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Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated at the Church of Notre Dame with Rev. Burish, Msgr. Gorman, Rev. Mark Miller, Very Rev. Kizewski and Deacon Rider. See more on the class of 2018 on pages 10-12.

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## Chippewa Falls Parishes

### St. Charles Borromeo

Msgr. Michael Gorman  
Parochial Vicar Rev. Mark Miller



### The Church of Holy Ghost

Very Rev. Justin Kizewski, Dean



### The Church of Notre Dame

Rev. Jesse Burish

Thank you to the area priests and parishioners for your support of Catholic education.

## Chippewa Falls Deanery Supporting Parishes

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### Sacred Heart of Jesus Jim Falls

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Rev. Eric Linzmaier

### St. Paul Bloomer

Rev. Victor Feltes, Deacon Dick Kostner

### St. Bridget Springfield

Very Rev. Justin Kizewski

### St. John the Baptist Cooks Valley

Rev. Victor Feltes

### St. Peter the Apostle Tilden

Msgr. Michael Gorman, Deacon Dan Rider  
Parochial Vicar Rev. Mark Miller

### All Saints Catholic Parish Boyd, Cadott, Stanley

Rev. William Felix '73, Deacon Ned Willkom

# Looking Forward

from President Jeffrey Heinzen



Mr. Jeffrey Heinzen

## Fine tuning our focus on the future

As I shared a year ago, we were in the midst of wrapping up our strategic listening and were beginning the work of developing our Strategic Plan. I want to thank again all those staff, faculty and stakeholders who assisted in writing, reacting and fine-tuning the plan.

Your MACS Education Commission reached a consensus with recommendations for the strategic plan at their April 2018 meeting. After

we make the final edits, the plan will be posted on the website. In anticipation, I have highlighted the major focus areas and some of the goals.

### EDUCATION

**Focus** - Steeped in the Catholic Tradition (MACS) ensures, with the support of our parents, a safe learning environment in which all people flourish intellectually, socially and emotionally in Christ.

**Goal** - MACS has an approach to education that is illuminated by the unity of truth and harmony of faith and reason, and announces the mystery of salvation across curricula. Our parents are well informed of their crucial role as the primary educators for their child's success and faith formation, and in collaboration with students and staff continue to form a communion of persons that shares in the life and the mission of the church both domestically and globally.

**Goal** - MACS has the resources, time and support of a viable core curriculum including religion to ensure that students have determined their vocational call and are college and career ready.

### ENROLLMENT & RETENTION

**Focus** is to achieve a 10% increase enrollment in five years through marketing with retaining 95%, or higher, of students from year to year.

**Goal** - MACS has an exemplary marketing effort which enables people to be aware of who we are and of our commitment to our Catholic faith and our community.

**Goal** - With the help of marketing, people are aware of what makes MACS stand out from other schools.

**Goal** - One of the key elements of the success at MACS is our exemplary parent leadership that serves as an integral part of student enrollment and retention.

### FINANCE & FACILITIES

**Focus** is to have a process and policies that ensure that we are strategic about our resource management to provide a safe and healthy environment in which our students receive a quality education.

**Goal** - We will work to have a long-range plan for all campuses that includes technology and alignment to mission and vision.

### GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP

**Focus** - The Leadership of MACS is vibrant and upholds the integrity of the tradition of excellence.

**Goal** - The Education Commission effectively assists the leadership in the governance of the school providing assurances that MACS engages a systematic, inclusive, and comprehensive process to review, revise, and communicate a clear purpose for students, staff, and community success. Through their role in providing guidance to MACS through the hiring of the president they secure future leaders who pursue the Vision - Mission of the McDonell Area Catholic Schools.

### RECRUITMENT, RETENTION and CAPACITY BUILDING

**Focus** is to recruit and retain highly qualified employees that exemplify strong leadership and are committed to grow in excellence in the vision and mission of our Catholic schools.

**Goal** - Through formal and informal supervision and evaluation practices, MACS staff continue to grow in professional excellence to insure a viable school system and student success. To accomplish this, leadership develops, mentors, and supports an employee from the initial contact and then consistently throughout their employment.

**Goal** - Comprehensive benefit packages offered to employees that encompass wages and benefits that are commensurate.

Simultaneously with the Strategic Plan, we knew that we could not implement a plan without human capacity and financial resources. Therefore, we have been preparing for a capital campaign. Although there was a "We belong to Christ" capital campaign in 2007, that was driven by the La Crosse Diocese, to pay off parish, school and diocesan debt that had accumulated. It was not designed to support MACS. So, we will be embarking on a capital campaign with the start of the next school year to address those matters raised in our strategic plan.

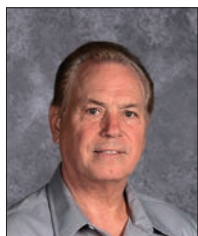
We have been blessed this year with great teachers, great principals and a support staff who are always helping to work forward toward what's best for the children of MACS. I will be praying for you over the summer and for a blessed start to a new academic year. *May God continue to bless you and your families abundantly during these summer days.*

### OUR MACS VISION

We are the school of choice for an excellent Catholic faith based education within the Chippewa Falls area. We welcome all families to be a part of our school community no matter their faith or financial means. In partnership with our parents, we form the whole child in support of our values and mission. Our vision of the whole child consists of a lifelong learner, who upon graduation, is academically prepared for post-secondary education and career, grounded in relationship with Jesus Christ, balanced physically and emotionally, and actively engages as a servant leader in family, parish, and civic communities.



# Employee recognitions for 2018 - Thank you Mr. Roger Sahs!



**Mr. Roger Sahs**

Thank you, Educator Mr. Sahs! Mr. Roger Sahs came to our school system 13 years ago. During his time with MACS he has taught Notre Dame Middle School seventh and eighth grade Earth Science classes, and at McDonell Central Catholic High School: AP Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Earth Science, Astronomy, Physical Science, and Energy.

What he has enjoyed the most about MACS is the "big family" environment. His plans include, "Finishing a gazillion projects I have at my homestead, and travel to see friends, relatives, and Fraternity brothers I have spread out all over the country."

Thank you Mr. Sahs, we have appreciated your wisdom and extensive knowledge in all things related to science.

This year the staff came together on Monday, June 4 for

Mass at the Church of the Holy Ghost with Very Rev. Justin Kizewski, Chippewa Falls Deanery Dean as celebrant. A breakfast was held in the McDonell Commons with the McDonell Culinary staff preparing a very nice meal. Following the breakfast, Pat Bischel '70 presented the Joseph and Olivia Bischel Faculty Scholarship. Faculty and staff who were recognized by their building administrator include:

## **5 YEARS**

Sally Folczyk  
Justin Kuehl  
Emmalyn Murphy '15  
James Schlauderaff

## **10 YEARS**

Teresa Dachel

## **15 YEARS**

Eric Wedemeyer '92

## **20 YEARS**

Archie Sherbinow  
Cheri Miller Van  
Dyke

## **25 YEARS**

Renee David '84

## **40 YEARS**

Phyllis Goettl '59



**Above:** The Dzialowy Teacher Scholarship, is given in memory of Anthony Mikolaitis and was presented by President Jeff Heinzen. He awarded scholarships to teachers Amy Vogt (McDonell-Notre Dame) Brittany Canfield (Notre Dame), Valerie Seigenthaler (St. Charles-Holy Ghost) and Bekka Beaufeaux (St. Charles).



**Right:** The Joseph and Olivia Bischel Faculty Scholarship was presented by Pat Bischel '70 to Mr. Steve Roesler '14H, high school social studies teacher and Mrs. Cindy Yohnk, first grade teacher. Parents wrote in nominating a teacher who exemplify Catholic education both in and out of the classroom. The nominations were given to the Bischel family to choose the scholarship recipients.

## Introducing MACS Director of Advancement

MACS President Jeff Heinzen is please to announce Jaynee Armstrong Brannen 2003 graduate from McDonell Central Catholic High School as the Director of Advancement starting July 1, 2018. "Little did she know fifteen years ago after heading south to Viterbo University in La Crosse, she would return to the campus of her Alma Mater as an Early Childhood teacher, earn her masters degree while on campus and be called to be a Servant Leader as Director for our St. Charles Early Childhood Center," said Jeff Heinzen. "An Alum, with fresh ideas, energy and 'out of the box' thinking who enjoys people especially her fellow Macks. I was delighted, after a prayerful year, when Jaynee agreed to join the administrative group as our Director of Advancement."

Jayne Brannen has been with MACS as an employee for seven years and is excited about this new position. "With continuous support from the President, my MACS family, and much reflection on my positive experiences and opportunities at MACS, it comes with great pleasure to accept the position of Director of Advancement." Jaynee went on to say, "I am eager to continue to meet and build relationships with Alum as well as with others in our great community of Chippewa Falls and the Chippewa Valley!" #gomacks #hometownproud



**Mrs. Jaynee Brannen '03**

# EDUCATION COMMISSION



Scott Sokup '88

Thank you to all alumni, parents and friends of the McDonell Area Catholic Schools, we appreciate and value your continued support.

The Education Commission is made up of leaders from MACS's supporting parishes, who get involved in many parts of the school system, providing advice and leadership to MACS's executive teams. Members are appointed by their parish pastor for a three year term. The commission's purpose is to advise the Dean and

President on matters that fall under their jurisdiction as defined by a set of bylaws established by the La Crosse Diocese.

In addition to being on the commission, we also try to make sure at least one commission member is involved in every committee and club at MACS, to help ensure all clubs and committees are working toward the same mission and vision for the school.

Here is a snapshot of some things from this past year:

- Setting annual tuition
- Approve operating budgets
- Sit on building and grounds committees
- Help set up youth apprenticeship programs with local businesses
- Work with the finance committee on how to fund programs
- Involved in Catholic identity discussions to ensure Catholic teachings are integrated in all our classroom lessons
- Approve policy and procedures at the schools
- Work on accreditation and school improvement teams.
- The commission encouraged our principals and leaders to use our testing scores and statistics to help quantify our level of success; and in-turn the marketing committee has been able to use some of this data in their *Why MACS* messaging to increase enrollment.

The commission is very active in the schools, and we want to thank you for the opportunity to serve our parishes, and help the church in their important mission of providing a great Catholic education to our parish children of the Chippewa Falls Deanery.

I would also encourage you to thank the commission members for their commitment of time and effort to this position. Members have a passion for Catholic education, and dedicate a lot of their time to help ensure MACS is providing the best Catholic Education it can; and investing the parish's dollars responsibly.

*Thank you for supporting the MACS mission and vision!*

## Did you know?

The Education Commission meeting minutes are posted on our website at [McDonellAreaCatholicSchools.org](http://McDonellAreaCatholicSchools.org) under the ABOUT - Education Commission.

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MACS live streams school concerts, programs, and home sports games on our website at MACSTV and on our MACS Facebook page #themackway!



## DEANERY REPRESENTATIVES 2017-18

### Scott Sokup '88

Chairperson  
Church of the Holy Ghost

### Molly Bushman '98

Church of the Holy Ghost

### Tracy Fischer

Church of the Holy Ghost

### Michelle Farrow

Vice-Chairperson  
The Church of Notre Dame

### Mike Crawford '88

The Church of Notre Dame

### Scott Siegenthaler

The Church of Notre Dame

### Regina (Regi) Geissler

St. Charles Borromeo

### Timothy (TJ) Proue '02

St. Charles Borromeo

### Gina Smiskey

St. Peter the Apostle

MACS is **currently seeking a representative from each of these parishes:**

All Saints Parish	St. Anthony
Holy Cross	St. Bridget
Sacred Heart	St. Charles Borromeo

*Contact the parish priest if you are interested in representing your parish.*

Each member represents the interests of their parish, and work with the school's leadership team to help ensure the mission and vision is being met. Please feel free to talk with one of your parish appointed commission members about what the commission is doing and any questions or concerns about the school.





### Father Mac Award

This award is presented to the outstanding male and female senior athletes. The award is based on grade point average, number of years of participation in athletics at McDonell, and number of varsity letters earned. Receiving the award for 2018 is Megan Baier and Joey Huffcutt.



### Norm Rubenzer Courage and Desire Award

This award is based on nominations submitted by coaches. Coaches nominate senior athletes who display the characteristics of courage and desire, as well as sportsmanship, teamwork, leadership and a good work ethic. Receiving the award is Joseph Schwetz and Abby Opsal.

## Cloverbelt Scholar and Scholar - Athletes recognized along with teachers and coaches



Attending the Scholar Banquet was Teacher Mr. Sean Hanson, John Francis, Principal Brian Schulner, Teacher Tony Reiter '74 and Megan Baier.

Seniors Megan Baier and John Francis have been chosen by the administration for their outstanding academic performance. They were honored at the Cloverbelt Scholar Banquet held in Neillsville. Megan chose Math Teacher Tony Reiter '74 and John chose Band Director Sean Hanson as their influential teachers.



Standing in front of the McDonell Hall of Fame wall are Coach Marty Bushland '16H, Peyton Tozer, Abby Opsal and Coach Steve Roesler '14H.

Abby Opsal '18 and Peyton Tozer '18 were chosen by the administration for their outstanding academic and athletic performance. Cloverbelt recipients were honored at a banquet this spring. Abby chose Steve Roesler '14H and Peyton chose Marty Bushland '16H as their most influential coaches.

### Notre Dame Middle School grade 8 Brawns Team



Pictured: Emma Stelter, Sydney Flanagan, Laneyse Baughman, Rector of the Cathedral Monsignor Charles Stoetzel, Destiny Baughman, Kaitlyn Ortmann and Laurn Deetz

The brawns team took third place at the 25th annual tournament in La Crosse during Catholic Schools Week.



# McDonnell Athletics

**BOYS SOCCER (11-4-3)** Regional and Sectional championship titles and final four of state tournament. Senior leadership (McD) Joey Huffcutt, Scott Wild (Regis) Austin Erickson, Dayton Gutsch, Zach Yengo, Justin Zwiefelhofer. Head Coach Joe Cash

**CROSS COUNTRY** Boys were Western Cloverbelt Champs and placed sixth at WIAA State Meet. Senior leadership Isaac Bohaty, Peyton Tozer and Alexandria Gaier. Head Coach Marty Bushland

**VOLLEYBALL (44-5)** Undefeated Conference Champs, Regional Champs and ranked #2 in state. Senior leadership Megan Baier, Shannon Horan, Liz Rietschel Grace Mrozinski, Abby Opsal.

Head coaches Kari Stepp and Kat Hanson

**GIRLS BASKETBALL (20-6)** They finished their season with a WIAA Division 5 Regional Championship Title. Senior leadership Megan Baier, Shannon Horan, Abby Opsal, Payton Swoboda. Head Coach Don Cooper

**BOYS BASKETBALL & SOFTBALL** (see back cover)

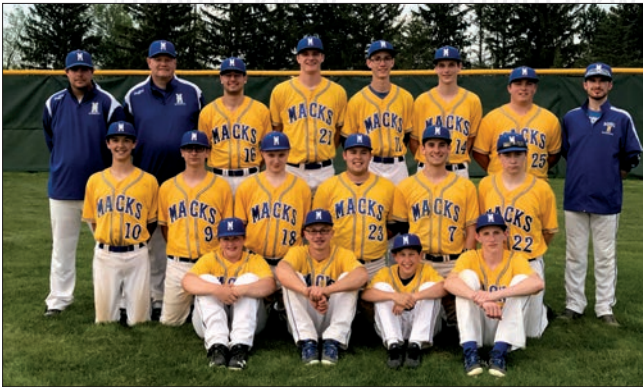
**GIRLS SOCCER (15-4)** Regional and Sectional championship titles, final four of state tournament. Senior leadership (McD) Aubree Hagen, Shannon Horan, Payton Swoboda (Regis) Emily Haag, Laura Pierce, Esme Reinders, and Marjie Willer. Head Coach Scott Hoffmann.

**BASEBALL (3-13)** Division 4 regional quarter final loss to Pepin/Alma 10-9 ended their season in playoffs. Senior leadership John Lyberg, Joe Schwetz, Hayden Baughman and Garrett Retzlaff. Head Coach Mitch Jacobson.

**TRACK & FIELD** Senior leadership Isaac Bohaty, Peyton Tozer, Joey Huffcutt, Chawit Kanapornchai, Alexandria Gaier, Grace Mrozinski. Head Coach Marty Bushland

**GOLF** Co-op with Regis. Team finished sixth at sectionals. Players for McDonnell Myles Fish, Drake McChesney, Oliver Shakal, Adam Waldusky. Head Coach Chris Longbella

*Individual athlete stats in next issue of the Mack Messenger.*







Seniors recognized on Fine Arts Night were: Adrienne Polus, Gordy Schafer, Joey Huffcutt, John Francis, John Lyberg, Aubree Hagen, Scott Wild and Joseph Schwetz.

### Fine Arts Award

John Francis and Scott Wild

### National School Choral Award winner

Scott Wild

### Forensics Award

Patrick Michael Kelly: Scott Wild

### Band Awards

Louis Armstrong Award: Joe Schwetz and Scott Wild Woody

Herman Award: Aubree Hagen and Gordy Schafer

Gilmore Award: John Lyberg

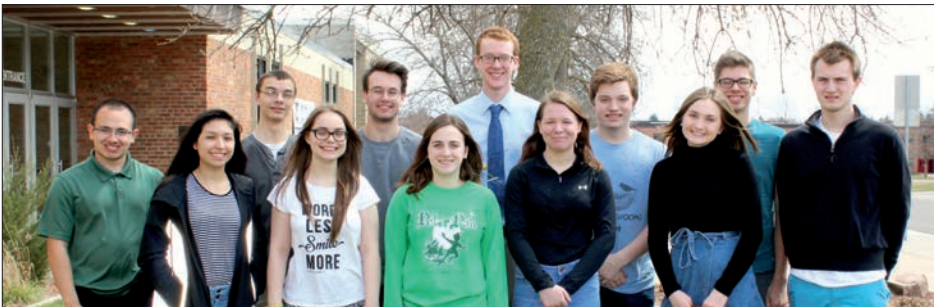
John Philip Sousa Award: John Francis

## Fine Arts Awards

Monday, May 14 was a grand night of art and music. Band Director Sean Hanson welcomed his St. Peter Catholic School band to the stage at McDonell for a performance before his Notre Dame sixth grade band and middle school bands shared their music. Following those concerts attendees moved into the Commons where a display of student works lined the walls and tables. A reception was held with entertainment

by state gold medal Forensic members and the high school Choir directed by Ms. Amy Vogt. Awards were given out throughout the night by both McDonell directors as the high school bands took the stage following the reception.

## Forensics members bring home state medals



Front row l to r: Peter Herron, Hannah Vallejos Duque, Anna Soskinska, Emmaliese Normand, Hannah Ullom, Maddie Wild, Scott Wild. Back row: Mark Buchmann, Garrett Retzlaff, John Francis, Gordy Schafer, and Jakeb Smiskey. Missing is Belinda Neff.

### Gold Medal Winners

John Francis, Garrett Retzlaff, Gordy Schafer, Maddie Wild, Scott Wild - **Playacting**  
Peter Herron - **Solo Acting Humorous**

### Silver Medal Winners

Mark Buchmann, Jakeb Smiskey - **Playacting**  
Anna Soskinska, Emmaliese Normand - **Playacting**

### Bronze Medal Winners

Hannah Ullom - **Farrago**  
Belinda Neff - **Poetry**  
Hannah Vallejos Duque - **Moments In History**

The entire McDonell Central Catholic High School Forensics team of 13 students advanced to the state tournament in Madison April 20-21 resulting in bringing home 13 medals!



Above: Fine Arts Night Garrett Retzlaff, Maddie Wild and Gordy Schafer perform their Forensics gold medal playacting piece during the reception along with the McDonell Concert Choir (below).





McDonell Central Catholic High School presented their 37th consecutive musical production "The Wizard of Oz" held February 2-4, 2018.

**Director of the Show:** Sue Decker

**Stage:** Carol Way

**Choral:** Amy Vogt

**Orchestra:** Sean Hanson

**Technology:** Skip August

**Costumes:** Rose August

The cast featured students from McDonell High School, Notre Dame Middle School, and St. Peter School. Many students and a special crew of "dads" were busy practicing, building and painting the sets for three months. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their time working on the musical which resulted in a fantastic production of costumes, acting and music.



## MAIN CAST MEMBERS

Dorothy – Madeleine Wild | Scarecrow (Hunk) – Anthony Roach

Tin Man (Hickory) – Scott Wild | Lion (Zeke) – Gordy Schafer

Glinda (Aunt Em) – Shanen Rice

Guard (Uncle Henry) – Drew Hunt

Wizard (Professor) – Peter Herron

Witch (Miss Gulch) – Hannah Ullom





## Badger Boys and Girls State Delegates



Jakeb Smiskey



Oliver Shakal



Mitchell Haley

The Badger State is designed for students interested in the



Eleanor Blair



Ellen Kuss

study of government and citizenship. The programs are for individuals who are selected by high school faculty based on qualities of scholarship and leadership. Local American Legion Post 77 serves as the

clearing center for sponsoring delegates to these events.

Representing McDonell Central Catholic High School as delegates for the boys are Jakeb Smiskey, Oliver Shakal and Mitchell Haley. They will attend the Badger Boys State in Ripon, WI. The girls selected to represent McDonell Central Catholic at the Badger Girls State held at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh are delegates Eleanor Blair and Ellen Kuss.

*Congratulations to the incoming 2018-19 seniors.*

## McDonell High welcomed 11 International Student in 2017-18

International students bring a wealth of culture experience to our American students both in the classroom and their involvement with extra-curricular activities. *Thank you!*

Below back row, left to right : 'Jerry' Yuanmin Hao (China), 'Larry' Chawit Kanapornic (Thailand), 'Andy' Chik Ki Yeung (Hong Kong), Jason Chen (Hong Kong), Weidi Zheng (China), 'Happy' Rongxian Yang (China). front row, left to right: 'Kath' Kotryna Vaineikyte (Lithuania), Yada Suthithavil (Thailand), 'So Proud' Napassaiak Nipanan (Thailand), Anna Marie Sosinska (Poland), Ernesto Reinol Ferreira (Brazil).

## Mathematicians

### UW - Eau Claire Math Meet February 17

Congratulations to the two McDonell math teams for their performance. The team members included Megan Baier, Garret Retzlaff, Abby Opsal, Cory Hogleund, Mark Buchmann, Jakeb Smiskey, Hayden Baughman, Abi Pieper, Kotryna Vaineikyte, John Francis, Shannon Horan, and Mitch Haley. *Congratulations goes out to Sidney Rice for winning the Algebra Ninja contest.*

### Cloverbelt Challenge Math Meet March 6

Varsity team took third place: Megan Baier, Garrett Retzlaff, Jacob Schemenauer, John Francis, Kotryna Vaineikyte, Annabelle Abbe, Jakeb Smiskey, and Cory Hogleund. Jakeb, Garrett, and John won medals.

Junior Varsity team took first place: Abi Pieper, Caleb Thornton, Andrew Herron, Mark Buchmann, Drew Hunt, Anna Geissler, Hanna Vallejos Duque, and Peter Herron. Abi, Drew, and Mark were medal winners.

## Pi(π)Day

McDonell High School celebrated  $\pi$  day on March 14. Freshman Peter Herron successfully memorized 71 digits of  $\pi$  to have his name placed on the coveted official  $\pi$  day plaque.



Peter Herron

## Soup Can Races

The winner of the McDonell soup can race in Mr. Reiter's Physics class is Junior Jakeb Smiskey. The annual race is to use the concepts of moment of inertia, angular momentum, and torque in order to figure out



which soup would roll the fastest down an inclined plane.

Left: Referee Mr. Reiter '74, looks to see whose soup can, Sean Craker's or Jakeb Smiskey's, is the winner by a very small margin.



# Seniors and Educators recognized at Excellence in Education

The Chippewa Falls Area Chamber of Commerce hosted the 33rd Annual Excellence in Education Banquet at the Avalon Convention Center in Chippewa Falls on Wednesday, May 2, 2018. The top academic students from the senior classes of McDonell Central Catholic High School and Chippewa Falls Senior High School, along with their most influential educators, were honored this night. The McDonell Jazz band entertained the table sponsors and guests upon their arrival.

McDonell Central students and educators recognized this year were Megan Baier with Mrs. Mary '78 Wermund Jacobson and John Francis with Mrs. Alice Butler '16H. Both the students and educators had the opportunity to highlight a few of the



Parents Randy '88 and Debbie Baier with their daughter Megan and Mary '78 Wermund Jacobson, most influential educator.

best qualities each had for the other (in 50 words or less).

Megan Baier, daughter of Randy '88 and Debbie Baier said of her most influential educator, "Mrs. Jacobson is an inspiration to everyone she encounters. The lessons she provides through her service program is something that can't be taken for granted. Volunteering her time to form values in young people is just a fraction of what makes her a great role model."

Mary Jacobson's comments were, "Megan could be exhibit 'A' in Robert Greenleaf's servant leadership training program. In addition to her huge academic and athletic accomplishments, Megan is even more skilled in how she treats and serves others. Megan's servant leader example has positively influenced many students and staff at McDonell, including me."

John Francis, in reflection of Mrs. Butler said, "It's hard to think of an educator who has had more impact on my life than Mrs. Butler. Not only did she help me advance my English proficiency, but more importantly, she helped me to grow as a person through the support and positive reinforcement she gave to all her students. There is no one more deserving of this recognition in my life, than Mrs. Butler.

Alice Butler said of her former student, "John has been



Parents John and Laurie Armstrong Francis '78 with their son John and Alice Butler, most influential educator and honorary alumni '16H.

"tooting" his own horn for many a year, literally. From the Macy's Marching Band to a myriad of band honors. His tenacious demeanor in pursuing excellence leads me to enounce: He was an absolute delight and honor to have taught. John Francis is the epitome of a true Christian gentleman."

The keynote speaker at the banquet was Rev. Joseph Baker, McDonell class of 2006. He started with the question "Why would a Catholic Priest be asked to speak?" He answered with, "I am just as surprised and wonder why as well, and yet, here I am." Fr. Joe originally aspired to work in politics or as a lawyer, while attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He decided to leave UW in December of 2007 to pursue the

priesthood and was ordained in 2016. He said, "Whoever thought I would be celebrating my first Holy Week with 300 Yupik Eskimos in Newtok, Alaska, have a library card to the Library of Congress and be a frequent flyer between the U.S. and Rome." In the fall of 2017, Fr. Joe began a two-year master's program in bioethics. This requires Fr. Joe to return to Rome quarterly for intensive week-long periods of lectures and exams. Fr.



Rev. Joe Baker '06

Joe has also been working with the Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, for his ongoing bioethics research. His advice to the seniors, "Make wherever you are, whatever place you are in, better because you are there."

*"Make wherever you are,  
whatever place you are in,  
better because you are there."  
- Fr. Joe Baker '06*

When Fr. Joe is not in Rome, he is assigned as the parochial vicar (assistant pastor) of St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Janesville, WI.





# Leaving the Footprint of the Class of 2018

By Mr. Brian Schulner, Principal

On Wednesday, May 16, 2018 the McDonell Central Catholic High School Class of 2018 celebrated their Baccalaureate Mass at the Church of Notre Dame. The celebrant was Reverend Mark Miller, chaplain who was joined by Monsignor Michael Gorman, Very Rev. Justin Kizewski, Rev. Jesse Burish, Seminary Intern Isaac Pecha and Deacon Dan Rider. Afterwards, the graduates and their families enjoyed a gathering and meal at the Notre Dame Life Center. Each graduate individually spoke of their future plans.

Graduation for the 32 seniors was held on Tuesday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The McDonell band led by Director Sean Hanson played the traditional processional "Pomp and Circumstance". Rev. Mark Miller led the invocation.

Salutatorian John Francis, started his address by slapping a gavel down three times on the podium and then apologizing.

He had entered an essay contest where the winner would be awarded to have Judge Judy come to give the commencement address. John stated, "Though I made it to the top ten (in the nation) that was as far as I got, so you are stuck with me!" Uncertain to whether they qualified as the most successful or greatest class, he described aspects that made their class stick out. John stated, "To start with, we simply enjoy

each other's company and respect our differences. We don't try to make anyone to be like us."

After a plug to purchase his Lake Wissota sailing merchandise, John shared some words of wisdom from his late Grandfather, Richard Armstrong, who was the principal at the Chippewa Falls Junior High and had given the commencement address to the Class of 1962. John concluded that our Christian values and morals shaped us,

united us and will continue to guide us. As his wise Grandma Kathleen Mower Armstrong '44 once told him when he asked, "What should I be in life?" She answered, "Be true to yourself and don't forget who you are inside. God will always be there for you. You will never be alone if you believe that, and faith will be your stronghold throughout everything that lies ahead."

Following his speech Choral Director Amy Vogt asked the seniors to join the McDonell Concert Choir one last time in song, sharing with all present "I'll Be On My Way".

Valedictorian Megan Baier's goal in her speech was to answer the question, "What makes this Class of 2018 so special?" The class had many talents and was a care free, fun loving group of students. The best way to describe why they are special came from a statement from a classmate, Hayden Baughman. When talking with his service learning fifth grade classroom about team building,

he was asked the question, "What makes your class different?" He responded simply by saying, "We like each other." It was an easy answer to give because it

was true. We really like each other. That's what sets us apart from the rest; the love and the care that we have not only for one another but for everyone around us. It may seem like a mundane thing, but this class is special because that love for one another defines the way we interact with each other, our fellow students, the faculty, our families, and everyone else who has been impacted by our group. Megan concluded by pondering the question, "Where are we going?" The answer she found on her phone without even turning it on, the apple logo, "Think Different".



Salutatorian John Francis



Valedictorian Megan Baier



"So, Class of 2018, let's make a pact, wherever we're going. A pact not to be common, but to stay unique. We can be the ray of sunshine in a world that is so full of darkness, the love in a world full of hate. We can be ourselves, because we already know that's something special. And finally, let's fully embrace the world around us because sometimes, as I found out, the inspiration isn't on the screen. I don't know a lot about the future, but I do know one thing. This group of people thinks different – we find the good, we enjoy the little things, we care, we work hard, and no matter where the future takes us – no matter where we're going – we'll leave a mark. Class of 2018, where are we going? I don't know. But I do know it's somewhere great, and I can't wait to find out."

The 2018 Bishop Award recipient is Scott Wild. In Scott's address he talked of the accomplishments of the Class of 2018. One of their greatest accomplishments was that their faith remained constant. He presented three steps that he believed were necessary to live out your life.



The 2018 Bishop's medal is present to Scott Wild from Principal Brian Schulner.

1. Holy Communion, "We need to take time from our busy lives to receive Jesus Christ."

2. Confession, "It's one of the greatest things our faith has to offer. The cool thing about our faith is that it has great moral demands, but even greater mercy."

3. Prayer, "We can develop a prayer life with Jesus by simply praying at morning and night."

Scott thanked his community for their support the past year as his Dad has been battling cancer. He stated, "What my father has shown me is that if you stick with your faith, you can get through anything." In closing, Scott shared a quote with his class from Saint Catherine of Sienna, "Be who God meant you to be and you'll set the world on fire."

After Scott's address, the senior band members joined the McDonell concert band one last time under the direction of Mr. Sean Hanson. They performed, "Make Me Smile".

The commencement address was presented by Mrs. Mary King, English instructor and McDonell Alumna Class of 1969. Mrs. King understood that there may have been a different speaker, namely "Judge Judy". She appeased the class by putting on a judge's robe.

She stated that 49 years ago she sat in this the same auditorium at her own graduation. Gas at the time was 25-30

cents a gallon, music was listened to on 33 and 45 records, phones were owned by Ma-Bell and there were no fast food restaurants.

Her address keyed on three main points.

1. Respect, "We must respect our fellow men and women. We are all made in the likeness and image of God."

2. Kindness, "As Mark Twain said, "Kindness is a language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see."



3. Love, "You must love the Lord God with all of your heart, with all of your being, with all of your mind."

Mrs. King then gave a few thoughts on each individual graduate which was enjoyed by all. She concluded with a poem entitled, "Ode to The Class of 2018".

McDonell Area Catholic Schools President Mr. Jeff Heinzen and Dean of the Chippewa Falls Deanery the Very Reverend Justin Kizewski conferred upon the graduates their diplomas. The graduates individually presented their class flower to their parents as the class song "If I Didn't Have You" played in the background. Everyone joined in the singing of the "Alma Mater" and Father Kizewski gave the benediction. After the recessional, the graduates formed a receiving line in the commons which was followed by a senior slide show in the auditorium.

I must say that I was very pleased with the Class of 2018. I knew it from when I first met them as a group two years ago when I introduced myself to each class individually. Instead of being what I found the norm with most classes who will spread all over the place in their own little groups, this class walked in together to the auditorium and sat as a group right up front. They came in as a team. With that came common respect for one another, adults they worked with and the community as a whole. They walked the talk. From my seat I saw no bullying, drugs, or negative behaviors that have become prevalent and sometimes accepted in our society. *They accepted each other!* This from an old Principal's perspective is refreshing. It was okay to be a boy that sings in the choir yet plays basketball and football. It was okay as seniors to have a Grandparents Day, eat with and sit at Mass with the sixth graders and honor the custodians and office workers. It was okay for all of you to gather as a community with your parents and families.

My hat's off to the Class of 2018 parents. You seized the opportunity to work together for the right reasons from the start for all of your children. You stuck together as a community, be it at church on Sunday, the beach, picnics or athletic events. Everyone was included and everyone was welcome. The result is the McDonell Class of 2018.

*Well done!*



**Megan Baier, Valedictorian,**  
**Parents Randy '88 & Debbie Baier**  
 Plans to attend Madison for Biomedical Engineering.

**Hayden Baughman, Parents Ritch & Pam Baughman**  
 Plans to attend Concordia St. Paul for Accounting and play basketball.

**Isaac Bohaty, Parents Jon & Tamara Bohaty**  
 Plans to run track at the University of Mary in North Dakota majoring in Business Management.

**Michael Eisenreich, Parents Jim & Lori '84 Eisenreich**  
 Plans to attend CVTC for Business.

**Ernesto Ferreira, Parents Ernesto Ferreira & Sonia Reinol**  
**Host parents Christine & Randy Sonnentag**  
 Plans to attend UW-Eau Claire for International Business.

**John Francis, Salutatorian,**  
**Parents John & Laurie Francis**  
 Plans to attend UW-Eau Claire for Business and Music.

**Alexandria Gaier, Paul Gaier '85 & Katie Hartsough '86**  
 Plans to attend UW-La Crosse

**Aubree Hagen, Parents Robert Thorson & Lori Hagen**  
 Plans to attend UW-Stevens Point for Toxicology.

**Shannon Horan, Mike Horan '87 & Amy Wolniak**  
 Plans to attend UM-Duluth to major in Business.

**Joey Huffcutt, Parents Tom '81 & Mary Huffcutt**  
 Plans to attend UW-Eau Claire for Business Administration.

**Chawit Kanapornchai, Host: Daniel Wagner & Cece Moore Wagner**  
 Plans to attend Kasetsart University in Thailand

**Olivia Kressin, Parents Matt & Michele Kressin**  
 Plans to attend St. Edwards University in Texas for Biochemistry and Pre-medicine.

**Andre LeDuc, Parents Robert '86 & Sherri LeDuc**  
 Plans to attend Marquette in Milwaukee for Economics

**Jacques LeDuc, Parents Robert '86 & Sherri LeDuc**  
 Plans to attend St. Mary's University, Winona for Philosophy.

**John Lyberg, Parents Hans & Rebecca '86 Lyberg**  
 Plans to pursue a degree in Business Management or Marketing.

**Jainane Matthews, Parents Clemett & Desiree Matthews**  
 Plans to pursue an Associate Degree in Nursing at CVTC.

**Caitlin McDonald, Parents Patrick & Mary McDonald**  
 Plans to attend UW-Superior

**Elsie McDonald, Parents Paul '86 & Edith McDonald**  
 Plans to attend UW-Eau Claire for Business, minoring in theater.

**Grace Mrozinski, Parents Tim '85 & Jean Mrozinski**  
 Plans to attend Winona State for Physical Therapy or Speech Pathology.

**Abigail Opsal, Parents Darrin & Chris '89 Opsal**  
 Plans to attend UW-Madison for Pharmacy or Physical Therapy.



Front row left to right: Payton Swoboda, Alex Gaier, Shannon Horan, Aubree Hagen, Caitlyn McDonald, Michael Eisenreich, Jacques LeDuc. Next row: Hannah Ullom, Stella Rongitsch, Andre LeDuc, Isaac Bohaty, Liz Rietschel, Olivia Kressin. Next row: Chawit Kanapornchai, Ernesto Ferreira, Gordy Schafer, Austin Swoboda, Peyton Tozer, John Lyberg, Jainane Matthews. Next Row: Joe Schwetz, Abby Opsal, Jacob Schemenauer, Joey Huffcutt, Scott Wild, Garrett Retzlaff, Adrienne Polus. Next row: John Francis, Grace Mronzinski, Megan Baier, Hayden Baughman and Elsie McDonald.

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**Adrienne Polus, Parents Terry & Jackie Polus**  
 Plans to attend Benedictine College, KS for Elementary or Early Childhood Education.

**Garrett Retzlaff, Parents Scott & Michelle '85 Retzlaff**  
 Plans on attending UW-Eau Claire

**Elizabeth Rietschel, Parents Jerry '85 Rietschel & Melissa '86 Bowe**  
 Plans to attend UW-Eau Claire for Elementary Education.

**Stella Rongisch, Parents Dan Rongitsch & Dana Pecka**  
 Plans to attend the University of St. Thomas, MN

**Gordy Schafer, Parents Charles '82 & Jennifer Schafer**  
 Plans to attend CVTC for a Liberal Arts Degree and then attend University of Chicago for Linguistics.

**Jacob Schemenauer, Parents Keith '85 and Sandy Schemenauer**  
 Plans to attend UM-Twin Cities for Biology.

**Joseph Schwetz, Parents Mike & Becky '89 Schwetz**  
 Plans to attend University of St. Thomas to major in Physics and Astronomy

**Austin Swoboda, Parents Steven '83 & Bonnie Swoboda**  
 Plans to attend CVTC in Digit Marketing

**Payton Swoboda, Parents Tammy Swoboda & the late Kevin Swoboda '93**

Plans to attend North Central University for undergraduate in Biology and Psychology with ultimate goal of Psychiatrist.

**Peyton Tozer, Parents Tim & Lou Tozer**  
 Plans to attend CVTC for an Electrician Apprenticeship.

**Hannah Ullom, Parents Travis & Erica Ullom**  
 Plans to attend CVTC for Business Management then continue to Milwaukee Area Technical College for Mortuary Science and plans to be a Mortician.

**Scott Wild, Parents Scott '83 & Kathy '83 Wild**  
 Plans to attend University of St. Thomas for Pre-Medicine.





# Leaving a Legacy

## The Honorable Judge Jon Theisen '86

By Alexandria Gaier '18

One of Jon Theisen's lifetime accomplishments was solving a case that included three murders. One of the deaths happened in Chippewa County, while the other two occurred in Florida. Jon lost the initial case against the murderer in Chippewa Falls, but he continued his research and found a connection to the murders in Florida. The case in Florida had gone cold until Jon made a connection and called the man working on the case. With the help of Theisen, the criminal was convicted of the crimes he had committed.

Jon Theisen, now a judge, graduated from McDonell High School in 1986, and since then he has gone on to achieve great things. After graduating he continued his education at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. Jon graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy in 1990. He continued his education at the University of Pittsburgh and earned a Master of Library Science. In 1999, Jon Theisen earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Northern Illinois Law School. Following his education, in 1999, Jon Theisen became an attorney at Herrick and Hart Law Firm where he later became partner in 2004. From 2005-2011, Theisen served as the Chippewa Falls district attorney until he was appointed judge. He was appointed a Circuit Court Judge for the Eau Claire County on Friday, October 7, 2011, by Governor Scott Walker. His typical workday involves multiple hearings (up to 100) or research and writing.

"A judge has to listen, carefully and quickly analyze, and then communicate thought and decisions,"

Theisen said. "Such insight offered to parties provides guidance with which people often choose to solve their own disagreements without going to trial."

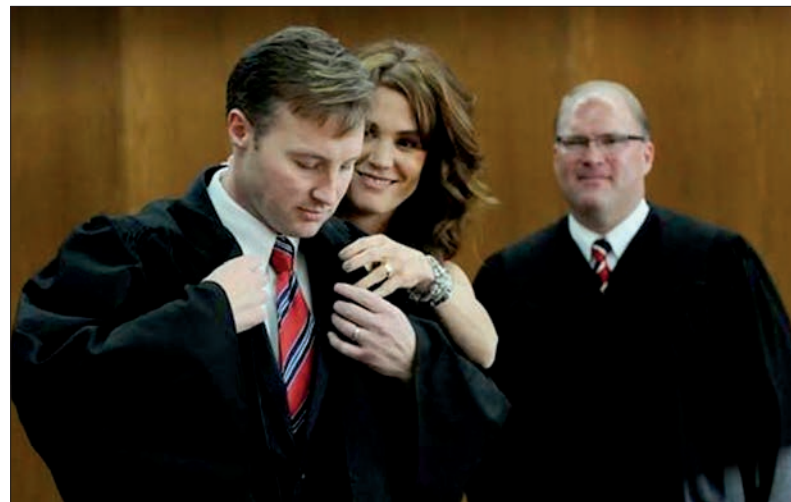
Theisen spoke about the difficulties he has to overcome in this position. While researching and thinking about his cases, he's always wondering if he's making

the right decision. To help with this aspect of his career, Theisen has a mantra: "Make the best decision you can with the information you have, then move on without regret or thinking back."

Judge Theisen works every day with others and allows them to help themselves with his counsel. Although this is a major achievement, Jon said "My biggest accomplishment is to approach every case with the understanding that that case is probably the most important case some person will ever have."

Aside from his accomplishments in his career, his family is another accomplishment in his life. Jon has five children that all look up to him and has a loving wife, Jen. His daughter, Grace, often receives advice and guidance from her father and is very proud of the work he does.

"Once I went to watch my dad in court," Grace said. "It made me extremely proud to see the passion he has for what he does. He never stops until justice



Jon Theisen '86 is helped by his wife Jen in October 2011, when he was appointed Circuit Court Judge for Eau Claire County.

prevails. My dad will often give advice to defendants and their families. He goes the extra mile."

Grace is inspired by her father because he inspires her to work hard, have passion, and do the right thing.

"I smile when I think about how lucky I am to have such a motivated, hard-working, and loving dad," Grace stated.

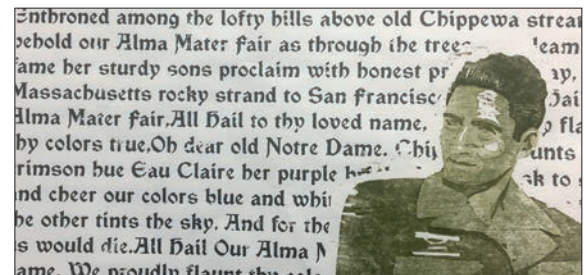
Jon is a hardworking, caring man that has love for his job and his family.

**Editor's Note:** McDonell Yearbook students were asked to find a McDonell alum that has done something noteworthy after graduating. They were then required to interview the subject and at least one other source before writing an article about the alum.

Do you have a story you would like to share? Please send to [MackMessenger@macs.k12.wi.us](mailto:MackMessenger@macs.k12.wi.us)

## Eugene O'Connell '43 remembered in work of art

The late Eugene O'Connell, graduate from McDonell Memorial, Class of 1943, was the subject of a final work of art produced by his granddaughter Natalie Pieterick. The multi media piece, "Thunderbolt Across Europe," features the school's Alma Mater and a likeness of Eugene. The type was digitally printed while the portrait was a wood reduction that was hand printed. "I made it to honor my Grandfather Eugene O'Connell who was drafted right out of high school. His athletic abilities qualified him to be the scout of his infantry, the Thunderbolt, which put his life at risk to bring back information for the rest of the infantry," said Natalie. Eugene was drafted into the U.S. Army on July 31, 1943, and was placed with the 83rd Infantry Division. He was honorably discharged on December 21, 1945. Natalie is a 2015 graduate of Regis High School, and is currently studying digital media arts at Hamline University with an emphasis in graphic design.





# McDonell High School Hall of Fame Inductees



**Congratulations to our latest Hall of Fame inductees. The McDonell Alumni Association recognized on Saturday for Service Achievement: Deacon Gerald 'Lefty' Devine '53, Carol Rowan Shepard '68, Dan Hunt '78, for Athletic Achievement: Bob Gelina '62, Ben Gardow '90, Tim Bowe '90. Pictured above left to right is Bob, Lefty, Carol, Ben, Dan and Tim.**

The McDonell Central Catholic High School shares with you the 2018 Distinguished Alumni who were inducted into the McDonell High School Hall of Fame. The following recipients reflect the mission, vision and values of the McDonell Area Catholic Schools and have had a positive impact on McDonell High School.

This year, the selection committee chose three nominees for outstanding achievement or service to McDonell or the community and three for athletic achievements. These recipients were honored at the McDonell Alumni Association celebration on Saturday, April 28, at the Heyde Center for the Arts.

## *Outstanding Achievement and Service*



**Deacon Gerald 'Lefty' Devine**

A graduate of McDonell High School Class of 1953, Lefty Devine grew up as the second youngest of nine children on the north side of Chippewa Falls during the post-depression time. It was always tough going for the Devine family, but despite the odds and a lot of help from the School Sisters of Notre Dame, they managed to live with dignity. Seven of the children served

their country in the military from World War II through the Vietnam War. After honorable tours, the siblings went on to earn five bachelor degrees, three master degrees and two doctorate degrees.

Lefty is a veteran and a graduate of the United States Army Finance and Accounting School and has a bachelor's degree from the Minnesota State University system.

He excelled in athletics while at McDonell. He was All-Diocesan in basketball for two years scoring 741 points. He was also an All-Diocesan selection in football. Following high school, Lefty played basketball in college, at the Eau Claire YMCA, Conoco Oilers traveling team out of Eau Claire and Chippewa Co-op in the Northwest Conference. While serving in the military, Lefty coached basketball against Ron Kramer out of Michigan and Green Bay Packers. Lefty also played against Hal "King" Lear who was under contract with the Philadelphia Warriors at the time.

Lefty spent several years working with young people at Boys Town, division of corrections and LBJ's Poverty Program. Following three years of training at the Saint Paul Seminary, Lefty was ordained a permanent deacon for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. He was ordained in 1979 and spent his time in parish ministry. In retirement, Lefty now volunteers with the chaplain's office at the Minneapolis Veterans Hospital.

## **Daniel J. Hunt**

Dan Hunt, a 1978 graduate of McDonell High School, was a three-sport athlete and was recognized as the scholar-athlete and received the Father Mac Award. He attended Lawrence University where he also played football and baseball, before graduating magna cum laude from UW-Eau Claire.



**Dan Hunt '78**

Dan and his wife, Linda have been married for 36 years, and their three children, Karena, Cassie and Jeremy also graduated from McDonell. He is a proud grandpa to Addy Ryba and is looking forward to three more grandchildren this year. Dan is one of 16 children, and his parents are Harold and Marian Hunt.

Dan has been with Mason Companies for 31 years and serves as its president, CEO and board member. He's been actively involved with more than 20 years of coaching youth sports inside and outside MACS, the MACS Education Commission, Boy Scouts, steering committees for Dorais Field Renovation, Northern Wisconsin Fairgrounds Community Acquisition and the fairgrounds, board positions with Chippewa Falls Main Street, Two Ten International Footwear Foundation, the Chippewa Falls Museum of Industry and Technology, United Way and more.



## Carol Rowan Shepard

Carol Rowan Shepard, a 1968 graduate, serves her community at St. Charles Borromeo Church on both the parish council and worship committees. She is also a choir member and cantors at Masses and a founder and teacher for Sonflower preschool program at the Church. She is a volunteer, benefactor and former board member of Chippewa Valley Cultural Association, volunteer librarian at the McDonell Area Catholic Schools, has been a Brownie and Girl Scout leader, speaker for the Excellence in Education and a foster parent. Carol volunteers at the Sojourner House in Eau Claire providing meals and helping with the check in process for this homeless shelter. She is a proud blood donor and encourages people to do at least one thing to help others.



**Carol Shepard '68**

Carol is a second-generation alum. Her mother Dorothy Ritzinger Rowan graduated in 1935. After high school graduation, Carol attended UW-Eau Claire where she received a bachelor's degree in medical technology and as a nontraditional student she attended Globe University and graduated in 2010 as a medical assistant. She worked for Ministry Health at the Owen Family Clinic for four and half years before retiring.

Carol and her husband Bill Shepard live in Chippewa Falls. She has three children who are also McDonell Alumni: Eric ('93), April ('96) and Anne ('99). They have blessed her with six grandchildren.

Throughout her life Carol's recognitions and involvement have included being named the co-philanthropist of the year, UW-Eau Claire and Chippewa Valley Fund Raising Professionals and a co-benefactor of the UW-Eau Claire School of Business and endowing the Entrepreneurial Chair.

She is a board member of Chippewa Valley YMCA, Saint Joseph's Hospital Advisory Board, Girl Scouts of America, Diocese of La Crosse, Sisters of Saint Benedict vocations committee, McDonell High School Foundation, Chairman of St Joseph's Hospital Charity Ball and a five-year member of the silent auction committee for that event.

## Athletic Achievement

**Tim Bowe**, class of 1990, received much recognition by setting school records and winning state championships in both track and football. His recognitions include: "St. Paul Pioneer Press" Western Wisconsin athlete of the week, May 1990; "Chippewa Herald Telegram" Athlete of the Week, September 1989; "Eau Claire Leader-Telegram" All-Northwest athlete, November 1989; 1988 all-conference 100m dash; 1988 second place 100m dash and 400m dash at state; 1989 all-conference 100m dash and



**Tim Bowe '90**

400m dash; 1989 fifth place state 400m dash; 1989 scored three touchdowns at winning state football championship game; 1990 all-conference 100, 200, 400m dash and indoor 400m dash; 1990 state champion 100, 200, 400m dash; 1990 state eighth place long jump; 1990 member of two-person state runner-up track team; school record holder in 400m dash; four-year letter winner in track; and two-year letter winner in football.

**Ben Gardow**, also class of 1990, was a student athlete at McDonell Central Catholic High from 1986-1990. As a sophomore he was the quarterback for the McDonell state runner-up football team in 1987 and the state championship football team in 1989. He also played center field on the state championship baseball team in 1988. He ended his football career setting state and national records with 712



**Ben Gardow '90**

completions in 1,348 attempts for 9,056 yards and 87 touchdowns. He set state passing records for career completions of 712 and single season passing yards with 3,507 yards in 1987. Ben also set national records: career passing yards with 9,056 yards, most plays per game at 53.2 during the 1989 season and the most plays per season in 1987 with 623 plays. He won numerous all-conference awards and was named all-state quarterback in 1989. He capped off his high school football career by playing on the North Shrine All-Star team during Wisconsin Shrine Bowl in 1990.

## Robert 'Bob' J. Gelina '62

Bob attended St. Charles Elementary School and McDonell Memorial High School, graduating in 1962. He participated in football and basketball in both elementary and high school as well as track in high school, earning conference and Diocesan honors in basketball and football in 1962.

After graduation Bob went to UW-Stout and played two years of varsity basketball and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Industrial Education & Technology in 1966 and a master's degree in 1967. His family then moved to College Park, Maryland, where Bob pursued and completed a doctorate degree (Ph.D) in 1972 at the University of Maryland (UMD). He became a teaching and research professor at UMD. In 1974, they moved to Ames, Iowa, Iowa State University (ISU) where he became the director of graduate programs in the Department of Industrial Education & Technology (IE&T).

From 1982-83, Bob developed and implemented an IEd&T Curriculum at the University of West Indies, Kingston Jamaica. In 1991, he and his wife Bonnie, also McDonell Class of 1962, established the Center for Continuous Quality Improvement, a management consulting firm, in the Research Park at ISU.

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Both he and his wife are presently retired while working with a limited number of clients and are involved in volunteer work in the Ames Community. They have three children.

During his senior year, Bob was awarded the McDonell scholar-athlete, was a unanimous choice CWCC, All-Conference 1st Team Tackle, the All-Diocesan 1st Team Tackle, the CWCC All-Conference 1st Team in Basketball and All-Diocesan 2nd Team

in Basketball.

Professionally, Bob was awarded the Governor's Iowa Quality award in 1990 and the Quality Ames Individual Award in 1995.

**Right: There were also two honorary, Class of 2018 ('18H) McDonell Alumni recognized. Pictured left is current MACS parent Greg Misfeldt and right a current MACS grandparent Dick Willi. See MAA's message below about their honor.**



# McDonell Alumni Association (MAA)

President Rolly Enderes '96

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McDonell Central High School Alumni  
952 members strong!



@McDonell\_Alum  
Start the tweeting!

It has been a busy first half of 2018 for the McDonell Alumni Association (MAA). So far in 2018, we had another successful alumni basketball and volleyball tournament, we inducted six alumni to the McDonell Hall of Fame and celebrated two new honorary alumni at the 4th annual MAA celebration, and most recently we welcomed the Class of 2018 as the newest members to the association.

The tournament found new ways to keep alumni from across the country connected and interactive. The alumni tournament committee utilized social media in a further capacity this year by posting live videos of bracket drafting while also adding some fun with commentary and analysis of match ups and posting live video on social media during events.

The MAA was proud to be part of this year's Hall of Fame induction of Robert Gelina '62, Tim Bowe '90 and Ben Gardow '90, Deacon Gerald Devine '53, Carol Rowan Shepard '68 and Dan Hunt '78. The achievements of this year's

HOF class were truly remarkable. The stories and speeches were inspirational and gave us more reason to be proud to be a McDonell Alumni.

Also, Dick Willi and Greg Misfeldt were surprised at this year's MAA Annual Celebration when they were called up to receive their honorary diplomas. These two well deserving McDonell volunteers, parents and supporters were honored for their work, effort and time spent (and continue to spend) to help McDonell be a better place for students.

This year's McDonell Central class of 2018 was yet another class for all of us to be proud. They have high expectation in academics, sports and their upcoming careers and I foresee them impressing us all with their future achievements. This class received a tremendous amount of scholarships and will be a group of alumni that I am confident we will be hearing more from in years to come.

I wish all my fellow alums a fabulous and safe summer, wherever you are.

Don't forget to stay connected to other alum by following our MAA group and page on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram as well as our website at [www.mcdonellareacatholicschools.org/alumni](http://www.mcdonellareacatholicschools.org/alumni)

The MAA is planning our first annual Mat-ball Tournament later this year watch for further details later.

On October 19, 2018 the Alumni Association will be putting on a career fair at McDonell Central. If you are interested in participating or being involved in any of these upcoming events, please email the MAA board at [mcdalumassoc@gmail.com](mailto:mcdalumassoc@gmail.com). Have a blessed summer. *GO MACKS!*

*Rolly*

Rolly Enderes '96, MAA President



Rolly Enderes '96



# THANK YOU

from the  
**Senior Class 2018**

My name is Peyton Tozer, and I am a senior at McDonell Central Catholic High School. I have been a part of the McDonell Area Catholic Schools (MACS) system since kindergarten. I went to St. Charles, Holy Ghost, and Notre Dame before attending McDonell High School.

The school atmosphere and learning environment are greatly improved by the close-knit MACS community. School has transformed from a strictly academic place where you learn history, mathematics, or English to an institution where you can grow as a person, learn social skills, and find your path in life. The class sizes allow for every member to have some sort of relationship with each other. I am fortunate to be part of a class that excels at inclusiveness and encouragement, no matter what my peers' interests are. With a strong faith background, McDonell is somewhere I feel comfortable to be myself, feel free to speak my mind, and most importantly talk about my faith with the others around me.

Students, like myself, have the opportunity to form a relationship with teachers and better their learning experience with more one-on-one time. By having teachers with a high level of dedication and commitment to the student body, asking questions in class or seeking help outside of class is worry free. The teachers, staff, and of course students are a community and act as a family united with the betterment of each other in mind.

The added benefit in attending McDonell is that being a Catholic school, we are taught about our faith and can learn how to better defend it in the ever-changing world. A faith-filled lifestyle is a part of my life, but attending the



schools within the MACS system deepened my appreciation, understanding, and articulation of the Catholic faith. Growing in faith and growing in education are proportionately important to the students within the walls of McDonell. We can see our faith in action in every classroom with the level of respect shown for individuals, every Wednesday at Mass where reverence is an important aspect, and hear it everyday in the halls where bright conversation and laughter form.

During my years in MACS I didn't isolate myself to the classrooms, but rather I participated in choir, cross country, cross country skiing, track and field, and helped around my school in anyway I could. Being engaged in these activities helped me develop leadership skills, deal with problems, and find efficient ways to solve them. I learned how family isn't just the people you live with, but it is also my community. I am happy I created memories that I will soon never forget. The academic instruction and extracurricular activities I was a part of made me appreciate the choice my parents made to send me to Catholic schools.

In general, I can proudly say I am glad to have the privilege to attend McDonell and to better my education, faith, and myself. I appreciate the community I have become a part of and the memories I have made. I hope that many others after me have the chance to experience what I did during my years at McDonell, and like me, can share in the growth as a person, family member, and community.

Thank you to all of those who support the McDonell Area Catholic Schools in any way, shape, or form. Your help does not go unnoticed, and with it we can all share in the growth provided by the many members of the MACS community.

*Peyton Tozer '18*



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# Financial Report

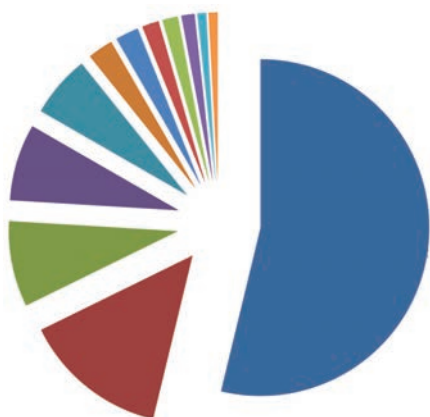
The 2016-2017 fiscal year ended on June 30, 2017. The 2017-18 report will be in the next issue of the Mack Messenger.

## REVENUE 2016-2017 \$5,201,655



**31% Tuition & Fees**  
**21% Development & Fundraising**  
**19% Parish Support**  
**11% Early Childhood Center**  
**7% Other income**  
**4% Athletics**  
**3% Food Service**  
**3% Gain/Loss on Investments**  
**1% Scrip - Net**

## EXPENSES 2016-2017 \$4,899,428



**54% Wages & Salaries**  
**14% Emp Benefits & Taxes**  
**8% Instructional**  
**7% Administrative**  
**6% Athletic**  
**2% Utilities**  
**2% Facilities**  
**2% Technology**  
**2% Food Service**  
**1% Equip., Repairs & Maint.**  
**1% Childcare**  
**1% Other**

The pie charts show what was received and expensed in the various categories for the year 2016-2017. McDonell Area Catholic Schools has now had five continuous years where total revenue has exceeded expenses. This has been accomplished with the generous support of alumni, benefactors, families, and parishes, and the continued growth of advancement and fundraising.

Scrip sales were \$1,558,193 for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Total Scrip profit amounted to \$97,304, of which \$33,917 was allocated to school families to help with their tuition costs during 2017-18.



## Thank you to our 2017-18 Corporate Partners . . . . .

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We appreciate all that you do for MACS and our Chippewa Falls community!

## STUDENT TUITION

As a direct result of the generosity of alumni, parishioners, businesses and friends of the McDonell Area Catholic Schools, we have been able to maintain the 2017-18 tuition at last year's rate (2016-17). **Tuition and fees paid by families is 26.8% of the total K-12 revenue.** The difference between the per-pupil cost and the tuition charged is obtained in many ways. **Parish subsidies provide 23.2%.** The remaining 50% of the per-pupil cost will come from advancement programs, fundraising activities and other resources.

Families who belong to a supporting parish and meet the criteria for active supporting parish member qualify for the supporting parish assisted tuition. Additional financial assistance is available for active parish members based on financial need.



# Thank you for making our 2016-17 Annual Fund Drive a success

The Annual Fund is the sum of all gifts received through donations. The gifts we receive fall into many categories, including the general fund, student tuition assistance, memorials, matching employer and restricted gifts. The McDonell Area Catholic Schools fiscal reporting year is July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. We sincerely thank all of you who

supported our mission through your gifts of prayer, time (volunteering) and treasure. We are truly blessed and we ask that you prayerfully consider continuing your support of our students and our mission.

All donations received in the fiscal year of 2017-18 will be in the next issue of the Mack Messenger.

<b>1930'S</b>	
<b>1937</b> Susan Ermatinger Cycon (PC)	David R. Chisholm Family Ann O'Donnell Egan Mylon & Pat Perrenoud Hebert (PC)
<b>1938</b>	Romain & Jane Wiensch Monarski
<b>1939</b> Patricia Stumm Hebert Gerald & Susan Joas (PC)	John & Barbara Lindstrom O'Connor Arthur Porn (CC) Gerald & Viola Prince Vincent Statz (CC) Ramona Yakesh Zumbrock (CC)
<b>1940'S</b>	
<b>1940</b> James DeLong Harold Gingras	<b>1949</b> Anita Peloquin Andress Dean Cayo Robert Chapman (PC)
<b>1941</b> James Sheeley Helen Anderl Zutter	Don Johnson Rosemary Jorgensen Shirley Smithers Liedl (CC) Bill & Ardie LeCclair McIlquham Cecilia Nelson
<b>1942</b>	Dr. Douglas Nelson
<b>1943</b>	Joe R. Oberpriller James Paquette (CC)
<b>1944</b> Colleen L. Schmidt (PC) Doris Borneman Young	<b>Marlene Peloquin Rooney (BC)</b> Frances Wild Ruff
<b>1950'S</b>	
<b>1945</b> Vern & Pat O'Driscoll Albrecht Dorothy A. Hebert Bev Poppo Schmidmayr (PC)	<b>1950</b> James (Arlene Duss) BaDour Susan DeLong Ona Jean Coyle Gabriel (BC) Henry & Dorothy Revor Geissler (CC)
<b>1946</b> Anonymous (CC) James & Patricia Poppo Bembnister (PC) Gloria Geissler Blum (PC) Pat (Robert) Bohl (CC) Catherine "Kitty" Chisholm Mark Emerson (CC) Gladys Gagnon Lompa Jim & Evelyn Maloney Gerald Thornton Jean Forrester Thornton (CC)	David & Virginia Burich Hartmann John Hughes Jr. Carol Fox Konerik Lucyann Swoboda LeCclair Alice Globensky Marshall Marguerite "Skipper" Connell Rank James & Alice Kelly Seitz (PC) Jerome Steinmetz Norbert Tlachac (CC)
<b>1947</b> Joanne Wild Cote (PC) Virginia Gustafson Keyeski (CC) Robert Miller Eugene Mower (PC) Gyda (Bill) Nadreau (CC) Norbert Sedlacek (BC) Ruth Padrutt Wagner	<b>1951</b> Ron Anibas (CC) Merlyn Gingras Carol Zdrazil Gutsch Beverly Willette Maurer Robert Monarski Larry & Maryann Rooney Muldoon (CC) Mary Ann Ruf Schimmel Joe and Mary Theissen (PC) Jennifer Hays Worthington
<b>1948</b> Jacqueline Lauer Anderson James & Patricia Poppo Bembnister (PC)	

<b>1952</b> Anonymous Janet Borneman Buckli Ralph & Barb Congdon Don & Fran Simon Girard Rosemary Monarski Haley (PC) Ruth Hub William & Beverly LeCclair LaVonne Stoeher Marquie (CC) Mary Lou Klaes Matthews (CC) William & Karen Moe Homer & Patricia Rubenzer Peloquin Dayton & Eileen Swoboda Reed Winifred Pfaff Shakal Joanne Penor Sheehy (PC) Charlene Zwiefelhofer Steinmetz Stephen Steinmetz (CC) Charles Wilbur Helen Jolliffe Young	Janice Loiselle Kroll Glenard & Dorothy Hebert Lieder Romain & Jane Wiensch Monarski Delores Schneider William & JoAnne Dachel Sheils Catherine Ryan & Mike Sherman Mary Kuechenmeister Thornton
<b>1954</b> Anonymous Richard & Nancy Newberg Douville (CC) Richard Hartman William Janc Larry & Eileen Martineau (CC) Bill & Ardie LeCclair McIlquham Francis & Darlene Simon Bette Smith Wild	
<b>1955</b> William Bischel Michael Deuel Richard & Nancy Newberg Douville (CC) Delores Geissler Follensbee Sr. Yvonne R. Hiess, SSND	

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Joe & Betty Wucherpfenning Ryan  
Brian Scheidler  
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Paula Monarski Westberg (CC)

1956

Arlene Adams (CC)  
James & Evelyn Mahr Bandoli  
Francis & Alice Bohl (CC)  
Mary Couture Gabrysiak  
Francis Gaier (CC)  
Joanne Stopfer Gardner  
Richard & Dian Bleskacek Hanley  
Linus Knudsen  
Vernon & Shirley Meinen  
Judith Doucette Perham  
Richard Porn  
Patricia & Tom Rooney (CC)  
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Bill Zumbrock (CC)

1957

Anonymous  
Richard & Marian Kranig Anderson  
Robert & Sharon Pitsch Bell, III (CC)  
Roberta Lehman Bourget  
Norbert Gaier  
David K. Hebert (CC)  
Dr. Bernard Herzog  
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Francis M. Naves  
Robert & Cecilia Simon Newman (CC)  
Ellen A. O'Neil (BC)  
Helen Ruf  
Janet Caron Spitzer  
Geraldine Felix White- Marko

1958

Donald Bischel (CC)  
Mary Ann Schneider Bromeisl (CC)  
Kenneth Butak  
Mary Duss  
Lucille Maier Fox  
Irvin Geissler  
Terry R. Hagen  
Peter Kalk  
Ron & Barb Kleinheinz Lambert  
Stephen & Sue Meinen  
Francis & Janice Felix Nazer  
Joseph Oberweis (PC)  
Thomas Prueher  
Gordon & Donna Erickson Schafer (BC)  
Rev. John A. Schultz  
Duane & Yvonne Zwiefelhofer

1959

Anonymous  
Kathryn Heerey Biegel  
Judy Horvatin Gaier

Diane Glodosky Hickey  
Don & Claudia Hable  
James & Kathleen Kleusch LeCleur (CC)  
Bruce Potter  
Mary Ann Reith Pozarski  
Dennis Rowan  
Scott & Arline Schleppenbach  
Taylor  
Mike Weigand  
Lawrence Willkom

1960'S

1960  
Anonymous  
Carol (Patrick) Akan  
Thomas Baier  
Joan Hiess Carey  
Neil & Kathryn Derks Haselwander (CC)  
John Hillery  
Joseph & Janice Janc (BC)  
Larry & Mary Loiselle Lanners (CC)  
Joanne Bowe Leonard (CC)  
Stephen & Sue Onsager Meinen  
Bill Piotrowski (CC)  
Steve Price  
Eugene Vavra  
Steve & Susan Klaes Zimmerman

1961

Anonymous (GC)  
Robert Anderl  
Mary Lou Peil Burdick (CC)  
Anne Monarski Ganka (CC)  
Bruce R. Greenwood  
Robert & Mary Daniel Jenneman (PC)  
Bill Klaes  
Marlene (Larry) Pinter  
Susan Krall Rothbauer  
Paul & Judy Schultz  
Dennis & Sally Andrejeski Wrucke

1962

Anonymous  
Robert & Bonita Aubart Gelina (BC)  
Thomas and Jean Hebert  
Victor & Charlene Ciolkosz Kervina  
Jean M. Prueher  
Jane Bowe Schill (CC)  
Skip & Jill Thaler (BC)  
Lynn Willkom (CC)

1963

Judith Bowe Akey (CC)  
Steven & Carol Bohl (CC)  
Ted & Anna Bowe  
Jean Bruehling Braun  
Ronald & Betty Krall Bresina  
Rita Coushman  
William & Mary Doucette  
Dennis & Karen Lea Elstran  
Elizabeth Jenneman Garvey  
Don & Fran Simon Girard  
Dr. John J. Janc (BC)  
Robert & Mary Daniel Jenneman (PC)  
Cheryl Kern-Simirenko (PC)  
Larry & Mary Loiselle Lanners (CC)

Bruce & Sue Peloquin Lothson  
Roland 'Buzz' & Lynne Stelter Nelson (CC)  
Charles & Christina Norseng (CC)  
Albert and Carol Schweiters Richard  
Richard Schneider (CC)  
Thomas & Joan Schwartz  
Elaine and Leon Zwiefelhofer

1964

Michael & Patricia Hartman Bertrand  
Betty Schemenauer Bohl (CC)  
Judy Geissler Bowe  
Linda Pitsch Brantmeier (BC)  
Steve & Linda Cyr (CC)  
John Geissler  
Richard L. Geissler  
Jerry Halbleib  
Robert & Robin Hedrington  
Hassemer  
Dan & Diane Seckora O'Connell  
Jim Scheidler  
Terry Wedemeyer

1965

Anonymous (PC)  
Michael Baker  
Michael & Patricia Hartman Bertrand  
Paula Potter Dietsche  
Paul Flesch  
Gregory & Mary Monarski  
Holub (CC)  
Kristen Hanson Koiles  
Fred & Roxanne Rooney Kuss  
Carl & Jane Kleusch Laveck  
Charles Loiselle (CC)  
John Lubs (XC)  
Dan & Diane Seckora O'Connell  
Bob & Joan Paul Pehlke  
Robert Rooney  
James & Judith Loiselle  
Rubenzer (CC)  
Robert Rubenzer (BC)  
Michael and Mary Jo Salmon (BC)  
Milton Sedlacek

1966

Anonymous  
Vicki Bowe Brown  
Gary & Jeanne Baier Bowe  
Butch & Kathy Boos Dachel  
Angelo & Sharon Spaeth Iatridis  
Mary Kelly  
Rita Oberweis (PC)  
Mary A. Piotrowski  
Larry & Paulette Boos Popp  
Albert & Carol Schweiters Richard  
Eugene & Bonnie Swoboda  
Schindler  
Thomas & Victoria Stumm  
James Tannler

1967

Jim & Jackie Bowe Bernier (BC)  
Paul Boetcher  
Butch & Kathy Boos Dachel  
Chuck & Jo Frenette (BC)

Robert & Robin Hedrington  
Hassemer  
Jeanne Hebert (CC)  
Kenneth & Cindy Sinette Johnson  
Ron & Rosemary Grzegozerski  
Keefer  
Daniel Minahan (PC)  
Bernard Morrissey  
Pat & Sue LaRue Quinn (CC)  
Deborah Gorton Ritzinger  
Susan Schmidmayr Schamberger (CC)  
Marvin & Mary Balow Schneider  
Jim Smola  
Dennis Steinmetz  
Karen Thomas  
Tom Voitl (CC)  
Jane Waldusky Von Feldt

1968

Anonymous  
Scott & Kathie Emerson (CC)  
Suzanne Hurt Leirimo  
Carol Rowan Shepard  
Sally Pfankuch Simmerman (CC)

1969

Dan & Kathy Martin Eder  
Jack & Susan Feider Kelly  
Ron & Mary Chovan King  
Henry Schneider  
Marvin & Mary Balow Schneider  
Walter Swoboda (PC)

1970'S

1970  
Anonymous  
Dr. Richard Borman  
Jim & Mary Yeager Erickson  
Dan & Mary See Goulet  
Robert & Susan Gindt Konop  
Mark Morisette  
Steven Thaler (LC)

1971

Gerald & Susan Cherrier (PC)  
Jeff & Alice Buchberger Heinzen (BC)  
Ted & Dar Joas  
Jack & Kelly Kuechenmeister (CC)  
Kay Bresina Kurz  
Kathy Rooney Reiter  
Nancy Schuh

1972

Jeff and Kristine Armstrong (PC)  
Paul Bembnister (BC)  
William & Julie Harings Berg  
Suzanne Fox Eder (CC)  
Daniel & Carol Steinmetz Meagher  
Sandy Raawe Schumacher

1973

David & Julie Bembnister Clark  
Larry & Kathy Connell Dahl (CC)  
John & Terese Ruhe Knutson (CC)  
John L. Larson  
Mike & Karen Marquie Lutz



Edward Verbracken (CC)  
Gary & Debra Goettl West

1974

Tom & Maria Cooney  
Debbie Tannler Heath  
Robert & Susan Gindt Konop  
Jeff & Sharon Farley Martin  
Catherine Peck (CC)  
Tony & Sue Reiter (CC)  
Rick & Sally Emerson Sedlacek  
Joe & Tami See  
Bill Weber (PC)

1975

Denise Faschingbauer Feigum  
Dan & Susan Globensky Jacobson (CC)  
Dr. Randolph L. LaRue  
Mike & Christine Peterson (CC)  
Tom Zutter

1976

Anonymous (PC)  
James & Nancy Bischel (BC)  
Dan Boos  
John Hibbard  
Dan & Susan Globensky Jacobson (CC)  
David Loschko

1977

Terese Globensky  
Jeff & Nancy DeRusha Hurt  
Dave Jacobs  
Bruce & Colleen Krejci  
Pete & Kathy Marquie Sokup (CC)  
Sandra Thornton Winrich

1978

Mark & Kim Waldusky Amelse  
Allen & Julie Hauptmann Bowe  
Gerald & Mary Wermund Jacobson (GC)  
Daniel & Carol Steinmetz Meagher  
Pete & Kathy Marquie Sokup (CC)

1979

Anthony & Jayne Stoffel Bowe  
Jane Davis (PC)  
John & Laurie Armstrong Francis  
John & Sally Raawe Lancette  
Wes Moskal (CC)  
Perry & Darla Peterson  
Brenda Prince Sanford  
Paul Sokup Jr.

1980'S

1980

Mark & Kim Waldusky Amelse  
Dan & Deb Krejchi Dahl  
Mike & Karen Marquie Lutz  
Joseph Maurer (CC)  
Scott & Jodyne Dachel Pulver  
Tom & Becky Rubenzer  
James Vils  
Mike & Debi Waldusky

1981

Tom & Pam Davis (BC)  
Tom and Mary Huffcutt (CC)  
Jim & Rolanda Schneider Rada  
Scott Stevens (BC)

1982

Wayne Franz  
Jim & Rolanda Schneider Rada  
Chuck & Jenny Schafer (PC)

1983

Anonymous  
Craig & Carol Reed Bowe  
Liz Gaier (CC)  
Jackie Hunt  
Michele Beaudette Koch

1984

Anonymous (BC)  
Randy & Rebecca Dienger  
Peter & Lisa Rasmus Haley  
Todd & Debbie Baier  
Schemenauer  
Joseph & Kari Hosley Theisen

1985

Anonymous  
Timothy Mrozinski  
Scott & Michelle Franz Retzlaff

1986

Anonymous  
Kevin & Krista Hosley Alberts  
Melissa Bowe  
Thomas & Valerie Cushman  
Robert & Sherri LeDuc (LC)  
Hans & Becky Bohl Lyberg  
Jeff & Lynn Lembezeder Newton  
Troy & Julie Prince Van Sleet

1987

John Bye (CC)  
Laurie Sommerfeld Keene  
Dan Reed (BC)  
Tony & Heather Goettl Thornton

1988

Anonymous (LC)  
Randy & Debra Baier  
Michael & Tristi Crawford  
Jeff & Lynn Lembezeder Newton  
Rev. John Potaczek  
Christian Rushmann  
Scott & Karla Sokup (CC)  
Troy & Julie Prince Van Sleet

1989

Michael Akan  
Reggie & Lori Lubs Geissler (PC)  
Darrin & Chris Boos Opsal  
Tony & Heather Goettl Thornton

1990'S

1990

Helen Hedrington Dohm

Matthew & Vicki Bedell Larkowski

1991

Todd & Jodi Schemenauer Bresina  
Reggie & Lori Lubs Geissler (PC)  
Darin & Ann Crawford Schemenauer

1992

1993  
Todd & Jodi Schemenauer Bresina  
Karen Morrissey Stellrecht (CC)

1994

Jacob & Elysia Goettl (PC)  
Matthew & Libby Cyr Leinenkugel

1995

Anonymous (CC)  
Travis Cherrier  
Josh & Amy Meinen (CC)  
Jon & Jennifer Bowe Willi

1996

1997

1998  
Anonymous (CC)  
Katherine Hosley-Frieden

1999

2000'S

2000

Nathan & Kari Roesler Stepp (BC)  
Bobby J. Swoboda (BC)

2001

Bethany Calkins & John Hunter

2002

2003

Hiep & Mary Phung (PC)  
Shane & Lauren Hepfler Sullivan

2004

2005

2006

2007

Alicia K. Davis (CC)

FRIENDS

Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Anonymous (XC)  
Anonymous  
Anonymous  
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Anonymous (PC)  
Anonymous  
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Patty Berg  
Ron & Jolene Berg (CC)  
Shawn & Barb Berg (CC)  
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Jon and Tamara Bohaty (PC)  
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Roderick Cameron  
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Eugene & Jackie Cody  
Arlene Conrad  
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Sue Decker (BC)  
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Jim & Janice Docksey  
Jimmy & Michelle Dorn  
Marilyn Fanetti  
Jim & Tina Ferguson  
Christopher & Tracy Fischer  
David & Dianne Fish (CC)  
Brian & LeAnne Flynn (PC)  
Charles & Karen Goettl  
Geraldine Goulet  
Lori & Gary Grant  
Gary & Pat Gray (BC)  
Martin & Mary Green  
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Brian & Jacki Youngquist
Jaclyn Yule
Jeff & Margaret Zander (CC)
Laurie Zukaitis
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<b>All Saints Church (BC)</b>
<b>AnnMarie Foundation (GC)</b>
<b>AutoPilots Driving School (BC)</b>
Autumn Harvest Winery LLC (CC)
<b>Baughman Sewer &amp; Septic Services (BC)</b>
<b>Bohl &amp; Proulx Plumbing, Inc. (PC)</b>
<b>Chippewa Falls Catholic Womens Club (BC)</b>
<b>Chemceed (PC)</b>
<b>Church of the Holy Ghost (LC)</b>
<b>Cobblestone Hotel and Suites (BC)</b>
Patti & Jeff Darley Family Pass Through
Fund Community Foundation of Chippewa County (PC)
<b>Lester &amp; Rosemary Davis (BC)</b>
Dean & Associates
<b>Diocese of La Crosse (GC)</b>
<b>DOA Pesticide Service LLC (BC)</b>
Elite Karate Studios
<b>Fries Financial Services (PC)</b>
Greater Twin Cities United Way
<b>Gordy's County Market (BC)</b>
<b>H&amp;R Electric Inc. (BC)</b>
<b>Holy Cross Church (GC)</b>
<b>Horan Funeral Home (BC)</b>
Jim Bob's Pizza (CC)

John R. & Ellen A. O'Neil
Endowment
<b>Joseph W Joas Designated Endowment Fund (BC)</b>
Kristo Orthodontics (CC)
<b>Land O'Lakes Foundation (BC)</b>
<b>LE Phillips Family Foundation, Inc (PC)</b>
<b>Mason Companies, Inc. (BC)</b>
Mayo Clinic Health System (CC)
<b>McDonell High School Foundation (LC)</b>
<b>Mule Hide Manufacturing Co. (PC)</b>
<b>Nordson Corporation Foundation (MC)</b>
<b>Northwestern Bank (GC)</b>
Northwestern Bank Mini Grants (CC)
Northwestern Mutual Foundation
<b>Orgel Wealth Management (PC)</b>
<b>Parents 4 Learning (BC)</b>
Pederson-Volker Funeral Chapel (CC)
<b>Regis McDonell Girls Soccer Team (PC)</b>
<b>Religious Care Foundation (LC)</b>
<b>River Country Co-op (BC)</b>
Rooney Printing Co. (CC)
<b>Sacred Heart Church (GC)</b>
Securian Foundation
<b>Spring Street Sports Inc (PC)</b>
<b>St. Charles Borromeo Church (LC)</b>
<b>St. Bridget Church (GC)</b>
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<b>St. Joseph's Hospital (MC)</b>
<b>St. Paul Church (BC)</b>
<b>St. Peter the Apostle Church (LC)</b>
<b>Stelter Inc. (BC)</b>
<b>Thaler Oil Company (PC)</b>
<b>The Church of Notre Dame (LC)</b>
<b>TTM Technologies (MC)</b>
United Health Group
<b>W.S. Darley &amp; Co. (PC)</b>
Walmart Foundation (PC)
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In Honor of Marie Schindler

Matching Gifts

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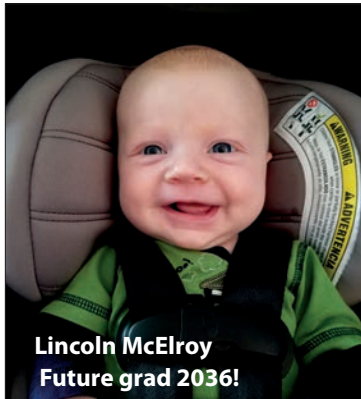
# CLASS NOTES

## 2000s

**Greta Weibel Humphrey '01** and her husband Andy announce the birth of their first children Samuel and Lillian on February 28, 2018. Greta and her family live in Forest Park, IL. Grandparents of Sam and Lily are Carolyn Cote Weibel, Class of 1968 and her husband Don. Great-Grandparents are Joanne Wild Cote, Class of 1947 and the late DeVerne 'Bud' Cote, Class of 1947.

**Joe Werner '02** was inducted into the UW-La Crosse Wall of Fame in October 2017 for basketball.

Caitlin and **Bill McElroy '07** welcomed their son Lincoln on April 5, 2018



**Lincoln McElroy**  
Future grad 2036!

### CORRECTION

In the Mack Messenger Summer/Fall 2017 issue Betty Wucherpennig Ryan of Bemidji, MN, class of 1955 was mistaken for her sister-in-law Betty Wuchenphenig of Chippewa Falls who passed away on March 22, 2017. Betty '55 sends a shout out to her classmates and friends that she is alive and well!

We sincerely apologize for the mistaken identity.

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord**

**Patricia G. Stumm Hebert '39**  
July 2, 2017, Chippewa Falls

**Sue Felber Cherrier '43**  
May 15, 2018, Anchorage, AK

**Bernadette 'Bunnie' Zenner Koehler '44**  
January 10, 2018, Bloomer

**Elizabeth 'Betty' Germain Rice '44**  
April 13, 2018, Chippewa Falls

**Louis T. 'Bud' Altman '44**  
November 8, 2017, Willmar, MN

**Pat Meinen Schemenauer '45**  
March 18, 2018, Chippewa Falls

**Dr. Robert 'Bob' Wescott '46**  
October 31, 2017

**Joan Bischel Swoboda '48**  
March 11, 2018, Chippewa Falls

**Rosemary 'Mitzi' Sarazen Jorgensen '49**  
May 28 2017, Chippewa Falls

**Floyd Jenneman '52**  
June 24, 2016 Mesa, AZ

**Marjorie McCartin Stanley '53**  
August 12, 2017, Lisle, IL

**George Dorch '55**  
January 28, 2018, Eau Claire

**Donald Furst '56**  
February 25, 2018, Chippewa Falls

**Bernard 'Bernie' Bromeisl '57**  
August 3, 2017, Pewaukee, WI

**Mary Melloh Kokesh '57**  
August 24, 2017, Rice Lake, WI



Graduating with their bachelors degrees from St. Scholastica on May 12, 2018 are McDonell Class of 2014 alumnus Matt Rider majoring in organizational behavior and Robert Ochs with a double major in finance & accounting.

**James P. Monarski '57**  
January 2, 2018, Chippewa Falls

**Rita M. Schuebel '57**  
March 20, 2018, Thorp, WI

**Carol Frayer Winrich '58**  
February 3, 2018  
Reedsville, WI

**Robert 'Bob' W. Bromeisl '63**  
February 22, 2018, Chippewa Falls

**Darlene Hunt Yarrington '67**  
April 16, 2018, Eau Claire, WI

**Michael Stary, Sr. '68**  
April 24, 2018, Augusta, WI

**Douglas John Rank '69**  
June 28, 2017, Saint Anthony, MN

**Tony Rowan '80**  
February 9, 2018, Appleton, WI

**Wendy Lin Colins '91**  
November 11, 2017  
St. Cloud, MN

**Kyle Lancette '92**  
May 12, 2018, Chippewa Falls

**Benjamin 'Ben' Ruf '15**  
February 16, 2018, Chippewa Falls

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## Celebrating 60 year Jubilee



**Pictured above are Virginia Gaier Waxmonsky '61, Norbert '57, Sr. Margaret '54, Francis '56 and Helen Gaier Olson '60.**

Sister Margaret Gaier, SSND, class of 1954, celebrated her 60 year jubilee on April 28, 2018 in Elm Grove, WI. Fourteen family members were present to celebrate with her on this special occasion. Sr. Margaret taught grades 3, 4, 5, and 6. She then went on to spend several years working at the sisters' retirement facility in Mt. Calvary and Elm Grove, WI.  
*Congratulations Sister Margaret!*



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## FRIENDS

**Jerilyn 'Jeri' Brost** parent of alumni, June 30, 2017

**Wayne Waldusky** parent and grandparent of alumni December 28, 2017

**JoAnn T. Statz**  
Spouse of Alumnus, Vince Statz '48  
December 29, 2017

**Arnetta M. Eckes** grandparent of MACS students  
December 30, 2017

**William Bohl** parent and grandparent of alumni  
January 7, 2018

**Patricia Cherrier** parent of Alumni  
January 19, 2018

**Colleen Ann Beckwith** parent of alumni, January 31, 2018

**Audrey Freagon** parent and grandparent of alumni  
March 31, 2018

**Dorothy Boos** spouse and parent of alumni, April 14, 2018

**Carmen Mower** spouse of alumnus Eugene Mower '47  
October 6, 2017

## Alumni Basketball Tournament



Competitive Division Champions, 2002 L to R: Adam Jacobson, Matt Bowe, Joe Werner, Eric Schemenauer, TJ Proue, Scott Peloquin. Look to MAA Facebook for videos and additional photos.

## Alumni Volleyball Tournament

Division 1 winners representing the Class of 2011 include Karley Wiensch '11, Brianna (Krause) Rider '11, Hannah Krejci '11, Christi (Schoch) Oeltjen '10. Kneeling Allison Waldusky '12 and Ari Gardow '11.



Division 2 winners from the staff team included April Peters '15, Kathleen Adams, Erica Boehm, Shannon Globensky '13, Shelanne Ressler and Val Siegenthaler.

## Class Reunions

### Class of 1958 - 60 Year Reunion

Save the date! We will be getting together on September 22, 2018 at the Heyde Center for the Arts (our old Alma Mater!) Come to 4:30 p.m. Mass at Notre Dame whose intentions will be for our class. At 5:30 p.m. we will go from church to the steps of the Heyde Center to have a class picture taken. Meal following with the option to attend the Buddy Holly Show at the Heyde Center starting at 7:30 p.m. Call Maryann Shafer for more information.

### Class of 1963 - 55 Year Reunion

September 13, 2018 Save the date! We are planning an afternoon golf for those interested and an evening at the Fill-Inn Restaurant. More information coming by postal mail mid July. Contact Judi Bowe Akey.

### Class of 1968 - 50 Year Reunion

We were very excited to accept the McDonell Central class of 2018 invite for Mass and lunch on Wednesday, May 3, 2018 at the school. Save the date for August 18, 2018 at Loopy's in Chippewa Falls from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. for our 50 year reunion! Questions, contact Marge Geissler.

### Class of 1973 - 45 Year Reunion

McDonell Central and Chi-Hi classmates are invited to join us on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at Loopy's in Chippewa Falls. Social Hour - 5:00 p.m. with Hors d'oeuvres - 6:00 p.m. Music DJ - 7:00 with a cash bar. Cost is \$15.00/person. For more information email Terese (Terry Ruhe) Knutson.

### Class of 1983 - 35 Year Reunion

Class of 1983 - 35 year reunion will be held July 21, 2018 at the Chippewa River Distillery and Brewster Bros. Brewing Company. Contact Carol Reed Bowe or Pat Rasmus with any questions.

### Class of 1988 - 30 Year Reunion

Save the date for the night of Friday, August 10 at Loopy's, Saturday morning golf outing coordinated by Marc Maniquiz and Saturday night attending the All City Reunion at the fairgrounds.

### Class of 1998 - 20 Year Reunion

Reunion was held at Avalon in Chippewa Falls, June 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Email: mcdonell1998@gmail.com -stay in touch!



# School System 10th Annual Community FUNdraisers

WOW! It has been 10 years since we have moved our system FUNdraisers from pizza/magazine sales to fun community events. We would like to extend a HUGE thank you once more to ALL of the families and MACS staff, who help/helped with the success of the Spaghetti Spectacular and the Mid-Winter Mardi Gras each year. We also thank you, our alumni, parishioners, and supporters by your participation and GENEROUS gift talent and treasure.

## Spaghetti SPECTACULAR!

Our gross revenue was \$19,269.  
The amazing raffle baskets brought in \$6,335 alone!

We served 664 guests plus 210 take-outs on Sunday, and we delivered 469 meals on Monday. *We could not have done this without the entire community helping and supporting MACS.*

Thank you business supporters!

~ Save the date ~

Spaghetti Spectacular Sun., Nov. 11, 2018  
Mid-Winter Mardi Gras Sat., Feb. 9, 2019



King and Queen for Mardi Gras  
Chuck '68 and Carolyn Peloquin '14H

We had great attendance at our Mid-Winter Mardi Gras, with close to 330 people joining us for the delicious food, games and dancing, not to mention the parent volunteers that night to make it all run smoothly.

We grossed \$35,807 for our Catholic schools while having fun with alumni, MACS staff, and friends and supporters of Catholic education!

During Mardi Gras, a Fund-A-Need for security and safety of the buildings was held with total pledges that evening over \$30,000!



Above: Student Ambassadors serve the all-you-care-to eat spaghetti dinner to our guests. Left: Classroom theme baskets are amazing each year! Below: More than just a meal we have face painting, activities in the Physics Lab with Mr. Tony Reiter '74 and student guided tours of the school.







CELEBRATING  
**150**  
YEARS  
BUILDING UPON A TRADITION  
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## Sesquicentennial Event August 26 - Chippewa Falls Irvine Park • 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Bring your own picnic dinner to celebrate a meal following Mass at the bandshell. Celebrant is the Most Reverend Bishop William Callahan for the La Crosse Diocese 150 celebration year. Watch for more information in your August parish bulletins and the Catholic Life magazine.

**PARENTS:** IF THIS ISSUE IS ADDRESSED TO YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER WHO NO LONGER LIVES AT HOME, PLEASE CALL THE ALUMNI OFFICE WITH CORRECT ADDRESS: 715.723.0538 OR GO ONLINE: [www.macs.k12.wi.us/alumni.html](http://www.macs.k12.wi.us/alumni.html)

## State Champions Softball and Runner-up Boys Basketball



**SOFTBALL (20-1)** Senior leadership Megan Baier, Abby Opsal, Liz Rietschel. Head coach Chelsea Seckora. Missing players in photo are Hannah Sykora and Samantha Wirtz  
**BASKETBALL (18-11)** Senior leadership Hayden Baughman, John Francis, Joey Huffcutt and Joe Schwetz. Head coach Archie Sherbinow.

McDonnell Central saw four sports teams advance to state in 2017-18. Boys and girls soccer co-ops with Regis High School teams advanced with sectional championships to state tournament (see team photos and stats pg. 5).

This spring girls softball (20-1) repeated their first place with a back-to-back Division 5 State Championship. They were also Western Cloverbelt, regional and sectional champions.

The boys varsity basketball (18-11) finished with regional and sectional championships under their belt and brought home a WIAA Division 5 State Runner-Up Championship trophy from Madison. Senior Hayden Baughman broke the school record for scoring a season high points of 1,476.



**Congratulations to the four teams and coaches making it to state!**

