



## Looking Forward

As we approach the end of 2020-21 school year, these weeks will fly by. For my family, they include 30+ sporting events and music concerts, and most notably my eldest daughter's Confirmation and my son's high school graduation!

For the MACS system, on April 28, we held a Looking Forward event at which the Dean, the Commission Chair, and I presented. Many of you may have been unable to join us, so I will take this opportunity to summarize some of the main topics we covered:



**Mrs. Molly Bushman**  
MACS President

- **The Meitler study and Pastoral Plan should be concluded in June.** We hope you all took opportunities for surveys and listening sessions these past few months. Please pray for the success of the plan to grow the Church and spread the Gospel in the Chippewa Valley, as well as help ensure the sustainability of our parishes and school system into the future.
- **The MACS Witness the Difference Capacity Campaign is now public!** All MACS families will receive a mailing this week with more information and pledge card. Please pledge generously so we can raise the final \$1 million to fill our "buckets" for Guardian Angel tuition scholarships, teacher salaries/professional development, and facilities improvements in all buildings. Your contribution will help MACS continue the academic quality, affordability, and safety which we all value so dearly. THANK YOU! (see more pages in this newsletter)
- **We reflected on the Brick to Click pandemic plan and shared the April 2021 survey results.** I am incredibly grateful and pleased to share that 100% of the 154 families who responded were satisfied with their children's educational experience at MACS during the 2020-21 school year, with 94% very or extremely satisfied. We also obtained valuable feedback about your experiences of the Brick to Click plan, access to technology, and more. This does not mean we are sitting on our laurels, far from it. We have begun fall planning and promise you, our families, that we will continue to serve our students and mission throughout the recovery from this pandemic. We will be offering in person instruction next fall and will be releasing further details over the summer. Faith over fear!

There would be so much more to share and I could not be more excited and hopeful for the future of McDonnell Area Catholic Schools! Thank you for your trust and dedication and have a wonderful summer. Congratulations to all of our graduates. God is good all the time! Jesus, we trust in you.

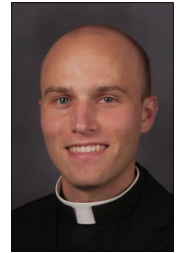
## Happy Easter!

"April showers bring May flowers," goes the familiar phrase. But what you might not know is "What do May flowers bring?" The answer is "May flowers bring pilgrims!" Our school counselor Mrs. Ruthann Proue recently told me this joke, and it got me thinking. Spring, when new life is in the air and flowers and plants are blooming all about us, isn't really the time of year when we call to mind those English pilgrims who traversed the Atlantic on a ship called the "Mayflower." But the May flowers ought to remind us that *we are pilgrims!*

As beautiful as the world around us is as it wakes from its winter hibernation, there's the inevitable feeling in the pit of your stomach that it won't last forever. The school year is drawing to a close, meaning students and teachers will get to ditch their school books and masks and enjoy the warm, sunny summer months ahead, which feel so much like paradise for us Wisconsinites. But, inevitably, September will arrive again, and with it a new school year. A few short months after that will come winter again. As the years go by, quicker than we'd like to admit, the feeling in our hearts arises that, as beautiful as this world is, it is not our home.

Our hearts long for something more, something more beautiful, something which does not change. St. Therese of Lisieux tells us, "The world is your ship, not your home." We are pilgrims journeying through this world of April showers and May flowers, on our way to the homeland of heaven, which Jesus has opened up for us by His Resurrection. As we enter into the beautiful spring and summer months, may we live in this world with our hearts fixed on heaven.

In Christ our hope,  
Fr. Ethan Hokamp



**Fr. Ethan HoKamp**  
Chaplain

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Go to [McDonnellAreaCatholicSchools.org](https://McDonnellAreaCatholicSchools.org) for all school's

**Watch upcoming live stream events (below)**  
- in person attendance limited to parents/family members only.

- McDonell Fine Arts Night – May 10 at 7:00 p.m.
- Notre Dame Middle School Concert - May 17 at 7:00 p.m.
- McDonell Scholarships and Awards - May 19 at 1:15 p.m.
  - Seniors attendance only.
- Baccalaureate May 19 at 6:00 p.m.
- Senior Graduation May 21 at 7:30 p.m.
- BB4C Graduations June 2, morning class at 8:30 a.m. and afternoon class at 12:30 p.m.

**Advancement News**



Mrs. Jaynee Brannen

Mrs. Jaynee Brannen Director of Advancement  
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**MACS Celebrates 140!**

**Spread the Word!** MACS Celebrates 140 Years event is Saturday, June 12.

This full day event, **FREE of**

**ADMISSION**, brings together friends,

family and our community. The day will include a card tournament, live music by Cathy Reitz & 7 Swing; Kelsey Miles; and IN2ITION, a variety of raffles *including a chance to win a private performance by Chris Kroeze*, yard games for kids and delicious gourmet burgers.

This event also brings the need for volunteers.

[SignUp at this link and on our website under](#)

**PARENTS.** We will need:

- |                          |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Event parking attendants | Decorating Pavillion  |
| ID checkers              | Beverage ticket sales |
| Raffle ticket sales      | And more!             |

Questions? Please email.

**Saturday, June 12, 2021**

**11:00 - 10:00 PM**

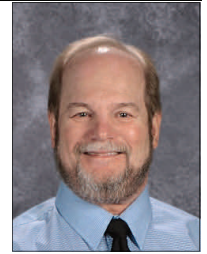


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[View info on our website.](#)

**Education Technology & Media**

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Mr. Val Knobloch

**MACS on the move**

This month we highlight one of our new IT Specialists, Logan Mittelstadt. Logan graduated from Chippewa Valley Technical College with an Associate's Degree in IT Networking Specialist and



has tech experience from other districts. In his free time Logan enjoys being outdoors, hunting, fishing and playing with his dog. We welcome Logan who has already contributed much to MACS IT support.

The Media and Technology Plan review continues with committee input and work to integrate within the facilities and the strategic plan. The

update that includes staff, staff development, network, hardware and software directions should be completed by June. We have major network upgrades scheduled this Spring and Summer in our main data closet. It is preparation for an upgrade of our main server and back-up to increase capacity, reliability and failover redundancy.

Don't forget that we will have some Gen 2 iPads available at little to no cost for those interested in May. Send me an email if interested. And as I stated last year about this time - I want to extend heartfelt thanks to the staff, students, and parents who have worked so hard to make virtual and in-person learning work in the face of this pandemic. And while this has certainly messed with our normal routines and celebrations, it has presented us with the opportunity to be resilient. Thanks to the MACS community for all you do.

Don't forget to check [MACS TV](#) for Spring recognition/graduation events. Thanks for all your support.

**SCRIP Gift Card News**



Ms. Kathleen Adams

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**Purchase Scrip through June 25 for 2021-22**

We are in the last stretch for earning credit to the 2021-2022 school year tuition. All Scrip purchased July 1, 2020 through June 25, 2021, the rebates will be credited to the 2021-2022 tuition. You can send your order with your child any day of

the week for same day turn-around or you may call/email your order Tuesdays or Thursdays 9:00-6:00 p.m. for direct pick up from the central office.

If you are looking for a mobile option, try the Benefit Mobile App - [www.benefit-mobile.com](http://www.benefit-mobile.com) or contact me and I can send you a direct invite to their website.

For Scrip questions or orders please contact me. It is never too late to start using Scrip. It is a fundraiser for the MACS system and it supports a MACS family tuition.



Home and School Association (HandS)

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web link: [www.macs.k12.wi.us/parent/parent\\_clubs](http://www.macs.k12.wi.us/parent/parent_clubs)

Applications open for grants

Happy spring to all of our MACS families.

The HandS committee is excited to approve teacher grants and see what new supplies we can help the teachers out with for next year! We will also be supplying the students of St. Charles and Holy Ghost with an ice cream treat to enjoy during the last week of school.

On May 11 please consider helping us "spruce up" the St. Charles playground by repainting over the current obstacle course. We will be purchasing some new recess equipment for the schools to use next year such as: soccer balls, footballs, sleds, and jump ropes!

Please look for a flyer at the end this newsletter about the June 12 "MACS Celebrates" and [on the website here](#). The HandS committee will be providing some fun activities for kids to enjoy during this fundraising event. As always, please contact us with any questions or concerns.

The HandS Steering Committee



Mrs. Chelsey Lindenberg  
President

MACS Athletic Boosters (MABC)

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Spring Sports Season is Here

So many activities take place in May – hard to believe the school year is almost over!

The spring athletes have been working hard to get their seasons going. Check the MACS website for schedules and get out and support our teams.

Thank you to all who participated or volunteered at the Second Annual Designer Bag Bingo – it was a bit different but everyone still had a great time. Congratulations to all the winners! The proceeds from this event will go towards the new sound system in the Steve & Deb Roesler Gymnasium.

Mark your calendar for the Spirit of the Mack's Auction on October 2, 2021. If you are interested in helping organize, please email us. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 12, 2021 @ 6:00 in the McDonell Library/Media Center. We will also have a link available for those who wish to attend virtually.

Congratulations and blessings to all the seniors – we have all enjoyed watching you grow into the student-athletes and young adults that you are and wish you much success in your future endeavors.



Mrs. Janet Roth  
Secretary

MACS Music Boosters (MMB)

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Mrs. Megan McChesney

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss fundraising for the music trip in June of 2022.

Upcoming events include:  
**Fine Arts Night** (May 10 at 7:00 p.m.)  
and **Notre Dame Middle School Concert** (May 17 at 7:00 p.m.).

Both will be live streamed on our [MACS TV](#) website page and on MACS Facebook. No K-5 spring programs planned. Thank you for supporting the Fine Arts programs at all the schools.

Summer Food Service Program for ages under 18

Providing access to summer meals for children in low-income areas is an important priority for USDA. When school is out during the summer months and children are no longer receiving lunch at school, some families may struggle to feed their children nutritious meals each day. Food Nutrition Services summer meal programs work to fill this critical gap.

Nutritious free meals are available for children and teens 18 and under. Please use the following resources to find a location near you:

- \* <https://www.fnd.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks>
- \* call 211
- \* text the word FOOD to 877-877.

MACS Faith Booster Club

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Mr. Rolly Enderes  
President

Middle School Youth Nights & Parent Involvement

MACS Campus Ministry has NDMS youth nights on Fridays May 7 and 14 from 7:00-8:15 p.m. May 7 will involve a talk, games, and small group time led by adults and high school students. May 14 is a social night in the gym. The social nights can only happen with parent supervision. Please sign up to supervise in the gym so our youth have a positive environment to be in on Friday evenings. *Sign up here:* [bit.ly/socialndms](http://bit.ly/socialndms)

Totus Tuus — June 20-25

Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) is a fun and energetic parish based summer catechetical program, for both grade school age children and junior and senior high school youth.  
**Grades 1-6 Program:** Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Time is spent on catechetical instruction, songs, games, daily Mass, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, lunch, recess and more!

**Grades 7-12 Program:** Sunday-Thursday evenings (Time TBA) There will be a night of Adoration and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, catechetical instruction on topics important to young people, and a night of fellowship with the Totus Tuus team members.

Contact Deanery Coordinator Michael Jacobs to sign up: [deanerycoordinatorcfym@gmail.com](mailto:deanerycoordinatorcfym@gmail.com) or Erica Boehm at: [faith@macs.k12.wi.us](mailto:faith@macs.k12.wi.us)

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



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**Mr. Brian Schulner**

We are feeling much more optimistic in that we are moving at a much more normal pace. We haven't had an active COVID-19 case within our student body or staff yet in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and everyone has been pretty good following mask and distancing guidelines. Spring sports are well underway and we are planning for a more normal (better than last year) prom, awards and graduation program.

Prom was held on April 24 at the Wissota Golf and Country Club with a dinner and dance. While our original plan was to try to do something and keep it low key here at the school, the generosity of some anonymous donors allowed for the students a very nice venue with a dinner and dance. The students were excited for a wonderful event.

The high school awards program will be held in the McDonell Auditorium on Wednesday, May 19 with seniors only allowed in attendance. Due to distancing requirements we can only have a certain number in the auditorium, but the event will also be live streamed.

Baccalaureate will be held Wednesday evening May 19 at the church of Notre Dame. The seniors and limited numbers of parents and guests will be allowed to attend the event. There will be no reception and dinner following the event. Baccalaureate will also be live streamed.

The Class of 2021 Graduation Ceremony will be held on Friday evening May 21 in the McDonell High School Gymnasium with the graduates and a limited number of family and guests. The event will be live streamed. Following the ceremony the senior parents have arranged a post-graduation party for the graduates at the Chippewa Falls YMCA.

Notre Dame Middle School will have their awards program on Wednesday, May 26 in the auditorium. We are able to get the entire middle school safely distanced in the auditorium but there will be no room for guests. The event will be live streamed.

The eighth grade completion ceremony will be held on Wednesday evening May 26 at Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. We are unable to live stream, however the recording will be made available for viewing on the MACS TV achieves. Again, there will be no reception.

While the ending will not be as perfect as we had hoped it could be, we are thankful for the opportunities we have for recognizing our student successes. It sure beats doing it remotely.

I am very hopeful that next year will bring us back to no masks, regular lunch schedules, no distancing and getting beyond COVID-19. Time will tell as we prepare for the 2021-22 school year.

Here's looking forward to a successful ending to the 2020-21 school year and a healthy and prosperous start to 2021-22.

God's speed in our journey!

## STUDENT AMBASSADOR



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**Mrs. Mary Jacobson**

Congratulations to the following students who are being recognized with the First You, Then Me quarterly awards:

7<sup>th</sup> grade student Kennedy Giza,  
daughter of Shane and Sara Giza

7<sup>th</sup> grade student Angelo Enderes,  
son of Rolly and Mel Enderes

8<sup>th</sup> grade student Lauren Misfeldt,  
daughter of Greg and Kelly Misfeldt

Freshman Katie Ruf,  
daughter of Rick and Jennifer Ruf

Senior Kate Roth,  
daughter of Larry and Janet Roth

These students have made significant contributions over the last school year, and especially the last quarter. I appreciate the dedication of all the ambassadors who have made sure that our commitments were accomplished. We certainly were missing the social interaction amongst each other, and amongst those we normally serve. It is that human connection that provides the sense of personal satisfaction. I think we all are reminded how important our relationships are, whether they are family or friends, or strangers in our community.

## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS



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**Mrs. Greta Jorgensen**

As the year winds to a close, the student council is getting ready to hold elections for next year's student council. There was a

Talent Show for the student body in the gym on April 30 featuring some of McDonell's most talented students. Student Council is also working on a Legacy Project for the classes of 2020 and 2021. More will be coming on that soon!

We would like to take this time to thank our seniors who served on Student Council this year. We wish the best to the next school year's representatives and officers and are confident that they will continue to lead McDonell to a bright future. Please feel free to contact the McDonell Student Council with questions or concerns.

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## SCHOOL COUNSELOR NEWS



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### Act Registration

The final ACT test date for this school year is June 13 Registration for the June ACT is due May 8, register by June 19 to test on July 18. If you have not taken the ACT yet, or if you want to retake it, this is your chance to do so. Register online at:

[actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org). (ACT code: 500 402)

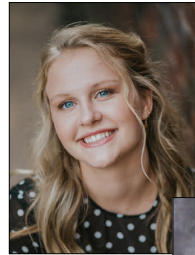
### Class Registration

Registration for next year is underway. You can see your student's schedule on Infinite Campus. Please check it over to be sure your student has the courses on the schedule that you expect to be there. While you are in infinite campus, you can check on your students current progress. *Are you satisfied with how your student is achieving?* Infinite campus is available not only for schedules and current grades, but also to attain a variety of information regarding school, school functions and just about everything relating to school. Your child can navigate you around the site and help you out if you need assistance. Please email me with any questions or concerns you may have. I will be meeting with 2021-22 seniors the first week of May, followed by the Juniors, then the Sophomores.

**Mrs. Ruthann Proue**

## EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Our Valedictorians Anna Geissler and Peter Herron were honored at the 36th annual Excellence in Education banquet along with their most influential educators, Mr. Tony Reiter and Mrs. Tammy Christopher.



*Congratulations*



## SENIOR NEWS

### Parents and Guardians

Graduation is an exciting time. There are so many important dates coming up in this busy and hectic month of May. Please note them so you can attend them all. *We ask that you keep all the ceremonies dignified by encouraging your son/daughter to dress appropriately.*

### **CAP AND GOWN MUST BE WORN**

### **Awards Day, Baccalaureate, and Graduation**

#### Awards Day

The awards are held in the school auditorium May 19 at 1:45 p.m. This ceremony is our way of recognizing the achievements of the seniors by presenting them with scholarships and other honors. Students are asked to wear their cap and gown over school dress code.

#### Baccalaureate Mass

The Church of Notre Dame will host the event on Wednesday, May 19, Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. **Class picture will be taken after Mass. Bring your cameras!** Seniors are required to wear their caps and gowns (pressed) with the men wearing dress slacks, dress shirt, dress shoes and socks. The ladies should also wear dress attire with appropriate shoes. **Shorts and casual attire will not be accepted.**

#### Graduation and Graduation Practice

All seniors must attend the mandatory practice\* on Friday, May 21 at 11:00 a.m. in the school gymnasium. Graduation will be held that night at 7:30 p.m. in the Steve and Deb Roesler Gymnasium. Senior slideshow to follow.

*\* All finals must be finished before the student will be allowed to participate in the graduation practice.*

## NOTRE DAME MS GRADE 8 NEWS

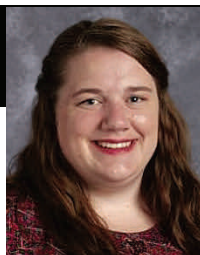
### Awards & Completion Ceremony

On Wednesday, May 26, awards and scholarships will be presented in the school auditorium at 2:00 p.m. Eighth grade completion ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. that same day at St. Charles Borromeo Parish. We will take a class picture, so bring your cameras!



### CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

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**Fr. Ethan Hokamp**

**Ms. Erica Boehm**

Totus Tuus is June 20-26 at the Notre Dame Goldsmith Religious Education Center (GREC). The day program is from June 21-June 25 at the GREC from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm, and the evening program is June 20-24 for middle and high school youth from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Cost is \$40 for one child, \$70 for two children, and \$80 for three or more children. Fill out the registration form in this newsletter and either drop it off or mail it to Holy Ghost Parish, 412 S Main Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729.



## MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS



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**Mr. Mark Neppi**

**Mr. Sean Hanson**

### Fine Arts Night

Monday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the McDonell auditorium. Come celebrate another great year and also to congratulate our fine senior class! The evening will feature performances by students in band and choir. This will be the first year our newly formed Thespian troupe and musical theater students will be joining us.

### Solo and Ensemble

Congratulations to the following participants:

- Elianna Eddy: 2 on Class C Clarinet Solo
- Philomena Schulte: 1 on Class C Clarinet Solo
- Kherington Mosack: 1 on Class C Trombone Solo
- Maria Herron: 1 on Class C Flute Solo
- Sarah Buchmann: 2 on Class B Euphonium Solo
- Jack Hanson: 1 on Class B Trombone Solo
- Leopold Schulte: 1 on Class B Trumpet Solo
- Megan Hanson: \*1 on Class A Piano Solo
- Megan Hanson: \*1 on Class A Jazz Piano Solo
- Ann David: \*1 on Class A Flute Solo

### Summer Jazz Experience

In an effort to build up our jazz program, Mr. Hanson will be holding jazz ensemble rehearsals from 2:00-3:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons during the months of July and August. There will be a more complete schedule coming soon.

Summer lessons are also available upon request. Free to those enrolled at MACS grades 6-12. Cost is \$20.00 per lesson to those students who are not enrolled. Contact Mr. Sean Hanson at [s.hanson@macs.k12.wi.us](mailto:s.hanson@macs.k12.wi.us) to register for the summer jazz experience and/or the lessons.

Watch for the McDonell Marching Band in the Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 31. TBA time.



## MATH DEPARTMENT NEWS



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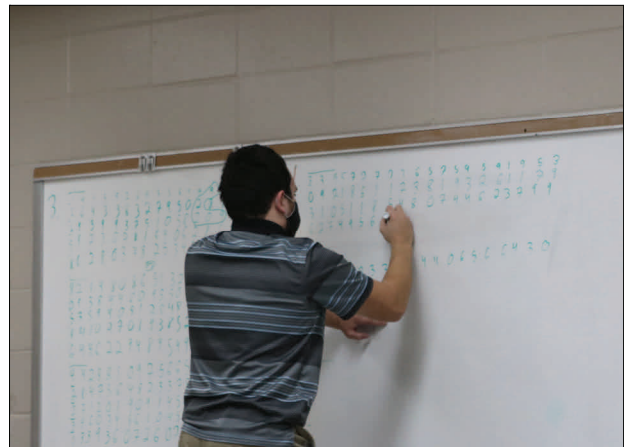
**Mr. Tony Reiter**

The Pi Day contest, normally held on March 14 each year, had no competition for Senior Peter Herron who tied John Polus', Class of 2013, school record on Friday, March 12. Peter successfully memorized 1000 digits of Pi! *Congratulations to Peter!*

**Pi** is the circumference of a circle (the distance around the circle) divided by its diameter (the distance across). Because **pi** is an irrational number, it has an infinite number of digits.

### Physics News

The physics class held their 30th Annual Physics Cup. The objective is to build the lightest boat that can support the most weight. This year's winner was Peter Herron. The physics class also made ice cream. Thanks to Gary Abramczak of Praixair for the liquid nitrogen.







## Principal's Corner

**Mr. Eric Wedemeyer '92, Principal  
St. Charles/Holy Ghost Schools**

Entering the final month of the school year, I want to thank all of our families for their patience, understanding and flexibility as we traveled through this very difficult time. I feel like we are really starting to see some signs of things getting back to normal and I'm very hopeful that our classrooms will resemble a more typical learning environment this fall.

I believe that Catholic Education has two arms: religious education and a larger arching branch within our schools. The latter includes all other academics, extra-curricular activities, athletics, the arts, community service and more. Religious education is the best tool for evangelization. It is one of the most effective ways that we can stimulate spiritual growth and encourage a relationship with Jesus Christ. The larger reaching arm assists our students in developing the skills and knowledge to articulate and defend their thoughts. Creating a healthy environment for each of our students to increasingly become more and more confident each and every day is what we are all about. I mention all of this because I witness it every single day in our schools. I am so inspired and thankful to be a part of the MACS team because what we do here is so special and important.

Enjoy the springtime weather and thank you all for your prayers and commitment to MACS!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Charles and Holy Ghost Schools – May 2021

- May 5** SC Mass/May Crowning at 8:30 a.m.  
HG Mass/May Crowning at 8:30 a.m. (Gr. 4/5)  
Grade 2B goes to Olson's Ice Cream
- May 6** HG Mass/May Crowning at 8:30 a.m. (Grade 3)  
Grade 2A goes to Olson's Ice Cream
- May 8** Happy Mother's Day!  
First Communion at St. Peter's Parish
- May 10** MACS Faith Boosters Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- May 12** SC Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
HG Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Grades 4/5)  
MACS Athletic Booster Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- May 16** Ascension of Jesus
- May 17** Grade 2 goes to Irvine Park
- May 19** SC Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
HG Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Grades 3/4)
- May 20** HG Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Grade 5)  
MACS Education Commission Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
- May 21** Grade 1 goes to Irvine Park  
McDonell Senior Graduation – 7:30 p.m.  
(livestreamed)
- May 24** HG MACS in Motion Day
- May 25** SC MACS in Motion Day
- May 26** SC Mass at 8:30 a.m.
- May 28** Last Day of School  
HG Mass/Awards – 8:30 a.m.  
(livestreamed)  
Reports Cards Go Home  
SC/HG HandS Ice Cream Treat
- May 31** Memorial Day



In honor of Earth Day, fifth grade boys and girls created a variety of musical instruments from recycled materials. Whether it's made of brass or paper, you just can't stop the music!

# “Here a chick, there a chick, everywhere a chick, chick.”



As in past years, kindergarten boys and girls were able to help incubate chicken eggs and then witness the little chicks break through their shells to arrive into the world. In fact, 15 baby chicks were hatched in all! What an “egg-citing” time for all the students at St. Charles School! These three kindergarten students (above) certainly look like they are enjoying the chirping, fuzzy additions to their classroom.



**Use the Box Tops app to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online. From playground equipment to technology to library books, your school can use this money to help teachers and students get the supplies they need.**

## Holy Ghost “FUN”raiser: Box Tops Bonanza!

The Holy Ghost Student Council is hosting a Box Tops for Education competition between the different grade levels. Points are no longer clipped off grocery products; the store receipt just needs to be scanned to add up the total. The more points each grade level collects, the more rewards the students in that grade receive.

- 10 Points = Extra Recess
- 20 Points = Extra Snack
- 30 Points = Afternoon Treat
- 40 Points = Show and Tell
- 50 Points = Comfy, Cozy Day

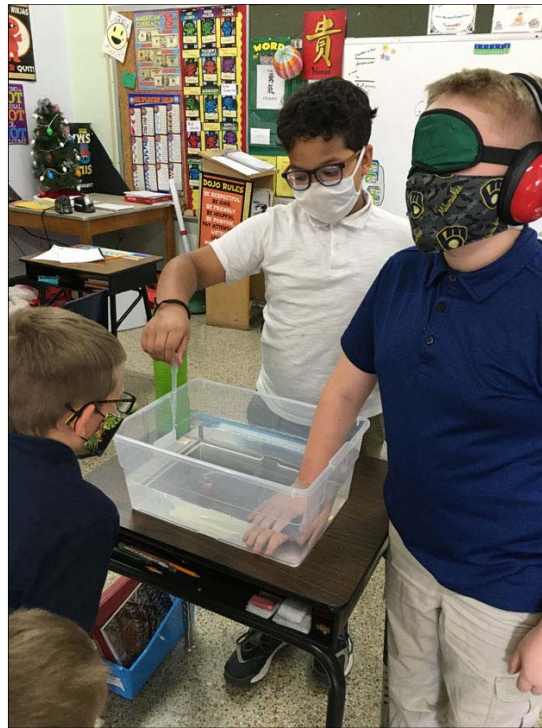
Of course, the best reward is the money the Box Tops collection raises for the school!

Because of a windfall amount of points handed in by third grader Isaac Lubs, this trio of girls (right) busily fill in the Grade 3 chart all the way to the very tip top!

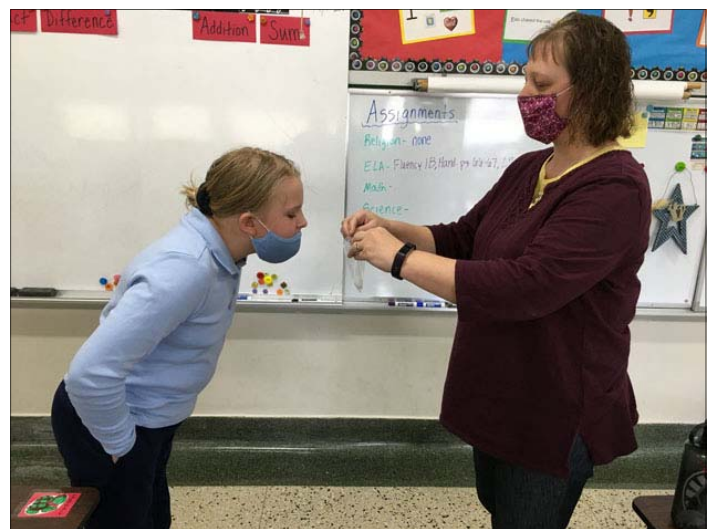
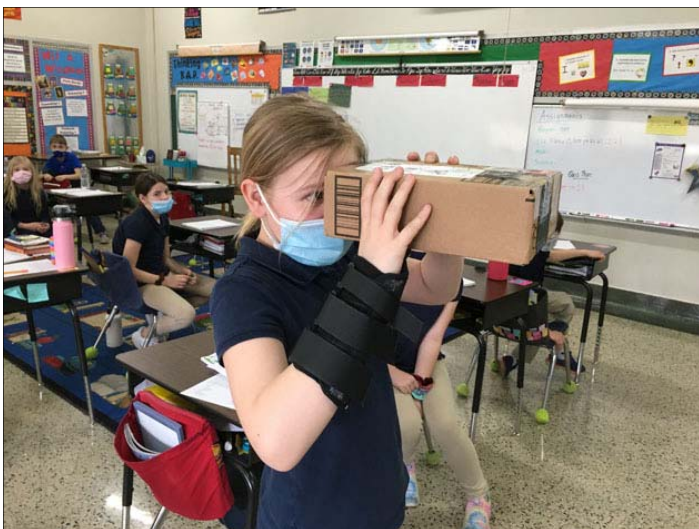




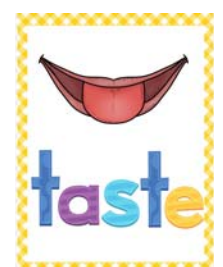
# Students explore the power, and limitations, of their five senses



Can people see at night as well as a cat? Does our ability to hear distant sounds match that of a rabbit? Is our sense of touch as sensitive as that of a crocodile? Do dogs have a more powerful sense of smell than we do? Is our sense of taste as keen as that of a cow or a catfish? During some recent science classes, the fourth grade students discovered the answers to these questions. As wonderful as our five senses are, they do not compare to the senses that some of our friends in the animal kingdom possess!

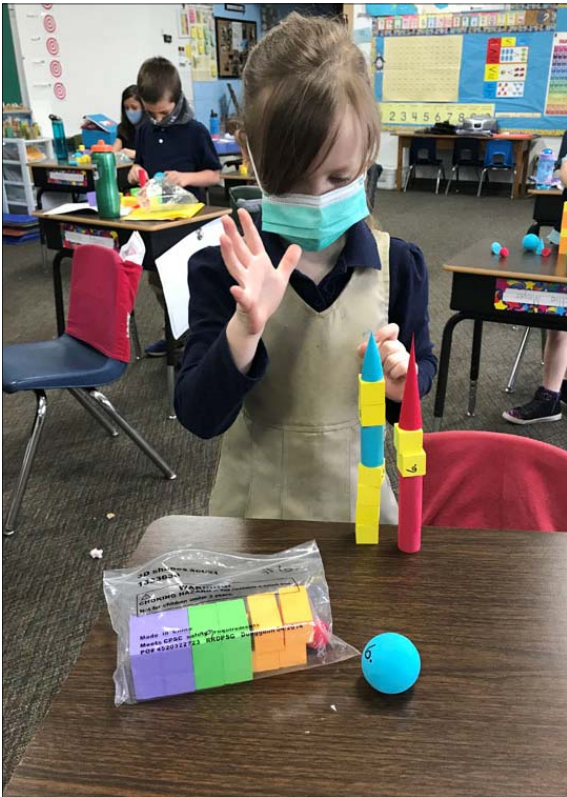


Fourth graders conducted experiments focusing on the sense of hearing (top left), touch (top right), sight (bottom left), smell (bottom right) and taste. They recorded their observations, comparing their senses to those of animals.





# Students discover that playtime can also be learning time



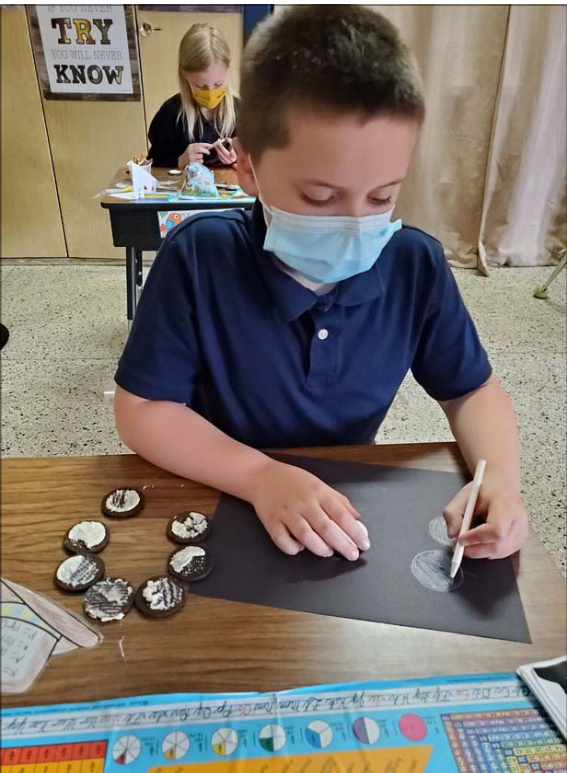
A first grade girl (left) gets a little taste of geometry when she builds a construction out of different three-dimensional shapes.



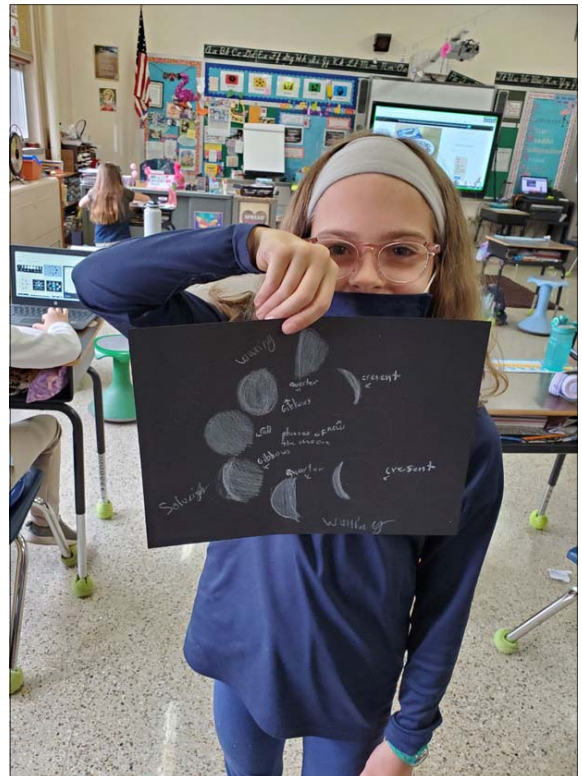
As part of an Easter project, Kindergarten students (right) measured Easter related pictures with jellybeans!



# What do the moon and an Oreo cookie have in common?



Third grade boys and girls studied the phases of the moon in a most delicious way – with Oreo cookies! They took apart the cookies and moved the frosting inside to look like the eight phases of the moon. They then drew the phases with white crayon on black paper. The boy at left begins his drawing after creating the moon phases with his Oreos. The girl at right displays her finished drawing. Later on they ate their Oreo moons!







# MCDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Est. 1882

## McDonnell Central Catholic High School

1316 Bel Air Blvd, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 715.723.9126

### 3rd Quarter 2020-2021 School Year

### Honor Roll

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade High Honors:** Frederick Blair, Andrew Bormann, Abigail Bresina, Jonah Christopherson, Olivia Clark, Emily Cooper, Thomas Cushman Jr, Aubrey Dorn, Miles Flanagan, Madeline Geissler, Isabel Hartman, Cassandra Herr, Maria Herron, Corbin Holm, Lily Hunter, Prudence Maloney, Calvin Rineck, Katie Ruf, Gretta Sokup, Anna Thaler, Alexander Tokarski, Morgan Wirtz

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors:** Alayna Crawford, Domenic Hazelton, Kinley Laux, Joseph Leibrandt, Ellen Matott, Katie Rubenzer

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade High Honors:** Christine Abbe, Rebecca Baier, Andrew Bauer, Eva Bushman, Alyssa Ferguson, Grace Goettl, Nichole Guski, Megan Hanson, Marley Hughes, Rhiannon McChesney, Sydney Retzlaff, Greta Thornton, Evelyn Willi, Josie Witkowski

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors:** Benjamin Biskupski, Brady Rubenzer, Ella Schemenauer, Emily Thaler

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade High Honors:** Amber Adams, Daniel Anderson, Helen Bullard, Samantha Guski, Kallee Le Cloux, Kaitlyn Ortman, Paige Smiskey, Emma Stelter

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors:** Laneyse Baughman, Devin Benish, Lauryn Deetz, Sydney Flanagan, Noah Hanson, Kristiana Hess, Sophia Kinlen, Isabelle Maloney, Landon Moulton

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade High Honors:** Isaac Bleskachek, Elise Bormann, Joelle Bremness, Jackson Bushman, Kelly Cushman, Maggie Craker, Ann David, Elizabeth Eckes, Rachel Eisenreich, Anna Geissler, Peter Herron, Logan Hughes, Cynthia Keck, Nya Lieble, Benjamin Prissel, Jake Siegenthaler, Vincent Van Sleet, Elizabeth Wedemeyer, Kennedy Willi, Rongxian Yang

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors:** Gavin Dorn, Luke Newton, Kate Roth

## Congratulations!

High Honor Roll Eligibility: 3.667– and above Grade Point Average

Honor Roll Eligibility: 3.33 – 3.66 Grade Point Average



# MCDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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## Notre Dame Middle School

1316 Bel Air Blvd, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 715.723.4777

### 3rd Quarter 2020-2021 School Year

### Honor Roll

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade High Honors:** Evelyn Doyle, Korynn Grunwald, Miranda Johnson, Kherington Mosack, Claire Ruf, Miles Schmidgall, Erin Siegenthaler, Annabelle Willi

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors:** Luke Andersen, Nathan Boggess, Johnathan Brady, Kelsey Bremness, Elianna Eddy, Sophia Empey, Isabella Giza, Emily Hartman, Nneomam Odenigbo, Lucia Pries, Robert Schwetz, Anne Siegenthaler, Grant Sokup, Carson Sweeney

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade High Honors:** Jaidyn Brady, Lauren Buescher, Elyse Bushman, Owen Clark, Chloe Flanagan, Callan Laux

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors:** Brooke Bach, Mason Busse, Owen Elstran, Angelo Enderes, Soren Endrud, Nick Flashinski, Kennedy Giza, Paiton Grunwald, Jack Hanson, Samuel Kasper, Caleb Leet, Lucas Lobos, Desian Matthews, Dawson Moulton, Riella Rubenzer, Delaney Smiskey, Ashley Van Sleet, Keagan Winger

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade High Honors:** David Andersen, Sarah Buchmann, Sophia Schmidgall

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors:** Aubrey Baier, Lily Edison, Karley Ferguson, Alexander Fischer, Kidiest Freerks, Lauren Misfeldt, Sean Rasmus, Ben Siegenthaler, Grant Smiskey, Eva Van Den Heuvel

## Congratulations!

High Honor Roll Eligibility: 3.75 – and above Grade Point Average

Honor Roll Eligibility: 3.0 – 3.74 Grade Point Average



# MACS

## celebrates

140 years

# JUNE 12, 2021

# 11:00 - 10:00 PM

**NORTHERN WISCONSIN STATE FAIRGROUNDS**  
**FREE ADMISSION**



**CATHY REITZ & 7 SWING**  
12-2 PM



**KELSEY MILES**  
3-6 PM



**IN2ITION**  
7-10 PM

## RAFFLE TICKETS

**Grand Prize: Private Concert with Chris Kroeze**

**Second Prize: \$1000 | Third Prize: \$500**

\$50 per ticket. Only 500 tickets sold. | Drawing held June 13, 2021 at 10:00 AM

Call 715.723.0538 to purchase.

**Bucket raffles with a chance to win:**

- The Chippewa Store Package
- Blackstone Griddle
- Gift Card Trees (\$500 value)
- Wheelbarrow of Leinenkugel's beer
- and more

## SHEEPSHEAD



## TOURNAMENT

**\$10 Entry Fee**

**Register day of event**

**Game play starts at 1:00 PM**



**MCDONELL AREA**  
**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**  
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live music



food & beverages



kids' activities

# TOTUS TUUS

## 5 ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

(Latin for "Totally Yours") is a Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. The goal of **Totus Tuus** is to help young people grow in the understanding of, and strengthen their faith in, Jesus Christ.

1. Proclamation of the Gospel – to arouse faith
2. Apologetics – examination of the reasons for our beliefs
3. Christian Witness – an experience of Christian living
4. Celebration of the Sacraments – especially Holy Eucharist and Confession
5. Active Witness of the Missionary Nature of the Catholic Church

### Grade School Program

For Catholic children going into **1st through 6th grades**. The program strives to:

- **Help** students be clear and consistent in their faith
- **Show** the children that the humble yet courageous seeking of all believers is to be based upon the Word of God.

**Grade School Program meets 9:00 am – 2:30 pm**

### Junior and Senior High School Students

For Catholic youth going into **7th through 12th grades**, and includes instruction, large and small group discussions, quiet meditation, skits, subject related activities, and prayer and fellowship.

**Jr./Sr. High School Program meets 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

### Teachers for Totus Tuus Program

College age students, two men and two women. (Generally one of the men is a seminarian.)



T: 651.291.4489 | F: 651.291.4554  
totustuus@archspm.org

Find videos and more details at [archspm.org/totustuus](http://archspm.org/totustuus)

**TOTUS TUUS**  
2021

Summer Faith Formation Program

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS  
OFFICE OF MARRIAGE, FAMILY AND LIFE



# TOTUS TUUS 2021 CURRICULUM

THEME: The Virtues and Beatitudes  
ROSARY: Joyful Mysteries



## JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM:

7TH-12TH GRADE

Class Schedule:  
(See opposite side for start/end times.)

### SUNDAY

Session #1: Call to Holiness  
Session #2: Call to Beatitude

### MONDAY

Session #1: Moral Virtues  
Session #2: Theological Virtues

### TUESDAY

Session #1: Humbly We Adore You Lord  
Session #2: Adoration and Confession

### WEDNESDAY

Session #1: Apologetics  
Session #2: Vocations

### THURSDAY

Evening Social

## ELEMENTARY PROGRAM:

1ST-6TH GRADE

Class Schedule:  
(See opposite side for start/end times.)

### MONDAY

#1 The Annunciation  
#2 The Cardinal Virtues  
#3 The Theological Virtues  
#4 Christian Beatitude

### TUESDAY

#1 The Visitation  
#2 The Charioteer of the Virtues (Prudence) 3rd Beatitude  
#3 Give the Man his Due (Justice) 4th Beatitude  
#4 Be Not Afraid (Fortitude) 8th Beatitude

### WEDNESDAY

#1 The Nativity  
#2 Invitation to Moderation (Temperance) 6th Beatitude  
#3 An Act of Thanksgiving (Eucharist)  
#4 Conversion to Good (Confession)

### THURSDAY

#1 The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple  
#2 The Choice of Belief (Faith) 1st Beatitude  
#3 Trust in the Holy Spirit (Hope) 7th Beatitude  
#4 The Golden Rule (Charity) 2nd and 5th Beatitude

### FRIDAY

#1 The Finding of Jesus in the Temple  
#2 Our Mission to Serve: Stewardship & Vocations

## Totus Tuus Summer Faith Formation Program Registration

Parents' Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Approval to use my child's(children's) photo on the web, bulletin or other publications  Yes  No

### In case of emergency contact:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
contact name relationship to child phone number

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
contact name relationship to child phone number

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Going into Grade \_\_\_\_\_

List allergies and/or other medical condition (s) \_\_\_\_\_

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List allergies and/or other medical condition (s) \_\_\_\_\_

We need families to host the team throughout the week by providing meals and/or lodging.

Yes, I am willing to provide:  a meal  lodging

We need parent volunteers available to help with supervision and serve beverages during breaks.

Yes, I am able to help with:  Snack Break (9:45 a.m.)  Lunch (Noon)  Recess

JR/SR High Break (8:30 p.m.) \_\_\_ Sun \_\_\_ Mon. \_\_\_ Wed.

Classroom Aide/Daycare assistance (must be high school or older):  Yes  No

Weekday(s) available:  Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday

### Mail this registration form with payment to:

Holy Ghost Catholic Church  
412 S Main St.  
Chippewa Falls, WI 54706

Catechetical Program Registration/Camp Fee

\$40 for one child \$70 for two children \$80 for three or more

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." (JOHN 14:6)



# WITNESS THE DIFFERENCE

*Building on the Past, Believing in the Future*



Remodeled vestibule at McDonell Central Catholic High School and Notre Dame Middle School

## Modern Makeover



Jayne Armstrong Brannen '03  
Director of Advancement

In November of 2016, a comprehensive listening session was completed as part of updating the McDonell Area Catholic Schools (MACS) strategic plan. The result was a document to map MACS strategies going forward to 2021.

It was apparent as the strategic plan was assembled that we would need to increase our human capacity with the best talent we could find, provide a safe and appealing learning environment and make sure that MACS continued to be affordable to our current and future families. To that end, it was concluded that MACS needed a capacity campaign and thus the Witness the Difference Capacity Campaign was born.

To accomplish this goal we knew we needed help from not only our area supporters but also from our alumni and friends across the country. We began an outreach program in 2017 traveling to the Fox Valley, Twin Cities Metro, Arizona, Colorado, and Florida to share the good news of what is happening at MACS. MACS' successes include a 14% net 3-year enrollment growth, a greater than 95% teacher retention rate, and an updated leadership team model with an emphasis on "growing our own" leaders. MACS provides and supports innovative learning environments and has a long-range plan for all campuses which includes technology.

Over 95% of our MACS families believe that MACS provides academic excellence and strong Catholic identity and a Christian environment. (October 2020 survey)

With this, I ask you to include yourself in our mission and vision. Help us reach our goal of \$3,700,000 by making a charitable gift to McDonell Area Catholic Schools.



Updated women's bathroom in the commons at McDonell Central Catholic High School and Notre Dame Middle School. The bathrooms previously were outfitted with the original fixtures installed in 1965.



# Campaign Needs

## FACILITIES | \$700,000

Reaching this milestone allows us to improve our historical buildings by updating:

- athletic facilities
- classrooms
- bathrooms
- fire control system

## SCHOLARSHIPS | \$1,500,000

The newly established Guardian Angel Fund will provide scholarships to keep tuition affordable.

## TEACHER SALARIES | \$1,500,000

Allows us to effectively:

- Recruit, support, and retain quality teachers in a competitive teacher market in the greater Chippewa Falls area.
- Provide professional development opportunities to our faculty.

# By the Numbers

Campaign Timeline	June 2018-June 2021
Campaign Goal	\$3,700,000
Total amount pledged	\$2,676,749
Total number of contributors	76
Gift range	\$25-\$500,000

# Campaign Successes

- Secure, newly remodeled entryway and front offices.
- Updated mens and womens bathrooms and fresh paint in Commons.
- Assisted 40 K-12 families with tuition assistance through Guardian Angel funds.
- Provided faculty and staff continuing education and professional development.
- Restored bleachers with safety features and ADA accommodations in the Steve and Deb Roesler Gymnasium.

# Pledge by June 30

Please complete and return the pledge card on the back cover by June 30, 2021.  
Thank you!

*Pledges are a multi-year commitment to make a financial gift that supports the mission and vision of the McDonell Area Catholic Schools.*

*Gifts to MACS can be made via check, credit card, stocks, matching or planned gifts.*

*To discuss your commitment to the future of MACS **contact:***



Jayne Brannen, Director of Advancement

715.723.0538 x3306

[j.brannen@macs.k12.wi.us](mailto:j.brannen@macs.k12.wi.us)

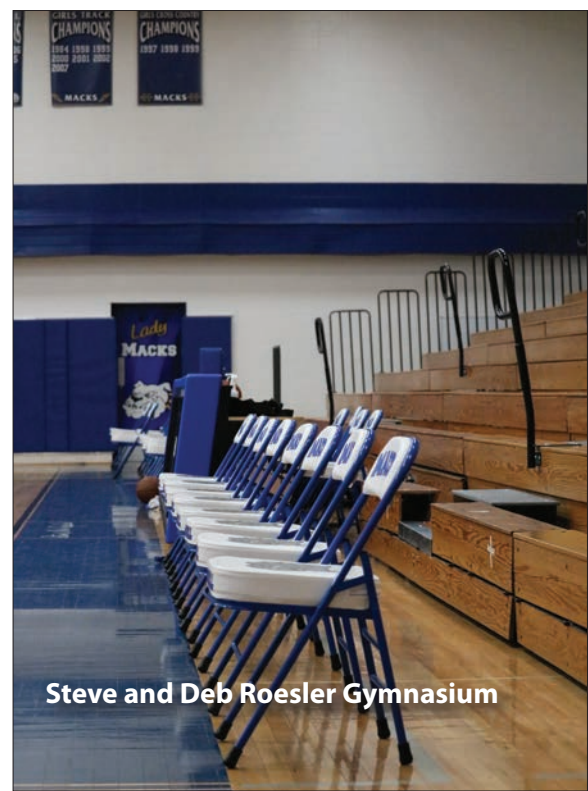
Visit: [McDonellAreaCatholicSchools.org/support-macs/](http://McDonellAreaCatholicSchools.org/support-macs/)



Freshly painted commons area at McDonell Central Catholic High and Notre Dame Middle School.

*“This school should provide no or low cost tuition to every family who wishes to obtain for their children a Catholic education.”*

Sir Alexander B. McDonell  
Donor of McDonell Memorial High School



Steve and Deb Roesler Gymnasium