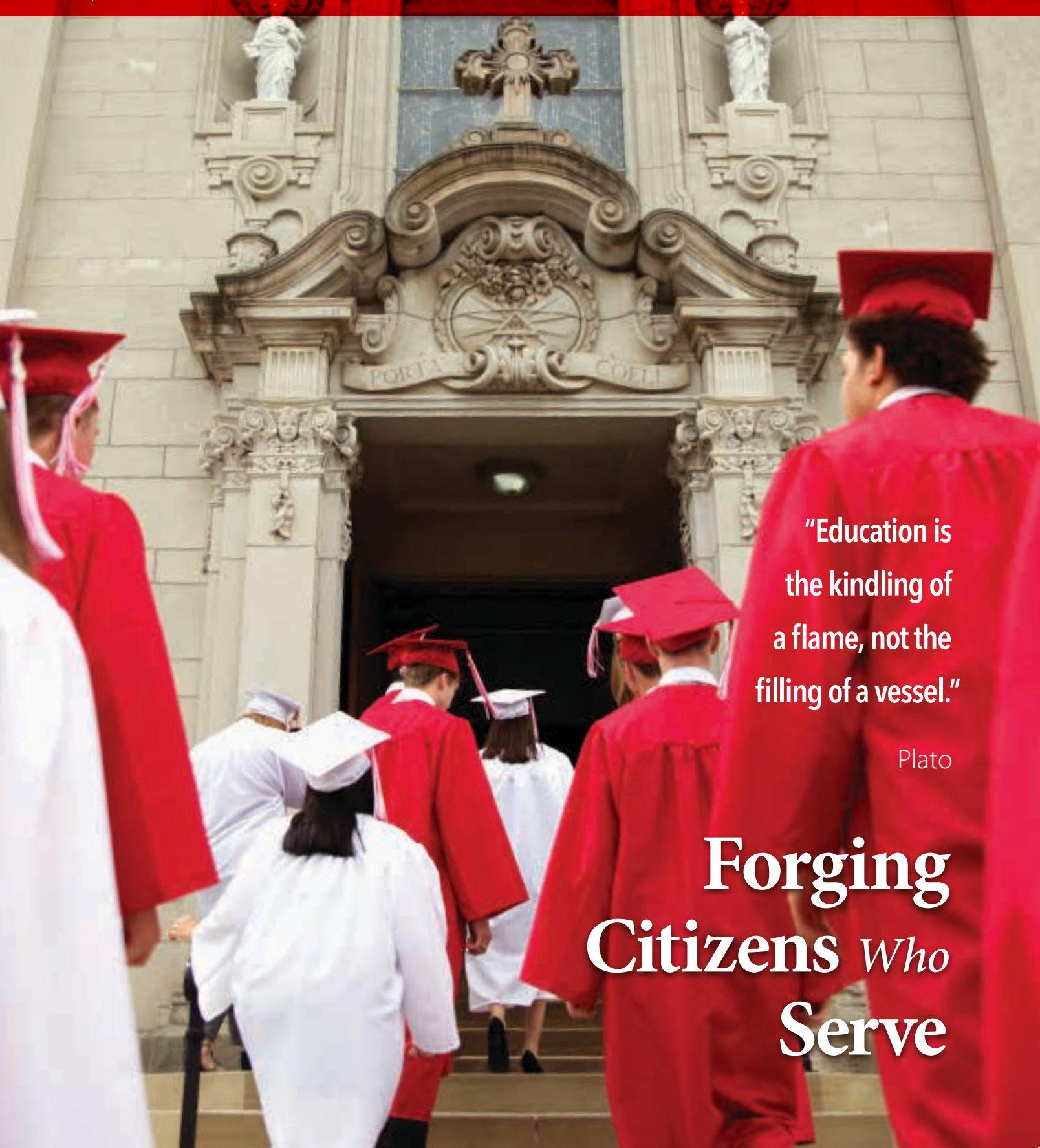




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the kindling of
a flame, not the
filling of a vessel."

Plato

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Citizens *Who*
Serve**



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The House program focuses on building unity and growing schoolwide in one heart and mind. The first overnight senior trip helped our veteran Aggies set a strong tone for the year.

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From the Headmaster



“At a time of significant polarization in the political circles we inhabit, we are grateful to those who have served this wonderful country in roles of public service.”

Dear Families,

In these pages, you will notice the number of our Saint Agnes community members—past and present—who work in government positions, legal professions, and other roles that make a positive difference in our lives as Americans. You will meet alumni lawyers working in the private and public sectors, including a former State Attorney for Illinois. You will encounter faculty members who engage students in Mock Trial and lead students to Washington, D.C. to march for the pro-life cause. Thank you to each of them!

Here at Saint Agnes School, all juniors study apologetics and moral theology. In these courses, students are introduced to the importance of the common good and the value of justice in the public square—most specifically this year as it relates to the opportunity to choose a Catholic school. To that end, the entire junior class accompanied some teachers and me to the State Capitol for a School Choice rally during National School Choice Week back in February—an excellent opportunity to have their voices heard in the Minnesota legislature.

In addition, many of our seniors have a class in civics. They learn the practical applications of the principles in our Constitution, respectful argumentation and debate, and how to engage in political life—from citizenship responsibilities such as voting to writing local politicians about important issues. This year, a faculty member and I took our seniors to this year’s Catholics at the Capitol rally, arranged by the Minnesota Catholic Conference. The lobbying arm for the bishops of the state of Minnesota, MCC is directed by parishioner, school parent, and Headmaster’s Council Member Jason Adkins, who you will learn more about in this issue of the *Aggie Archives*.



On Tuesday, April 23, Justice Barry Anderson of the Minnesota Supreme Court visited Saint Agnes to converse with the senior class. Since most seniors are enrolled in an American Civics course focusing on the Constitution, Justice Anderson shared his expertise and experience as a Minnesota lawyer and judge. He stated,

“Civic education is incredibly important because, as a people, we are united not by blood or soil, but rather by an idea: constitutional liberty. If we don’t understand who we are, it is easy to lose our common history.”

At a time of significant polarization in the political circles we inhabit, we are grateful to those who have served this wonderful country in roles of public service. May our students and graduates see engagement in civic life as a duty worthy of their time, and may those who are called to serve in public life follow God’s call to do so. We need well-formed people of faith in all professions, but especially those who are willing to give their lives to advance the common good via public service!

Blessings to you,

Kevin Ferdinandt
Headmaster

ENGAGING IN THE *Public Square*

Mr. Jason Adkins

Executive Director of MN Catholic Conference,
Saint Agnes Parishioner and Parent,
Headmaster's Council Member



Faithful citizenship is a task of Christian discipleship: Just ask Jason Adkins, current parent of two Aggie students. Prior to his

advocacy work for the Church, Jason served as an attorney at the Institute for Justice, a public interest law firm. He also clerked for both state and federal appellate judges and received his law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School, where he has served as an adjunct professor. He is currently an adjunct professor at both the St. Paul Seminary and University of St. Thomas School of Law.

Jason also sits on the Saint Agnes Headmaster's Council. The Headmaster's Council meets regularly and offers advice, counsel and deliberation on everything from finances, faculty hiring and retention, and tuition to school policies, fundraising, and budgeting for Saint Agnes School. Since March 2011, Jason has served as the executive director of the Minnesota Catholic Conference.

MN Catholic Conference is the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Minnesota which supports the ministry of our state's Catholic bishops by:

- Working with political and community leaders to shape legislation that serves human dignity and the common good
- Educating Catholics and the public about the ethical and moral framework that should be applied to public policy choices
- Mobilizing the Catholic community to make its voice heard in the public arena

The Minnesota bishops themselves constitute the membership of the Conference and are currently served by a staff of six lay people located at MCC headquarters in St. Paul, along with three committees comprising lay and religious Catholics representing the six Minnesota dioceses.

Jason's work with the MN Catholic Conference puts him in the middle of the most relevant political policies in Minnesota. MCC works for the common good of citizens advocating for the dignity of human life, care for God's creation, healthcare, labor and economy, life and bio-ethics, marriage and family, migration, the poor and the vulnerable, and religious freedom. Examples of recent bills that MCC has weighed in on include opposing assisted suicide, anti-pornography legislation, earned sick and safe time, protections for workers, stopping a commercial surrogacy market in Minnesota, the opioid crisis, clean water bonds, and school choice.

The advocacy of MCC transcends any differences between right/left, Democrat/Republican, conservative/liberal, yet an ongoing challenge is engaging people in a constructive way. Though the Church never imposes—but rather proposes—legislation, Jason says people have a distrust of institutions and, especially amidst the recent scandals, doubt the credibility of the Catholic Church. At the same time, society, especially the poor and most vulnerable, rely on the policies of the Church.

“The theological dimension is needed both for interpreting and for solving present day problems in human society.”

– Saint John Paul II,
Centesimus Annus, “Hundredth Year”

One point that Jason stresses is the importance of explaining to people, young and old, WHY we as Christians must engage in the public square. Politics and religion are inseparable because laws reflect our values. Therefore, politics is not something that can be delegated but it is part of our discipleship. “It is our duty as Christians to be evangelical witnesses,” states Jason. “We must treat others with civility and friendship, love our enemies, and bring the gospel into the peripheries. In reality, politics is one of the highest forms of love of our neighbor.”

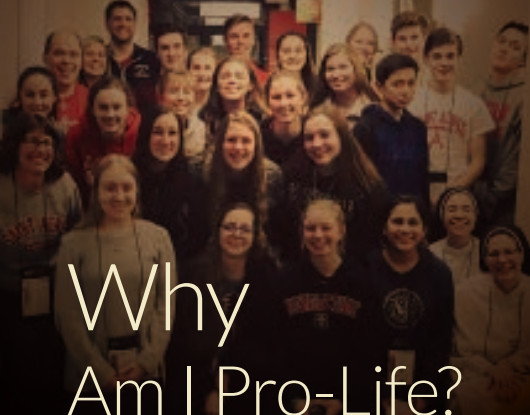
The MCC sponsors Catholics at the Capitol events to empower citizens to identify ways they can take part in the political process. They created the online Catholic Advocacy Network that informs the public on current issues with proposed action needed. They host an Advocacy Hour inviting citizens to stop by the Capitol to speak with their legislators, and spend time praying for them before the Blessed Sacrament. They even offer Lobbying 101 talks to answer questions on where to begin, how to speak with your legislators and what issues to bring up. This July, their Bridge Builder podcast becomes a weekly Saturday morning show on Relevant Radio AM 1330.

Jason points out that we must start by forming relationships with our lawmakers and help them do the right thing. “Unfortunately, most people can't even name those who represent them. We must engage our legislators, thank them, encourage them, and pray for them. We all have some part to play.”

Jason offered some advice to students who may have an interest in getting into the political realm. “Start by getting involved in the Legislature's high school page program. It is a well-run program and will give students an insider's prospective and chance to meet and interact with legislators. Take advantage of internships because public policy is all about forming relationships.” Jason also encourages students to continue their education in fields that will make them strong communicators and effective writers. MCC itself is investing in developing young Catholic leaders in the MCC office who will go on to work for the Church.

Jason reminds us that politics is a question of making laws for the common good that are moral and just. We as Catholics and Christians must be present in building party platforms, choosing delegates, and forming public policy. We can't just arrive at the ballot box and expect proper results. If we don't show up in the policy-making stages, someone else will.

To learn more about MN Catholic Conference or to join the Catholic Advocacy Network, visit www.mncatholic.org.



Why Am I Pro-Life?

A MARCH TO REMEMBER

Sister Teresa Christi • OP | History and Theology Teacher

Founder of the junior high pro-life club at Saint Agnes, Elizabeth Grant '23 was the recent winner of the Junior High National Right to Life 2019 Pro-Life Essay Contest. A few quotes from her response to the question "Why Am I Pro-Life?":

One of God's greatest gifts to humanity is the intellect. We have the ability to reason with our fellow human beings, and the ability to see when an argument is misguided. I cannot remember a time when I could not see the abortion argument as not only irrational but truly evil.

Pro-choicers often use the term 'fetus' as if it refers to an entirely different species. But this word is no different than 'toddler' or 'teenager,' words that describe the different developmental stages of the human person. A fetus has no less human dignity than a newborn, just as a toddler has no less than a teenager.

I was praying the Rosary [at a prayer vigil near a local Planned Parenthood facility], and as I passed by the barricade between two opposing groups, I saw a girl about my age on the other side, skipping and waving her 'I Support Planned Parenthood' sign. That was the first time I realized that there are children on their side too, that children are being fed those lies, and how dangerous that is, especially for girls. It inspired me to inspire others, especially my generation, 'the pro-life generation.' It inspired me to fight, and to encourage others to fight, for God's most precious gift - life.

On the evening of Tuesday, January 15, 2019, 22 Saint Agnes high school students, three faculty members, and three parent chaperones gathered at the Cathedral of St. Paul to board buses for a cross-country trek to Washington D.C. with the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis. Yet, the purpose of this trip was not sight-seeing at the nation's capital; this was a religious pilgrimage and the exercise of one's civic duty as a participant at the 46th Annual March for Life. Since the 1973 Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision, it has been estimated that 60 million babies have been aborted in America. This hit home with our Saint Agnes students who realize that this is one-third of their generation.

After a 24-hour bus ride with no cell phones, the students learned the meaning of sacrifice as part of a religious pilgrimage and understood their duty as Americans to speak and stand in the truth no matter the cost. They attended Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception where they were able to visit the various chapels built by so many proud American Catholics. Then they were blessed to visit the National Holocaust Museum, Abraham Lincoln, World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War Memorials—testaments to those who both suffered for and stood for the dignity of the human person. For many students, seeing these sites was a sober reminder of how much the human life has been jeopardized in the past century.

Finally, the day of the March arrived! It rightly began with Mass and then a walk to the National Mall where the students joined an estimated 300,000

marchers at the Rally (which featured Vice-President Mike Pence). Then, they marched down Constitution Avenue under the banner of the Archdiocese led by Archbishop Bernard Hebda. The atmosphere was joyous, and the students noticed a family-like atmosphere while marching; they met other high schoolers from around the country, prayed the Rosary, sang songs, and belted out chants.

There is a hill to climb toward the end of the March, which concludes at the Supreme Court building. At the top of the hill, the Saint Agnes students, one by one, turned around to view the vast sea of people behind them—many of them their age—marching for life. For many of the students, this was the highlight of the trip: to see how many people with whom they stood in solidarity.

Besides the opportunity to participate in the March for Life, the students were also able to exercise their civic duty by visiting House Representative Sean Duffy (R-WI) at the Longworth Building. Their civic education did not stop there! They were also able to attend the Students for Life Conference where they learned skills in pro-life apologetics, heard the latest developments in the pro-life movement and connected with other student groups and pro-life organizations.

While a snowstorm held the group back one day, the Saint Agnes students returned home with renewed energy to stand for life and a profound respect for the founding principles of our country. It was fitting that the students returned home on the Feast of Saint Agnes as well – a young girl who, despite great opposition and mockery, stood firm in what was good, beautiful, pure, and true.





MOCK TRIAL: A CASE FOR SUCCESS

Ms. Samantha Burr Theology teacher | Mock Trial Advisor



“That definitely didn’t have any bearing on the legal merits of the case—I can’t believe the judge ruled that was relevant!”

“Did you hear that witness on cross?...They just sounded ridiculous!”

“They obviously weren’t listening when the judge warned them about leading questions...”

This may not be ordinary conversation for high school students, but these are the kind of comments I overheard constantly from Aggies before and after mock trial competitions. It always amused me to hear them arguing the limits of speculation in a particular line of questioning or the proper tone that a newspaper editor being sued for “reckless disregard of the truth” should take on cross examination.

This winter, Saint Agnes fielded a mock trial team for the first time in several years. The activity is designed to help high school students grow in understanding of the legal system while practicing skills such as public speaking, acting, and debate. The Minnesota State Bar Association, which sponsors the competition, publishes a case packet—approximately 75 pages including witness affidavits, exhibits, and a simplified version of the federal rules of evidence—that students sift through while developing a case for both the plaintiff (or prosecution) and defense. At a mock trial competition, two opposing schools each take one side, trying to convince the judge(s) and jury (usually imaginary) that their side’s case is best supported by the facts. Students represent the attorneys and the different witnesses called to the stand, and working together to pull the



Invitational competition at the University of Minnesota. Left to right, back row: Gemma Rossini '21, Anna Damm '21, Natalie Vance '22, Zachary True '22, Paige Bourland '19, Joseph Rossini '22, Devon Selmon '22, Sebastian Stoss '21. Front row: Hillary Thach '22, Linette Boghan '21, Jordan Buche '22, Cecilia Petruconis '19

most relevant facts from the case materials. It’s an activity that requires students to read critically, write persuasively, and play a role convincingly. Significant improvisational and debate skills are also necessary, as student attorneys earn higher scores by objecting when they hear evidence that is not admissible in court or by arguing against an objection from someone on an opposing team.



Invitational competition at Hamline University, waiting for the awards ceremony to begin. Right to left: Patrick Deavel '22 (who won our first and only all tournament outstanding witness award that night), Amisa Jones '19, Paige Bourland '19, and Devon Selmon '22

I myself have fond memories of bonding with my high school mock trial friends over discussions of hearsay and the best way to portray a witness accused of murder. When a 9th grade student approached me at the beginning of the year and asked me to lead mock trial at Saint Agnes, it didn’t take me long to agree. Throughout the season, I could not have been more proud of the Aggies who joined our team. Students spent many hours writing and editing speeches, meeting

before school to practice delivering them, and getting feedback on how to best address different points of the law. Others spent time analyzing what outfit would best represent who their witness was and make them seem trustworthy to our imaginary jury. Students worked together to memorize and fine tune the delivery of direct and cross examinations. They collaborated to reword questions that called for the witness to report hearsay or engage in speculation.

Perhaps most impressive was how our students learned to handle themselves with grace and humility in high pressure situations. While still fiercely arguing in objection battles and pushing other team’s witnesses on cross examination, our students were able to balance their desire to win with showing kindness and civility. **My proudest moment was when a parent from an opposing team emailed to say how impressed they were with the conduct of the Saint Agnes students, who remained kind and respectful while putting up a good fight.**

With a team full of rookies, I was not expecting our students to advance very far in the regional competitions, but I was excited that both teams brought home a win—both Saint Agnes teams emerged victorious in one of their three regional trials. I can’t wait to see how these students, and others, continue to grow when they come back to compete next year!

Lower School Life:

All that is, seen and unseen.

Michael Adkins, Lower School Director

I was recently asked: *What is your favorite part of being Director of the Lower School?*

I love being able to drop in unannounced on teachers and students in the classroom each day; there, I'm able to see the passion, dedication, and faith-filled witness of our teachers. I'm also able to see our joyful students encounter an education that integrates Faith, Reason, and Virtue. Having attended public primary and secondary school, this is a great gift to me and a daily reminder that the sacrifices made to provide an authentic Catholic education are worth it. These are just a few snapshots of the incredible life in our Lower School.



Our 6th grade Altar Servers were able to serve for the Archbishop at the Cathedral



Adkins attending "Morning Meeting" with 1st graders



Another great pic of teachers dressed up: Mrs. Eckberg (1st grade) and Ms. Coleman (3rd grade) dress up as Mary during Catholic Schools week!



Sr. Mary Margaret (Religion and Latin) during teacher appreciation week with two of her 5th grade students



Kindergarten teachers dress up as "Thing 1" and "Thing 2" for Dr. Seuss Day!

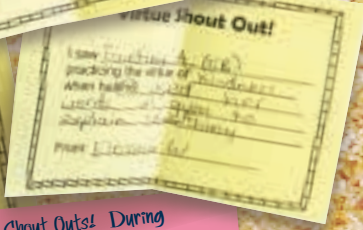
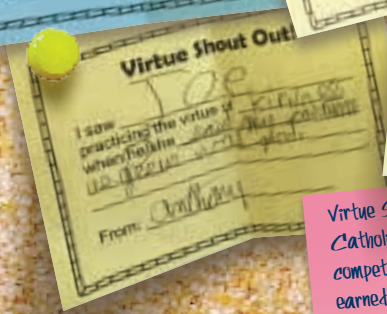
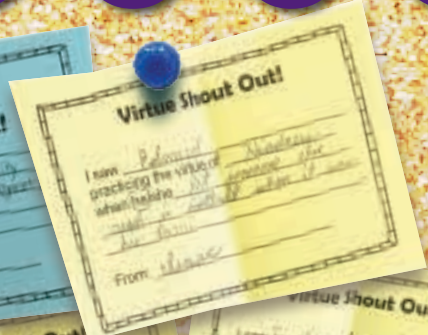
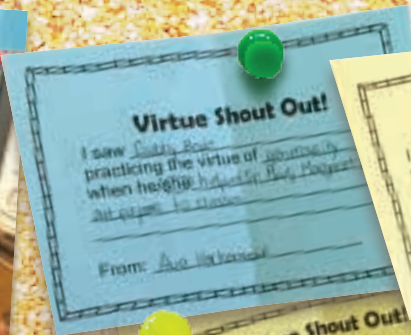


4th graders were featured on TPT's "Hands-On Science" show this past fall!

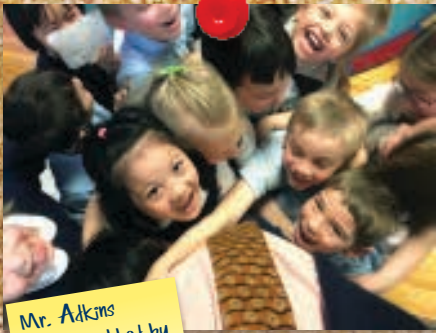




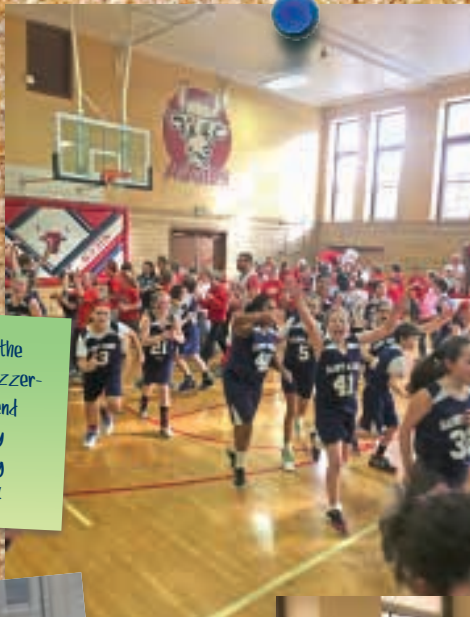
Mrs. Loch showing students how to re-pot a plant in 1st grade



Virtue Shout Outs! During Catholic Schools' Week students competed to see which class earned the most "Virtue Shout Outs" which were posted in the cafeteria by the Sisters



Mr. Adkins getting mobbed by Kindergarteners!



Students react after the miraculous 3 point "buzzer-beater" was made to end the students vs. faculty basketball game during Catholic Schools week!



The Eucharistic Procession during Catholic Schools Week: Fr. Moriarty processed through and blessed the entire school with Our Lord



Sisters were caught scraping cars for parents and colleagues after school one day!



Students preparing to perform a song in Music class



Our youngest students work on number sense and counting in our new Montessori Preschool



Mr. Johnson reads the story of the Last Supper to his 2nd grade class during Holy Week

Sean, a 4th grader, speaks to the school community on St. Kateri Tekakwitha during a Virtue Assembly.



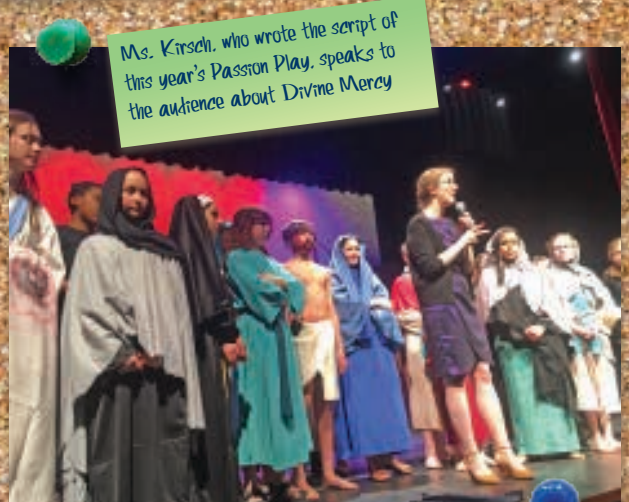
Ms. Ennis and her 5th grade student, Mary, pose with her award for qualifying for the National History Bee



The Passion Play, scene from Jesus' crucifixion



1st grade girls, playing the role of angels, star in the annual Passion Play with 6th grade students



Ms. Kirsch, who wrote the script of this year's Passion Play, speaks to the audience about Divine Mercy



4th and 5th graders pose in costume for History Day. 4th graders study the Medieval/Renaissance world and 5th grade studies U.S. History



Sr. Mary Consolata is about to take on her students in the "Pacer" test! She's got her "Arboreal Dominicans" on!



Cute artwork can be found on display on the walls of our school daily; here, Kindergartners decorate the hall for May Crowning



2nd graders produced self-portraits in Studio Art with Mrs. Reichtsmeyer



3rd graders enjoy working with Mrs. Yost, a wonderful volunteer, on a Shared Inquiry Socratic Seminar on their current book

Mr. Gockowski, Sr. Mary Consolata, and the 4th graders open the April Virtue Assembly with a singing of the Te Deum



The sisters lead a recent faculty meeting, introducing our new virtue curriculum: "Education in Virtue" developed by the Ann Arbor Dominicans

Alumni in Civic Life

Tom Wallrich

CLASS OF 1982

The youngest of five Aggie siblings, Tom Wallrich grew up in the Midway area of St. Paul near Lexington and Thomas. He was active during his high school years at Saint Agnes as a member of the football and bowling teams; participant in photography, choir, and spring musicals; and leader on the student council, particularly as the senior class president! It was evident throughout his high school formation that Tom would go on to do amazing things!

Recalling High School

Tom fondly remembers the connectivity and community of the Aggie student body. Though the high school students came from a variety of area Catholic grade schools, they all molded as a class and formed new and strong friendships. "At the time, I felt I knew everyone in St. Paul. Looking back, I realize I probably just knew the ones from Catholic schools!" remarked Tom. Recalling the rich faith tradition at Saint Agnes, Tom was struck by the beauty of the Church of Saint Agnes as it began its first restoration at a time when many other churches were falling into disrepair.

The high level of discipline stood out to Tom as well and eventually had an impact on his choice to pursue law. "With a set of rules, you get a sense for what the standard is, an idea of violation of the standards and the benefits of meeting the standards. When you focus so much on the rules, you gain sensitivity to the letter of the law versus the spirit of the law...that there are exceptions to the law. If I felt I or someone else was punished unjustly, it bothered me. When I saw that following the rules benefited the group, it made me happy. I believe discipline serves you well in life."

Post-Secondary Education and Law

After graduating from Saint Agnes, Tom attended North Dakota State. A turning point in his life came when his sister Deb '75 unexpectedly arrived at a fraternity party Tom was attending. Deb was a recruiter for William Mitchell and—knowing her brother's dreams and ambitions—she told Tom that he would never be

a lawyer if he stayed at NDSU. Heeding her words of wisdom, he transferred to the University of Minnesota, got a clerking job at Deb's firm, and received his first exposure to the workings of a law firm.

Tom was introduced to a variety of disciplines—social justice issues, family law, commercial law, and helping children—but was ultimately attracted to bankruptcy law and business reorganization. "Our bankruptcy laws give us a chance at redemption. You can say, 'I made a mistake and I'd like to fix it.'" He worked both with banks to restructure debt and with the companies who needed help in solving their problems. He graduated



from the U of M in '87 and William Mitchell School of Law in '90 before landing his first job with the Fredrikson & Byron Law Firm.

Civic Impact

All lawyers have an ethical obligation to provide pro bono services "for the public good" and Fredrikson & Byron was enthusiastic about encouraging its employees to give back to the community. Tom's pro bono work has dealt mainly with income inequality, but he also worked on a well-known death row case [ever hear of Dead Man Walking?] and has been teaching at the collegiate level for a number of years. He was a student at the U of M when he picked up his first teaching job at a legal practicum that helped lawyers transition from being law school students to being practicing lawyers. At William Mitchell, he was part of a contingent of Catholic law students and their professors, including mentor Neal Hamilton (Holloran Professor of Law and Founding Director of the Holloran Center for Ethical Leadership in the Professions at the University of St. Thomas School of Law), who were the nascent buds of what would become the University of St. Thomas School of Law.

Shortly after it opened, Tom began teaching a Consumer Bankruptcy clinic at UST to teach lawyers how to help those with huge financial burdens (and, most often, medical issues) file for bankruptcy. He has since added a Bankruptcy Litigation clinic that focuses almost exclusively on student loan debt. "At the height of the mortgage crisis, there was \$14.5 trillion in mortgage debt. We now have \$5 trillion in student loan debt. The law changes of 2008 make it nearly impossible to have student loan debt forgiven," remarks Tom. He focuses on proving the substantial hardship for many who are burdened by this debt.

Teaching the bankruptcy clinics has been rewarding for Tom. "Young lawyers will be well versed in a specific area of law, and they will understand the legal aspects. The beauty of teaching at UST is that you can deal with moral issues at the same time you are working on the community problem," comments Tom.

Proud Aggie

Tom was excited to learn that Saint Agnes had resurrected a Mock Trial team and wanted the students to know that law is less about being a good student and more about how hard you work and how well you present yourself. "You don't have to be born into it; you can fight your way in. Most people who have an interest in practicing law have experienced or witnessed some injustice in their life. It bothered them, and they wanted to do something about it. You can make a difference!"

Currently, Tom is the Managing Partner of the Minneapolis office of Cozen O'Connor law firm and concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial transactions, banking, bankruptcy, real estate finance, and development and commercial litigation. He has also developed a substantial practice in international trade in the regions of China, Mexico, and Canada. Tom has been named a "Super Lawyer" by Thompson Reuters for 15 consecutive years and has also been named one of the Top 25 Super Lawyers for business restructuring and workouts.

Tom was just a disciplined kid from the Midway with a hard work ethic and a pulse for justice. His story is an inspiration to all Aggies in giving back and doing what is right for the common good.



Bridget Hobbs

CLASS OF 2015



What was your college and major?

B.S., Communication, Concentration in Business, Minor in Marketing, University of Mary (2019).

What are you up to now?

I am working in a United States Senate office in Washington, D.C. for Senator Kevin Cramer of North Dakota. I work in policy as well as manage the Senator's schedule. I even had the

opportunity to write his inaugural floor speech as a United States Senator!

Why did you choose this path?

I pursued a degree in communication because it allowed me to choose from a variety of paths in the future. Whether starting a business or working in government, my courses in this field gave me the experience necessary to build a strong foundation of skills.

I chose my current work in the U.S. Senate because I wanted to learn the intricacies of the legislative process and advocate for the values that built the United States of America.

Who has influenced your career ambitions?

I was very blessed that all my teachers at Saint Agnes instilled in me a desire to seek truth and justice. However, two stand out as instrumental in feeding the fire: Mr. Dahdah and Mr. Blonigen. Their genuine concern and passion for preserving rights and maintaining the freedom that characterizes America led me to recognize the importance of doing so myself.

What role faith has played in your work?

Faith has been the driving force of my work. It informs every action I make and encourages me in trials. I lean on strength from God to complete each day with energy, passion, and a sense of mission.

Rewards and challenges of the job?

It is challenging to be far from family, friends, and home, but the rewards are worthwhile. I am becoming a more competent citizen by learning the processes of government. I am also challenged to think about others in a new way, specifically how my work on current and future legislation will affect the people of this country.

Thoughts on civic duty/responsibility?

As a citizen of the United States of America, it is crucial that one takes the time to understand the basics of government. Get involved through voting and contacting local and federal representatives.

Advice to students interested in a career like yours?

Read the news every day, ask questions, and get involved locally. Start reading books on how the House of Representatives and the Senate operate. Study the Founding Fathers and their vision for the United States of America. Review history to learn how we as a nation arrived to where we are today. Read, read, read! Finally, maintain a heart for service by staying close to Christ.



Rescheduled after April's snowstorm, we were happy to welcome grandparents of more than 80 students in grades 7-12 to our first-ever Upper School Grandparents Day this past May! After celebrating Mass together, over 250 students and their grandparents enjoyed a light reception in Gruden Gym followed by a program in the Helene Houle Auditorium and grandchild-led school tours. Special photos of each student with their grandparents are sure to be a cherished keepsake.





PADRE PIO WORK STUDY PROGRAM

2018-2019 Padre Pio
Work Study Recipients



About The Padre Pio Work Study Program

Saint Agnes School offers tuition assistance awards to qualified high school students through the Padre Pio Work Study Program. Students who receive an award commit part of their after-school time to a work-related duty as needed by the administration, faculty, and staff. With part-time work becoming less available to students, this program provides the opportunity for their time to be meaningfully compensated. These awards are funded through the generosity of benefactors and other friends who believe in providing an authentic Catholic education to as many students as possible.



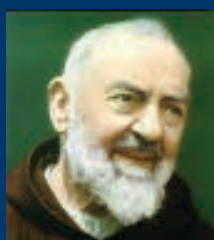
Student Service & Appreciation

Student workers meet daily with an assigned faculty or staff supervisor who directs their work. Serving and working together in a variety of ways (sweeping, vacuuming, window washing, etc.) teaches students life-long skills such as strong work ethic and accountability. This service is not just a useful way to care for facilities, but also helps award recipients take ownership of their financial gift. All students write a personal note of gratitude and appreciation to a "Padre Pio Benefactor" that is forwarded to the appropriate donor. This is yet another significant way to give thanks for the generous gift received.



Be A Partner With Us

To continue providing these awards to students, we invite you to partner with us today. **Prayerfully consider making a gift to the Padre Pio Work Study Program by sponsoring a portion of one award, a student, or if you are able, multiple students. Awards are allocated in increments of \$2,500.** Regardless of the amount of your gift, you are making an impact in the lives of our students and we are grateful for your generosity.



Make a gift to the Padre Pio Work Study Program:

1. Mail the included envelope and indicate your wish to support the Padre Pio Work Study Program.
2. Give online at www.SaintAgnesSchool.org/PadrePio
3. Call the Advancement Office at 651-925-8810.

We believe the powerful intercession of St. Padre Pio was instrumental in preserving our school during a difficult period in history at Saint Agnes. His comforting words, "Pray, hope, and don't worry" gave us the courage to persevere. St. Padre Pio, pray for us!

SAINT AGNES SCHOOL ANNUAL
RED & White
 BENEFIT DINNER AND AUCTION



Red and White honoree Fred Blonigen and wife Julie

Thank you and congratulations to our entire community for an incredibly successful Red & White Benefit! A multitude of alumni, as well as parents, benefactors and friends, gathered in the Ubel Activity Center and Bandas Gymnasium to visit, dine and support Saint Agnes School. Through the immense generosity of our donors and guests, and the tireless work of the volunteer parents, alumni and students, we are extremely pleased to report that the event raised over \$320,000!

A tremendous amount of gratitude for Helene Houle for offering to match all monies raised during the fund-a-need for student scholarships. Made in memory of her late husband, John Nasseff, her match of \$162,000 pushed the total profit to over \$480,000! What a great blessing to offer this tuition assistance for our families in need this coming school year.

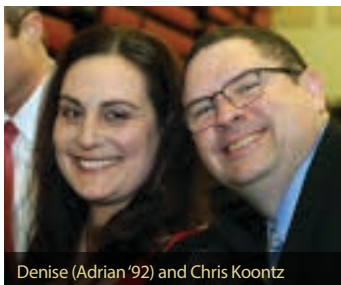
Be sure to save the date for next year's Red & White Benefit: February 8, 2020. It is always an entertaining and uplifting event, and you won't want to miss it!



Sr. Regina Marie (MaryTheresa Foley '04)



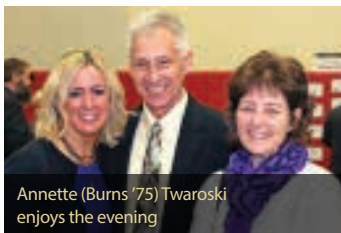
Lois Berens and Helene Houle



Denise (Adrian '92) and Chris Koontz



Phillip True '20 joins other student string ensemble members at VIP reception



Annette (Burns '75) Twaroski enjoys the evening

Saint Agnes School was proud to recognize Mr. Fred Blonigen as the 2019 Red & White Benefit Honoree. Former student and current Aggie parent, Bob Tibesar '92, presented the tribute. In



his remarks, Bob honored Fred for the tremendous effect he had on students who entered

a religious life —18 in fact—but equally important, he spoke of Fred's ability to convey the truth in a clear, non-judgmental, respectful manner that appealed to Catholics, non-Catholics and even those with very little understanding of Christianity. Students felt comfortable asking questions and were attracted to the faith by his truthful answers and his daily example. He helped them become morally-grounded teachers, physicians, professionals, tradesmen, spouses and parents who embraced Catholic family life. As one alumnus noted, *"Mr. B's effectiveness as a teacher is the result of hard work, prayer and sanctity. I know a lot of people who read, but I don't know anyone who reads as much as Mr. B does. And yet, for all his erudition and scholarship, he remains a simple, humble man with a clear message: that the only real tragedy in life is not to be a Saint."*

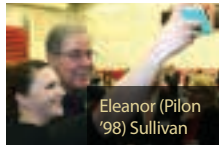
Fred has shared his wisdom and understanding with thousands of students at Saint Agnes. He leaves behind a true legacy, and his influence will be evident for years to come.



Julie Pichler '83 and Jennifer Scott



Ken '93 and Melissa Lamb



Eleanor (Pilon '98) Sullivan



Brigid (Foley '01) Barrett volunteers



Sr. Teresa Christi draws the winning raffle ticket

See a recap of the evening and a video of the tribute at saintagnesschool.org/support-us/red-white-benefit-dinner.

National Latin Exam



"Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel."

Plato

Students and faculty gathered Tuesday, May 21 for the 2nd Annual Junior High Awards Ceremony to honor the many gifts and talents of our junior high students. First recognizing the contributions of altar servers and members of the junior high student council, the junior high faculty and administration proceeded to acknowledge the following individual accomplishments:

JUNIOR HIGH AWARDS

Student Awards Nominated by Classmates

St. Thérèse of Lisieux Award

For doing small things with great love, being helpful and thoughtful, showing kindness to classmates.

Liz Williams '24 and Joseph Hintgen '23

St. Barnabas Award

For showing kindness and forgiveness to classmates, including everyone, ensuring nobody feels forgotten or unwanted.

Benjamin Hansmann '24 and Kamaal Morris '23

St. Paul Award

For choosing to do what is right, even when it is a hard choice to make.

Abigail Mortland '24 and Elizabeth Grant '23

St. Thomas Aquinas Award

For displaying a love of learning and a desire to know the truth.

Jaden Bradshaw Mayer '24 and Aidan Walsh '23

St. Philip Neri Award

For exuding joy and cheerfulness, uplifting those around them to see God's love.

Calvin Korby '24 and Aidan Walsh '23

Academic Awards

National Latin Exam

Summa Cum Laude honors for their top scores of 38 out of 40.

Julia Ferdinandt '23 and Dominic Adkins '23

Junior High Science Fair, Top 3 Projects:

For representing Saint Agnes at the Big Bang Catholic STEM Fair.

Robert Bushee '23, Alexander Lenzmeier '23, Michael Berg '23

Michael Berg's project was chosen as the top overall project at the STEM fair, earning him a trip to the Vatican Observatory in Tuscon, Arizona.

Academic Excellence Award

Given to a male and female student from each grade who display academic excellence in all subjects throughout the year.

Liz Williams '24, Joshua Walter '24, Alexander Lenzmeier '23, Elinor True '23

Junior High Aggie Award

Presented to a male and female from each grade who represent the goals of a Saint Agnes education and exhibit all-around excellence. Qualities considered include: excellence in faith, academics, activities, athletics, virtue, leadership, service, and school spirit.

Benjamin Hansmann '24, Abigail Mortland '24, Joseph Hintgen '23, Aliana Perez '23



Congratulations to these students for their excellent work!

Supporting the school's mission of forming Catholic hearts and minds, House's mission is to exercise and strengthen those Catholic hearts and minds for the good of the school and the world at large.

Home is where the House is.

At least, that's what our Aggies are experiencing through the formation of our House Program. "Through my House, I have gotten to know many wonderful girls of different ages that I would have otherwise not encountered in my classes," explains Rachel Warren '19 from House Winifred. "Within the small group setting, I am able to open up and relate to my peers and House leader on topics of faith, school, and life. It is a nice morning break in which I am reminded of important life lessons and can refocus my day with a more positive mindset."

House is a relatively new addition to the Aggie experience, born from a meeting of faculty members in the summer of 2016. School culture was the topic of conversation, and they knew there were legitimate needs in the student body not being met:

- A faculty mentor had to be ensured for every single student.
- Mentorship between students needed to increase.
- A space for social/emotional development had to be made.

Tireless work over the next several weeks laid a strong foundation for what was about to become a hallmark of the Aggie high school experience: the House program.

High school students are divided into 24 Houses (12 Brother Houses and 12 Sister Houses). Guided by a faculty member and united by a unique patron, each House has 10-15 students spanning freshmen to senior year. Houses meet each day for different community-building activities. A typical month of House includes Convocations, Masses, flex time, discussions, assembly speakers, and activities between Brother/Sister Houses.

Throughout the year, House time aims to address the following student needs:

- **Belonging/Significance:** Students feel at home and build trust with fellow students and their House leader, ultimately growing in confidence through this sense of belonging.

- **Formation:** With the wholistic combination of speakers, discussion, service, and activities, students build a strong foundation for their character and their pursuit of holiness.
- **Leisure:** Through competitions, food, and other activities, students build rapport with one another and their House Leaders, learning the value of leisure.

"The House program has been great for leaders and students alike," says Mr. Chris Hopkins (House Da Vinci). "We really try to get the students to think about a lot of different topics and challenge themselves as young men. I love seeing all of the young men in the Da Vinci House standing up, making eye contact, and shaking hands every time they see each other."

More than your ordinary advisory, House is preparing Aggie students for a lifetime of wholeness and holiness. "Many people focus their lives on education and pleasure and personal gain; but Saint Agnes pushes individuals to grow in Faith, intellect, and reason, which are essential tools used throughout the trials of life," said Jon Prokop '19 (House Kolbe).

2018-19 has been a year of many firsts for the House program:

- the first field day was held during Homecoming Week at West Mini;
- the first overnight senior trip helped our veteran Aggies set a strong tone for the year;
- the first annual House theme (Beatitudes) and Bible verse (Acts 4:32) were established. As "the community of believers were of one heart and mind," the House program focused this year on building unity and growing schoolwide in one heart and mind.

Mrs. Rachel Kemp (House Scholastica) shares, "As a House leader, I have loved having the chance to discuss a variety of relevant topics with my girls. It is fun, and often quite touching, to hear them share their ideas and advice with one another. They have so much real-life insight." Forming relationships that challenge students to hold one another accountable in the pursuit of a virtuous life, our Aggies are learning how to make House a home.



All in the Family

Celebrating Aggie faculty and staff members with children (and grandchildren) enrolled at Saint Agnes School

Our children are proud to be thirteen-year Eggies!



DAHDAH • SINCE 2012



ADKINS • SINCE 2009



EILEN • SINCE 2011



FLOOD • SINCE 2013



MATHIS • SINCE 2018



RODDY • SINCE 2003



TRUE • SINCE 2017



RICHTSMEIER • SINCE 2010



WALTER • SINCE 2002



McLAUGHLIN • SINCE 2016



PEDERSEN '97 • SINCE 2002



OLSON '03 • SINCE 2012



KEMP • SINCE 2009



LOCH • SINCE 2018



BERTHAUME '00 • SINCE 2008

I like knowing that my children are in the hands of dedicated, kind Catholic teachers who always have the best interest of my children's mind and soul.

I love that I have a great relationship with all her teachers and that we are all working hard to give my daughter the best education!

Saint Agnes School has become our second family. It has been such a gift to our marriage and family life to share this rich life with each other and our kids.

I know the teachers and staff, and they love my kids and pour out their lives to serve them. The administration and staff also pour out their lives to serve and support the teachers. It is an honor and privilege to work with such an amazing team.

I enjoy watching them with their friends and consider myself lucky to see that part of their day.

I feel so blessed to be given the gift of educating my children AND advancing the mission of Saint Agnes School.

Still getting a hug in the hallway from my freshman daughter is pretty special, especially during these teenage years! I love that I am able to share my talents and skills with a non-profit while at the same time keeping my "family first."



WANLESS • SINCE 2017

BROWNELL • SINCE 2017

DANCE • SINCE 2011

TREICHEL • SINCE 2012

HEATHER • SINCE 2007

JOHNSON '57 • SINCE 1973

PENTECOST • SINCE 2011

KILDUFF '84 • SINCE 2008

PEREZ • SINCE 2007

BEAUDRY • SINCE 2006

DIPIETRO '95 • SINCE 2011

SCHNEIDER • SINCE 2016

MCQUILLAN • SINCE 2018

FERDINANDT • SINCE 2015

ODENBRETT • SINCE 2005

BOYLE • SINCE 2010



Hannah Kay Adamson

Giselle Marie Augdahl
Summa Cum Laude

Matthew Lucas Bettencourt
Magna Cum Laude NHS

Paige Elizabeth Bourland
Summa Cum Laude NHS

Benjamin Lee Brama

Luke Christopher Brezny

Emi Marisol Bunay-Bonete

Joseph Richard Connolly
Summa Cum Laude NHS

Cecilia Marie Cossairt
Cum Laude

Dominic Anthony Karol
Cummings

Mitchell James Dahl

Ethan Clemens Dahlstrom

Joseph Stephen Dettloff

Emily Teresa Dittman
Magna Cum Laude

Elie Doby Jr. III

Brian Michael Donnelly
Magna Cum Laude NHS

James Joseph Eilen
Magna Cum Laude NHS

Gabriel Joseph Fink
Magna Cum Laude NHS

Emily Josephine Freas

Benjamin Thomas Gansler

Maria Jane Gutzmann
Magna Cum Laude

Lillian Frances Hafner
Cum Laude

Matthew Leo Halseth

Tran Bao Hang
Magna Cum Laude

Kathleen Cayman S. Hathaway

Denny Quang Minh Hoang

Ana Lourdes Hughes
Cum Laude NHS

Kalley Mae Humphrey

Thomas George Jackson
Summa Cum Laude NHS

Amisa Crola-Mae Jones
Magna Cum Laude NHS

Terrell LaDarius Jones

Emma Mary Kenney

Choongyoung Kim
Cum Laude

Andrew John Kimlinger

Riley Ruth Knable-Cox

Amelia Jeanne Knapp
Summa Cum Laude NHS

Maria Denise Koontz

Benjamin Michael Knight
Lenzmeier
Magna Cum Laude NHS

Joseph Timothy Lewis



Linkai Li

Lucy Elizabeth Maloney
Summa Cum Laude NHS

Paul Thomas March
Magna Cum Laude NHS

Lauren Rose McCann
Summa Cum Laude NHS

Joseph Giovanni Mischke
Summa Cum Laude NHS

Marcus James Morehead
Cum Laude NHS

Kentale Useni Morris II
Magna Cum Laude NHS

Giang Hoang Ngo Nguyen
Magna Cum Laude

Maria Thérèse Osterbauer
Magna Cum Laude NHS

Cecilia Ruth Petruconis
Magna Cum Laude NHS

Anthony Robert Plasch

Jonathan Thomas Prokop
Cum Laude

Nicholas Joseph Quam
Cum Laude

Lucia Dorothy Rademacher
Cum Laude

Raymond Jax Rasmussen
Summa Cum Laude NHS

Yamile Soledad Rodriguez

Lucia Ana Rosales
Magna Cum Laude NHS

Lillian Anne Rother
Magna Cum Laude NHS

Louis Maximilian Ryan

Thomas Gregory Schmidt

Jocelyn Mary Schmidtbauer

Cecilia Anne Scott
Cum Laude

Cecilia Ann Stariha
Summa Cum Laude NHS

Ellen Marie Steffes
Summa Cum Laude NHS

Joseph Robert Steiner

Khanh Vi Ngo Thai
Cum Laude

NHS: National Honor Society

Conrad Blaise Tibesar
Summa Cum Laude NHS

Patrick Hieronymus Toner
Cum Laude

Emma Louise Vaske
Summa Cum Laude NHS

Nadia Fernanda Villarroel

Quinn Patrick Walsh

Rachel Lynn Warren
Summa Cum Laude NHS

Hailey Mae Wolf

Augustin Michael Wolf

Jacob Warren Pavel Yocum

Samuel William Petr Yocum

Jared Anthony Yost



On Friday,
May 31, 2019
Saint Agnes
celebrated its 78th
Commencement exercises in
Msgr. Bandas Gymnasium.

PALM HONOREES

"The Saint Agnes Palm Award" is a great honor that bears the name of the symbol of victory of our patroness, the palm branch. The award's honorees—one young man and one young woman from the senior class—are selected by the faculty and are students who model all that Saint Agnes School hopes for in each of its graduates. These seniors embody the best of our school. They are well-rounded and have achieved excellence in virtually all areas: Faith, academics, activities, athletics, character, virtue, leadership, friendship, and service. As the plaque itself states: "this senior represents best the hopes and goals as expressed in the mission and vision of Saint Agnes School." The 5th annual "Saint Agnes Palm Award" was awarded to seniors Terrell LaDarius Jones and Lauren Rose McCann!

Aggie Alumni and past Palm honorees, Toby Cossairt '17, Benjamin Seifert '16, Maria Turch '16, and Margaret Blackstone '17 were at the ceremony to bestow the great honor on this year's recipients.

Lauren McCann

During her tenure at Saint Agnes, Lauren was involved in the following co-curricular activities:

- Pro-Life Club (President, senior year)
- Spanish Club (President, senior year)
- Prayer Group
- National Honor Society
- Choir (3 years)
- Musical junior and senior years: "Joseph" and "Newsies"
- Creative Writing Club
- Flannery O'Connor Reading Club
- Golf (sophomore year)
- Cross Country (junior and senior year)
- Volunteers regularly at: Feed My Starving Children, Abria, Little Sisters of the Poor
- Spring 2018 Archdiocesan Office of Mission Essay Contest Winner
- Chosen as "Spirit of Mary" honoree for spring 2019 by parish Nativity of Our Lord
- Spanish Department Award Recipient
- Sons & Daughters of the American Revolution Award recipient for demonstrating patriotism, service, leadership, and dependability in community, school, and home.
- Graduated "Summa Cum Laude"

Lauren, a parishioner of Nativity of Our Lord in St. Paul, is heading off to University of Mary to study Nursing.

I want to start by reflecting on one of my favorite Bible verses, Psalm 42:7: "Deep calls to deep in the roar of your torrents, and all your waves and breakers sweep over me." This verse stands out to me because amidst violent, changing waters, there is unity in contemplating deep truths. This "deep" is our profound thirst for truth and yearning to become one with God, the truth Himself.

I think as we enter into college or the work-force, we may have another battle coming; the evil one will present what is easy, comfortable, and pleasurable as what is the ultimate good. He may even throw us into a whirlwind of emotional chaos to try to make us lose sight of authentic truth and goodness. But we must remember from Psalm 42 that "deep calls to deep." In order to venture deep into truth, we must be willing to



explore the depths of our own heart without distraction. We must be willing and ready to suffer into truth. We must see the good and fight for it.

We have had the beautiful gift of having an uncommon unity as a class. A class which has been able to reach these deep truths and struggle with them together. [...] There is a sweet sadness which permeates our hearts and minds at the thought of our class parting ways. The next chapter in our life will be full of change and uncertainty but know that you have been well-prepared to face these difficulties with strength.



Looking back on our four years as a class leaves one thought in my mind: Our class participates in communion that gives each one of us a foretaste into heavenly union with Christ. Each year, our class has seized the opportunity to grow closer together while leaving room to grow

as individuals. I really think what makes the class of 2019 unique is that our bond reflects Christ's love for his Church. Each one of you has the ability to see each other as Christ and genuinely cares for all of our individual members. This glorious union has ultimately prepared us for union with Christ but also has prepared us for our future.

I ask for the intercession of our patroness Saint Agnes as well as our Lord's abundant blessing upon the Class of 2019. Class of 2019, thank you for calling into the deep and painting a beautiful picture of unity. [...] And know that we will always be one in Christ. Thank you.



Terrell Jones

Terrell was involved in the following activities at Saint Agnes:

- Football (4 years varsity; Captain senior year); Running Back, Defensive Back, 2,200 rushing yards, 29 TD's; Received football honors as All-District, All-Section, Honorable Mention All-State, Second Team All-State
- Basketball (4 years varsity, Captain senior year); Honorable Mention Tri-Metro Conference



- Track (2 years varsity); 100 meter, 200 meter, 4x200
- Student Council Representative (junior year)
- Attends Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in St. Paul
- Earned a spot on the Academic Honor Roll for six semesters at Saint Agnes
- Attending Hamline University to study Exercise Science: looking toward a MA or PhD in Physical Therapy
- Received Hamline Award (covers a portion of tuition)

Terrell is soon to be #22 on Hamline's football field as running back, a spot he'll surely work hard to earn.

Coming to Saint Agnes as a freshman, I didn't know if this was the place for me, or if I would be able to make friends coming from a public school. Now that these four years have come to an end, it has truly been a blessing knowing that my classmates are the best and that you guys cared for me despite my downfalls.

You, Saint Agnes, have taught me that no matter where you go, you can accomplish great things if you put your heart and soul into whatever you do. I am so grateful for each and every one of you guys. My biggest hope for us as we go forward is that whatever we choose to do in life, we do it to the best of our abilities and do it with that Saint Agnes love, the same love that we have shown each other these last four years.



[A] strong friendship is what we created as a class, but we would all agree that these friendships have shaped us into a family and as individuals. I know that it is God's plan for us to stay together, and to stay in touch with one another, no matter where we go in our next chapter of life. I know this, because he's given us each other for a reason – to love – to make each other better through that love.

I was talking to an older gentleman at church, and he told me that "Having somewhere to go is home; having someone to love is family; and having both is a blessing." Here at Saint Agnes, we are home. In this home, we have each other to love – which is family, and both are a blessing! In saying that, I want to thank all of you for an amazing four years, and I love each and every one of you in my class, and everyone in the crowd who has cheered us on. Saint Agnes Class of 2019, I wish you all the very best. God Bless.

Donna May COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Mrs. May, true to her deep identity as a choir director for almost thirty years at Saint Agnes, began and ended with: *Cantate Domino! Sing to the Lord! For this is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad! (Psalm 118:24)*



I'd like to remind you about the ancient Roman god Janus, or Janus, who is the perfect mythological emblem for graduation day. Janus was one of the native gods of the Romans, one of their most sacred and most invoked deities. He was the god of "liminal" or threshold occasions, of transformations and transitions, marking moments that moved from one state of being to another; the god of beginnings, and thus by implication, the god of endings as well. Janus was portrayed in sculpture and in painting as having two faces, each pointed in opposite directions, one looking forward, the other looking backward. Our word "January" is obviously derived from his name; it marks the end of the old year and the beginning of the new. The Romans honored Janus not only at the end and beginning of every month but at the beginning and ending of every important undertaking.

Your graduation day marks a monumental transition in your lives. It is a day on which both to look backward

and to look forward. So, let's use the two faces of Janus and take a look at what you have accomplished and at what is to come.

I want all of you to turn your heads and look around you, forward and backward . . . Go on, look at who's sitting around you . . . and look around the entire gym. Whom do you see?

Mrs. May pointed out for them:

- Friends and classmates
- Parents and family
- Faculty, coaches, and staff

Mrs. May then encouraged graduates to love, be grateful for, and honor those around them for all their support.

She then pointed the graduates to their *alma mater*:

Look around at the physical place called Saint Agnes, now your alma mater, whose Latin translation is "nurturing mother." She has kept her doors open since 1888; generations of graduates call her their alma mater. She is now a part of your heritage, your tradition. Never forget your roots. Never forget this place. Support her!

While those who don't know history, who shun the past, and who never look back remain always like children, those who never look forward, who shrink from the world, who fear the future, remain paralyzed: they live in the past, they wither, they fade away.

But the future is uncertain, and sometimes the challenges and obstacles that appear on the horizon seem insurmountable. College? Vocational school? The military? Religious life? Take a year off? How can I afford it? What will my major be? Can I make it? Will I make friends? Will I get a job? Yikes! How do we move forward? How do we NOT allow ourselves to "stress out?"

One way is to look back to those who have gone before us; we can look to the lives of the saints.

St. Padre Pio has a simple answer. It's been plastered on bulletin boards in almost every hallway of this school: Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry!

St. Paul's words to the Philippians (4:4-9) are a fitting and appropriate valediction for you today:

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Let your moderation be known to all. The Lord is near. Be

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COMMENCEMENT



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anxious over nothing; but in everything, through prayer and supplication, let your requests be made known to God with gratitude. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. As to the rest, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is sacred, whatever is just, whatever is holy, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you."

Congratulations and God bless you!

SALUTORIAN & VALEDICTORIAN

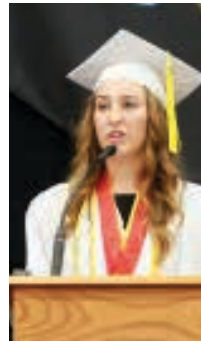
The following two students have earned our highest academic honors: the title of Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the class of 2019. This year's Salutatorian is **Amelia Jeanne Knapp** and the Valedictorian is **Ellen Marie Steffes**. Amelia, as Salutatorian, greeted the school community at

Commencement ceremonies, and Ellen, as Valedictorian, bid everyone farewell. Both Ellen and Amelia have been awarded extensive merit-based scholarships for academics toward their college education. Amelia, a parishioner of Saint Agnes and whose mother (Julianne Ewald '83) was also



Salutatorian of her graduating class, will attend the University of Dallas where she earned the Presidential Scholarship (half tuition award) toward her future studies in Biology on a Pre-Med track. Amelia was involved in the following activities at Saint Agnes: Volleyball (Varsity), Basketball (Varsity), Softball, Golf, Track, National Honor Society, Pro-Life Club, performed in the musicals "Joseph" and "Newsies," and was the Homecoming Queen (fall 2018). Outside of Saint Agnes, Amelia was in a Jazz Band and volunteered at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Ellen, a parishioner of St. Peter's in Forest Lake, was awarded extensive merit-based scholarships for her high school academic achievements and will attend North Dakota State University where she will pursue a major in Engineering. At Saint Agnes, Ellen was involved in Soccer (Captain of the Varsity squad, senior year), Track (Varsity), Softball (Varsity), National Honor Society, Pro-Life Club, Student Council Vice President (senior year), and Service Club. Amelia and Ellen will each receive a generous scholarship from the Kopp Foundation for having highest cumulative GPAs of the Class of 2019. Congratulations to both of them!



2018-2019 AWARDS

Quiz Bowl Team went to Nationals and earned an amazing **11th place** out of hundreds of teams!

Upon completion of the **National Greek Exam** in February, **Joseph Connolly** earned "**High Honors**" and **Benjamin Lenzmeier** "**With Merit.**"

Paige Bourland and **Conrad Tibesar** were **Sr. Adrienne Award** winners in conjunction with the new **Amy Hansmann Scholarship** for college (\$500 each).

DEPARTMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Band – **Matthew Bettencourt** & **Paige Bourland**

Drama – **Cecilia Petruconis** & **Ethan Dahlstrom**

English – **Lucy Maloney** & **Rachel Warren**

Greek – **Joseph Connolly**

History – **Rachel Warren** & **Joseph Connolly**

Latin – **Emma Vaske** & **Cecilia Stariha**

Mathematics – **Maria Gutzmann** & **Conrad Tibesar**

Physical Education – **Jonathan Prokop** & **Maria Gutzmann**

Science – **Raymond Rasmussen** & **Benjamin Lenzmeier**

Spanish – **Lauren McCann** & **Nadia Villarroel**

Studio Art – **Hannah Adamson** & **Riley Knable-Cox**

Theology – **Lucy Maloney** & **Paige Bourland**

Vocal Music – **Benjamin Lenzmeier** & **Emma Kenney**

STATS

91%

continuing their education with a post-secondary institution

70%

attending a four-year college or university

9%

are volunteering (e.g. NET Ministries), taking a "gap year," or working

Among those starting at two-year colleges, many plan on transferring to a four-year college or university once general education credits are completed.

Colleges

Hillsdale College, Truman State University, Marquette University, North Dakota State University, Benedictine College, St. Catherine's University, St. Joseph's University, Franciscan University (Steubenville), University of Minnesota (Duluth), Belmont University, Hamline University, University of Wisconsin (River Falls), Concordia University, University of Wisconsin (Madison), University of Mary, Augsburg University, St. Cloud State University, University of St. Thomas, University of Dallas, and others.

HONORING LEGACY GRADUATES



Amelia Knapp '19
Julianne (Ewald) Knapp '83



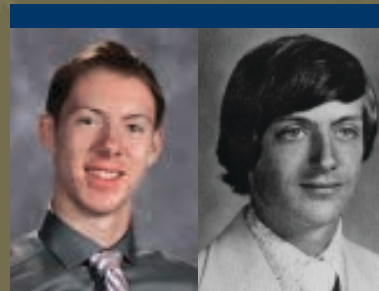
Hailey Wolf '19
Samantha (Eisenhauer) Wolf '97GS
Renee (Booth) Eisenhauer '78



The late Bernadette (Thill) Pirk '48GS
The late Frank Thill '20GS



Joseph Steiner '19
Julie (Hermes) Steiner '87
Christopher Steiner '85
The late William Hermes '49



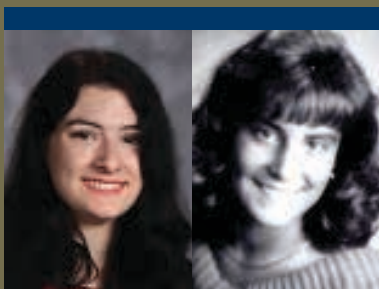
Joseph Connolly '19
Michael Connolly '77



Conrad Tibesar '19
Amy (Grau) Tibesar '93
Robert Tibesar '92
Rick Tibesar '66



The late Leo Tibesar '26GS
The late Margaret (Gillen) Tibesar '30CC



Maria Koontz '19
Denise (Adrian) Koontz '92



Andrew Kimlinger '19
Denise (Scully) Kimlinger '78
Mark Kimlinger '78

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ATHLETICS



STREITZ GETS 200TH WIN AT SAINT AGNES

Head Baseball Coach Mike Streitz earned his 200th Saint Agnes baseball win May 6th with an 8-3 victory over Saint Anthony. That milestone puts him at over 1,300 career wins dating back to his coaching days at Concordia University, Park Center American Legion, and St. Louis Park American Legion baseball. He is the first to point out that "All these wins belong to my teams: I just direct traffic and they do the hard part. I have been blessed with many gifted, determined, and committed athletes over my career."



JONES NAMED WINFIELD AWARD FINALIST

Senior Amisa Jones was named a Winfield Award finalist this spring. Each year, a total of 10 boys and girls from eight schools within the St. Paul School system have been honored as Winfield Award finalists. Candidates must submit letters of recommendation, transcripts, and information regarding their athletic, academic and community activities. The committee screens and interviews the candidates before selecting the 5 male and 5 female finalists who all receive scholarship money. Two winners, one male and one female, are awarded a large scholarship.

Amisa finished with a 3.77 GPA and was involved in volleyball, basketball and softball. She plans to attend the University of Minnesota and will study Biology.



BERTHIAUME EARNS 100TH COACHING VICTORY

Head Softball Coach Dan Berthiaume recorded his 100th win on May 14th with a 20-0 win over Columbia Heights.

Berthiaume's record as a varsity head coach currently stands at 108-62. Along with the two State Tournament berths, his team also won the Tri-Metro conference championship in 2018, finishing the conference schedule 8-1 with a full season record of 20-6. This year, the Aggies finished 18-9 and played in their fourth consecutive section championship game.



GUTZMANN NAMED ATHENA AWARD WINNER

Maria Gutzmann was named the 2019 Athena Award winner from Saint Agnes. The St. Paul Area Athena Awards program honors outstanding female high school senior student-athletes from St. Paul and suburban public and independent high schools for their athletic achievements. The award is based on excellence in individual sports or for participation and accomplishments in team sports. Maria excelled in volleyball, basketball and softball. She helped lead the Aggie softball team to two state tournaments. Maria will be a student in Century College's Dental Hygiene program next year.



RASMUSSEN HEADS TO STATE IN 800M

Senior Ray Rasmussen earned 3rd place in the 800M finals of the Section 4A Track and Field meet on June 1st. His time of 1:58:23 met the automatic qualifying standard for the Class A Track and Field Championship Meet at Hamline University. Ray will take his running career to the collegiate level next year at the University of St. Thomas.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

HOCKEY MEMORIES

Jim Morin '68 recalls a close game with one of the best high school teams in Canada. As the Buzzers from Toronto, a Catholic high school in Ontario, methodically dismantled both public and parochial high school teams in Minnesota in the late 60's, little Saint Agnes pushes back in a game for the ages. Jim's article was published in MN Hockey. Excerpts from the article: ▼



Team members Jim Kowalski '62 and Dan Semlak '62 proudly display the Minnesota Catholic Hockey Conference (MCHC) Championship trophy, won during their 1958-59 season. The Saint Agnes team defeated St. Thomas, Cretin, and Duluth Cathedral, posting a 12-0 record in conference play.

MONDAY JANUARY 8, 1968

A GAME TO REMEMBER

The next day's newspaper called it "the best high school hockey game in St. Paul this season."

In 1968 Canada was so dominant in hockey that 96% of the players in the NHL came from Canada, versus only 2% (6 players) from the USA. St. Michael's was a storied Toronto institution. The Buzzers played as a Junior B team and had churned out over 120 professional hockey players by 1968.

But that year the much smaller St. Agnes was mighty in hockey, with a 10-0 record that would grow to 21-2 at year's end, their only other loss being in the Parochial State High School Tournament Championship game.

As the 7,000 fans settled into their seats in the St. Paul Auditorium in downtown St. Paul, the stage was set for the marquee game of St. Michael's versus St. Agnes.

St. Agnes's coach, Don Joseph, could only offer a strategy to play a very physical game. "I told them to get out there and hit them, out-check them, out-muscle them, get all over them. We had to play the body, which was the only way we could slow them down." For two and a half periods the teams battled evenly back and forth. The turning point came midway through the third period when the



Row 4: Wally Rosini, Mike Mallinger, Eddy Anderson, Jim Morin, Bill Novek. Row 3: Bill Heimerl, Larry Doyle, Bill Roberts, Tom Eldred, Ken Gross. Row 2: Tom Youngham, Joe Stavey, Jerry O'Connor, Jay Monaghan, Bill Preiner, Coach Don Joseph. Row 1: Chuck Kesty (head manager), Mike Dook, Mark Gano, Tom Heimerl, Joe Eldred, Dav Kojlay.

Aggies' Morin and the Buzzer's Boland got mutual penalties for a tussle in front of the goal.

With both teams playing only four skaters, the additional open ice worked to the Buzzer's skating advantage and the Buzzers scored their first goal. Fifty seconds later they added an insurance goal. Although each team ended up with 19 shots, The Buzzers goalie stopped them all.

On January 7, 1968, the team from Canada did what they were expected to do and won the game. However, St. Paul's St. Agnes team played a transcendental, hard fought and mostly even game, showing that future Minnesota and USA talent could rise to the Canadian level of hockey play.

Read full article at <http://minnesotahockeymag.com/a-game-to-remember/>





Upcoming Class Reunions

Class of 1949

70-year Reunion Luncheon

Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Location: Gulden's Supper Club, Maplewood

Cost: \$19 per person

Social hour begins at 11:00 am followed by lunch at 12:00 noon. Lunch options include grilled chicken, walleye or a 6oz sirloin. Please RSVP to Mary Ann (Poeschl) Anderson by June 11 at [651-774-5625](tel:651-774-5625).

Class of 1969

50-year Reunion

It's been 50 years since some of us have seen each other and plans are underway to resolve this matter!

Date: Saturday, September 14, 2019

Location: Hilton Garden Inn, Shoreview

Cost: \$60.00

Preliminary plans include a happy hour, food, music and a cash bar. A block of rooms will also be reserved for anyone wishing to stay overnight. Stay tuned for more details.

Class of 1970

50-year Reunion

Save the Date for our GRAND CELEBRATION

Date: November 6-8, 2020

Friday: School Tour

Saturday: Reunion Celebration

Sunday: Mass & Breakfast

Questions or comments:

lovemyhemi@hotmail.com

Class of 1984

35-year Reunion

Date: Saturday, December 7, 2019

Location: Crooked Pint, Maplewood

Questions can be directed to John Preuss at john.preuss@live.com or Mary Borlan Kosel at mtkosel@gmail.com.



Are you an Aggie Alum who has been a part of the Saint Paul Winter Carnival?

Please contact
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at 651-925-8880 or
kboyle@saintagnesschool.org

In Memoriam



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Sr. Lorraine Adam, 1938 GS
Peter Bahr, 1967
Ellen (Barnes) Muehlegger, 1967
James Berens, Friend
Teresa Borlan, Past Parent
Delores Carroll, Past Parent
Eugene Carroll, Past Parent
Thomas Dossall, Friend
J. Steven Elm, 1973
Bette (Erickson) Hale, 1944 GS
Robert Felling, 1981
Martha (Follmer) Mohar, 1979
Mary Ellen (Hanson) Graskie, 1951
Jane (Janisch) Petrich 1965
Edward Jungbauer, 1958
Sr. Joan Kettler, Past Faculty

Robert Klas, Friend
Herbert Kriegler, 1944
Amed LaFond, Friends
Terrence Lijewski, 1958
Mary (Mansun) Kunz, 1965
Jane (Masloski) Griswold, 1949
Manuel Melendez, Jr, Past Parent
Jerome Merth, 1955
Richard Moeschter, Spouse of Shirley (Schuneman) 1958
Guy Nelson, Spouse of Mary Lou (Eiden) 1955
Mary Kay (Niemczyk) McMahon, 1957
John Nieszner, 1959
Ray O'Connell, Friend
Sally (O'Connor) Jarnot, 1961
Donald Pangell, 1950
Mary (Peltier) Friedl, 1947

Yvonne Peper, Mother of Bill
Ronald Reinhart, 1967
Geraldine (Savard) Mueller, 1951
Paul Schaeppi, Spouse of Betty (Jelacic) '50
Darrell Schierman, Friend
Sr. Laura Schmitt, Past Faculty
Matthew Schramm, 2004
Norma Stanisha, Past Faculty
Mary Ann (Turek) Adams, 1951
Dr. Frank Ubel, Friend
Rosemary Vail, Past Parent
LaVerne (Wallace) Green, 1944
Roman Yanish, Past Parent
Gerald Zink, Past Parent

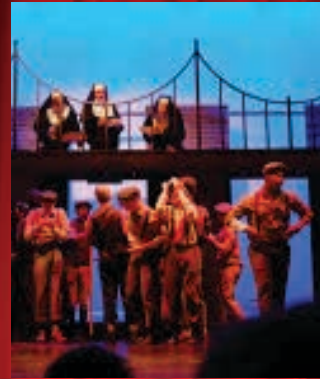
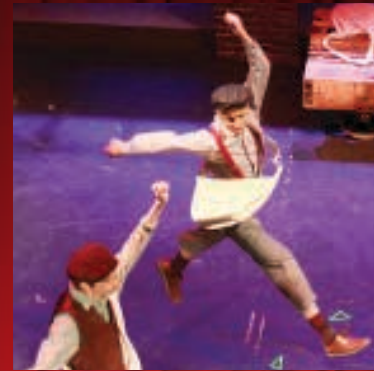
*GS=grade school alumni
*CC=commercial class alumni

PLAYBILL

NEWSIES

THE MUSICAL

The first Saint Agnes musical to depict a historical event, *Newsies* came to the Helene Houle Auditorium this spring! A sparkling, new musical with contemporary music and a strong message, *Newsies* is the story of the 1899 strike by the child paper peddlers against the New York paper owners. After the price of newspapers was raised, it was a children's crusade that led to child labor laws.



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2019 AGGIE OPEN

GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Aggie
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**Support Aggie
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Monday, July 22, 2019
Como Golf Course & Bandas Gymnasium
Shotgun Start at 12PM, Dinner to follow

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Tournament Contact: Mike Streitz, Activities Director
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Dinner (with cash bar) in the air-conditioned Ubel Activity Center at Saint Agnes School. Socialize with friends in Bandas Gymnasium, join in raffle drawings, bid on auction items, and tour the campus!

Register Today! Registration includes 18 holes of golf, use of a motorized cart, box lunch, dinner and gifts, eligibility in course contests, and tournament prizes!

Not a golfer? Gather your friends or classmates and join us for dinner! Enjoy a delicious buffet catered by Tinucci's and the chance to win raffle prizes and silent auction gifts.

Unable to attend? Please consider a donation to the Saint Agnes Athletic Department. Donations are tax deductible and used for equipment upgrades, uniforms, field rentals, etc.



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