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Mission Statement

St. Mary's Catholic School is committed to forming students In the image and likeness of Jesus Christ, through the hands of Mary, fostering the formation of the whole person, body, mind and soul.

Uniting learning with Faith In God, and our Faith In God with daily life, we joyfully proclaim, "May My Soul Magnify the Lord!"

Change of Address

To notify us of address changes or personal updates, please fill out the on-line form at stmarysoneill.org under the Alumni Tab or call the Parish Office at 402-336-1602.

Greetings From Our President

Dear St. Mary's Alumni, Benefactors and Friends,

Whew! We've just wrapped up our 122nd academic year at St. Mary's and awarded diplomas to the 118th graduating class! That's quite an accomplishment! It makes me begin to wonder what we will do to celebrate our 125th anniversary in a few years!

As always there's lots going on in our parish and school. We are beginning a second round of Pastoral Planning for all parishes and schools in the archdiocese looking ahead to the year 2032. Changes will be coming, but for our family of parishes the changes I believe will be less traumatic than in some other areas of the archdiocese, since we already implemented our realignment of parishes in 2019. But there will be changes. We will, for example, be shifting from 3 full time priests down to two on July 1st. This will mean an even less consistent priestly presence in our schools and other activities. It will also mean changing weekday and some weekend Mass times in order to allow for travel and other priestly and parish considerations. So, pray for the priests and for the family of Parishes Pastoral Planning Team as they begin these tasks!

In 2027, St. Patrick Parish will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of its founding in 1877. In anticipation of that milestone, we have formed a couple of committees to look at what possibilities we might have for an interior and exterior "restoration" of our church building. We have been working with Conrad Schmitt Studios from New Berlin, Wisconsin to develop some conceptual design renderings of what our church could look like in the future. We will be sharing some of those designs when the interior design committee has had a chance to narrow down some of the options presented to us. I am sure that at some point in the not-too-distant future we will be announcing a capital campaign to "Restore Our Father's House."

Thanks for all you, our alumni, benefactors and friends, do to support the mission of St. Mary's Catholic School! We wouldn't be here without you! I look forward to welcoming our alumni back to St. Mary's and St. Patrick on the weekend of June 24th to 26th for the annual reunion and banquet.

Ad multos annos!

Rev. Bernard G. Starman

Pastor/President

Check out some of our students' artwork from this last semester! Ranell Otte is the new art teacher giving them so many opportunities!



By Fllie Atkeson. Junior



By St. Mary's First Grader



By St. Mary's Second Grader



Bv Olivia Jarman Senior

5t. Mary's Class of 2022



Charles Lee Barlow
Parents: Kevin & Julie Barlow
Plans to attend Creighton
University majoring in chemistry,
to become an optometrist



Blake G. Benson
Parents: Dean & MaryJo Benson
Plans to attend Northeast
Community College, majoring in
pre-physical therapy



Adam Lowell Everitt
Parents: Cameron & Jill Everitt
Plans to attend University of NE at
Kearney majoring in accounting with
a minor in public law, attending law
school after undergraduate



Alyssa Marie Fehringer Parents: Andy & Brandi Fehringer Plans to attend University of NE at Kearney, majoring in secondary education to become a high school history teacher



Tyler Allen Gleason Parents: Tim & Kari Gleason Plans to attend Wayne State College majoring in computer science



Aidaw J. Hedstrom
Parents: James & Lisa Hedstrom
Plans to attend Northeast
Community College majoring in
business administration



Olivia Marie Jarman Parents: Roy & Audra Schaaf, John Jarman Plans to attend Wayne State College, majoring in Criminology



Andrew Jason Koehlmoos
Parents: Jason & '00 Jennifer
(Shoemaker) Koehlmoos
Plans to attend college majoring in
wildlife & fisheries or civil engineering.



James R. Krotter

Parents: Joe & Ann Krotter

Plans to attend University of

Nebraska at Omaha, majoring in

aviation & specializing in

professional flight



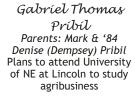
Lainey Nicole Meyer Parents: Ritchie & Coni Meyer Plans to attend Wayne State College majoring in pre-nursing then transferring to UNMC



Charley Jean Mlnarik
Parents: Josh & Lisa Mlnarik
Plans to attend South Dakota
State University majoring in
animal science & then attending
Veterinary School



Luke Arthur Popkes
Parents: Eric & Kate Popkes
Plans to attend Mitchell Technical
College majoring in Power Line
Construction & Maintenance





William J. Schmitz Parents: Matt & '87 Nancy (Mlnarik) Schmitz Plans to attend Western Welding Academy



Tate David
Thompsow
Parents: Shad & '95
Tricia (Fuhrer)
Thompson
Plans to attend
Northeast Community
College majoring in
nursing



Marian Awards

Alyssa Fehringer Tate Thompson

Athletes of the Year

Adam Everitt Charley Mlnarik

(at least 3.75 GPA) Charles Barlow Adam Everitt Alyssa Fehringer Tate Thompson



Cum Laude

(at least 3.5 GPA) Blake Benson Aidan Hedstrom James Krotter Lainey Meyer Gabe Pribil

Scholar Athlete Awards

Charles Barlow Adam Everitt Aidan Hedstrom

Blake Benson Alyssa Fehringer Gabe Pribil **Tate Thompson**

Scholar Activity Awards

Alyssa Fehringer James Krotter Lainey Meyer





St. Mary's Prom Royalty

Back row I to r: Prince Will Schmitz, King Blake Benson, Queen Lainey Meyer, Princess Alyssa Fehringer. Front row I to r: Crownbearers: Huxton Kelly (son of Nate & '07 Megan Gaughenbaugh Kelly) , Ozzy Drueke (son of Matt & '01 Terra Simons Drueke), Hattie Bulau & Ellie Bulau (daughters of Luke & '03 Michelle Shoemaker Bulau)



Snowball Dance Royalty Mary's (Left to Right) Risken Dawson, Jack Gydesen, Dalton Alder, PrInce Adam Everitt, King Luke Popkes, Crown Bearer Kambry Ogden, Queen Olivia Jarman, Princess Alyssa Fehringer, Ellie Atkeson, Delaney Wohlert, and Sarah Wiese



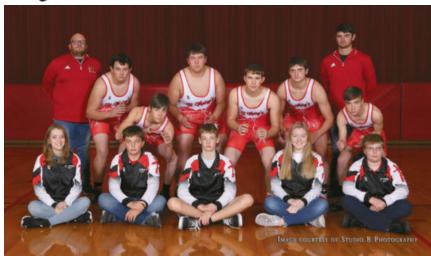
Speech Team

This year's speech team had another amazing season. The team took 3rd place at conference speech. Every one of the district entries made it to finals in their categories, and nine of them were state qualifiers. They came out on top at districts at the D2-4 District Champions!

At State Speech, the speechsters made us proud again, placing fourth in the state! The students who placed at state speech included: Emma Winkelbauer & Delaney Wohlert (6th in duet), Kaylin Gaughenbaugh (6th in entertainment), Delaney Wohlert (5th in serious), Ellie Atkeson (4th in humorous), and Kaylin Gaughenbaugh & Emma Otte (2nd in duet).



RR Cardinal Wrestling



The wrestling team had seven young men this year, led by coaches Ryan Johnson, '18 Tate Shoemaker, and Corey Rowse. Two of them qualified for state this year: Jace Rosenkrans placed 2nd in his weight class at districts, and Andrew Koehlmoos placed 4th in his weight class at districts.

Pictured at left: Back row l to r: Coach Ryan Johnson, Matthew Koehlmoos, Trever Reiser, Andrew Koehlmoos, Lawrence Werth, Jace Rosenkrans, Coach Tate Shoemaker, Tyler Gleason. Front row l to r: Student Mangers—Paisley Johnson, Dalton Herley, Brayden Krugman, Ellie Atkeson, Liam Gallagher. Not pictured: Will Schmitz.

2022 Track



St. Mary's track team had a very successful season, sending 8 students to state. Our students worked hard, and it showed in their competition results!

State qualifiers (pictured below, l to r) included Hannah Gleason, Alissa Brabec, Kaylin Gaughenbaugh, Mya Hedstrom, Will Schmitz, Emma Winkelbauer, Lorissa Reiman, and Annabelle Barlow.



Mya Hedstrom placed 7th in the long jump. Kaylin Gaughenbaugh, Lorissa Reiman, Alissa Brabec, and Mya Hedstrom were the girls 4x400 and 4x800 teams. The girls 4x400 relay team placed 5th, and the 4x800 relay team was **STATE RUNNER-UP!** Way to go Lady CardInals!





Cardinal Basketbau

You know it's a good basketball year when both your boys and girls teams make it to state! It was quite a year as state also looked a little different, with both boys and girls games going on during the same week, alternating days. It was a long week but a memory for a lifetime.

The St. Mary's girls basketball team had only 9 girls on their roster and the mighty 9 continued to improve throughout the season. From not even having a winning record last year to finishing 4th, that is a pretty successful year! It took all 9 of them pushing each other every day to get better. Their grit, hard work ethic and team mentality sparked the team's success. Their tough schedule throughout the year also helped them get better. Some highlights were winning the Holiday tournament where we beat Sutton who made a trip to state in class C-2 and Grand Island CC who placed 3rd in class C-1; getting 3rd in a tough NVC tournament; winning sub-districts against state qualifying Wynot; winning sub-state against Exeter-Milligan; and of course finishing 4th in the state out of 52 teams. Freshman Lorissa Reiman broke the school record for rebounds in a season, with 309 (beating the old record of 260 held by Patty Scheinhost from 1978!)





The girls played a great first game against Crawford and then came up short by only 3 points to reigning state champion Humphrey St. Francis, finishing fourth in the state. They truly proved that they deserved to be down there. They are a young team, and this just gives them more fire to want to be back at the state tournament.

The St. Mary's Boys Basketball team had another amazing season. With an overall season of 26 wins-3 losses, conference champions, district champions, and coming in as Class D-2 state runner up, the boys worked hard!

In addition, Coach Bulau celebrated his 100th win as a head coach, and senior Blake Benson broke the 3 point record (previously held by Josh Cuddy at 60.)



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The boys played their first game at Lincoln Southeast, defeating Shelton 60-42. They played Osceola in semi-finals at the Devaney Center, again handing out a big defeat at 65-36. The Cardinals moved on to the final game at the Pinnacle Bank arena, where they competed against the Parkview Christian Patriots from Lincoln, ending with the Cardinals losing 48 to 64, landing the St. Mary's Cardinals as state runner-up for Class D-2!

Pictured above: Back row, l to r: Terry "Beak" Tomjack, Zach Sibbel, Jack Gydesen, Blake Benson, Charles Barlow, Aiden Hedstrom, Adam Everitt, Isaac Everitt, Joe Wiese, Willy Drueke, Luke Bulau. Front row l to r: Risken Dawson, Carsen Dannenbring, Sam Barlow, Kyle Pribil, Dalton Alder, Tate Thompson, Gabe Pribil, Wyatt Scofield.

Greetings from our principals!

It has been a very full second semester at St. Mary's! We are grateful for and proud of the success of our extracurricular activities:

- Our girls' basketball team placed 4th in the state tournament.
- Our boys' basketball team was runner-up in the state tournament.
- Our speech team qualified eleven individual members for the state competition, and the team finished as District Champions! Several of our qualifiers also placed at the state level, and the team finished 4th overall.
- Our students participated in the Northeast Community College Scholastic Contest. Several students placed in the top 3, earning points for the school team. St. Mary's tied for 1st place with Bloomfield.
- We had 8 students qualify for state track competition. Kaylin Gaughenbaugh, Lorissa Reiman, Alissa Brabec, and Mya Hedstrom were the girls 4x400 and 4x800 teams. The girls 4x400 relay team placed 5th, and the 4x800 relay team was state runner-up. Mya Hedstrom placed 7th in the long jump.

Our 118th graduating class of 15 students graduated on May 15th. All of our graduates are continuing on to further education.

One of the most exciting pieces of news this semester is the selection of our science/STEM teacher, Erika Winkelbauer, as the rural secondary Archdiocesan Teacher of the Year! This is a great personal accomplishment for Erika, but also a great honor for our school. She will be honored on September 22, 2022 at the Archbishop's Dinner for Education. (Pictured at right: Dr. Matthew Winkelbauer, Mrs. Erika Winkelbauer, Father Starman)

We have two elementary teachers, along with our elementary secretary, leaving St. Mary's at the end of this year. We are thankful for the many years that Mary Novak, Candi Schindler, and Brenda Hupp have given to St. Mary's School, and we wish them all the best in the future. We have hired Chelsea Bertschinger for the kindergarten position, Lauren Arens for the 5th grade position, and '95 Tricia (Fuhrer) Thompson for the secretary position.



We are so thankful for the generosity of our alumni and benefactors of St. Mary's. Please know that we remember all of you in our daily prayer. We thank you for your continued support of St. Mary's and your dedication to the Catholic education that we provide. We wish all of you a peaceful, restful summer!

Paula Atkeson and Jennie Schneider



This year, we received \$45,335 in gifts towards scholarship and grants for our students, not including the endowments from the Mona Shelton & Madeline Ullum accounts. Forty-one students received scholarship awards for tuition costs, totaling just over \$20,000. Thank you!

In honor of Father Joseph Sund
'53 Marilyn (Beha) Rinzel
In memory of Sister Reglna Boyle
In memory of '66 Janice (Venquist) Andersen
'60 Fred & Elalne Snowardt
'43 Leonard Engler estate
'64 Mike & '64 Linda (Stuifbergen) Hammond
'63 Owen Donohoe
Sr. Anita Rolenc
Anson Insurance
'09 Amy (Tomjack) Slattery
'71 Michael Yantzi
Jacob Scott
In memory of '46 Beverly J. McCarthy
In memory of '00 Joe Gray
In memory of '51 John Vitt
In memory of '44 Margaret (Engler) Straka
In memory of Matt & Lucille Liewer
In memory of John & Mary O'Brien

In memory of Roman Filips
In memory of Andy & '46 Marie (Schneider) Ramold
In memory of Hubert Ramold
In memory of baby Casey Ryan
In memory of '76 Laura Dugan
In memory of '78 Judy (McKenzie) Colfack
In memory of Don & '91 David Duffy
In memory of Joyce Kallhoff
In memory of '95 Nicole Reiser-Bennet
In memory of '97 Emily Reiser
In memory of '67 Patsy (Dufek) Wranek
In memory of '67 Pat Grutsch
In memory of '67 Bob "Feather" Donohoe
In memory of '67 John "Dick" Stuifbergen
In memory of '67 Patsy (Gillogly) Coventry
In memory of '67 Raydene (Timmerman) Bacon



We are researching how we can publicly honor the alumni and faculty of St. Mary's who have served In the military. We are determining where this could be placed at the high school, leaving space for more to come. Please review the list below & send any corrections or additions to Jennifer at jmwallwey@archomaha.org or call the parish office at 402-336-1602.

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1936 1936 1937 1940 1941 1943 1944 1945 1945 1945 1946	Cal Heriford—Army Donald William Martin—Army Marie Stewart Earley—Civ.AirPatrol Bob Shoemaker Dale (Duke) Kersenbrock—Navy Leonard Engler—Army James Earley—Navy George Janousek—Navy Bill Kelly Edward P. Martin—Navy Edward Condon	1960 1960 1961 1961 1961 1961 1961 1962 1962 1962	Michael Troshynski—Navy John Wanser—Air Force Jerry Gokie—Navy Bill Hynes—Navy Jerry Jurgensmeier—Navy Robert J. Murphy—Army Doug Spitler—Air Force Mike Wabs—Army Michael Kamphaus—Air Force Ron McDermott—Army Cal Peter	1969 1970 1970 1971 1971 1971 1972 1972 1976	Tom Schmit—Army Jim Wilson—Army Ted Fritton—Army Jim Janousek Bert Conway—Army Patrick Donohoe John Hynes—Army,Air Nat'l Guard Donald Pribil Steve Cavanaugh Greg Janousek Fred Pribil
	Edward Boyle—Marines		Gene Shoemaker—Army		Bernie Pruss
	Raymond Krysl—Navy Richard Minton—Navy		Tom Wanser—Air Force Edward Conway		Jean Pribil Edwards Diane Shannahan Meyer
	James Donohoe—Army		Marvin Peter		Patrick Pribil
	Robert J. Koci —Army		David Pribil		Noreen Cavanaugh Vega—Army
	Larry Minton—Air Force		Jim Sullivan—Army		Mike Shannahan
	Richad "Dick" Boyle—Air Force		Michael Grutsch		Kathleen Cavanaugh Artz-Army Res.
	John Joseph Vitt—Army	1964	Jim Peter		Kevin Schmit
1952	Donald Donohoe—Army	1965	Patrick Benze—Army	1988	Mike Babl
1953	Wayne Donohoe	1965	John Collen	1988	Kevin Liewer
1953	Bill McElvain—Army	1965	Donald Conway—Navy	1988	Michael Mejstrik—Air Force
1953	Jerry Wanser—Army	1965	Jerry Donohoe—Air Force	1988	Patrick Schneider
1954	Edward Cuddy	1965	Jim Grutsch	1990	Dennis Kruse
1954	Richard Graham—Army		Paul Kamphaus—Army	1990	Tim Reinke—Army National Guard
	Mike London		Joseph McCarville		Mark Liewer
	George Tomlinson—Army		Richard Pribil	1993	Genny Wrede Luff—Navy
	John Connot—Navy	1965	Thomas Pribil	1999	Rebecca Luther
	Jeremiah J. (Jerry) Cuddy		Dennis Richards		Matt Ryan
	Patrick Gokie—Navy		Wayne Sindelar—Army		Tyson Cole—Air Force
	Terrence Wanser—Army		Bruce Appleby		Mark Mahony
	Raymond Donohoe—Army		Jim Collen		Christopher Bahrij—Air Force
	Ron Murphy—Army		Joe Conway—Air Force		Lyle James Berryman
	James Enright		Gordy Givens—Army		Kevin Ohri
	Gary William Holly—Navy		William "Jim" Troshynski—Army		Michael Harvey—Navy
	Ron Clark		Robert "Feather" Donohoe		Zachary Wiese—Air Force
	Larry Donohoe—Air Force		Steve McDonald—Navy		Codi Fehringer—Air Force
	Lavern Pritchett—Army		William (Bill) Pribil		Lawson Hofer—Army
	Gene Turner—Navy		Mike Burk—Navy		William "Jim" Troshynski—Army
	Larry Wanser—Air Force		Gene Conway—Air Force		ty Jim Summers—Army
	Larry Boyle		Tom Hickey—Navy		ty Donald TemplemeyerAir Force
	Dennis Burival		Stuart McDonald—Air Force		ty Tom Balk—Marine Corps
	Ronald Holly—Navy		Melvin Schmit	racul	ty Bill Porter
	Jim Renze—Navy		Jon Beck—Navy		Michael Watson—Air Force
1900	Ron Richards—Navy	1909	Doug Chaney—Army		

1969 Steve Collen—Army

1969 Kelly Fuhrer—Marine Corps

1969 Mary Jean Dufek Gillette--Army Nurse

1960 Ron Ross

1960 Jim Shoemaker 1960 Fred Snowardt





'48 Raymond Krysl passed away on March 17, 2017. After serving in the Navy during the Korean conflict, he returned home to Stuart to continue ranching with his father. He was married to Mary (Devine) on August 5, 1961. Other than work, Ray's life centered on family, church, and community. He was very active in the American Legion and Knights



of Columbus. Ray is survived by his wife Mary, sons Joe and John (Mary), 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.



'46 Eileen (Krysl) McNeely passed away at the age of 88 on September 4, 2017. She received her bachelor's degree in education from Wayne State College in 1950 and taught at several rural schools in the Stuart area and later in the Norfolk Public School. She married Phil McNeely July 25, 1955. To this union, three sons were born. In later years, Eileen worked for the Archdiocese of Omaha for 28 years, retiring in 2000. She was secretary for both Archbishop Sheehan and Archbishop Curtiss. She was preceded in death by her husband, Phil. Eileen is survived by her three sons, Phil, Frank, and Doug McNeely.



'43 John L. Brennan departed this life on May 28, 2018 at the age of 93, in Cape Fair Missouri. John was preceded by his first wife, Janet Brennan; son, Joseph Brennan; step-daughter, Janet Wood; two brothers, Neil Brennan and '43 Herbert Brennan; two sisters, '47 Mary Foster and '50 Margaret Clark. Survivors include his wife Lucy, four sons: Daniel (Becky), Steve, Victor (Nancy), and Chris (Stacy), two step-sons, Joseph (Silvia) Leahy and Dennis (Sally) Leahy; three daughters, Marie (Larry) Burnett, Patricia (Gary) Williams, Lisa (Chance) Mitchell; step-daughter, Catherine Leahy; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great grandchildren.



'51 Mary L. (Kelly) Austin passed away on September 15, 2020 at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk. She enjoyed traveling, visiting every state in the nation. Survivors include her spouse, Gerald; a son, Steven Austin; a sister, '41 Eileen Spittler; two brothers, '45 Bill Kelly and '52 James (Virginia) Kelly. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Michael; and brothers George and Francis.





'58 Mary Jean "Jeanne" (Schoenle) Graham passed away on March 10, 2021 at the age of 80. She lived in Washington state since 1966. She is survived by five children, Stephen Lee, Michael, Judith Graham-Bilos (Denis), Thomas, and Daniel (Gina), one brother Don (Ronni Sue) Schoenle, and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Richard and her sister '57 Carlene (Schoenle) Dagesse.





'66 Janice "Jan" Marie Vequist Andersen, 73, of Carrollton, Texas, went to her heavenly home on April 24th, 2021. Jan was a Pre-K-3rd grade teacher for over 40 years. Jan won many awards for excellence in teaching over her years in education and was a PTA Life Membership recipient. Jan was a dedicated and loving wife, mother and grandmother who will always be remembered for her infectious smile and loving hugs. Jan is survived by her husband Tim of 50 years, her daughter, Michele (Brian) Gordon, 2 grandchildren, and brother, '68 Tom Vequist. She was preceded in death by her sister '61 Rita (Vequist) Wagner.





'62 James D. Frederickson passed away at the age of 77 on September 3, 2021 in Las Vegas, Nevada due to kidney failure. Jim boarded with the Pruss family during his time at St. Mary's Academy. Jim will be remembered for his loving and generous nature along with a dry wit peppered with sage old sayings. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Rita, daughter Andrea & grandson Ronan, sister Peg Ford & brother Jeff Frederickson. He was preceded in death by his mother '41 Irma (Langer) Frederickson.



'69 Jonathan (Jon) D. Beck passed away on September 27, 2021 at his home in Athens, Tennesee. Following high school, Jon entered the Navy and was trained on and served on nuclear submarines until his honorable discharge in 1975. He graduated from UNL and worked in various nuclear plants from Nebraska to Texas to Missouri and finally Tennessee. Jon enjoyed running and competed in many half-marathons. Jon is survived by 3 sisters Rosemary Beck, '72 Becky Schmeichel, '77 Charlene Beck, and a brother '80 Jason Beck, six nieces and nephews, and seven great-nieces and nephews.



'48 Dr. Louis Andrew Sojka passed away on September 26, 2021 at the age of 90. After discerning a possible vocation to the priesthood, Louis instead decided to major in Biology at Creighton University, also completing medical school at Creighton. Lou had a love of the Catholic faith, family, and education, and he treasured his 30 years in medicine serving the Columbus community. Lou is survived by his wife Jackie and their 8 children: Matthew, Mark (Marcy); Anne Stanco (Vince), John (Whitney), Joan Grinbergs, Mary Sydzyik (Troy), Sara Smith (Paul), and 26 grandchildren.





'51 Richard "Dick" Boyle died November 7, 2021 in York, Nebraska. Richard served in the Air Force from 1953-1957. He worked for 26 years for NPPD in Norfolk, and moved to York in 1970 to become regional engineer until his retirement. Richard loved to garden, play cards, and entertain his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Charlene; his sons, David (Bronwyn) Boyle, Rich (Catherine) Boyle, and Tim (Pam) Boyle; his daughters, Kris (Craig) Potthoff, Betsy (Paul) Austin, and sixteen grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, '48 Edward ('54 Bette Mahony)



Boyle and his sister '59 Margaret Posch. He was preceded in death by his his brothers, '48 Pat, Mick, Chuck, Ned and '60 Larry; infant brother, Francis; his sisters, '52 Mary Agnes Janzing, '58 Marie Harte, and Mariam Barnhard, and granddaughter, Genevieve Boyle.



'51 John Joseph Vitt passed away on December 24, 2021 after a long struggle with health issues. Following high school, he enlisted in the US Army and served his country proudly as a Military Policeman at Fort Carson, CO. John loved airplanes, flying his Cessna, and taking joy rides with anyone who wanted to go. John is survived by his children, John C. (Roxanne), Dorothy (Ronald) Dillenburg, Jeanne (Jeffrey) Roberts, Steven, Timothy, Louis, Paula Kite, Mary Henckel, and Joseph; eleven grandchildren, and twelve great grandchildren. He is also survived by sisters '52 Mary Frances Parish, '55 Helen Martha (Max) Kunz, '57 Dorothea (Alan) Crosby, and Catherine Addison.





`51 Larry Krysl passed away on January 23, 2022. Larry served in the Army stationed at Fort Richardson, Alaska, near Anchorage. Larry taught history and served as Assistant Principal at Rawlins, Wyoming High School. Larry is survived by his wife Rose, seven children, 15 grandchildren, and 13 great—grandchildren.





'62 Mary Richards Breiner passed away on February 2, 2022 after a brief battle with leukemia. Mary was a loving mother, grandmother and sister, opening her home to "extras" at holidays so that no one was alone. Her friends, family, and church were everything to her. She was preceded in death by her brothers Eugene & '65 Dennis (Tate) and sister '63 Madeline. She is survived by her sister '68 Carol, brothers '60 Ron & '71 Jerry, 4 children, 4 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild.





'78 Mark Derickson passed away on February 4, 2022 at his home in Hastings, Nebraska. Mark enjoyed hunting, fishing, and was also a taxidermist. Survivors include his sons, Patrick (Carrie) Derickson, Adam (Ritsuko) Derickson and 4 grandchildren; mother, Nancy Derickson; brothers, '70 Russ (June) Derickson, and '73 Craig ('74 Kate Mattern) Derickson, and special friend, Kim Danehey-Nibbe.





Mary "Mimi" Wichman Trewatha passed away on March 18, 2022. Mimi attended St. Mary's through grade school and most of high school (1974-1978). She was one of a kind, no one loved like Mimi and she will be missed by many. Mimi leaves behind husband, Greg, sons Colin (Tayleur) Ennen & DJ Nekolite, and daughter Macy (Adam) Oligmueller, 15 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. She also is survived by her siblings Mike (Candy) Wichman, Joan (Neil) Lange, Julie Spelts, Jim Wichman, Dori (John) Wilkinson, Jerry (Tammy) Wichman, John Wichman, and Sandy Wichman.







'54 Karen (Donohoe) Rotherham passed away on April 23, 2022. Karen was an avid seamstress, an excellent cook and baker, specializing in cinnamon rolls. Karen's grandchildren were her pride and joy - she was their biggest fan. Karen is survived by her nine children, Rosemary Rotherham, Carol Vandersnick, Kamilla (Clifford) Woeppel, Deb (Pat) Thramer, Diane (Ladd) Krings, E.J. (Shanna) Rotherham, Mark Rotherham, Colleen



(Greg) Ramold, and Kay (Craig) Hall; 28 grandchildren; in-laws, '54 Patricia Donohoe, Butch (Carol) Rotherham, Marge Rotherham, and Leo O'Malley. Karen was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Jerry; son-inlaw, Hank Bornemeier; siblings, '49 Jim Donohoe, '53 Wayne Donohoe, Dorothy (Bud) Cloyd, '59 Larry Donohoe, '56 Raymond Donohoe; and a sister-in-law, Carolyn Donohoe.

Alumni (pdates

`20 Abby Everitt, student at University of Nebraska Kearney, qualified for the 2022 NCAA Division II Outdoor Championships

'18 Jared Atkeson, former SMH state champion and current Wayne State wrestler, placed first at the regional wrestling tournament in Arlington, Texas, earning his way to the NCWA National Tournament!

'01 Jake Peetz has joined the Los Angeles Rams as the offensive assistant. In addition to his college coaching experience, most recently at LSU, he also has 10 years of NFL experience including the Carolina Panthers, Jacksonville Jaguars, Washington Commanders and Oakland Raiders.



Avery (Schneider) & Noah Ehrisman welcomed home baby girl Merrin Ann on April 2, 2022.

'06 Charles & Shayla (Raterman) Shields welcomed home baby boy Triggen Steven on January 8, 2022.



'15 Brittany (Soukup) and Stephen Kotopka were married March 26, 2022 at St. Patrick's Church in O'Neill.



Our deepest sympathies to '15 Molly (Atkeson) & Riley Ryan on the death of their infant son, Casey John. Casey was born on March 16, 2022 and passed on April 8, 2022.

Our sympathies to the family of **Marjorie Tomjack**, who passed away on March 26, 2022.

She is survived by her children '68 Leanna (Kathy Arens) Tomjack; '70 Phyllis (Roger) Rhylander; '71 Beth (Ken) Clouse; '73 Daryl (Jill) Tomjack; '75 Keith (Judy) Tomjack; '76 Rick (Sheila) Tomjack; '77 Bob (Judy) Tomjack; '80 Dave (Dorothy) Tomjack; '82 Sharlene (Nate) Parry; '84 Linda (Matt) Brandl; and '90 Kala (Mark Peterson) Tomjack. Marjorie has 40 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren (with two more expected soon, as of this writing) and multitudes of grandchildren in-law, nieces and nephews. Marge is preceded in death by her husband, Bud, her daughter '82 Mary Tomjack Neujahr, and her brother Duane Summerer.

We want to hear from you!

Please let us know if you have recently been married, had a child, moved, been recognized for an accomplishment, or have any other fun updates for us! Contact Jennifer Wallwey, Director of Development, with your information and photos.

Annual Alumni Weekend June 24-25, 2022

This year's Alumni Weekend will be held Friday June 24 & Saturday June 25. Our 10 classes this year are **2012** (10 years), **1997** (25 years), and **1972** (50 years.) Each year, the alumni weekend is to be arranged by the honor classes. The 25 year class (**1997**) handles the banquet decorations, speaker, and clean up. The 50 year class (**1972**) is in

charge of the mass. The 10 year class (2012) is responsible for the social before the banquet dinner. Please contact Peg Gray at 402-340-4308 to make sure arrangements are lined up, and she will get you details. **Please Note:** If your class would like to make special arrangements for seating together or assistance with finding a place for other gatherings—please do not hesitate to ask!

Friday, June 24

6-8 pm Wine & Cheese Social in the St. Mary's High School commons

Alumni Mass at St. Patrick's

St. Mary's Alumni Association

c/o Peg Gray PO Box 12

O'Neill, NE 68763

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5:00 pm

5:00 pm	om Honor Class Pictures on the church steps for classes of 1972, 1997, and 2012				
5:00 pm	m Social in St. Mary's Commons—School will be open for your trip down memory lane.				
5:45 pm	pm Banquet Dinner in St. Patrick's Parish Hall in basement of St. Mary's High School Contact any of the Alumni Banquet committee members for further information:				
	'73 Ann (H '62 Mary Lois	mond) Gray 402-340-4308 (gr ershiser) Wrede 402-336-3948 (Jansen) Mlnarik 402-336-16 ka) Schneider 402-340-7923 (l	9 (awrede73@q.com) 1664 (mlmlnarik@q.com)		
Name (inc	luding maiden name)		Year graduated:		
Guest Nam	ne		_		
Address: _		City,State_	Zipcode:		
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Alumni B	anquet tickets are	\$30/each. Please reserve	by June 20th.		
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Checks she	ould be made to St. M	Mary's Alumni Association. Ret	turn registration form and check to:		

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