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Hokamp blesses new
school altar.

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Choosing your vocation in life is a question for God, "What are you calling me to do?"

Laura Kopp '12 shares her story of God's call to her.

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Laura Kopp '12

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Fr. Justin Kizewski
Chippewa Falls Dean

From the Dean Very Reverend Justin Kizewski



Welcome new MACS President Mrs. Bushman

The McDonnell Area Catholic Schools (MACS) system along with myself, are pleased to announce the hiring of Mrs. Molly Bushman as the new MACS President effective July 1, 2019.

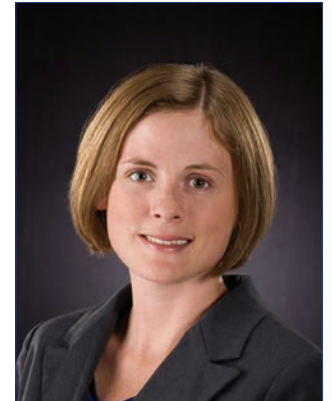
Mrs. Bushman was the Chairperson of the MACS Education Commission, the school system's main advisory board.

On behalf of the pastors of the Chippewa Falls Deanery, I am so pleased to have Molly Bushman as our new president. As a true apostle, Mrs. Bushman brings a vibrant expression of Catholicism into one of the most important positions for the direction and integration of Catholic education in our city.

I am also grateful to outgoing president, Mr. Jeff Heinzen, for the critical role he has played in the development and growth of our schools and for his willingness to stay on through 2020 helping with our advancement office.

Mrs. Bushman's knowledge of the system as a graduate and close collaborator with administrators of various levels, including Mr. Heinzen, provides continuity and positions her uniquely to continue to grow and evolve our system. Her missionary heart will bear fruit in our schools and our community. Her professional skills, including communication abilities, commitment to life-long learning, and dedication to Catholic education foster a sense of true excitement from pastors, staff, alumni, and parents.

Mrs. Bushman shares with you, "I am grateful for this opportunity to build on the foundation of faith that MACS offers and which has been such a blessing to my own life. As a mother, I feel a deep responsibility to form my children's hearts and minds with the strength of character to withstand cultural challenges and bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. MACS is in a unique position to partner with parents to provide a solid foundation for their children. I am privileged and humbled to take part in this mission."



Mrs. Molly Bushman '98
President

Editors Note: Molly Meinen Bushman '98 and her husband Patrick, are blessed with four children currently attending MACS, following the footsteps of her parents Gordon Meinen '71 and the late Linda Rykal Meinen '71. Mrs. Bushman has been an attorney at Wiley Law, S.C. for nearly a decade and has served the Chippewa Falls community in a variety of leadership and ministry roles. She holds degrees from UW - La Crosse and UW Law School, and a Masters Certificate in Catholic Educational Leadership from Creighton University.



Mr. Jeffrey Heinzen
President Emeritus

Thank you for supporting this school system

My first letter in 2014 started . . . It is August, oh my gosh . . . The children are coming back! Where has the summer gone? Sports practices have started! Do we have all our teachers hired? That's what was going through the new president's head at 4:00 a.m. in the morning.

The 2018-19 school year has ended, we have celebrated graduations, faculty and staff achievements. Now we are in 2019-20 and me passing on the presidency. And as Jaebin Bourget, Class of 2019, said in his poem, read by Teacher Mrs. Mary Chovan King '69 at the awards day, "... all in the blink of an eye."

The thank yous are still being said, and the hugs and tears shed, for leaving as president is never easy when you have been treated so well.

There are many who will only see THANK YOU in this column. So to our families, stakeholders and alumnae I can only say – thank you for supporting this great school system, this rich tradition, this school system that has been ever present in the

Chippewa Falls area passing on the Catholic faith since 1882. You may still see me as I work with Jaynee Armstrong '03 Brannen in the Advancement Office this current school year.

I hope I have stayed true to the MACS tradition of Catholic education being available to all. To being a family of committed Catholic educators, working with the students and their families to develop the core values of Faith, Honor, Academic Excellence, Healthy Living, Community and Servant Leadership.

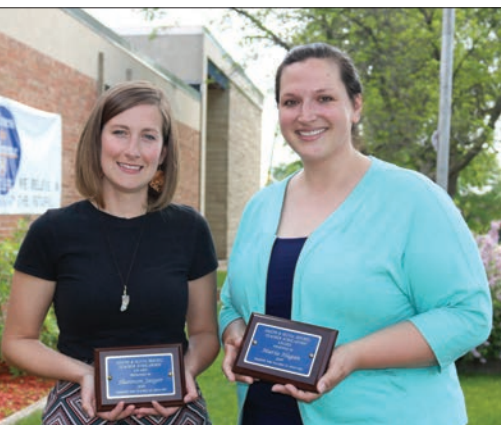
It has been a pleasure to assist with the onboarding of our new President Molly Meinen '98 Bushman. This transition, I hope and pray, will set a precedent for the future as leadership changes occur. As her best "cheerleader" I ask you all to welcome her and to work with her to continue the growth and recognition of this great school.

With my role in the advancement office this year with Mrs. Jaynee Armstrong Brannen '03, I look forward to interacting with all of you as we grow our support of the system.

I again want to humbly say THANK YOU to all who have helped me along these past five years.... And to some I say I am sorry and hope forgiveness is in your heart.

May God continue to bless you and your families abundantly.

Employee recognitions for 2018-19



Above: The Joseph and Olivia Bischel Faculty Scholarship was presented by Pat Bischel '70 to Shannon Jaeger, second grade teacher and Maria Hagan, choral director. Parents wrote in nominating a teacher/staff member who exemplify Catholic education both in and out of the classroom. The nominations were given to the Bischel family to choose the scholarship recipients.

This year the 2018-19 staff came together on Wednesday, June 5, for Mass at the Church of Notre Dame with Rev. Jesse Burish as celebrant. A breakfast was held in the McDonell Commons with the MACS food service staff preparing a very nice meal. Following the breakfast, Pat Bischel '70 presented the Joseph and Olivia Bischel Faculty Scholarships to Shannon Jaeger and Maria Hagan. The Dzialowy Teacher Scholarship is given in memory of Anthony Mikolaitis and was presented by President Jeff Heinzen to Deb Krejchi Dahl '80, Thomas Dzurik, Kendra Rogers and Eric Wedemeyer '92. Principal Brian Schulner awarded Gretchen Jorgensen with the Clarence Rushman Award.

Jeff Heinzen thanked the entire staff for their support during his five years as President of the school system. On July 1 he transitioned into a new role working with Jaynee Armstrong Brannen '03 within the MACS Advancement Office.

The appreciation breakfast is a venue to thank the staff for their dedication to the students and the MACS mission and vision, as well as celebrating faculty and staff anniversaries by their building administrator. They included:



Above: Principal Brian Schulner presented the Clarence Rushman Award to McDonell's first year Science Teacher Gretchen Jorgensen in recognition of her example and dedication to the principles and values of Catholic education. She was voted by her peers, the high school teachers and administration.

5 YEARS

Erica Abramowicz
Tammy Brown
Jeff Heinzen
Donna Keck
Yvonne Peterson
Jill Ritchie
Nicole Sorenson
Kari Roesler
Stepp '00

Roxanne Bennesch

Swoboda '83
Lou Tozer
Mary Travis

15 YEARS

Paula Hanson
Lisa Hubbard

20 YEARS

Jennifer Rubenzer

Welcome Father Ethan Hokamp to our McDonell Campus

I, Fr. Ethan Hokamp, am the new chaplain at McDonell Central Catholic High School and Notre Dame Middle School. I grew up in Wisconsin Rapids, attending Assumption Catholic Schools with my two brothers and one sister.

The past seven years I spent in seminary formation. My last three years of college I went to college seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, and the final four years I studied in Rome, in the heart of the Church. I completed seminary in June of 2019 and was just ordained by Bishop Callahan on June 22. The

first assignment he gave me was to be Associate Pastor in Chippewa Falls at St. Charles Borromeo and St. Peter, and chaplain here.

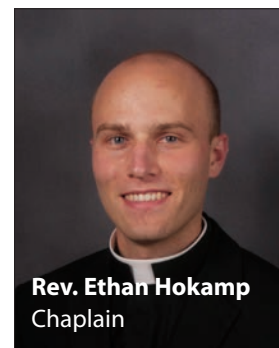
I am excited for the year ahead and the opportunity to get to know the students and families at MACS. I am already grateful for the warm welcome I have received!

Thank you!

Mass Intentions - Would you like an intention said during one of our five Masses a week at the high school? It could be in memory/honor of living or deceased classmates, a friend, family member, or a celebration such as an anniversary or birthday. Contact Fr. Hokamp at: e.hokamp@macs.k12.wi.us Mass stipend is \$10.



Above: Read Fr. Hokamp's story online at catholiclife.dioc.org



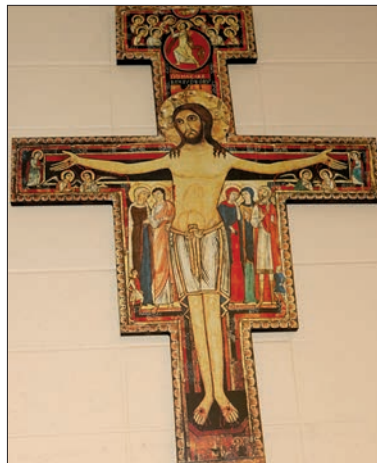


A new altar constructed of solid oak is blessed by MACS Chaplain Rev. Ethan Hokamp.

The Blessing of an Altar

Chaplain Rev. Ethan Hokamp blessed our new altar at McDonell Central Catholic High School on August 20, during the first all staff Mass of the 2019-20 school year. The altar, designed by Fr. Hokamp and carpenter Tim Strader (grandfather to current MACS students), is constructed of solid oak and incorporates the consecrated stone from the original altar. Constructed on casters, the altar can be moved to the auditorium stage for school Masses. The altar will be used by Bishop William Callahan when he celebrates Catholic Schools Week Mass in January.

Additionally, a crucifix now adorns one of the walls of the high school auditorium to aid our students' prayer at Mass. Fr. Hokamp blessed the new crucifix at the first McDonell/ Notre Dame all school Mass on September 4. By this cross, we are reminded of the saving passion of Jesus Christ, made present in the Eucharist at every Mass. The style of the crucifix is a San Damiano crucifix, one of two associated with the orders of St. Francis of Assisi. We are reminded that God calls us to "rebuild his Church" as he did St. Francis. Both the altar and the crucifix are beautiful, tangible signs pointing to our faith tradition and sure hope for continued renewal in our schools.



To Fr. Hokamp and Mr. Strader, thank you for your generosity in sharing your God-given gifts to nourish the faith life of our school community. Community members are welcome to join us for Mass on Wednesdays to see the new altar and crucifix "in action."

The Mass celebrating Catholic Schools Week with Bishop Callahan, is open to the community and will be held at McDonell High School at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 29.

Mack Bits



Above: Principal Brian Schulner congratulates Senior Sebastian Sykora on his receiving the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation \$10,000 Student Initiative Scholarship. Recipients for this scholarship are selected by their teachers and school administrators for putting forth extraordinary effort to do their best in the classroom while overcoming significant obstacles or adversity.

Mr. Schulner was also happy to congratulate Notre Dame Middle School teacher Mr. Kuehl who was recognized as 2019 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Teacher Fellow. His skill as a leader and agent for positive change, and his superior ability to inspire love of learning, earn him the recognition.



Mark Buchmann



Eion Kressin



Caleb Thornton



Lexi Johnson



Kaleigh Ripley

Badger Boys and Girls Delegates

Mark Buchmann, Eion Kressin, and Caleb Thornton represented McDonell Central Catholic High School by attending the Badger Boys State in Ripon, WI this past summer. Badger Girls State attendees were Alexandria "Lexi" Johnson and Kaleigh Ripley representing their high school at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

The Badger programs are for individuals who are selected by high school faculty based on qualities of scholarship and leadership. Our local American Legion Posts serve as the clearing center for sponsoring delegates to these events.

Congratulations to these 19-20 senior leaders!

Steve Roesler inducted into the McDonell Hall of Fame

Long-time Teacher, Coach, and Honorary McDonell Alum of the Class of 2014 Steve Roesler was inducted into the McDonell Hall of Fame on May 4, 2019 for both athletics and service. He has over 44 years of teaching, coaching, administrating, mentoring, and volunteering in our MACS system.

Steve was joined in the McDonell Hall of Fame as a dual nominee by his late wife Deb, who was also inducted for service after previously being inducted for athletics. In addition, the McDonell gymnasium was renamed the Steve and Deb Roesler Gymnasium after the refinishing this past summer.



Steve Roesler '14H

Rolly Enderes, president of the McDonell Alumni Association, addressed everyone present with Steve's many accomplishments. Rolly said, "Mr. Roesler has been one of the most influential faculty in the school history. I can not

think of anyone more deserving to be inducted in the McDonell Hall of Fame than Mr. Roesler. Congratulations, and thank you for everything for have done for so many years."

Steve Roesler's accomplishments at MACS includes:

Head coach of the boys and girls track teams at McDonell for 35 years. Steve coached 41 individual state champions, including at least one in each of the 14 events, and eight relay

teams that took first at state. He was named the CWCC coach of the year five times.

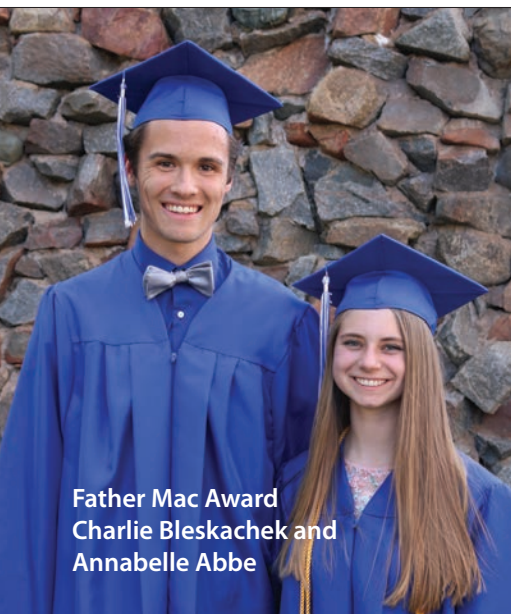
The girls track team was lead by Steve to four WISAA state team titles, including the first state championship for any McDonell sport in 1984. He also helped the girls to a state runner-up finish, seven conference titles, two regional titles and two sectional titles.

On the boys side, Steve led the track team to a WISAA state title in 1985, three state runner-up finishes, three conference titles and two regional championships.

Steve Roesler also spent over 30 years as a volleyball coach at various levels, including a three-year stint as the varsity head coach that included a regional championship.

In addition to 14 total years as the school's athletic director spanning two stints, Steve spent a decade as a football assistant coach and four years as the boys basketball JV coach.

Over 44 years at McDonell Central Catholic High School, Steve began his teaching career there in January of 1975, and coaching closely followed. In addition to teaching and coaching, he was an Assistant Principal, Middle School AD, Volunteer Bus Driver, and chaperoned countless field trips, dances, and community events.



Father Mac Award
Charlie Bleskachek and
Annabelle Abbe

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 the Class of 2019 is Charlie Bleskachek and Annabelle Abbe.

Senior athletes recognized by coaches for effort

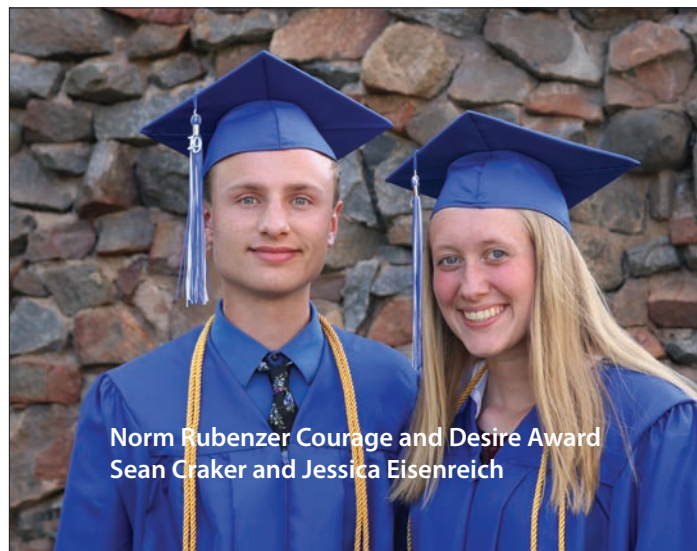
Norm Rubenzer Courage and Desire Award

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 during the scholarship and awards program in May were Sean Craker and Jessica Eisenrich.



Father Mac Award

This award is presented to the outstanding male and female senior athletes.



Norm Rubenzer Courage and Desire Award
Sean Craker and Jessica Eisenrich



TRACK and FIELD

Senior leadership in 2019: Annabelle Abbe, Charlie Bleskachek, Sean Craker, Cory Hoglund, Eli Swoboda, Daniel Van Dyke, and Noah Weimert. Both teams showed much improvement throughout the season with girls' team placing second at Conference lead by Conference Champions Annabelle Abbe (Pole Vault) and freshman Destiny Baughman (High Jump, 300m Hurdles). Also earning All-Conference were sophomore Ann David (800), and junior Rachel Smiskey (Shot Put). The boys' TEAM placed fourth lead by Charlie Bleskachek winning the 1600, 800, and was runner-up in the 400 by .33 of a second!. Junior Joey Thaler was Conference Champion in the 3200 and anchored the All-Conference Runner Up 4x 800m Relay along with Sean Craker, sophomore Max Hauser, and junior Caleb Thornton. Athletes who represented McDonnell at State in La Crosse were Annabelle Abbe - Pole Vault (broke and raised the school record this year to 9'9"), Charlie Bleskachek - State Runner-up in the 800, Rachel Smiskey who had a lifetime personal record throw of 37'9.5" and placed fifth in the Shot Put, and Joey Thaler placed 11th in the 3200 run on a hot and humid afternoon. We return a great nucleus for the 2020 season and I'm excited about the potential of that group!

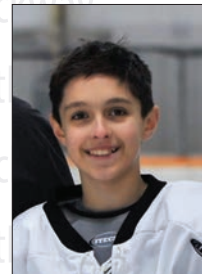
- Coach Marty Bushland '16H

McDonnell Athletics Winter-Spring 2019

BOYS BASKETBALL (18-10 overall, 9-5 conference) The McDonnell boys had a successful season led by our seniors. They were second in the tough Western Cloverbelt Conference and made it to state before losing to the state champion Sheboygan Lutheran. Cory Hoglund was runner up for player of the year in the Western Cloverbelt Conference and was named First Team All-Conference and First Team All-State in Division 5. Charlie Bleskachek was second team All-Conference and had a great senior year. Jaebin Bourget and Efe Selvitopu played big roles in the teams success this year as leaders and being unselfish. Eion Kressin improved a lot as the season went on and was Honorable Mention All-Conference. JD Bohaty was a threat from the 3 point line. We have players coming back for 2019-20 who gained varsity experience and players who had successful seasons on the junior varsity team. - Coach Adam Schilling

GIRLS BASKETBALL (11-13) Finishing 5th in conference. For the first time in the history of Girls Basketball in the Western Cloverbelt Conference we landed two players on the First Team, Senior Abby Wampler and Sophomore Maggie Craker. Honorable mentions were: Seniors Jessica Eisenreich and Hannah Sykora. All Northwest Players we had Abby Wampler and Maggie Craker make the team as honorable mention. Chippewa County we had Maggie Craker 1st team and Abby Wampler 2nd Team, with Jessica Eisenreich, Hannah Sykora, Lauryn Deetz receiving honorable mention. Maggie Craker broke the all time single season 3 point record with 57 made 3 pointers in a season " - Coach Don Cooper

HOCKEY Regis-Altoona-McDonell Co-op (4-5-0) Overall I would say it was a decent but tough 2019 season. We moved on to play Eau Claire North in the second round of playoffs, but unfortunately our season ended there, making it back to back years that our season was ended by the team that ended up making it to state. - Coach Nick Stirmel. Letter winner Brendan Bresina is looking forward to his second season with Coach Stirmel and McDonnell players Evan Eckes and Ben Biskupski joining.



BOYS GOLF McDonnell athletes lettering were seniors Adam Waldusky, Myles Fish, and Oliver Shakal. All-Conference, Cloverbelt Conference (Top Ten-Season Points): Adam Waldusky; Honorable Mention (11th-14th Season Points): Myles Fish; Golf Coaches of Wisconsin, Academic All-State: Oliver Shakal and Myles Fish, third in conference, second in regional, eighth in sectional. Fish helped lead the McDonnell/Regis Co-op Saints to a Division 2 regional runner-up finish and an eighth place finish at sectionals. - Coach Chris Longbella

SOFTBALL (14-5) Our seniors for the 2019 season were Jessica Eisenreich, Marilyn Newton, Carly Jenson, Cassie Sorensen, and Mary Roth. In their 4 years playing for McDonnell softball they won 2 conference championship, 2 regional championship, 2 sectional championships, and 2 state championships. Their leadership and work ethic will be greatly missed. We have a lot of talent coming back for our 2020 season and a great group of incoming freshman. We can't wait to work hard and improve as a team! - Coach Chelsea Seckora

BASEBALL Our baseball season was full of ups and downs. Without a senior on our team, and a majority of freshmen starting, we grew as a team tremendously. I am extremely excited to see how much our team has grown in the next season. With Kendren Gullo being our only senior, I'm looking towards his leadership to be a staple to our team. Kendren Gullo was Second Team All-Conference, Noah Hanson - Honorable Mention All-Conference.

- Coach Ryan Baier '12



GIRLS SOCCER Co-op with Regis (12-4-1) Coach Scott Hoffmann

Excellence in Education, honoring our MACS academic leaders

The 34th Annual Excellence in Education banquet, hosted by the Chippewa Falls Chamber of Commerce, saw a change in location this year to the Lake Wissota Golf and Events on Wednesday, May 1, 2019. McDonell Valedictorian and Salutatorian, along with their most influential educators, were recognized.



Parents David and Frances Blair with their daughter Eleanor and Tony Reiter '74, most influential educator.

Eleanor Blair, the daughter of David and Frances Blair, said about Tony Reiter '74, during the banquet, "Mr. Reiter is one of the most enthusiastic teachers I have ever met. He motivated us to try harder with his enthusiasm for teaching, cheered us on in all our outside activities, and challenged us to give more lovingly to those around us in need."

Mr. Reiter commented, "Eleanor Blair is not only an outstanding student but also an outstanding individual. It doesn't matter if it is in academics, acting, or volunteering, she does everything with a smile and with passion. Her moral

Parent Jayne Hoglund with her son Cory and Mrs. Alice Butler, Cory's most influential educator and honorary alumna '16H.

character is second to none. It has been a real pleasure to have known Eleanor." For her future plans following graduation Eleanor stated, "I plan on furthering my education at Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio, as an English major with a Philosophy minor."

Cory Hoglund, son of Jayne Hoglund said about Alice Butler his middle school teacher, "I chose Mrs. Butler as my most influential educator because she has inspired me to always do my best. She encouraged me to have confidence in myself and she was always there to help. Mrs. Butler has expected great things from me ever since middle school, and for that I am very appreciative. Thank you!"

Mrs. Butler comments about Cory were, "Cory is tenacious in every aspect of his life. He is a captain, not only on the basketball court, but with his peers, for he sets the standard with veracity and credence to education. Therefore world, NOTICE IS GIVEN: CORY IS COMING DOWN LIFE'S COURTS AND THERE IS NO STOPPING HIM!"

Cory's future plans include playing basketball and majoring in engineering at the University of Wisconsin Stout.



Faculty continue their education earning their Masters

MACS has provided excellent faith-based education over 137 years. The majority of that success stems from the quality of our teachers and their commitment to their professional growth. MACS has selected training that allows our teachers to work together to build common understanding of best

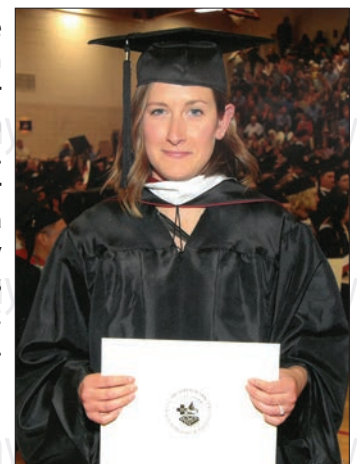
educational practices for the success of our students. The Engaged Professional Learners program for MACS faculty is made possible by the support of our benefactors, which include alumni, local businesses, and other stakeholders.

We are very thankful for their continued support.



Left: Receiving their degrees are Grade 4 Teacher Erica Abramowicz, Director of Early Childhood, Jamie Dodge, and Erica Boehm, middle school religion teacher and Campus Ministry. Jamie is completing her special education teaching licensure in addition to her masters.

Right: Second grade teacher Shannon Jaeger obtained her reading licensure from St. Mary's University. She continued her education to earn a M.A. in Literacy Education and is now a K-12 Reading Specialist.



Denny Laramy MACS Unsung Hero

By Steve Roesler '14H, MACS Teacher and Coach, currently at McDonell Central Catholic High School

Denny Laramy was chosen as McDonell's unsung hero for 2019, but his acts of service range well beyond the walls of McDonell and the year 2019. He started his life of service in 1954 when he served four years in the Air Force. The bulk of Denny's service life was spent as a coach for Notre Dame Middle School, McDonell Central Catholic High School, Chippewa Falls High School (Chi Hi), and Cadott High School.

He began as a middle school coach at Notre Dame for football in 1959 and then journeyed to McDonell as a part of the football staff that took McDonell to a place in the WISAA State Football Championship game. He was also the head boys basketball coach for McDonell in the 60's. Beginning in the 1980's he began a head coaching stint at McDonell for girls basketball and softball and coached golf as well. It was during this time that he gained his teaching certificate and began a teaching career in Social Studies and Phy Ed. at Notre Dame Middle School. He then spent some time at Chi Hi and Cadott coaching girls basketball at Chi Hi and football at Cadott.

All during this time he officiated football, basketball, baseball, and

softball. He continued that calling until recently.

His most recent service is at McDonell. For the last forty years he has saved our Athletic Directors uncounthours by securing officials for football, basketball, baseball, softball, and volleyball. He made phone calls the night before to officials to make sure they were on the same page for times of contests. He also took tickets for WIAA soccer, baseball, and softball games.

Also for the last thirty-five years he has helped set up and open up for football and basketball games - both varsity and junior varsity. This past year he was asked to open up and supervise varsity volleyball matches at McDonell as we did not have a full time Athletic Director. His only question was quintessential Denny - "What time do you need me?"

If you attended any of those McDonell events you knew Denny was there because of his friendly and distinctive voice. You could recognize him at contests because he also took to dressing for the seasons. During the football and basketball seasons - Badger, Packer, and Bucks gear was on display. During Christmas time he wore St. Nick hats and even some costumes that used Christmas lights. He used to wear St. Louis Cardinals Baseball hats and sweatshirts, but recently, especially last year, we



Denny Laramy

haven't seen much of that St. Louis gear.

When you think about the vocations of teaching, coaching, and officiating, and helping secure officials then you know that those vocations are defined by the word service. Denny Laramy's life exemplifies that word. He did those things because he cares about kids and people. There is no greater gift.

Denny Laramy - The very deserving recipient of the MACS Unsung Hero Award.

Editors Note: Denny Laramy was recognized during the 34th Annual Excellence in Education Banquet on May 1, 2019 at the Lake Wissota Golf and Events in Chippewa Falls.



McDonell Principal Brian Schulner, Denny Laramy, Steve Roesler '14H and MACS President Jeff Heinzen enjoyed the night of recognition hosted by the Chippewa Falls Chamber, student success, excellent educators and honoring an Unsung Hero.



Saturday,
February 8, 2020

Our 12th Annual Mardi Gras is a festive time to have a class reunion, night out with friends or your spouse, all while having FUN, fundraising for our school system. There will be raffles, games, and music by Troppo Big Band Jazz Orchestra. Purchase tickets on the Mardi Gras website: <http://bit.ly/MACSMardiGras>



Paul McDonald '86 counts how many times Ann Crawford Schemenauer '91 has won.



**Laura
McChesney**
Bishop Award

**Very Rev.
Justin
Kizewski**



Cory Hoglund
Salutatorian



Class of 2019 Celebrates

Best Wishes to the Class of 2019

By Principal Mr. Brian Schulner

On Wednesday, May 15, 2019 the McDonell Central Catholic High School Class of 2019 celebrated their Baccalaureate Mass at The Church of Notre Dame. The celebrant was Very Reverend Justin Kizewski - Dean of McDonell Area Catholic Schools who was joined by Monsignor Michael Gorman, Father Thomas Nirappel and Deacon Dan Rider. Afterwards, the graduates and their families enjoyed a gathering and meal at the Goldsmith Religious Education Center (GREC) former Notre Dame School. Each graduate shared their future plans.

Graduation for the 39 McDonell Central Catholic High School seniors was held on Friday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the McDonell Central Catholic High School gymnasium. The McDonell band led by Director Sean Hanson played the traditional processional "Pomp and Circumstance". Reverend Justin Kizewski led the invocation while I welcomed everyone before introducing Cory Hoglund to give his salutatorian address.

Cory began by thanking, "... all of our teachers, staff, custodians, administrators, coaches, and parents for guiding us through all of the tough times and celebrating with us through all of the successes." He then reminisced the four years that the class had been together. How they have grown, styles have changed, success they had in the classroom, on the field and challenges they overcame. Cory concluded, "The future is ours to determine. There is

no set way or one way to live life. Contrary to what they taught us in kindergarten, to color inside the lines. In today's world, the ones who make it are the ones who think outside the box. In this fast paced

world, nobody knows where they will be in the future, so don't be afraid to scribble outside the lines, think outside of the box, and just be different. Even though I have no idea where we are headed, I do know the academic foundation we

have received here at McDonell will allow us to successfully navigate our chosen careers and guide us to live our lives with faith and strong family values."

Following his speech Choral Director Maria Hagan asked the seniors to join the McDonell Concert Choir one last time in song, sharing with all present "Homeward Bound".

I then introduced the Valedictorian of the McDonell Central Catholic High School Class of 2019, Eleanor Blair. Eleanor began by addressing the formalities. She first thanked the parents. "Without you we would not be sitting here today." She went on to say, "Whether it was cheering our teams on at sporting events, attending band and choir concerts,

or volunteering at school events to help raise money, you parents are the key to our success, and we celebrate your efforts

tonight as well as ours."

Eleanor also extended sincere gratitude to the faculty and staff at McDonell. "Your unwavering dedication to our education is greatly appreciated. Although we may

"You have given us a solid foundation for our future, while simultaneously teaching us to care for those around us."

- Eleanor Blair

not have enjoyed the research papers, essays, lists of vocab words, or math equations seemingly designed to confound us, those assignments paid off. You have given us a solid foundation for our future, while simultaneously teaching us to care for those

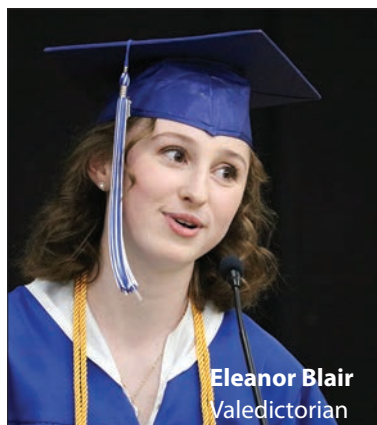
around us."

Eleanor's final gift was humor. She told a variety of jokes that were associated with each department. Example: "Here's one for our English teachers: Knock, Knock. Who's there? To. To who? No, to whom."

She concluded by congratulating her classmates and wishing them the best in future endeavors.

The 2019 Bishop Award Recipient was Laura McChesney. Laura explained that her speech was a homily of her own. She wished to focus more on the spiritual side of things. "For quite a long time, we have been part of a community whose mission is forming the spiritual and physical well-being of each of us students in the Spirit of Jesus Christ, a mission that should be practiced recalled everywhere." Laura recalled a timeline of sacramental events through the stages of their lives from Baptism, Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation. "The Sacraments of Holy Orders and Holy Matrimony come into our lives as well, even though they may not be our calling." She reminded her classmates,

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Eleanor Blair
Valedictorian

Annabelle Abbe, Parents John & Stephanie Abbe

Plans to attend UW-Eau Claire for speech pathology.

Eleanor Blair, Parents David & Frances Blair

Plans to attend Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio for English literature and a minor in Philosophy.

Charlie Bleskachek, Parents David '85 &

Sue Rauscher '85 Bleskachek

Plans to attend Concordia University, St. Paul to major in exercise science and run cross country and track.

Jaebin Bourget, Parents Brittany McFadden &

Daenil Lyons

Plans to attend CVTC to major in criminal justice.

Sean Craker, Parents Eric & Molly Craker

Plans to attend UW-Eau Claire for finance.

McKenzie Dachel, Parents Wayne & Teresa Dachel

Plans to attend UW-River Falls for veterinary medicine.

Jessica Eisenreich, Parents Jim & Lori Bohl '84

Eisenreich Plans to attend UW-Green Bay for social work.

John Farrow, Parents Peter & Michelle Farrow

Plans to attend CVTC for welding.

Myles Fish, Parents Matt '98 & Amy Dahl'98 Fish

Plans to attend UW-Stout for engineering.

Ziyin Guo, Parents Xinyuan Guo & Jinghui Zhang

Host: Randy & Christine Sonnentag

Plans to attend University of Melbourne, Australia.

Mitchell Haley, Parents Joe Haley & Stacey McKinney

Plans to attend UW-Eau Claire for computer science.

Andrew Hess, Parents Kevin & Andrea Hess

Plans to attend CVTC for liberal arts.

Cory Hoglund, Parent Jayne Hoglund

Plans to attend UW-Stout for engineering and play basketball.

Carly Jenson, Parents Jason & Lisa Jenson

Plans to attend UW-Stout.

Ellen Kuss, Parents Fred & Roxanne Rooney '65 Kuss

Plans to attend UW-Stout for retail merchandising.

Bao Quoc Le, Parents Le PhuQuoi & Le Minh Mai Trang

Host: Erik & Mckinzi Simonsen

Plans to attend Texas Tech University in mech. engineering.

Keri Leenhouts, Parents Jon & Sonja Leenhouts

Plans to attend UW-Stout for real estate property management.

Laura McChesney, Parents Jess & Megan McChesney

Plans to attend UW-Eau Claire for music and minor in piano.

Belinda Neff, Parents Rick '77 & Lisa Neff

Plans to attend Northwestern Health Sciences University, Bloomington, MN for massage therapy.

Marilyn Newton, Parents Jeff '86 & Lynn Lembezeder '88

Newton Plans to attend UW-Milwaukee for nursing.

Emmaliese Normand, Parents Ryan & Renee

Schemenauer '88 Normand

Plans to attend UW-Eau Claire for psychology.

Trevor Opsal, Parents Scott & Beth Opsal

Plans to attend University of North Dakota for commercial aviation.

Thu Pham, Parents Quang Pham & Trinh Nguyen Thi Hoai

Host: Julee Crane

Plans to attend California State University in Los Angeles, CA.



Front row left to right: Jakeb Smiskey, Marilyn Newton, Eleanor Blair, Annabelle Abbe, Seungyi Yu, Thu Pham, Cassie Sorensen, Ellen Kuss, Abby Wampler Next row: Oliver Shakal, Keri Leenhouts, Jessica Eisenreich, McKenzie Dachel, Ziyin Guo, Mary Roth, Carly Jenson, Hannah Sykora Next row: Emmaliese Normand, Belinda Neff, Parker Pickerign, Michael Scheidler. Next row: Trevor Opsal, Myles Fish, John Farrow. Next row: Mitchell Haley, Samuel Youngquist, Andrew Hess, Sean Craker, Jaebin Bourget. Next row: Laura McChesney, Noah Weimert, Cory Hoglund, Bao Quoc Le, Elijah Swoboda. Top row: Sebastian Sykora, Charlie Bleskachek, Daniel Van Dyke, Efe Selvitopu, Adam Waldusky

Parker Pickerign, Parents Kirt & Stacy Pickerign

Plans to attend Viterbo for sports marketing.

Mary Roth, Parents Larry & Janet Roth

Plans to attend CVTC for liberal arts.

Michael Scheidler, Parents David Scheidler '88 & Jennifer

Johnson Accepted into the Carpenter's Local Union 1074 apprenticeship program.

Efe Selvitopu, Parents Serhat & Imren Selvitopu

Host: Matt & Michele Kressin

Plans to attend Bahcesehir University in Turkey.

Oliver Shakal, Parents Bob & Jennifer Shakal

Plans to attend Michigan Tech University for mechanical engineering.

Jakeb Smiskey, Parents Carl Smiskey '93 & Laura Bichler

Plans to attend UW-Madison for mechanical engineering.

Cassie Sorensen, Parents Dale & Angie Sorensen

Plans to attend Minnesota State, Mankato for nursing.

Elijah Swoboda, Parents Tim & Roxanne Bennesch '83

Swoboda Plans to attend CVTC for liberal arts.

Hannah Sykora, Parents Roger & Lynda Sykora

Plans to attend Silver Lake College of the Holy Family for history and playing basketball.

Sebastian Sykora,

Parents Dominick '88 Sykora & Sandra Stark

Plans to attend CVTC for liberal arts.

Daniel Van Dyke, Parents Jerry & Cheri Van Dyke

Plans to attend UW-La Crosse for economics.

Adam Waldusky, Parents Mike '80 & Debi Waldusky

Plans to attend CVTC for liberal arts.

Abby Wampler, Parents John & Jennifer Wampler

Plans to attend Winona State University.

Noah Weimert, Parents Jeff & Heather Frank '93 Weimert

Plans to attend Vermillion Community College for law enforcement and play football.

Samuel Youngquist, Parents Brian & Jacki Youngquist

Undecided.

Seungyi Yu, Parents Bokeun Yu & Junghwa Lee

Host: Ryan & Heather Raymond

Plans to attend a Korean college for international relations and department of the children.

Class of 2019

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"The sacraments strengthen our relationship with our Lord God and a good relationship with Him gives us a chance to be with Him for eternity."

Laura concluded by thanking the priests and deacons, the faculty, staff, and her family and fellow graduates of the Class of 2019.

Band Director Sean Hanson then asked the seniors to join the band in one last rendition of "The Chronicles of Narnia."

The commencement address was presented by Mrs. Alice Butler, retired instructor from Notre Dame Middle School and Honorary Alumnus of 2014. The Class of 2019 was her very last eighth grade class at Notre Dame Middle School.

In true Mrs. Butler form she called the class to order, passed out the Jolly Ranchers and got down to business. Mrs. Butler's speech was a true reflection of how a teacher builds relationships with their students. Even with four years past, she had something to say about each and every graduate, even those who she had never taught. It was obvious she had taken the time to research and reflect. Her address was an inspiration and testament to the time and dedication our teachers give to our students. The Class of 2019 presented Mrs. Butler with a flower basket as a thank you.

McDonell Area Catholic Schools President Mr. Jeff Heinzen,



Alice Butler '16H

Commission Chair Mrs. Molly Bushman and Father Justin Kizewski conferred upon the graduates their diplomas.

Assisting was School Counselor Mrs. Ruthann Proue.

The graduates individually presented their class flower to their parents as the class song "Five More Minutes" 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.

The Class of 2019 is on their way. In true McDonell fashion over 95% of the graduates are going on to post-secondary adventures. They are well prepared and there is no doubt in my mind that they will make a difference in their community and the world. I wish them the best in their futures.

God's speed in your journey.

Mr. Brian Schulner
Principal



Fifth generation Myles Fish receives congratulation hugs from his Mother Amy Dahl Fish '98 and his Grandmother Kathy Connell Dahl '73.

McDonell 2020 Musical

January 31 • 7:30 p.m.

February 1 • 7:30 p.m.

February 2 • 2:00 p.m.

Online ticket sales available December.



Students have started rehearsing and the stage crew is underway for the McDonell musical Guys and Dolls. **Would you help with lighting, sound, costumes? We need your help! Call the school at 715.723.9126.**

Guys and Dolls is considered by many to be the perfect musical comedy. It ran for 1,200 performances when it opened on Broadway in 1950.

Gambler Nathan Detroit tries to find the cash to set up the biggest craps game in town while the authorities breathe down his neck; meanwhile, his girlfriend and nightclub performer, Adelaide, laments that they've been engaged for fourteen years. Nathan turns to fellow gambler, Sky Masterson, for the dough, and Sky ends up chasing the straight-laced missionary, Sarah Brown, as a result. Guys and Dolls takes us from the heart of Times Square to the cafes of Havana, Cuba, and even into the sewers of New York City, but eventually everyone ends up right where they belong. The brassy, immortal score makes Guys and Dolls a crowd pleaser. The large cast features both a variety of ensemble and star roles for a show that is a treat for audiences and performers of any age.



Mr. Trevor Graydon



Miss Flannery
& Millie



Fine Arts award winners L to R: Belinda Neff, Annabelle Abbe, Mark Buchmann, Trevor Opsal, Eleanor Blair. Missing is Laura McChesney.

Monday, May 13, was a grand night of art and music. Band Director Sean Hanson welcomed his St. Peter Catholic School band students to the stage for a performance before his Notre Dame sixth grade band and middle school bands shared their music. Following those selections attendees moved into the McDonell Commons where a display of

student art works lined the walls and tables. A reception was held with entertainment by state gold medal Forensic members. Directed by Dr. Maria Hagan, the high school choir sang, too. Awards were given out throughout the night by McDonell Directors as the high school bands took the stage following the reception.

Fine Arts Awards

Fine Arts Award

Annabelle Abbe

National School Choral Award

Laura McChesney

Leonard Bernstein Musicianship Award

Eleanor Blair

Forensics Award

Patrick Michael Kelly: Belinda Neff

Band Awards

Louis Armstrong Award: Trevor Opsal

Woody Herman Award: Mark Buchmann

Gilmore Award: Belinda Neff

John Philip Sousa Award: Annabelle Abbe

Forensics State Medalists

Gold Medal

Playacting - Jakeb Smiskey, Emmaliese Normand, Eleanor Blair, Mark Buchmann, Anthony Roach

Bronze Medal

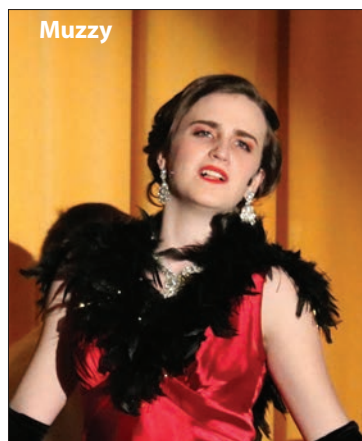
Public Address - Esme Anderson

Poetry - Belinda Neff

Spontaneous - Hannah Vallejos Duque



Millie



Muzzy



Jimmy and Miss Dorothy

The 38th consecutive musical production of the McDonell Musical was "Thoroughly Modern Millie." Thank you cast, stage crew, orchestra pit, lighting, sound boards and behind the scenes dads who helped make Thoroughly Modern Millie a HUGE success!

Director of the Show: Sue Decker

Stage: Carol Way

Choral: Jerry Way

Orchestra: Sean Hanson

Technology: Skip August

Costumes: Rose August and Crew

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

Millie - Eleanor Blair

Jimmy - Anthony Roach

Mrs. Meers - Marilyn Newton

Mr. Trevor Graydon - Peter Herron

Miss Dorothy - Shanen Rice

Ching Ho - Drew Hunt

Muzzy - Emmaliese Normand

Bun Foo - Jackson Bushman

Miss Flannery - Samantha Wirtz



Jimmy with the Priscilla Girls, Millie and Miss Dorothy



Stage Crew



Ching Ho, Mrs. Meers, Bun Foo

What are they doing now?

To Dwell in the House of the Lord

By Laura Kopp '12

One of the greatest gifts I have received is the gift of life within the Catholic Church. I am so grateful to my parents, Ian Kopp and Jenna Schafer, for the gift of Baptism, having the opportunity to be in union with God through the other sacraments, and for sending me to McDonell Area Catholic Schools (MACS). From the very start, preschool all the way through senior year, MACS has played an important role in the growth of my relationship with the Lord. As a 2012 graduate from McDonell, it is a great joy to share how the good Lord has awakened and called me to dwell with Him, one day soon, as a Poor Clare nun!

It all happily started in the small chapel at McDonell. During the lunch hour, Mass, Adoration and Confession were offered by the then current chaplain of McDonell, Fr. Justin Kizewski. Many times throughout junior and senior year, I found myself eating lunch more quickly or not going to study hall, to spend time with Jesus in the chapel. These silent moments anchored my heart to the heart of Jesus. A faithful priest will always point to Jesus and not to himself in his ministry. Fr. Kizewski not only made the sacraments readily available, he also led a small group of us in Morning Prayer before school and the rosary after school. In learning to live within the sacraments of the Church, I began to see how vital and necessary they are, in return, to live life in this fallen and broken world. I am so grateful for the different ways Fr. Kizewski taught me how to pray within the life of the Church. I brought this habit of prayer and stayed close to Jesus in the sacraments during the four and a half years spent at the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota.

In addition to having the sacraments readily available to its students and a well rounded liberal arts education, U-Mary also provides semester abroad experiences. I had my heart set on going to Rome and was able to spend the spring semester of 2014 abroad. During this semester I encountered many young, joyful religious sisters as well as many young seminarians and priests. In the religious sisters and priests, I was struck by the totality of which they had given their lives to serve Jesus and His Church. From these men and women living out their vocations, the religious life became an attractive way of life to me for the first time. More than anything at this point in my life, I simply wanted to serve Jesus but didn't know how. So I returned home with the desire in my heart to give myself to Jesus in service.

The word vocation comes from the Latin word, *vocare*, which means to call. It is quite amazing how unique Jesus calls each one of us to make a complete and total gift of our lives. It was in my junior year of college at the University of



"In a moment of grace from the Holy Spirit, I understood Jesus was calling me to Himself..."
- Laura Kopp '12

Mary, I first heard Jesus call me through a friend who was involved with FOCUS. This friend taught me how to pray with Scripture, helped me to establish a daily life of prayer, and encouraged me to lead a bible study of my own. Through these experiences Jesus taught me how to give myself in service to Him and those He placed in my life.

During my senior year, Jesus called me a second time through the words of Simeon to Mary: and a sword will pierce through your own soul also that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed. In these words I knew Jesus was asking me to be a missionary like Mary, to be His instrument so He could awaken the hearts of many. Through these words, Jesus called me to serve with FOCUS as an on campus missionary for three years. Although I received and said yes to this call, it was not easy for me to say yes. At the same time, I had also applied to a come-and-see retreat with a community of religious sisters in Minnesota. Religious life had remained on my heart since those first stirrings in Rome. However, Jesus called me to FOCUS for a reason and so with faith and hope packed in my heart I set out on the great missionary adventure with Jesus to Minnesota State University in Mankato, MN.

Everything about the life of a FOCUS missionary is formative, especially the commitment to daily prayer and mass. The spirituality of a FOCUS missionary is rooted in the commitment to spend an hour of prayer in the presence of Jesus in Adoration or in the tabernacle & attend daily mass if possible. At the end of my time in college, I was more frequently spending time with Jesus in prayer, but it was not yet the number one priority of each day. In these last three years of almost faithfully praying a holy hour each day, my love and wonder of God has deepened. Jesus called me to

FOCUS to serve Him and the needs of young people, but in many ways He called me to serve Him so that along the way He would be able to awaken my heart in many different ways I never thought possible. I grew to love Jesus in daily holy hours more than I could have in spending an hour with a friend. Jesus desires to be so close to each and everyone of us. St. Therese of Lisieux says it best, "Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle, expressly for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart...don't listen to the demon, laugh at him, and go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love."

During one of these holy hours, I heard Jesus calling again. This time from John chapter 20 verses 11-18; the story of Mary Magdalene weeping outside the tomb of Jesus. I saw myself as Mary Magdalene, weeping and not knowing where Jesus was or what it was He desired for my life. When Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene He sent her to His disciples. So I asked Jesus, "Where are you sending me?" I want to be like Mary Magdalene and be sent. Who are you calling me to?" In a moment of grace from the Holy Spirit, I understood Jesus was calling me to Himself, to come and see what a life with Him is like in the vocation of a religious sister!

With excitement and awe within my heart, ready to follow Jesus anywhere, I talked with my spiritual director, Fr. Jason Kern of the Winona-Rochester Dioceses, to begin a season of intentional discernment to the religious life. This occurred during the Easter season of 2018 and after a few months of prayer, I contacted two active religious communities to arrange a visit.

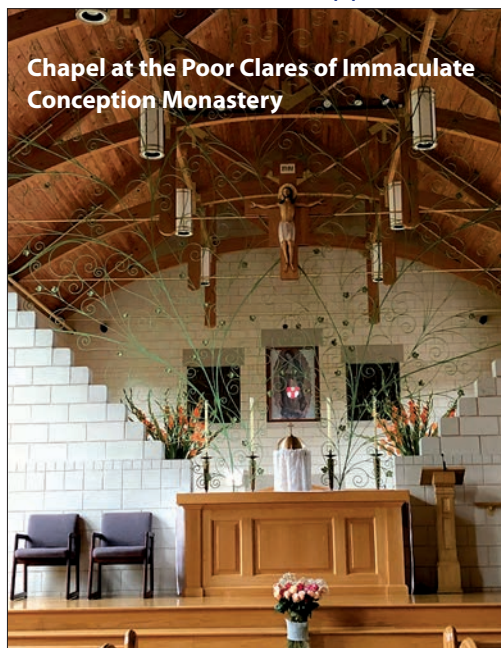
After visiting these two active communities of religious sisters it became clear to my heart that their way of life, though very beautiful and necessary, was not where Jesus was inviting me to be with Him. One of the communities I visited continued to walk with me in discernment and suggested I read a book called *A Right to Be Merry*, written by a cloistered Poor Clare nun,

Mother Mary Francis.

This book talks about the challenges, cares, and joys of that of one living within the walls of a cloistered community. Yes, cloistered communities of religious still exist today! As I kept reading this book, it seemed as if Mother Mary Francis was writing about me. The life of a cloistered Poor Clare seemed familiar and in praying with Psalm 27: 4 the desires of my heart to be with Jesus in the walls of a cloister became clear. Psalm 27 is titled "Triumphant Song of Confidence" and St. Therese of Lisieux tells us, "it is nothing but confidence and confidence alone that must lead us to love". So, with confidence I wrote to the Poor Clares of Immaculate Conception Monastery in Palos Park, IL in hopes they would invite me to come for a visit. My first visit with them was this past April. The first hour of prayer spent with the Poor Clares was familiar, it reminded me of being back in McDonnell's chapel. At last, Jesus had

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-Laura Kopp '12



Chapel at the Poor Clares of Immaculate Conception Monastery



Poor Clare Monastery of the Immaculate Conception

As Poor Clare Nuns, they have been called together by our Lord Jesus Christ to live in His love, as a community of sisters in the praying heart of the Church, to gather in the most universal way, the hardships and hopes of all people into the embrace of sacrificial love. The postulant seated in the front, on the right is wearing the same garment Laura will, while she discerns. www.chicagopoorclares.org

led me to the place of dwelling with Him (Psalm 27:4) my heart was seeking for!

A priest recently told me that God likes to rhyme within each of our lives. For me, God's rhyme started in the small chapel with the Mass, Adoration, Liturgy of the Hours, and the Rosary. Now, God's rhyme continues in these familiar ways to enter the cloister with the Poor Clares of Immaculate Conception Monastery. As I am not yet a Poor Clare, the best way I know how to describe this gift of being called to the cloistered is to remain with Jesus as He has remained with me. In *A Right to Be Merry*, Mother Mary Francis explains the contemplative religious sister as "one who carries the whole world and its spiritual interests in her heart...to be a mother of all souls!" It is a great joy to be called to this life and to one day as Pope St. John Paul II describes consecrated women in *Vita Consecrata*, "in a very special way to be a sign of God's tender love towards the human race and to be special witness to the mystery of the Church, Virgin, Bride and Mother."

Please pray for my perseverance and to always desire God's Will above all else. The formation of a Poor Clare is a total of eight to nine years. As I continue to discern this call with the Poor Clares by entering the monastery this 2nd of November, please know of my prayers for the MACS family. All glory to Jesus!

May His Sacred Heart be a resting place for you, *Laura Kopp '12*



McDonell Alumni Association (MAA)

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McDonell Central High School Alumni
952 members strong!



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Start the tweeting!



Rolly Enderes '96

The 2019-20 school year is here and the MAA and the McDonell Alumni have a lot to look forward to. To start, students, parents, teachers, alum and the community are getting a chance to play on/view the newly renovated high school gym that was renamed Steve and Deb Roesler Gymnasium. Congratulations to Steve Roesler who was inducted into the McDonell Hall of Fame in May

where the renaming of the gymnasium was announced. I hope as many alumni will take the opportunity to see the grand changes to the floor, the walls and much more while still honoring the history and tradition of McDonell High School. (See story and picture on page 4).

This upcoming year, I encourage my fellow alums to join the MAA in several alumni events including alumni gatherings throughout the state and out of state. If you are interested in joining, contact the Director of Advancement Jaynee '03 Brannen (j.brannen@macs.k12.wi.us) at the MACS central office.

On October 4, we celebrated the 50th anniversary and reunion of the 1969 state runner up football team who played in the state's first high school

championship game which was played on Lambeau Field. See the story on page 15. We had a lot of fun listening as the football players, cheerleaders, and some of the pom pom squad reminisce.

On October 19, the MAA had an inaugural 5k/Fun Run in the morning followed by the first annual Adult Prom. The theme was the 80s and we had a blast. (Look for additional photos on our Facebook page.)

Looking forward to Alumni Weekend April 3-4 and the MAA Annual Celebration and Hall of Fame on April 25, 2020.

The MAA hopes to give our fellow alumni the opportunity to reconnect and reminisce through events we are hosting. I look forward to seeing you this winter and spring at all our MAA events. Check back often on social media and website news page.

GO MACKS!

Rolly



Adult Prom 80's Style



Keep in touch with your McDonell Alumni Association

Update contact information on the Alumni page of the McDonell Area Catholic Schools website. Read news on upcoming events, send us your photos and reunion information to MackMessenger@macs.k12.wi.us

1969 McDonell state WISAA finalist remembered for cohesion, stout defense

Photo: Chippewa Herald



Jim Haley (22) , having one of his busiest days of the season, handles the ball with back Jack Stelter (30) providing the blocking on a right end sweep 40 years ago Sunday against Manitowoc Roncalli in a Wisconsin Independent Schools Athletic Association state football championship game at Green Bay's Lambeau Field. Also in the action are center John Bomeisl (50) and guard Bob Kelly (71).

Editors Note: This article ran in the Chippewa Herald Newspaper the week before the 1969 football team was honored at the McDonell Macks Friday, October 4, home football game. Republished here with permission.

By Brandon Berg
Chippewa.com

The 1969 McDonell football team made a lot of history.

And Friday, the team will be honored for those achievements during halftime of the program's 8-man matchup with Elkhart Lake/Glenbeulah.

The Macks of 1969 went 8-0-1 during the regular season, winning the Central Wisconsin Catholic Conference championship and ending the regular season as the top-ranked small school team in the United Press International state coaches poll. The Macks went on to defeat fellow CWCC school Prairie du Chien Champion 38-16 in the Wisconsin Independent Schools Athletic Association playoff semifinals to advance to the first-ever WISAA state championship game where they fell to Manitowoc Roncalli.

That McDonell team was known for its chemistry and tenacious defense led by second-year coach Jim Jolliffe.

"We were a lot of pretty decent athletes that were a lot better because we played with each other," John Bromeisl said.

Off and running

McDonell finished 4-4 in Jolliffe's first season in 1968 and returned contributors from that season. The Macks started the season strong with sizable nonconference wins over Glenwood City (41-0) and Thorp (38-0) but faced tighter competition in the CWCC.

The team picked up confidence-boosting victories over Eau Claire Regis (8-6) and La Crosse Aquinas (15-6) in games three and four, the first time in school history the Macks beat both programs

in the same season. The team improved to 5-0 with a 3-0 victory over Marshfield Columbus on Oct. 4, the only scoring of the game coming on a 17-yard field goal by Jeff Pulver while the defense pitched its third shutout of the young season.

The Macks earned win six in memorable fashion with a 20-18 win at Wausau Newman on Oct. 11. Pulver booted a 20-yard field goal as time expired for the victory. In the closing seconds of the game, Jim Haley caught a pass from quarterback John Young and fought to get out of bounds with the ball at the Newman 4-yard line, short of a first down that would have stopped the clock. Originally the referee ruled the game was over when Haley was tackled before a field judge said Haley had made it out of bounds. Officials resumed the game, setting the clock back two seconds after the referee was unaware of the field judge's signal. Wausau Newman officials said on film Haley did not get out bounds, but an official's judgment can not be the basis of a protest. Wausau Newman unsuccessfully protested the game.

"All I know is the referee called me out of bounds," Haley said of the play with a smile.

Bromeisl left the game with a concussion, but was allowed to peek out of the locker room to see the scoreboard as it read 18-17 in favor of Wausau Newman with no time left. Soon after, as teammates returned to the locker room, he was surprised at their upbeat demeanor and was informed by teammate Ron Lurk how the Macks won. Opposing fans were not as pleased, as they egged the student bus after the game.

One week later, the Macks overcame a 12-0 halftime hole at Wisconsin Rapids Assumption to win 28-12, a game Young said the fans helped McDonell win with their spirited cheering, including forming a tunnel for the players as they hit the field for the second half. "The fans won that one," Young said.

The victory over the Royals improved the Macks to 7-0 and set up a high-profile matchup with also unbeaten in CWCC Prairie du Chien Champion. The lone score of the game came on a 30-yard touchdown catch from Pulver while the defense held its sixth opponent to six points or fewer in eight tries in front of nearly 4,000 people at the fairgrounds in a 6-0 win.

"At that time if you had a (defensive) line that averaged over 200 pounds it was a rarity," Joe Hamilton said of the powerhouse Macks defense. "Not so much anymore but back then for a small school like

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we had the guys up front were really big and could move."

The Macks made believers of people throughout the season, including Chippewa Herald-Telegram sports editor Mike Lucas, who received a postgame shower from the team after a win over Champion. A photo of a smiling Lucas can be found in the Oct. 28, 1969 edition of the Herald-Telegram.

McDonell played to a scoreless tie at a muddy Stevens Point Pacelli in the final game of the regular season, a result that still gave the Macks the outright league championship.

McDonell ended the regular season as the top-ranked team in the UPI small schools poll, earning 12 of 24 first-place votes to finish in front of Gale-Ettrick and Auburndale.

The Macks were one of four teams from across the state chosen for the WISAA state football tournament and earned a rematch against Champion, this time with a berth in the state championship game on the line.

Leaving no doubt

Both McDonell and Champion dealt with injuries during their first meeting of the season at the fairgrounds on Oct. 25. Young was injured during the contest while Jack Stelter was also hampered during the game while Champion was without top rusher Mike Miller and his backup Steve Peterson.

The rematch was not nearly as close as the regular season battle as the Macks jumped out to a 21-8 halftime lead on the way to a 38-16 triumph over Champion in the semifinals in La Crosse. Young found Hamilton for a 27-yard scoring pass before Young added a 1-yard scoring plunge to take an early 14-0 lead. Champion answered with a touchdown before Jack Stelter scored on a 9-yard run to help take a 21-8 lead into halftime.

McDonell put the game out of reach in the third quarter with a 23-yard field goal from Pulver, 17-yard fumble return for a score by Dan McCombs and a 41-yard



Pictured above are members of the football team with the trophies they won in the fall of 1969. Left to right: Steve Thaler, Jeff Cunningham, Jim Haley, Joe Hamilton, John Young, Scott Hebert, John Bromisel, Jack Stelter, Pat Bischel, Bob Daniel, Augie Altman, Dave Harings, Bob Peterson, Gordie Meinen, Mack Dog, Gerry Cherrier, Ron Lark, Tim McDonell, and Dan Leis.

scoring pass from Young to Hamilton.

"That was really satisfying, the result," Jim Altman said of the win. "If it had been another nail biter one way or the other it would've been something. But we went down there and owned them."

Stelter ran for 51 yards while Young threw for 147 yards and the two scores to Hamilton. The Macks more than doubled Champion in total yards (317-145) and forced six turnovers in the dominating win.

It was like everyone expected us to get beat," Bromeisl said. "That wasn't the case, (it was) probably the best game we played all year."

And it also set the Macks up into the first WISAA championship game against Roncalli, a matchup to take place at historic Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

The first

Roncalli upended Milwaukee Pius 14-7 to advance from the other semifinal.

Both schools advanced to state despite smaller enrollments compared to their conference counterparts. The Macks had the smallest enrollment in the CWCC while Roncalli was sixth among male enrollment in the nine-team Fox Valley Catholic Conference.

A tight game early, Roncalli scored twice in the second half to pull away to a 28-8 win for the first WISAA title in front of 5,255 fans at Lambeau Field. McDonell scored its lone touchdown on a 3-yard scoring run by Young. Turnovers and mistakes proved to be the difference as they fumbled four times and overall had four turnovers as well as a blocked punt.

"For a team that didn't make mistakes all year, we saved them up for one game," Bromeisl said.

Bromeisl felt the teams were even, despite

the scoring difference. Roncalli outgained McDonell by a modest 261-231 yardage margin, but was able to take advantage of miscues for points.

The Macks were disappointed after the game, but not despondent.

"It brought the whole town together," Young said. "All the businesses were closed up to go to the game."

"I don't remember anybody being totally down and leaving there like it's the worst day of our lives," Pat Bischel said of the defeat.

"People were mad, but not exceptionally mad," Stelter added. "We got over it in an hour."

One thing that helped the Macks was the response throughout the community, something Jerry Cherrier and others said has stayed with them ever since.

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The team bus stopped on the way home under the guise of mechanical problems but in reality it was used to call ahead to the high school to make sure people were ready for the team's return. The bus met others near Lake Wissota, and they accompanied the Macks back to the high school for a pep rally welcoming the team home.

The 1969 McDonell football team broke new ground as it ran to the program's first state championship game. And it helped forge a tight-knit bond among the players that still endures 50 years later.

"It was a close-knit group and I think those friendships are still (here) today," Stelter said.

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Standing L to R: Tom Chisholm '48, Nancy Chisholm, Jeff Heinzen, Jerome Wiss '53, Jaynee Armstrong Brannen '03, Rick Globensky '62, Tim Corcoran, Michael Friedeck '64, Patrick Murphy '65, Bridget McLaughlin Corcoran '03, Kelli Sullivan Schmitz '03, Bill Schmitz, Alice Buchberger Heinzen '71, Theresa Rider, Joe Rider '08, Rolly Enderes '96 Sitting: Rosemary Wiss, Maureen Flug Friedeck '64, Jan Russell Globensky '64, Jacob Christopher '02, William Lawson '53, Jerry Devine '53

LA CROSSE COULEE REGION



Front L to R: Alice Buchberger Heinzen '71, Jeanne Cardinal Reiter '62, Jennifer Armstrong, Jaynee Armstrong Brannen '03, Shannon Loomis Klar '00 back row: Jeff Heinzen, John Reiter, Tony Szak '96, Michelle Szak, Phil Klar (Aquinas Grad)

FOX CITIES



L to R: Jeff Heinzen, Alice Buchberger Heinzen '71, Tony Szak '96, Dan Lauer '70, Barbara Lauer, Michael McAleer '64, Joanne McAleer, Michele Heffler '83, Jaynee Armstrong Brannen '03

FLORIDA from The Villages



Thank you for McDonell alum and others who had a connection with Chippewa Falls for joining us! L to R: Nancy Zimbric, Roger Zimbric, Joan Mezmarich '54, Kathryn Hughes '69, Kelly Karrmann, Sharon Karrmann, Jeff Heinzen



Class of 1959 60 Year Reunion

*"When friends meet . . .
hearts warm."*

On Sunday, September 15, 2019, classmates gathered by Our Lady of the Pines Shrine outside the Church of Notre Dame. They attended and celebrated a Mass of thanksgiving for the living and deceased members of their class. Following Mass, they headed over to Cobblestone Hotel in downtown Chippewa Falls for brunch and making time to reminisce while catching up on fellow classmates.

Pictured above seated L to R: Deanna Globensky Rubenzer, Jean Bertrand Marks, Kathryn Heerey Biegel, Arline Schleppenbach Taylor, Ken Kreiling (Valedictorian), Beverly Feuling Wild. Row 2: Darlene Rubenzer Wright, Don Hable, Patricia Zenner Radke, Carolyn Barney Cohrs, Lavonne

Bernier Dejno, Mary Ann Reith Pozarski, Beverly Tanzer Bresina, Judy Horvatin Gaier, Gary Rooney, Dianne LeDuc Gettler, Diane Glodosky Hickey (Salutatorian). Row 3: Bruce Potter, Bob Schneider, Tom Schmidt, Ed Manny, Donna Schmidt Anderson, Dick Monarski.

CLASS NOTES

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1980s

Rolanda Schneider Rada '82 was awarded the 'Keeper of the Tradition Award' from HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital. The award honors a hospital colleague, who in exemplary ways, carries on the traditions of Christian hospitality, servant leadership and the integration of the mission of the Hospital Sisters into her everyday work and service. Rolanda is a Registered Nurse in Ambulatory Care and has been serving at the hospital for 30 years.

1990s

Melissa Schneider Christopherson '97 (current parent) realized Steve



"Sir" Roesler '14H has taught three generations of her family. Her dad Paul Schneider '78, herself and brother Nathaniel Schneider '08, and now her son Noah '21, who is a junior at McDonell.

2010s

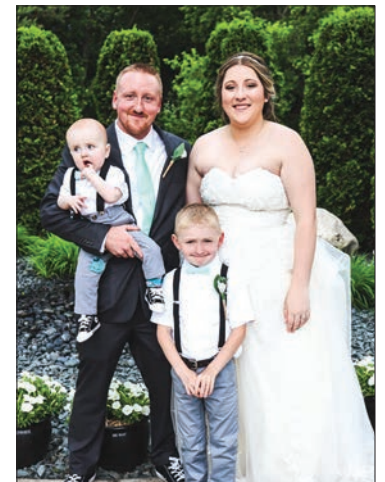
Thomas Longbella '16 has been named a Srixon/Cleveland Golf All-America Scholar by the Golf Coaches Association. He has also qualified for the USGA 2020 US AM Four Ball event to be held at the Philly Cricket Club.

Zach Gilles '16 started in all 61 baseball games at Central Michigan which tied a program record of 47 wins. For his junior season he batted .357 with an on-base percentage of .448. He was first on the team with 20 stolen bases, second in hits (85) and triples (6), third in walks

Left: Joe Oberweis '58 received the 'At Large' Medalion Award at the Knights of Columbus State Convention banquet. Joe has been a part of the KCs since 1972.

(42) and runs (57). We enjoyed watching/following Zach on his third year over the 2019 summer with the Eau Claire Express.

Isaac Bohaty '18 finished out the track and field freshman season at the University of Mary (ND) with first and second place finishes at meets in the 800. His best time was 1:57.65.



Above: Alyssa Glasby '12 married Steven Michaels on June 14, 2019. Their two boys are Skylar and Walker.

Above: Pete and Marilyn White Dachel '47 celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at the Eagles Club in Lake Hallie on October 27, 2019 with family and friends.



Class of 1967 celebrates 70th birthday party

Classmates of 1967 held a get together to celebrate their 70th birthday at the Glen Lock Saloon on Friday, September 20, and at the Chippewa Falls Oktoberfest event at the fairgrounds the next night. Above left to right is John "Ace" Monarski, Jackie Bowe Bernier, Bill Overman, Debbie Gordon Ritzinger, Jeanne Hebert,

Mary Monpas Martin, Linda Hurt, Pat McDonell, Chuck Frenette, Jane Waldusky Von Feldt and Bob Hartman.

Also at the gathering but not pictured were Sharon Liedl Tripp, Jack Halbleib, Bob Norquist and Dennis Steinmetz.

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ALUMNI

Rita Peterson Boetcher '43

January 11, 2019, Dade City, FL

Rosemary "Sis" McCarthy '43

August 25, 2019, Chippewa Falls

Jeanne McClusky '46

June 22, 2019, Eau Claire

Francis Martell '47

January 19, 2019, Chippewa Falls

Mary Bender '47

April 22, 2019, Chippewa Falls

Gregory Devine '52

January 5, 2019, Eau Claire

Maripat Loisel Lannue '50

January 13, 2019, Chippewa Falls

Joan Simon Moran '53

July 23, 2019, Brooklyn Park, MN

Karol Lewis Hedrington '54

February 17, 2019, Chippewa Falls

Nancy Bruehling Allen '55

August 22, 2019, Chippewa Falls

Larry Willkom '59

February 20, 2019, Chippewa Falls

James Krueger '61

April 5, 2019, Hilliard, Ohio
McDonell's first National Merit
Scholar. Program started in 1955.

Richard Dachel '63

April 24, 2019 Chippewa Falls

Milton Sedlacek '65

February 8, 2018, Cadott

Mary Hebert Hetzel '65

March 22, 2019, Bloomer

Karen Tanzer Ellison '66

July 15, 2019, Chippewa Falls

Sandra Weber '67

August 26, 2019, Milwaukee

Ron Simet '69

August 1, 2019, Chippewa Falls



Gathering together at the Edge Pub and Eatery on Lake Wissota, classmates enjoy their summer visit. Pictured clockwise starting on the left are Bill Klaes, Jerry Sazama, Richard Lindstrom, Dodie Martineau Driscoll, Doris Yohnk Behnke, Tex Akan, Temple Keefer Schroetter and her husband Delon.

Brenda Hurt Young '71

April 29, 2018, Eau Claire

Tom Swoboda '77

September 11, 2019,
Chippewa Falls

Patricia Crist '81

August 24, 2019, Chippewa Falls

Scott Wild '83

June 20, 2018, Chippewa Falls

Ky Anderson '96

June 5, 2019, Eau Claire

FRIENDS

Virginia "Gini" Wermund, parent
and grandparent of alum
February 6, 2019, Chippewa Falls

Linda Maniquiz, parent of alum

February 24, 2019, Chippewa Falls

Marilyn Bowe, former cook of 36
years at Holy Ghost Elementary.
March 3, 2019, Chippewa Falls

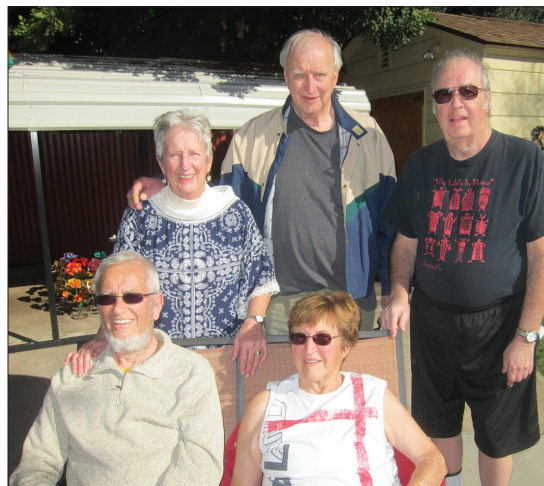
Mary Ann Kressin, grandparent
of alumni and current student
March 5, 2019, Chippewa Falls

Tom Walsh, parent of alum
April 1, 2019, Chippewa Falls

Joseph P. See, parent and
grandparent of alum
April 27, 2019, Chippewa Falls

Loraine (Katzbahn) Sedlacek
spouse and parent of alum
May 1, 2019, Jim Falls

Robert Stevens, parent of alum
August 28, 2019, Chippewa Falls



Klaes Family

Enjoying a mini
reunion in Arizona last
spring are (seated)
Mary Lou Klaes '52
Matthews, husband
Peter from Chippewa
Falls, Susan Klaes '60
Zimmerman with
husband Stephen from
Racine and center
back, Bill Klaes '61.

Class of 1965 - 55 Year Reunion

Save the date! Our 55 year class reunion will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2020, at the Fill-In Station. Any questions or if you have changed your mailing address, e-mail, or phone number in the past four years, please contact Steve Loisel at 715.466.2451 or by email at loisellesj@gmail.com.



Class of 1979 40 Year Reunion

On Saturday, October 5, 2019, the classmates of 1979 celebrated their 40th class reunion with an informal gathering at the Chippewa River Distillery in Chippewa Falls.

Left to right front: Mary Jo Tichey Mayer, Kathy Krhin Bowe, Kayanna Shaurette Spooner, Carla Geissler Eilers, Jane Stoffel Bowe, Linda Zwiefelhofer, Chris Rykal Borneman, Carol Anger-Culliton, Paul Hedrington, Mark Krejchi, Karla Sabaska, Gary Gindt, Dave See, Kevin Stevens, Dan Globensky.

Row 2: Shari Sumner Callaghan, Rick Endres, Ralph Bohl, Floyd

Dachel, Jill Prince Harings, Mary Nelson, Anne McFaul, Nina Fisco Kramer, Melanie Hebert Erce, Perry Peterson, Doug Steinmetz
Standing on the bottom steps L to R going up: Ann Lembezeder Broste, Janet Grady Johnson, Sue Bowe Erickson, Kathy Martineau Carlos, Barb Rubenzer Stevens, Laurie Bresina See, Linda McIlquham, Brenda Prince Sandford, Laurie Armstrong Francis, Christine Mielke Trainor, Pat Hebert, Kevin Kopp, Tim Leis. Missing from photo but who attended were Scott Geissler, Jay Hanson, Brenda Bergeron Holzem and Mark Hrdlicka.

In attendance front row left to right: Tom Schultz, Shannon Sullivan Baltz, Jeanne Pecka Eckert, Jean Schemenauer, Sheila Rowan Sherman, Julie Howard Liddell

Back row: Toby Bogen, Kellie McCombs Hiess, Bobby Kinnick, Jason Hiess, Tarik Taman, Scott Peloquin, Mike Liddell, Chris Adams, Mike Arntz, Sheila Kelly Zwettler, Angie Olson



Class of 1984 35 Year Reunion

The 35th reunion for the Class of 1984 was on Saturday, August 17, at Loopy's in Chippewa Falls. Please contact Mike Liddell if you are not on our Class of 1984 Facebook page.



Class of 1969 - 50 Year Reunion

On Friday, September 13 the class had an informal gathering at Loopy's from 7:00 p.m. to closing. Saturday, September 14 some enjoyed a golf outing at Ojibwa Golf Course before everyone met up at the Moose Lodge in Chippewa Falls. Entertainment was provided by classmates Doug Wozniak and Tom Spry along with Jim Haley '70. Many of the classmates were at the reunion both Friday and Saturday or attended one of the days. Those who attended were: Mary Chovan King, Fred Crosby, Jean Etten Brod, Chris Geissler Lubs, Patty Guist Salmon, Maureen Haggarty, Jim Hanson, Mary Balow Schneider, Denise Bejin Delong, Pat Bergman, Jacque Boos Anderson, Roxie Boos Hornack, Mike Bowe, John Bresina,

Belinda Bruehling Dressel, Richard Calkins, Mike Chartrand, Steve Simmons, Tom Smola, Tom Spry, Judy Streets, Anne Walsh, Doug Wozniak, Joe Young, Sue Hibbard Wozniak, Mike Hofkes, Carol Jacobs Clifton, Jacque Joas Daniel, Jack Kelly, Janet Kuechenmeister Kahn, Julie LaRue Kassner, Carol Loew Overman, Kathy Martin Eder, Jim McCarthy, Kathy McDonald Hughes, Mike Minahan, Chris Meinen, Kathy Murphy Goettl, Lynn Nicolai Brill, Jan Overman, Tom Pfiffner, Robbie Pitsch Ortman, Betty Prince Rubenzer, Bob Rada, Sally Reiter Nolan, Betsy Sazama Pulitzer, Mike Schmidmayr, Henry Schneider, Peter Schultz, Bonita Schweiters Lewis, Jacalyn See, Gary Frederick.

Support from classmates



Front: Joel Leis '83, Craig Bowe '83 Back: Carol Reed Bowe '83, Karla Mitchell '84, Mary Leis Flamang '83, Kim Felix Zwiefelhofer '83

This past spring a benefit for Mary Leis Flamang '83 was held at the Gordon Town Hall. McDonell classmates, friends, neighbors and town supporters attended to help raise money to assist her with medical expenses after she was diagnosed with Lung Cancer. Mary is a member of the Gordon and Wascott EMS, and a Gordon USPS mail carrier. A update on Mary's condition are good reports.



Ronovation complete for students

Thank you to all the donors who helped with the renovation of the guidance/school counselors office and student academic career area. Tracy Rihn from TK Interior Design, LLC worked with Steph Gallagher, the class of 1998, and School Counselor Ruthann Proue. Pictured above left to right is Tracy Rihn with her two sons, Steph Gallagher and Ruthann Proue in the career area of McDonell Central.





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Alumni Weekend

Basketball & Volleyball Tournaments

April 3-4, 2020

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Below: Rolly Enderes '96 defends his basket against Nathan Stelter '98



Above: Competitive Division Champs for 2019 was the class 2002 Matt Bowe, Justin Zwiefelhofer, TJ Proue, Calvin Miller, Eric Schemenauer, Scott Peloquin, Joe Werner, not pictured Adam Jacobson. Below the Class of 2018 did their best to try to win the final game against 2002: Garrett Retzlaff, Peyton Tozer, Joe Schwetz, Hayden Baughman, Johnny Lyberg, Scott Wild, John Francis and Joey Huffcutt.



Right: Division 1 Volleyball 2019 winners were front L to R: Megan Baier '18, Grace Mrozinski '18, Bekah Heidtke '15 back: Abby Opsal '18, Dani Baier '15, Sydney Schemenauer '15.

Below: Division 2 Volleyball 2019 winners were L to R: Erica Rubenzer Ruf '07, Kellie McCombs Hiess '84, Andrea Hiess '17, Jen Hiess Ruf '85, Ann Crawford Schemenauer '91, Sue Rauscher Bleskacheck '85.



Alumni Weekend

The McDonnell Alumni Association (MAA) introduced in 2019 an online registration for teams competing in the volleyball and basketball tournaments. Check it out at: <https://bit.ly/2O8vinz> to register again this spring.

This spring the MAA will host once more the Annual Alumni Weekend where alumni, family and friends have been gathering together for 36 years, since 1984.

The Alumni Weekend on April 3-4, 2020 features a men's basketball tournament on Friday starting at 5:30 p.m. continuing through Saturday at McDonnell and several gyms in Chippewa Falls. A women's volleyball tournament at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, April 4 begins with the Recreational Division 2 teams playing on the gyms of the Chippewa Falls Middle School. Division 1 competition follows.

The weekend is a great time to come to McDonnell Central and socialize with old friends and make some new ones too. Food and beverages are served all weekend long in the commons.

