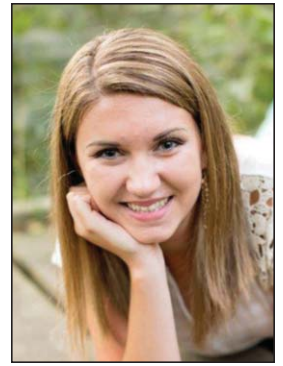
**Brianna Bertrand**  
Tracy Bertrand and the late  
Jay ('81) Bertrand  
University of Minnesota-Duluth



**Kaylee Braun**  
Jason ('94) Braun and Jill Bruns  
San Diego State University-  
San Diego, CA



**Aaron Bruggeman**  
Joe ('75) and Carol Bruggeman  
South Central College-North Mankato



**Alison Drexler**  
Jeremy Drexler and Sara Wendinger  
Southwest Minnesota State  
University-Marshall



**Nicole Havemeier**  
Duane and Mary  
(Windschitl '85) Havemeier  
South Central College-North Mankato



**Ryan Heinrichs**  
Kris and Sara Heinrichs  
University of Minnesota-Duluth



**Megan Helget**  
Rick and Becky (Wagner '92) Helget  
University of Mary-Bismarck, ND



**Kodan Kosak**  
Gary ('88) and Shelly  
(Groebner '89) Kosak  
South Central College-North Mankato



**Kaitlyn Krzmarzick**  
Leon ('81) and Kim (Hoffmann '82)  
Krzmarzick / South Dakota State  
University-Brookings, SD



**Jonathan Lax**  
Rick and Monica (Sellner '79) Lax  
North Dakota State College of  
Science-Wahpeton, ND



**Laura Martinka**  
Shane Martinka and Heidi Ibberson  
South Central College-North Mankato



**Holly Moldaschel**  
Lisa Lax and Ron Moldaschel  
St. Cloud State University



**Taylor Pelzel**  
Larry ('80) and Lisa Pelzel  
South Dakota State University-  
Brookings, SD



**Emily Reinarts**  
Randy and Deb Reinarts  
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities



**Rebecca Rosenhammer**  
John ('80) and Patty Rosenhammer  
South Dakota State University-  
Brookings, SD



**Alyssa Rubey**  
Dave ('76) and Judy Rubey  
University of Minnesota-Duluth



**Cory Schumacher**  
Dean ('76) Schumacher and Julie  
Schumacher  
2-Year Technical School



**Alex Sellner**  
Pat ('80) and Kathy Sellner  
Gustavus Adolphus College-St. Peter



**Jennifer Sellner**  
Jim ('82) and Judy Sellner  
South Central College-North Mankato

# h School - Class of 2016



**Kyle Strate**  
Brian ('92) and Michelle  
(Bauer '92) Strate  
University of Minnesota-Duluth



**Paul Surprenant**  
Scott and Cynthia  
(Van Kuelen '81) Surprenant  
Minnesota State University-Mankato



**Nathen Wendinger**  
Lance Wendinger and Janet  
Lokensgard  
Technical College



**Lucas Windschitl**  
Pat and Colleen Windschitl  
Technical College

## ***Congratulations to the Class of 2016!***

Graduation Date: Sunday, May 29, 2016

Class Verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Class Saint: St. Jude Thaddeus

Class Flower: White Rose

Class Colors: Green and Silver

Class Motto: "We may not have it all together, but together we have it all."

St. Mary's Parish Service Award: **Emily Reinarts**

Christian Award: **Kyle Strate, Megan Helget**

John Philip Sousa Award: **Jonathan Lax**

National School Choral Award: **Emily Reinarts**

Science Award: **Rebecca Rosenhammer**

We Walk By Faith (from Joe Huiras ('02): **Brianna Bertrand**

Rick ('77) Losleben Memorial Scholarship: **Jonathan Lax**

VFW Award: **Emily Reinarts**

American Legion Award: **Alex Sellner**

Lion's Club Student of the Year: **Rebecca Rosenhammer**

Bob Berg Scholarship: **Emily Reinarts**

Charlie Hale Scholarship: **Kodan Kosak**

Miss Sleepy Eye Scholarships: **Kaitlyn Krzmarzick, Taylor Pelzel**

Sue Windschitl Memorial Scholarship: **Megan Helget**

Denis ('62) and Lynn Goblirsch Memorial Scholarship: **Kyle Strate**

Julie Neubauer Fine Arts Scholarship: **Emily Reinarts**

Neubauer Family Award (from Mike Maurer): **Zach Schumacher**

Neubauer Spirit Award (from Dee Dee (Sellner '83) Fried): **Alison Drexler**

Esther "Sis" (Wagner '39) Dey Soukup Scholarship: **McKenzie Hoffmann and Natalie Sellner**

Thinking Outside the Box Scholarship Award (from Dee Dee (Sellner '83) Fried): **Alex Sellner, Ryan Heinrichs**

Richard ('53) & Mary Lou Mathiowetz Family Scholarship: **Rebecca Rosenhammer, Alison Drexler, Ryan Heinrichs, Kodan Kosak**

Kaylie Hogue Scholarship: **Emily Reinarts, Rebecca Rosenhammer, Alison Drexler**

Payton Adams Hustle Award: **Kodan Kosak, Jody Hansen**

John Mangen Scholarship: **Alex Sellner, Brianna Bertrand**

Tyler Hadley Athletic Achievement Award: **Alex Sellner, Brianna Bertrand, Ryan Heinrichs, Kodan Kosak**

Chisey Hansen ('42) Family Memorial Medical Scholarship: **Kaitlyn Krzmarzick**

Murthy Medical Scholarship: **Rebecca Rosenhammer**



Congratulations to (left): salutatorian **Alex Sellner** and valedictorian **Alison Drexler**.



**WELCOME NEW TEACHERS**

We are pleased to welcome our new teachers for the 2016-2017 school year. Pictured front row (left): **Jen Walter**, Elementary Computers; **Abeni Docter**, English 10 & 11; **Alex Wannigman**, US Government/Geography, American History 10, JH Spanish; **Angie Wannigman**, Guidance Counselor. Back row: **Sean Connolly**, Choir and Parish Music Director; **Karen and John Moosbrugger**, English 12 and Accelerated English 12; **Neil Kirchoefer**, Religion 7, 10 & 11, Journalism. We wish them and all the teachers and staff at St. Mary's the best this upcoming school year.

**CLASS REUNIONS**

**Class of 1951**—65 year reunion will be held on Thurs., Oct. 27, 2016 at Divine Providence Home. Contact Lillian (Haala) Stimpert: 507-794-7636.

**Class of 1956**— 60 year reunion will be held on Fri., Oct. 14, 2016 at the Railway Bar & Grill. Contact Tom Johnson: 401-528-2850 or thmsjohnson44gmail.com

**Class of 1957**— 60 year reunion will be held on Sat., Aug. 5, **2017** at the Servicemen's Club. Contact Jan (Seidl) Gallup: 507-388-5918.

**Class of 1967**— 50 year reunion will be held Sat., Sept. 23, **2017** at the Railway Bar and Grill. Contact Mary Baumann: 507-794-3017.

**KNIGHTS OF OLDE ANNUAL GATHERING** will be held Friday, December 9, 2016, at the Lost Spur Country Club in Eagan, MN. Social-11:00 AM and luncheon-12:30 PM. Contact Jim Losleben at 651-686-9547 to RSVP.



*Remember to contact Chris in the Development Office for addresses when planning your class reunion!*

**Win a Caribbean Vacation for Two or \$4,000 Cash!**

Join Us for a **Caribbean Knight Party**

A Can't Miss Tropical Night with Games, Pull Tabs, Raffles, Music, Friends and Tropical Food / Drinks

Live and Silent Auction:  
 MN Twins Suite  
 Lake Vacation and More!  
 Free Child Care Available for Kids

**Saturday**  
**February 18, 2017**  
**5:30pm—12am**  
**Sleepy Eye**  
**St. Mary's Field House**

**All Welcome!**

**2nd Prize Wins**  
**\$1,000**

**3rd & 4th Prize Wins**  
**\$500**

**5th-14th Prize Wins**  
**\$100**

**\$25 / Ticket**

**Need not be present to win**

Proceeds will go to increasing enrollment and maintaining affordable tuition.

**Purchase Your Tickets Today! Call the school at 507-794-6141**

**POSTGAME RUN IN**

From left: Randy Krzmarzick, Bill Geschwind, Myron Seidl

This summer, **Randy Krzmarzick ('74)**, **Myron Seidl ('73)**, **Dean Brinkman ('81)** and **John Rosenhammer ('80)** treated **Duke Cook** to a Twins game in Minneapolis. After the game, while enjoying some refreshments at a friendly establishment nearby, who did they run into but a fellow 70's alumnus who wandered over to their table and inquired, "Did I hear someone say Sleepy Eye?" To their surprise it was **Bill Geschwind ('72)**, another hometown baseball enthusiast who graduated from St. Mary's High School.

**Spring Sports Recap**

Visit the alumni page of [www.sesmschool.com](http://www.sesmschool.com) for a complete recap of our spring sports.

**Ryan Heinrichs ('16)**



## ANNOUNCING

### ST. MARY'S HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

#### Service Award



Tom ('57) and Sharon (Simonsen '70) Hirsch

#### Athletic Award



Kit Neubauer ('99)



Tom Hentges ('55)

Congratulations to our 2017 Hall of Fame Award recipients. Please join us as we honor them at our Appreciation Dinner on January 28, 2017. Tickets for this event are available by calling the school office at 507-794-4121 or email [cheiderscheidt@sesmschool.com](mailto:cheiderscheidt@sesmschool.com). The evening begins with Mass at 5:30 p.m., followed by a social hour, dinner and the awards presentation in St. Mary's Social Room. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for children.

### SALFER BIKES FOR CANCER



On June 5, **Mariah Salfer ('14)** set out to pedal for Ulman Cancer Fund's 4K for Cancer. The journey began at the Baltimore Inner Harbor with a team of 23 others. "It was a spur of the moment decision," said Salfer. After talking it over with her mom, Salfer decided to take the challenge. In 70 days, she biked 4,000 miles from Baltimore, MA

to Portland, OR. Mariah herself said both of her grandfathers are cancer survivors, and seeing cancer's effect on other relatives and people in the Sleepy Eye community inspired her to complete the 4K. "I wanted to be able to do something to give hope to people and make a difference," she said. "I think I could see myself doing something like this again, to make someone's life easier." Mariah attends the University of North Dakota. Majoring in medical laboratory science, cancer research is a possibility for her future. Whether biking across America or focusing on her studies, she's advocating for a cure and determined to share her message of hope. *Excerpts from Sleepy Eye Herald Dispatch article written by Misty Schwab ('10).*



### **From the Development Director,** *Chris (Berkner '81) Heiderscheidt*

We have so much to be proud of at St. Mary's as this issue so clearly reveals. Our teachers and staff work hard to help shape our students into adults who will go out and make a difference in this world. Your gifts continue to help make this happen in many ways. Thank you for all you do to support our mission at St. Mary's School!



### ST. MARY'S REPRESENTED AT WYD 2016

**Kennedy Pelzel ('15)** along with **Sarah Jirak**, religion teacher and **Msgr. Lozinski**, pastor at St. Mary's, joined 12 others from the New Ulm Diocese in July for World Youth Day in Poland with Pope Francis. Close to three million people were in attendance so imagine their surprise when they crossed paths with **Santi Sanchez**, the exchange student from Spain who attended St. Mary's last year. In addition to attending the WYD events, the group toured historical and religious sites including Saint Pope John Paul II's birthplace, home and museum. WYD was a real example of the universality of the Church throughout the world as well as a model of young people actively living their faith.



### THE HEART OF THE SCHOOL

Just as the kitchen is often referred to as the "heart of the home," the kitchen at St. Mary's can be considered the "heart of the school." From the nutritious and delicious school lunches prepared and served there on a daily basis, to the many brunches and bake sales which support the parish and various charities to the pre-game dinners and awards banquets for sports to the volunteers peeling apples and potatoes to the generosity of the Catering Ladies' meal preparations, the list of the uses of the kitchen and cafeteria is nearly endless. However, the dedicated kitchen staff has had to work with outdated equipment, making their jobs more difficult than necessary. Thus, St. Mary's is proud to announce our plans to remodel the school kitchen. With assistance from **Bob Broich ('71)**, the current kitchen situation was assessed and a remodeling plan was developed in two phases, giving the highest priority to safety issues. During phase 1, we replaced the ventilation system above the ovens and installed a fire suppression system at a cost of approximately \$50,000. Phase 2, tentatively scheduled for the first day of summer break in 2017, includes plans to remove asbestos, replace the HVAC system, redo some of the floor plumbing, replace the walk-in cooler box (the evaporator and condenser were replaced in May of 2016), put down new floor tile (either ceramic or porcelain), install a new dishwasher system, replace the suspended ceiling grid and tile, install tile and stainless steel on the walls, replace the cabinets and do all necessary electrical and plumbing work. The total estimate of this phase of the remodeling project is approximately \$120,000 with the project contingent on funding. The kitchen and cafeteria will not be accessible during the entire remodel. This remodel will be a tremendous benefit to our kitchen staff, our students and staff and all who utilize the kitchen.

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

## Alumni & Friends Annual Appeal Fund Donors

Our total received during this fiscal year was \$104,812.35. 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:

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Dean, Janice (Laux) '52                              Grausam, Matt '99                                  Kelly, Marie (Neid) '53  
Dey, Carol *in memory of my mother, Esther Dey Soukup*                      Haala, Lynn '65                                  Kluesner, Amy (Heymans) '77

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*The Staff Endowment Fund bonus is awarded to staff members based on years of service. We have received \$9,391.28 in donations this fiscal year. This brings the total of this fund to \$1,162,015.70 since 1985. Thank you to the following who contributed to this fund:*

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Anonymous (2)	Hirsch, Donald '62 <i>in memory of Pam Hirsch</i>	Farrell, J. Patrick '46	Kotten, Ivan
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			Tauer, Jerome H. '54

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*Our total received during this fiscal year was \$5,233.49 which brings the total contributions to \$205,407.69. 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:*

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Haas, Yvonne (Crouch) '61 <i>in memory of Philip J. Haas</i> '59	Kral, Roger '61 & Sharon (Schroepfer) '64	Steffl, Joel '75
Hacker, Candy <i>in memory of Dean Hacker</i> '72	Mathiowetz, Mitzie (Ebenhoh) '48	Tauer, Jerome H. '54
Hauser, Irene <i>in gratitude of my children graduating from St. Mary's</i>	Mecklenburg, Dave & Ruth	Zuhlsdorf, Gary '70

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- Coach Andres and Coach Kucera will preview the game plan
- Q&A session with coaches about our schemes and program
- Plan for the future of 9 man football at St. Mary's (including what teams we will be playing)
- Sit in on the team's pregame meeting and chalk talk session
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- Please RSVP by emailing Coach Kucera at brentdkucera@hotmail.com

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