

# St. Mary's RECALL



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## CARIBBEAN KNIGHT PARTY A TREASURED EVENT



Truly a treasured event to remember! We are amazed with the results exceeding last year with proceeds of **\$116,414.92!** Congratulations to all those involved! Thank you to the planning committee pictured above (l-r): **Cassie and Tim ('99) Schwartz, Rachel (Mathiowetz '02) and Brent Kucera, Jessica and Sam ('00) Bloedow, and Jen and Judd ('98) Walter.** Thank you to those who donated to the live and silent auctions, to those who volunteered to help set up and work, to those who attended, made purchases, and enjoyed the festivities, thank you! This money will be used to increase enrollment and maintain affordable tuition. Congratulations to the raffle ticket winners: \$4,000 - **Perry Pietig ('73);** \$1,000- **Kellie Schumacher ('07);** \$500- **Bernie Wenner and Jamie Steffensmeier;** \$100- **Brenda (Frederickson '66) Walden, Krista (Armbruster '05) Moeller, Craig Murphy, Dean Simonsen, Nikki Carr ('14), Verna Schmidt, Robert Tauer ('59), Kate Sloat, Rosella Windschitl and Sean Mathiowetz ('13)** who returned his prize. A special thank you to all those who purchased the crosses made by the elementary students. The total proceeds from the purchases of the crosses was an additional \$21,050.00. That money will be used for improvements to the playground and for the elementary technology programs. This event is a true testament to the love that people possess for St. Mary's School. May God bless you for your generosity. Mark your calendar to attend next year: February 17, 2018. *Thank you to **Jacki (Hillesheim '96) Kyllonen** for taking photos.*



**STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2017** - Congratulations to the following students who competed in the 80th Annual Minnesota State Science and Engineering Fair in Minneapolis on March 25-27. Pictured in the front row



(left): 7th graders **Sophie Kyllonen**, daughter of **Bruce** and **Jacki (Hillesheim '96)**; **Natalie Marti**, daughter of **Dell** and **Cindy**; **Mad-dy Hose**, daughter of **Ed** and **Judy (Braulick '85)**; and 8th grader **Braden Hansen**, son of **Michael** and **Nichole**. Back row: 8th graders **Abby St. Peter**, daughter of **Jim** and **Chris**; **Joey Fischer**, son of **Lyle ('81)** and **Laurel**; **John Balko**, son of **Tom Balko** and **Tammy Balko**; **Anthony Helget**, son of **Rick** and **Becky (Wagner '92)**; **Patti Braulick**, science fair instructor and **Patrick Hoffmann**, son of **Andy ('96)** and **Heather (Heiderscheidt '96)**. All students were awarded medals for qualifying to compete at the State Science Fair.

Abby St. Peter won the DiaSorin Merit Award recognizing excellence in scientific research. Abby's project was on the Effects of Stress on Short Term Memory. Abby St. Peter and John Balko won Bronze Grand Awards recognizing excellence in scientific research where their projects ranked in the top 15 percent of the projects according to judge scores and the competitiveness in their category. John's project was Electric Motor Performance with Batteries. Congratulations to our state science fair participants and their instructor.

### **GOLDEN APPLE AWARD**

As any of the children who have been blessed to be in **Diane Lax's** first grade classroom over the past thirty-one years could tell you, Mrs. Lax truly has a heart for her students, for education and for St. Mary's. Her "heart of gold" was recognized when she was awarded the Golden Apple Award from KEYC TV after being nominated by a parent of one of her students. This distinguished honor is given to teachers who make a genuine difference in education, a fitting description of Diane. One only has to enter her classroom to witness her tireless efforts and her willingness to constantly search out new and better ways to help her students reach their full potential. Learning abounds in her busy first grade classroom as she fills each lesson with her enthusiasm and joy. Congratulations Mrs. Lax!



### **MARATHON 2016 EXCEEDS GOAL**

St. Mary's Catholic School held their marathon for non-public education on Friday, October 7. Students wrote numerous letters to our alumni requesting donations to support our school. We are extremely grateful for such a generous response again this year. Thank you to everyone who participated and walked with the student body and teachers to main street and over to Allison Park for donuts provided and served by the Knights of Columbus. We exceeded our goal of \$60,000 with \$66,760.22. Your support is wonderful and we truly appreciate it!



*Homecoming 2016*



Congratulations to **Homecoming King Caleb Berg**, son of **Chad** and **Cindy** and **Queen Anna Lux**, daughter of **Matt ('88)** and **Maria**. The homecoming court consisted of **Megan DeMaris**, daughter of **Scott DeMaris** and **Mary Kay Bougie**; **Megan Labat**, daughter of **Craig** and **Tina (Schueller '95)**; **Jennifer Lax**, daughter of **Randy** and **Diane**; **Megan Sellner**, daughter of **Eugene** and **Jill (Haala '88)**; **Sean Salfer**, son of **Ron** and **Kim**; **Logan Zuhlsdorf**, son of **John** and **Traci**; **Nicholas Strate**, son of **Brian ('92)** and **Michelle (Bauer '92)** and **Nicholas Helget**, son of **David ('81)** and **Tammy**.

## St. Mary's High School Musical "ANNIE" Charms Audiences



It might have been a "hard knock life" for the orphans in the St. Mary's musical production of *Annie*, but, due to many hours of hard work and dedication, the musical itself was an amazing success! In her directing debut, **Gerri (Carr '02) Pelzel** and her cast and crew performed *Annie* on November 18, 19 and 20, 2016. With seventh grader **Julia Helget**, daughter of **Bill ('93)** and **Jenny (Braunlich '94)** starring in the title role, *Annie* told the story of a young orphan girl who was chosen to spend Christmas with millionaire Mr. Warbucks portrayed by **James St. Peter**, son of **Jim** and **Chris**, and his secretary Grace Farrell portrayed by **Megan Ziegler**, daughter of **Frank** and **Desiree**. Although Warbucks wants to permanently adopt Annie, her greatest desire is to find her parents so he embarks on a



national campaign to try to locate them. Though feisty villains Miss Hannigan portrayed by **Angela Kiecker**, daughter of **Brad** and **Cheryl**, Rooster portrayed by **Andrew Kiecker**, son of **Brad** and **Cheryl** and Lily St. Regis portrayed by **Abby Johnson**, daughter of **Carlin** and **Deanna**, try to foil his good intention, in the end, Annie is adopted by "Daddy" Warbucks, proving that the "sun always comes out tomorrow." Full of memorable songs, fantastic dancing, a touching storyline and even a real dog (Lucy, pet of **Cindee (Stimpert '79) Krzmarzick**), *Annie* was a tribute to Pelzel, her assistants, her cast and crew, and a multitude of volunteers!



The **Knights of Olde** held their annual gathering on Friday, December 9, 2016, at the Lost Spur Country Club in Eagan, MN. The group was entertained by Ole (Wayne Pelzel) and Lena (Linda (Schroepfer '69) Seifert). Pictured in the front row (left): Phil Witt, Sam Bloedow ('00), Tim Schwartz ('99), Brent Kucera, Judd Walter ('98) and Randy Krzmarzick ('74). Second row: Toby Schmid ('63), Jerry Sellner ('58), Dick DeBlicke ('68), Wayne Pelzel ('68), Marv Krzmarzick ('53), Gerard Schnobrich ('57), Jerome Steffl ('52), Myron Helget ('57), Bob Schroepfer ('56), Doug Fromm ('63) and Gerald Braun ('57). Back row: Shelley Schwab ('68), Bill Weber ('61), Gary Hoffmann ('68), Doug Baumann ('69), Paul Steffen ('57), Ron Witt ('68), Dave Runing ('58), Pat Ubl ('56), Dr. Robert Rubey ('65), Linus Savage ('56), Mike Hentges ('62), Ed Tremel ('56), Rex Savage ('53), Jerry Peichel ('63), Bob Huberty ('55), Bob Cleary ('58), Jim Losleben ('58) and Lynn Bertrand ('66). All men who attended St. Mary's School are welcome; mark your calendars for December 8, 2017, and plan to attend.



### MISS SLEEPY EYE 2017

Congratulations to Miss Sleepy Eye **Courtney Engholm** and to her princesses, **Megan Sellner** and **Maleah Berry**. Courtney is the daughter of **Brian** and **Brenda**, **Megan** is the daughter of **Eugene** and **Jill (Haala '88)**, **Maleah** is the daughter of **Brad ('79)** and **Julie Hoffmann**. Congratulations to these wonderful representatives of Sleepy Eye.

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The **Class of 1951** held their 65 year class reunion on October 27, 2016, at Lake Villa Maria in Sleepy Eye. Pictured in the front row (left): LaDonna (Schroepfer) Mathiowetz, Comfrey; Lenora (Tauer) Schumacher, Sleepy Eye; Marge (Sellner) Reiner, New Prague; Kathleen (Manahan) Baune, Wabasso; Fr. Robert Goblirsch, Sleepy Eye and Marjorie (Braun) Ahlrich, Sleepy Eye. Back row: Arlene (Goblirsch) Schroepfer, Sleepy Eye, Bernadette (Sellner) Fischer, Springfield; Harry Windschitl, Sleepy Eye; Lillian (Haala) Stimpert, Sleepy Eye, Gerald Riebel, Sleepy Eye; Richard Callanan, Sleepy Eye; Marion (Sellner) Bertrand, Sleepy Eye and Phyllis (Jemmings) Schouvieller, Morgan.



The **Class of 1954** held their 62 year class reunion on September 9, 2016, at Dangerfield's Restaurant in Shakopee. Pictured in the front row (left): Marie (Maurer) Trautman, North Mankato; John Rosseth, Bloomington; Barbara (Piehl) Roetzler, Buffalo; and Joan (Sellner) Richert, Sleepy Eye. Back row (left): Joan (Thuer) Werner, St. Peter; Claudia (Tauer) Klages, Good Thunder; Mavis (Marks) Davis, New Ulm; Gerald Krzmarzick, Rochester; Rita (Neid) Rosseth, Bloomington and Robert Johnson, Hastings.



The **Class of 1956** held their 60 year class reunion on October 14, 2016, at the Railway Bar and Grill in Sleepy Eye. Pictured in the front row (left): Jerry Weiss, Sleepy Eye; Vernard Riebel, Sleepy Eye; Lorraine (Helget) Tauer, Sleepy Eye; Phyllis (Schroepfer) Stoneberg, Sleepy Eye; Mary Louise (Kral) Forst, New Ulm; Marilyn Moldan, Hanska. Back row: Richard Haas, Mankato; Jim Sellner, Sleepy Eye; Lloyd Braun, Sleepy Eye; Ed Trembl, Sleepy Eye; Jerome Weicherding, Sleepy Eye; Tom Johnson, La Mesa, CA; Bob Schroepfer, Apple Valley; Dale Krzmarzick, Sleepy Eye; Pat Steffen, Stevens Point, WI.



The **Class of 1961** held their 55 year class reunion on September 10, 2016, at the Peichel Party Barn in Chaska, MN. Pictured in the front row (left): Art Helget, Hanska; Elayne (Bertrand) Meinert, Sleepy Eye; Ginny (Schroepfer) Peichel, Chaska; Marie (Schueller) Weber, Chanhassen; Monica Seidl Mueller, New Ulm; Yvonne Crouch Haas, Woodbury; Marlene (Haala) Schwartz, St. Peter; Joyce (Meilander) Herzog, St. Louis Park; Pat (Evers) Schroeder, Hobbs, NM; Helen (Riederer) Fahey, Fairfax; Elaine (Krzmarzick) Mickelson, Springfield; Carol (Rasmussen) Thompson, Big Lake; Mary Kruzick Wilmes, St Paul; Marlene (Marks) Engelke, Plato; Janet (Marti) Jenniges, Finlayson; JoAnn (Zollner) Lochner, New Ulm; Phyllis (Kral) Juni, New Ulm and Barb (Braun) Lyon, Port Murray, NJ. Back row: Frank Marti, Sleepy Eye; Richard Huiras, Houston, TX; Bill Weber, Chanhassen; John Sluss, Brooten; Al Dietz, Ely; Roger Kral, Sleepy Eye; Linus Kral, Sleepy Eye; Steve Schotzko, Sleepy Eye; Pat Wurtzberger; Sleepy Eye; Reinhold Mathiowetz, Marshall; Steve Ibberson, Sleepy Eye; Carol (Mathiowetz) Davies, Garland, TX; Mary Jane Huberty, Bloomington; Delrose (Hauser) Stadick, New Ulm and Eileen (Bruckbauer) Gannon, Duluth.

#### **UPCOMING CLASS REUNIONS**

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

**Class of 1967** - 50 year reunion will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2017, at the Railway Bar and Grill in Sleepy Eye. Contact Mary Baumann: 507-794-3017

**Class of 1982** - 35 year reunion will be held on Saturday, August 26, 2017, at the Railway Bar and Grill in Sleepy Eye. Contact Linda (Lochner) Newman: linda.a.newman1@gmail.com

**Class of 2007** - 10 year reunion will be held on Saturday, August 5, 2017, at the Sleepy Eye Golf Club beginning at noon. Contact Emily (Seidl) Niswanger: emilycseidl@gmail.com



The **Class of 1966** held their 50 year class reunion on September 17, 2016, at the Orchid Inn in Sleepy Eye. Pictured in the front row (left): Theresa (Sellner) Thomas, Chanhassen; Maxine (Larson) Yarnold, Sleepy Eye; Richard Sellner, Sleepy Eye; James Braun, Annandale; Gerald Braulick, Sleepy Eye; Gary Krzmarzick, Georgetown, TX; Lynn Bertrand, Coon Rapids; Alice (Hoffmann) Tanley, Searles and Grace (Sellner) Hoepfer, Madelia. Second row: Audrey (Braulick) Chute, Ray; Mary Jeanne (Hansen) Bloodgood, Mankato; Dawn Deibele, Sleepy Eye; Marty Hoffmann, Sleepy Eye; Richard Filzen, New Ulm; Gerald Woessner, Plymouth; Brenda (Frederickson)Walden, Sleepy Eye; Jeanne (Miller) Hume, Eagle Lake; Jim Fischer, Sleepy Eye; Doug Hertling, St. Cloud; Dennis Krzmarzick, Sleepy Eye. Back row: Dee Ann (Pietig) Gieseke, Sleepy Eye; Jeanne (Haala) Lund, Dassel; Janet (Sellner) Braun, Annandale; Helen (Sellner) Janni, Courtland; Barbara (Hillesheim) Filzen, New Ulm; Joan Grausam, Sleepy Eye; Elaine (Suess) Chambers, Decatur, GA; Kathleen (Suess) Goetze, Duluth; Connie (Lee) Tretter, Baxter; Joan (Mangen) Robertson, Inver Grove Heights; Bev (Forster) Cleary, Brandon; and Kenneth Krzmarzick, Stewart.



The **Class of 1971** held their 45 year class reunion on September 10, 2016, at the Railway Bar and Grill in Sleepy Eye. Pictured in the front row (left): Shirley (Krzmarzick) Schroepfer, Sleepy Eye; Patti (Hansen) Anderson, New Ulm; Renae (Berkner) Bock, Park Rapids; Sherry (O'Hare) Tomasko, Shakopee; Vicky (Cook) Helget, Sleepy Eye and Debbie (Bertrand) Heiderscheidt, Sleepy Eye. Back row: Ken Lux, Sleepy Eye; Steve

Weiss, Sleepy Eye; John Schueller, Sleepy Eye; Bob Broich, Plymouth; Mark Tauer, Sleepy Eye; Gary Krueger, Glenwood; Pat Hillesheim, Sleepy Eye; Leon Scherer, Sleepy Eye; Tony Schroepfer, Sleepy Eye; Mike Soukup, New Ulm; Gerald Sellner, Sleepy Eye; Mark Steffl, New Ulm and Dean Hoffmann, Sleepy Eye.

The **Class of 1976** held their 40 year class reunion on June 25, 2016, at Neil Mangen's home in Sleepy Eye. Pictured in the front row (left): Mike Schumacher, Wabasha; Larry Fischer, Sleepy Eye; Scott Tauer, Sleepy Eye; Brenda (Krzmarzick) Schroepfer, Sleepy Eye; Ron Haala, Inver Grove; Kathy Jo (Hansen) Marti, Sleepy Eye; Pam (Soukup) Penkert, New Ulm and Larry Soukup, Sleepy Eye. Back row:



Neil Mangen, Sleepy Eye; Ken Kral, Sleepy Eye; Doug Kral, Hanska; Mary (Sturm) Krueger, Glenwood; Deb (Schueller) Brandl, Sleepy Eye; Nancy Carroll, Rochester; Jane (Moran) Cook, Sleepy Eye; Jeanette (Tauer) Lalim, Jordan and Lavern Hauser, Sleepy Eye. Not pictured but present: Lorin Helget, Sleepy Eye; Loren Braulick, Sleepy Eye; Dean Schumacher, New Ulm; Joe Sellner, Sleepy Eye and Leon Braun, Sleepy Eye.



The **Class of 1986** held a joint 30 year class reunion with Sleepy Eye Public School on September 17, 2016, at Larry Mickelson's farm in Sleepy Eye. Pictured in the front row (left): David Hoffmann (SMS), Sleepy Eye; Lisa (Forster) Hoffmann (SMS), Sleepy Eye; Rhonda (Mathiowetz) Kerkhoff (PS), Morgan; Mike Weiss (SMS), Sleepy Eye; Scott Stevens (PS), St. Peter; Jenny (Toomey) Weber (PS), Sleepy Eye; Pam (Gehrke)

Weicherding (PS), Sleepy Eye; Amy (Hoffman) Hengel (PS), Sleepy Eye; Leon Hillesheim (PS), Sleepy Eye; Larry Mickelson (PS), Sleepy Eye; Dell Marti (PS), Sleepy Eye; Cindy (Lax) Marti (PS), Sleepy Eye and Derrick Havemeier (PS), LeSueur. Back Row: Lois (Steffl) Meine (PS), Springfield; Laura (Kuebler) Horman (SMS), Sleepy Eye; Michelle (Gentz) Goblirsch (PS), Sleepy Eye; Sandy (Zuhlsdorf) Neid (PS), Sleepy Eye; Shari (Groebner) Pelzel (SMS), Sleepy Eye; Mike Reynolds (SMS), Rogers; Jan (Kral) Schilling (SMS), Sleepy Eye; Doug Braulick (SMS), Sleepy Eye and Doug Hirsch (SMS), Sleepy Eye.



The **Class of 1996** held their 20 year class reunion on August 20, 2016, at the Railway Bar and Grill in Sleepy Eye. Pictured, front from left: Kelly (Tauer) Hogan, Gilbert, Ariz.; Andy Hoffmann, Sleepy Eye; Heather (Heiderscheidt) Hoffmann, Sleepy Eye; Chris (Weiss) Shidla, St. Michael; Gina Schroefer, Roseville; Sara (Moldaschel) Wenner, Good Thunder; Jessica (Konz) Elliott, Ames, Iowa; and Elaine Johnson, Rochester. Back: Mark Schroefer, Sleepy Eye; Chris (Braun) Andres, Sleepy Eye; Ryan Braulick, Sleepy Eye; Jacki (Hillesheim) Kyllonen, Sleepy Eye; Kaleb Walter, Sleepy Eye; Matt Mecklenburg, Moorhead; Ryan Fischer, Sleepy Eye; Brian "BJ" Cook, Redwood Falls and Brian Wurtzburger, Chaska.

The **Class of 2006** held their 10 year class reunion on June 11, 2016, at the Railway Bar and Grill in Sleepy Eye. Pictured in the front row (left): Craig Berkner, St. Peter; Jake Bloedow, Sleepy Eye; Terry Riebel, Sleepy



Eye; Carl Hoffmann, Mankato; Josh Sellner, Sleepy Eye and Jeff Mathiowetz, Sleepy Eye. Back row: Billy Cook, Springfield; David Ziegler, Minneapolis; Laura (Huiras) Ziegler, Minneapolis; Stephanie (Stimpert) Nord, Brookings, SD; Andrea (Fuchs) Forney, Pine Island; Cassie (Windschitl) Saye, St. Michael; Emily Heiderscheidt, Sleepy Eye; Jenna Peterson, Glendale, CA and Scott Mangen, New Ulm.

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

*(Includes obituaries received through April 9, 2016)*

**Alice (Johnson) Rothmeier**, 95, died on April 17, 2016. She graduated from St. Mary's in 1939. She is survived by her sons, Steve, Michael and Jay.

**Mildred (Ubl) Swanson**, 72, died on May 2, 2016. She graduated from St. Mary's in 1961. She is survived by her husband, Gary and children, Steve and Cheri.

**Robert Werner**, 87, died on July 25, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Joan (Thuer '54) and children, Martine Clinton, Michele Reid and Thomas.

**Paul Wurtzberger**, 73, died on August 2, 2016. He graduated from St. Mary's in 1962.

**Lance (Clarence) Soukup**, 70, died on August 23, 2016. He graduated from St. Mary's in 1964. He is survived by his wife, Dawn.

**James Weiss**, 73, died on October 6, 2016. He graduated from St. Mary's in 1961. He is survived by his wife, Janice and children, Lori Inkrot, Bryan and Bradley.

**Paul J. Heymans**, 89, died on October 17, 2016. He graduated from St. Mary's in 1945. He is survived by his wife, Joan and their children, Mark, Dean, Antoinette Ritacco, David, Joseph, James, Mary Jo Noer and Scott.

**Jean (Schiller) Volker**, 77, died on October 18, 2016. She graduated from St. Mary's in 1957. She is survived by her husband, Paul and daughters, Jeri Beltz, Debra Augustin, Margie Koewler, Connie (Randy '80) Kosak, Brenda Garoutte and Bobbie Carmody.

**Glenn Mangen**, 64, died on October 30, 2016. He graduated from St. Mary's in 1970. He is survived by his daughters, Hannah Mangen and Harley Braun.

**Cletus Tauer**, 84, died on November 12, 2016. He graduated from St. Mary's in 1949. He is survived by his wife, Ramona and children, Mary Weida, Terry Jeffries, John and Ruth Lundgren.

**Bruce Frederickson**, 69, died on November 19, 2016. He graduated from St. Mary's in 1965.

**Elaine (Maurer) Deibele**, 91, died on November 28, 2016. Elaine graduated from St. Mary's in 1942. She is survived by her children, Dawn ('66), Denise ('73) Teipel, Debbie (Greg '76) Braulick, Mary Bruess, Dan, and Dean (Chris Haala '76).

**Leo A. Steffl**, 77, died on December 18, 2016. He graduated from St. Mary's in 1957. He is survived by his wife, Grace and children, Vickie ('81) (Doug '76) Kral, Jan Dublin ('82), Donn ('86) and Alan.

**Charles Murry**, 88, died on January 3, 2017. He graduated from St. Mary's in 1946. He is survived by his wife, Donna and children, Gayle Cooney, Charlene, Carol Rusk, Kathy Brummond, Tim and Jane Scott.

**Margaret (Wurtzberger) Thiner**, 72, died on January 8, 2017. She graduated from St. Mary's in 1962. She is survived by her children, Anita Petersen and Dan.

**Luverne Fischer**, 87, died on January 9, 2017. He graduated from St. Mary's in 1948. He is survived by his wife, Lois and children, Mary Bruss, Ann Reckow, Lucy Warren, Emily Roering, Paul, Peter, Joseph, John and Karl.

**Dennis Conrad**, 89, died on January 23, 2017. He is survived by his children, Laurie Hunter ('72), Susie Braun ('75) and Tom ('79).

**Joseph "Dutch" Schroepfer**, 87, died on January 29, 2017. He graduated from St. Mary's in 1948. He is survived by his wife, Bev and children, Barb ('76) (Alvin '69) Krzmarzick, Tom ('77) (Brenda Krzmarzick '76), Jim ('77) (Maggie Hillesheim '78), Don ('80) (Connie Seifert '81), Roger ('83).

**Clement Hoffman**, 77, died on February 7, 2017. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1957. He is survived by his wife, Rhonelda and children, Deb Webster, Dan, Rick and Jason.

**Mary E. Sellner**, 82, died on February 7, 2017. She is survived by her children, Steve ('85) and Mona Pearson ('88).

**Sally (Salfer) Svoboda**, 89, died on February 12, 2017. She graduated from St. Mary's in 1946. She is survived by her husband, Don Lausen and her children, Diane Siegfried, Cletus and Linus.

**Mary Ann Kotten**, 78, died on February 13, 2017. She is survived by her children, Dianne Raddatz ('81), Dorinda Roiger ('82), James ('84), Ronald ('85), David ('88), Joseph ('91), Andy ('93) and Jacob ('98).

**Paul Kotten**, 63, died on February 22, 2017. He was a member of the class of 1949. He is survived by his wife,



Carol and son, Daniel.

**Ruth Bertrand**, 91, died on February 22, 2017. She is survived by her daughter, Judy Collard ('65).

**Roger "Ole" Hengel**, 77, died on February 24, 2017. He graduated from St. Mary's in 1958. He is survived by his wife, Carol (Goldschmidt '59) and his twins sons, Dean ('81) and Duane ('81).

**John "Jack" Bruggeman**, 93, died on March 6, 2017. He is survived by his sons, John ('67), Steve ('72) (Jean Sellner '78), Joe ('75), Pat ('77) and David ('81).

**Anna (Sellner) Hacker**, 90, died on March 6, 2017. Anna graduated from St. Mary's in 1943. She is survived by her daughters, Karen Domeier, Lois Stow and Janet Tougas.

**LaMonte "Monte" Helget**, 81, died on March 10, 2017. He was a member of the class of 1953. He is survived by his wife, Elaine and children, Brad ('73), Deb Hacker ('74), Peggy ('77) (Mark '73) Seidl, Doug ('80) and Cheryl ('82) (Terry '82) Reynolds.

**Rosemary (Eckstein) Stimpert**, 73, died on March 14, 2017. She was a member of the class of 1961. She is survived by her husband Gerald (member of the class of 1958) and her children, Lori Swenstad, Beverly Schindele and Mike ('83) (Brenda Weiss '82).

**Bishop John McRaith**, 82, died on March 19, 2017. He was pastor at St. Mary's Parish from 1968-1971.

**Ervin J. Windschitl**, 79, died March 31, 2017. Ervin graduated from St. Mary's in 1955. He is survived by his wife, Barb and children, Lisa Ibberson and Jason.

**Kathleen (Dormady) Schewe**, 87, died April 9, 2017. She graduated from St. Mary's in 1947. She is survived by her daughters, Diane Madsen ('70), and Renae ('83) (Paul '82) Sabatino.

Richard Raden obituary correction: survived by his wife, Marie (Tauer '68).

*REMEMBER ST. MARY'S SCHOOL IN YOUR WILL—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.*

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



Just recently, as the Mass servers and I were waiting to pray before the All School Mass, one of them mentioned that they helped at the KC Cadillac Dinner. He asked where the money went. This gave me the opportunity to explain how the KC's are a Fraternal Insurance organization that has served the Church well and donate many of their funds to the parish and school. We are fortunate to have such a fine Catholic organization in the parish. Its funds are separate from the parish funds. One comment led to another and eventually one of the servers asked what the profits were from the Caribbean Knights fundraiser. I was happy to inform them that it was approximately \$137,000.00 of which \$21,050.00 went for playground equipment and technology. The majority of the remainder is used to help keep tuition affordable.

This gave me the opportunity to explain to them the source of some other income for our parish and school. I asked them if they were familiar with Marie Bushard and her catering crew. They knew that Marie was the head cook at school and that

she did some catering, but they were unaware of how much she donates. They did not realize that she gives all the proceeds to the parish and school which ends up being about \$25,000.00 each year. We spoke as well of the Nex-Tu-Nu II store uptown and how it generates \$40,000.00 for our parish and school. These are possible because of the kindness of so many people who give of their time, treasure and talent. I tried to impress upon them what a good thing we have here at St. Mary's due to the sacrifices of so many good people and their love of Christ and His Holy Church. This is a conversation we need to have not only with our students but with all connected to St. Mary's.

I am so appreciative of all who give of their time, talent and treasure. Due to such generosity, we have something almost unparalleled in this area. I thank each of you, our alumni and friends of St. Mary's for your continued support. It is all worth it and if you can sacrifice even a little more, we surely would appreciate it and put it to good use.

May God love and keep you during this most sacred and blessed Easter season.

Msgr. Eugene Lozinski, Pastor-Superintendent

# CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. BRUCE WOITAS

## 2017 MNIAAA PAUL KRUEGER CLASS A ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

*"The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand" (Vince Lombardi).*



*The Woitas family at the award ceremony from left: Alan ('06), Mary, Bruce, Andrew ('06), Alex, senior at St. Mary's and Allison ('12).*

Few individuals exemplify this definition of the "price of success" as vividly as Bruce Woitas who is deserving of the title of Class A Athletic/Activities Administrator of the Year.

Bruce Woitas was hired by St. Mary's Catholic School in 1988. He currently serves as the Athletics/Activities Director as well the high school health/physical education instructor and the head girls' basketball and head baseball coach. During his time as Athletics/Activities Director, St. Mary's has won 37 Conference Championships, 19 Sub Section Championships, 15 Section Championships, and four State Championships. In addition, Bruce has compiled an impressive resume of acting as an athletic administrator on various committees and of holding numerous positions in several coaching associations. He is a leader in the world of high school sports, possessing both knowledge of the games, understanding of coaches and student athletes and a genuine passion for high school athletics.

Although his list of accomplishments is notably extensive, it is not statistics or leadership roles that make Bruce so deserving of this honor. His many successes have not been the result of chance or luck, but, rather, of incredibly hard work, unceasing dedication to his role as AD, and a consistent willingness to give his very best. It is rare not to see

Bruce at one of St. Mary's extracurricular events supporting the students and their coaches/advisors. In addition to the extensive time that he spends as the head coach for girls' basketball and baseball, he also spends countless hours in the evenings, weekends, and school breaks working tirelessly at the seemingly endless tasks of an AD.

However, one does not hear Bruce complain about the late hours or the endless paperwork; he simply does it because he believes in St. Mary's and he believes in the value of high school athletics/activities. His dedication to his vocation is an incredible example to all who know him. His continued work with Region 2A and with the coaching associations demonstrate his desire to make high school athletics/activities as beneficial and as valuable as possible for the students. Bruce works to stay informed of changes and updates in the various programs so he can provide the best possible information to his coaches/advisors. In addition, he willingly shares his talents outside of St. Mary's, coaching a variety of summer teams to help young athletes further develop their skills. Bruce does not coach or serve as an AD merely as "jobs," but because of a true love of athletics and a deep belief in their value.

The name "Bruce Woitas" is synonymous with success. He certainly has the honors, records, titles, and leadership positions to verify that truth. However, his truest successes lie in his solid work ethic, deep commitment to his family, his coaches/advisors, his students, his school and high school sports, and his consistent willingness to give his all to every task presented to him. There is no one more deserving of the title of Class A Athletic/Activities Administrator of the Year.

Visit [sesmschool.com](http://sesmschool.com) to view a video summarizing Bruce's journey earning him this award.

### Stay Up-To-Date with SMS with St. Mary's Facebook Page!



If you haven't liked our school's Facebook page, what are you waiting for? St. Mary's School Facebook page is constantly updated with current news and events. If you like news as it happens, this is the place to go. It's 2017, and our page is one of the best right at your fingertips. Go to [facebook.com/sesmschool](http://facebook.com/sesmschool) and like our page today!

## CONGRATULATIONS MAYOR PELZEL



Photo credit: Sleepy Eye Herald Dispatch

This year's election proved to be a proud moment for St. Mary's Catholic School as our past elementary principal, **Wayne Pelzel ('68)** was elected Mayor for the city of Sleepy Eye on November 8, 2016. We have no doubt the city of Sleepy Eye is in good hands with Mr. Pelzel.



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

There are so many things happening here to be proud of, one can hardly begin to keep it all straight! From our Caribbean Knights Party to the wonderful musical performance of *Annie*, to our own Bruce Woitas being selected to receive the Class AAD of the year award - wow! Not to mention all that our students and alumni continue to accomplish as they strive to serve God in making this a better world. Thanks to all of you for supporting our school; because of you it continues to exist. Your generosity is truly appreciated!

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

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

Many of you have supported this important parish fundraiser in the past. Please buy a raffle calendar again this year. The calendar raffle tickets are \$25 each and a limited number will be sold.

The drawing will be held on July 3rd so please send your check by June 30th.

Checks should be made payable to St. Mary's Church.

Please mail to:  
636 1st Ave N, Sleepy Eye, MN 56085

Please include this portion with your order:

I would like to buy \_\_\_\_\_ calendar raffle tickets. Check is enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## ROSEMARY WILTSHECK'S KINDNESS LIVES ON

During her lifetime, **Rosemary Wiltscheck** was recognized as a kind and faith-filled woman who was strongly committed to her family, to her church and to St. Mary's Catholic School. She graduated in 1945, earning the honor of class valedictorian. With no children of her own, she doted on her nieces and nephews, cherishing her family milestones and connections.



Rosemary's kindness, her commitment to St. Mary's and her love of children beautifully combined in her gift of \$94,040.82 to St. Mary's Scholarship Trust Fund. Rosemary died on March 14, 2015, but her kindness will live on through her gift as the principal remains intact. Only the interest generated from this fund is used to help families who are in need of financial assistance paying their tuition. Her generous gift will enable more children to receive the blessing of a Catholic education at St. Mary's for years to come.

May her gift inspire others to leave a legacy through their gift to St. Mary's Catholic School.

## Congratulations Newlyweds

Rita Ann (Hillesheim '64) Christoffel married Kenneth Ekstrand on April 23, 2016.

Cory Kober ('06) married Kelsey Sabatino on May 21, 2016.

Katie Steffl ('11) married Lucas Northagen on September 24, 2016.

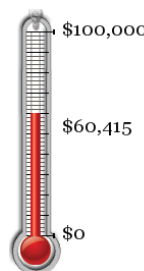
John Krzmarzick ('77) married Cindee (Stimpert '79) Schewe on October 1, 2016.

Maria Gangelhoff ('08) married Matt Halverson on October 22, 2016.

Lynn Simonsen ('80) married Holly Jaeger on November 19, 2016.

Jesse Hoffmann ('08) married Emily Heiderscheidt ('06) on January 21, 2017.

## 2017 Alumni and Friends Annual Appeal



Thank you to everyone who has donated to this fund. We were unable to hold our Night of Knights Annual Appeal kickoff dinner last year due to the musical/dinner theater shifting to November. However, we are still working to achieve our goal of \$100,000 by June 30, 2017. Your gift will be used to satisfy the budgeted salary increase already factored in for this 2016-2017 school year. Your donation would be greatly appreciated to help us reach this goal.

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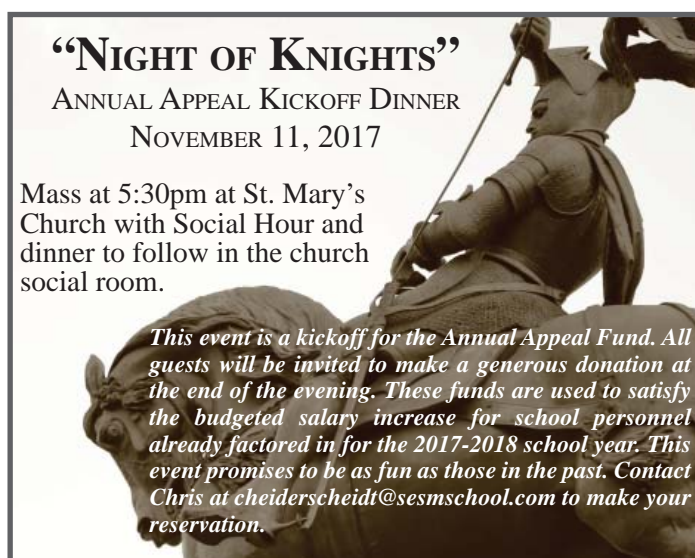


**Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament**  
**Saturday, September 9, 2017**  
**Sleepy Eye Golf Club**

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 (includes lunch): \$50 per person**



**“NIGHT OF KNIGHTS”**  
ANNUAL APPEAL KICKOFF DINNER  
NOVEMBER 11, 2017

Mass at 5:30pm at St. Mary's Church with Social Hour and dinner to follow in the church social room.

*This event is a kickoff for the Annual Appeal Fund. All guests will be invited to make a generous donation at the end of the evening. These funds are used to satisfy the budgeted salary increase for school personnel already factored in for the 2017-2018 school year. This event promises to be as fun as those in the past. Contact Chris at cheiderscheidt@sesmschool.com to make your reservation.*



**Fall/Winter Sports Recap**

For a complete recap of the fall and winter sports, please visit the athletics page under activities on our newly designed website.

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