

St. Francis Xavier Endowment

The Endowment Newsletter of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church & School - Cross Plains, WI

A Note From Fr. Scott



Dear friends,

As I approach the two-year anniversary of my being pastor here at St. Francis Xavier, I find myself filled with gratitude to Almighty God. Arriving to a new parish and shepherding it over the past two years, during the COVID pandemic, has certainly presented many challenges – including keeping our school and faith formation programs open for in-person instruction and

going strong, and getting to know many people who I had never seen or met without a mask on – but it has also allowed me to see the resiliency, faith, and generosity of our parish and school community.

As we continue to move forward in our great mission of “making disciples” following Jesus’ “Great Commission” to all His followers, I am also grateful to God for you and for your dedication in helping us to educate and form the next generation of young people. Thank you for your previous and continued generosity in helping to support this important work!

It is such a gift to our parish and school that this faith community (including you) and its previous leaders (i.e., Msgr. Gerard Healy, Fr. Tom Kelley, etc.) had the foresight to start and continually grow our Endowment Fund, as it has been vitally important in helping us to weather the storms of COVID and continue the work of educating the children and people of Cross Plains and the surrounding communities.

I’m always grateful when our parish receives certain gifts, bequests, etc., that are earmarked for special projects. It is because of these types of gifts that we have been able to get a new sound system, confessional, and our beautiful new stained-glass window in the past year. At the same time, however, it is primarily because of weekly offertory donations and the quarterly payouts from the Endowment Fund that we are able to do the ministry that we do here at Saint Francis Xavier – and this is the heart of why we exist!

This past year the endowment distribution paid out over \$200,000 to the parish – the highest to date. This money helped us to operate our school and faith formation programs, and to attract and retain high-quality employees to help with the work of education and evangelization. As such, I am sincerely grateful to all of you who donated this past year and I humbly ask that you please consider giving again this year so that together we might continue to follow Jesus’ command to “make disciples!”

In closing, please know that your gift is an investment in the future of our parish – but more importantly, in the next generation! May God bless you and reward you!

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- Mail a check to: St. Francis Xavier Endowment Fund
2947 Thinnes St.
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- Include St. Francis Xavier in your Estate Plan



St. Francis Xavier School Update

WRITTEN BY STACEY ESLINGER, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

At the start of the 2021/2022 school year, we welcomed our new principal, Mrs. Petrece Klein. Mrs. Klein has spent the past 25 years in education; she started out as a physical education teacher and has since taken on many additional roles, including coach, vice principal, athletic director, and principal.

Mrs. Klein has worked in both public and Catholic school environments, but her true passion is within Catholic education. Most recently, Mrs. Klein was the Principal and Athletic Director at Byron Middle School in Byron, Illinois. She and her husband, John, have two children: Tanner,



a junior at Indiana State University, and Kylee, a freshman at Illinois State University. Their family loves athletics and participates regularly by coaching, playing, and cheering on their favorite teams. Mrs. Klein herself was on a National Championship Basketball Team when she attended college at Fort Hays State University in Kansas.

Upon her arrival, Mrs. Klein got right to work on fostering community and building school unity with our theme for the year, "Hearts on Fire." With 196 students enrolled this year (our highest enrollment in decades), she made it a priority to ensure our sense of community and Catholic values are central to everything we do at school. Students and staff wear "Hearts on Fire" themed t-shirts on Mondays, and teachers reinforce the message through the addition of our new "Saints Way" Initiative that positively reinforces and encourages our students to act like saints in their interactions with staff and one another.

Mrs. Klein's love of athletics and vast experience has helped us to get our athletics program back up and running after it was paused due to the pandemic. It has been so amazing to see our students return to their extracurricular activities that make our school experience so robust and fun. Your support of the St. Francis Xavier Endowment Fund makes all of this possible, so we thank you for your continued generosity!



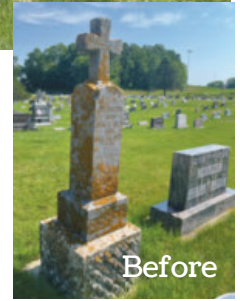
Love Begins Here

WRITTEN BY MOLLY MAHONEY, COORDINATOR OF FAITH FORMATION

Love Begins Here (LBH) is a ministry within the Diocese of Madison for middle and high school youth. This year, we had the opportunity to host LBH right here at St. Francis Xavier. The teens went out and served individuals and organizations in the Cross Plains, Black Earth, and Middleton areas throughout the week, pulling weeds, washing windows, spreading mulch, and even more – all the while learning about the beautiful gift of serving their neighbors.

One of the many projects they undertook was cleaning headstones in our parish cemetery. Each morning LBH leaders had the privilege of sitting down with a group of eight teenagers to discuss the incredible history of our village and the beautiful opportunity they had to not only serve Cross Plains in this way, but to perform a work of mercy by praying for the souls of those who are buried there. It was amazing to see how dedicated the teens were to getting the stones cleaned, and especially their amazement at the historic and holy ground they were walking upon.

Not only was the job gratifying in that the stones looked beautiful when finished, but also because there was a real experience of love taking place. The kids worked over these stones in the hot sun and pouring rain, all while offering their suffering up for the souls of those lying in our cemetery. Through this they learned the art of loving – love cannot be nourished without sacrifice.



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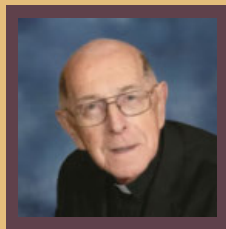
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Celebrating Our Alumni: Logan Grabins, Class of 2018

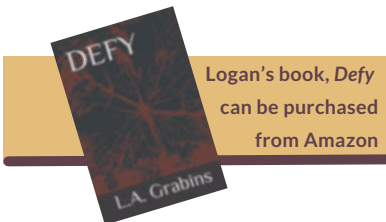
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Logan Grabins is an aspiring writer, having published her first book, *Defy*, during her Senior year at Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart. The book follows the life of a young woman, Annabelle Dietmar, living in Paris, France during World War II. Logan is in the process of writing a sequel to the book and has many more stories she would like to publish someday. She is currently actively writing and publishing a Kindle Vella Story, entitled *Secrets of the Forest*. Logan began to write this story while at St. Francis Xavier and is excited to finally share it with the world. She attributes her writing success to the encouragement she received from one of her favorite teachers at St. Francis Xavier, Mrs. LeBlanc. Logan would like to thank Mrs. LeBlanc for inspiring her to write and explore the depths of her imagination, creating some incredible stories along the way.



Logan is an active member in Edgewood High School's community. She is the president of the Multicultural Club and has also been active in the performing arts while at Edgewood. This year, Logan will be in *Mamma Mia*, taking on the role of Lisa. Her past shows include *Godspell*, *Peter and the Starcatcher*, *The Sound of Music*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, and *A Killer Party*. She has also been in the concert band, playing the flute and piccolo.

In addition to the arts, Logan is also involved in the Catholic Crusaders, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Mass Band, Link Crew, National Honor Society, and Varsity Tennis. For the past two years, the Varsity Tennis team has qualified for WIAA Division 2 State. Last year, Logan and her doubles partner won 1st place at WIAA Division 2 Sectionals. The entire team also was the WIAA Division 2 Altoona Sectional Champions two years in a row and Badger Region champions this past year. While Logan does not plan on playing tennis competitively in college, she still hopes to continue playing when she can.



Logan's future plans are to attend the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota. She is planning on majoring in Biomechanics and minoring in Spanish. Her ultimate goal is to pursue a career as a Physical Therapist by attending graduate school after she completes her undergraduate studies. Along the way, Logan hopes to continue writing and being an active member in the community as she continues to grow in her faith.

David Marrone, Class of 2012

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David Marrone has entered seminary and is a sophomore at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, Minnesota. David credits his family's experience at St. Francis Xavier Parish and School for strengthening their faith, opening up possibilities for an enriched prayer life, and discovering true happiness in Christ. After high school, David worked at Camp Gray and as a Love Begins Here Missionary, serving the youth of our Diocese.

We pray for David and all Diocesan Seminarians, that they would have the courage to follow in the footsteps of Christ. May they receive a solid education of the Church's teachings, and grow in faith, hope, and charity, so that one day, they may joyfully shepherd the faithful.

You can hear David's seminarian story on the Diocese of Madison YouTube Channel.



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