

# Mack Messenger

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## Perseverance!

“Failure & perseverance is the best opportunity for becoming stronger.”

-Mary Wermund Jacobson '78

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Associate Pastor Rev. Ethan Hokamp  
Dcn. Dan Rider



### The Church of Holy Ghost

Very Rev. Jesse Burish, Dean  
Associate Pastor Rev. Brandon Guenther



### The Church of Notre Dame

Very Rev. Jesse Burish, Dean  
Associate Pastor Rev. Brandon Guenther  
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### St. Bridget, Springfield

Very Rev. Jesse Burish, Rev. Brandon Guenther

### St. John the Baptist, Cooks Valley

Rev. Victor Feltes

Associate Pastor Rev. Chinnappan Pelavendran

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Rev. Victor Feltes, Dcn. Dick Kostner

Associate Pastor Rev. Chinnappan Pelavendran

### St. Peter the Apostle, Tilden

Rev. Msgr. Michael Gorman, Dcn. Dan Rider

Associate Pastor Rev. Ethan Hokamp

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

Rev. William Felix '73, Dcn. Ned Willkom





**Fr. Jesse Burish**  
Chippewa Falls Dean

## From the Dean

### Growing as Disciples in Our Schools

Very Reverend Jesse Burish

One of the personal scriptural guideposts of our president, Molly Bushman, is the commissioning of Jesus to his eleven disciples in Matthew 28:19, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations..."

That is the commissioning of all of us as Christians. It is chiefly why our parishes exist and why our schools exist. What's implied in Jesus' command is that to make disciples (i.e., followers and imitators of the Lord), you must first be a disciple.

What does it mean or look like to be an intentional disciple of Christ? It is, of course, more than just going to Mass on Sunday, as important as that is. Acts of the Apostles 2:42 describes the life of the early Church by saying, "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers." This short passage sums up well the four key components to living as an intentional disciple of Christ.

The "teaching of the apostles" refers to having our minds and hearts transformed by the Gospel and the teachings of the Church. Is our outlook more shaped by the secular culture, or Christ and his Church? Are we intentionally reading, listening to, and watching things that are forming our minds to be more in sync with Christ and his Church? With all the great

Catholic media out there today, this has become easier to do.

"Communal life" refers to fellowship. We can't live the Christian life alone. We need friends and a network of support that challenges us to keep growing. Are the friends we keep helping us to grow in virtue and closer to Christ? The "breaking of the bread" refers to the sacraments, particularly the Eucharist. To be well disposed to receiving the Eucharist, we should also regularly go to confession. Regular Mass attendance on Sunday is a given, but have we ever considered going to daily Mass if that is a possibility for us? How are we growing in devotion to Christ who sustains our Christian lives in the Eucharist?

As for "the prayers," our lives should be committed to regular prayer. Daily prayer for us should be consistent, quiet, undistracted, and simple. A great starting point is an examination of our day and how God has been at work, a passage from Scripture to which we are drawn, and/or beginning with gratitude. What is your prayer routine?

Are these four things part of your Christian life? Are you an intentional disciple? If not, where do you need to grow? If so, who in your life can you invite to such intentional discipleship as well by inviting them to these things? Our parishes and schools will only be effective in their mission in as much as we strive to be intentional disciples of the Lord and invite others to that discipleship.



**Molly Meinen Bushman '98**

## In Gratitude

### Philanthropy & Perseverance

President Molly Meinen Bushman '98

Philanthropy. The word itself is of ancient Greek origin meaning "love of humanity" and typically refers to private financial investment in organizations that serve the public good, such as schools. Over the course of history and even today, education is a top priority in philanthropic giving. Here at MACS, the philanthropy of Sir A.B. McDonell,

and many others over the years, has allowed us to serve our students and mission faithfully for over 140 years. In this issue, we are excited to announce the successful completion of our Witness the Difference Campaign, celebrate the philanthropy of some of our most generous supporters, and highlight our new A.B. McDonell Vision Fund.

Perseverance. It is the virtue that allows us to stay focused on the good during difficult times. In Catholic doctrine, perseverance refers to staying in a state of grace until the end of one's life on earth; "running the race" to win as St. Paul and all the saints have shown us. As a Catholic school system,

perseverance also means devotion to our mission despite the challenges we face: accommodating growing enrollment despite a shortage of teachers, providing adequate facilities despite rising costs, and preparing our students to be productive citizens and Christian disciples in the midst of a complex economy and increasingly secular culture.

Generous investment in the mission of our schools arises from gratitude for the past as well as hope for the future. In my conversations with alumni and supporters, so often expressed are gratitude for a MACS education and devotion to the continuation of our schools' mission. Our schools serve not only students and their families, but also enrich our parishes and the greater community through formation in faith and service. This Mack Messenger again shows that we have much to be proud of.

As I write this column, it is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, who famously prayed, "It is in giving that we receive." God-willing, through philanthropy and perseverance, our Catholic schools will be able to serve our students and mission for another 140+ years.





## Fine Arts Awards 2022



Above: L to R Back Row: Band Seniors Kevin Schwetz, Emily Ruhe, Isabelle Maloney, Sophie Kinlen, Marcus Roach, Joseph Janus, Leopold Schulte, Ezekiel Murphy. Front Row: Band Instructor Sean Hanson, Seniors Kallee LaCloux, Helen Bullard, Brendan Bresina

### Class of 2022 National Honor Society members

Helen Bullard  
Sophia Kinlen

Kallee LeCloux  
Paige Smiskey

Emma Stelter

### Masters Degree Graduates 2022 - MACS Educators

Congratulations to Vanessa Talford, Abby Adams, and Jamie Dodge for receiving their Masters in Science of Reading from Mount St. Joseph University. These three MACS educators also worked hard to complete their reading endorsement certification. Congratulations also to Rebecca Beaufaux for receiving her Masters in Education from Saint Mary's University.



Vanessa Talford



Abby Adams



Jamie Dodge



Rebecca Beaufaux

Thank you to all the seniors for sharing your talents on stage: instrumental, vocal, and theatrical. Congratulations to all the 2021-22 fine arts students, Cloverbelt Conference, Solo & Ensemble, theater participants, and medal winners not featured. In the spring, during Fine Arts Night, awards were given to students for their leadership and commitment to the program.

**Fine Arts Award,  
Leonard Bernstein Award,  
& Excellence in Musical Theater Award**  
Helen Bullard

**Excellence in Theater Performance Award**  
Jonathan Fischer

**National School Choral Award**  
Ezekiel Murphy

**Band Awards**  
Woody Herman Award: Megan Hanson  
Gilmore Band Award: Christie Abbe  
John Philip Sousa Award: Leopold Schulte  
Louis Armstrong Award: Brendan Bresina



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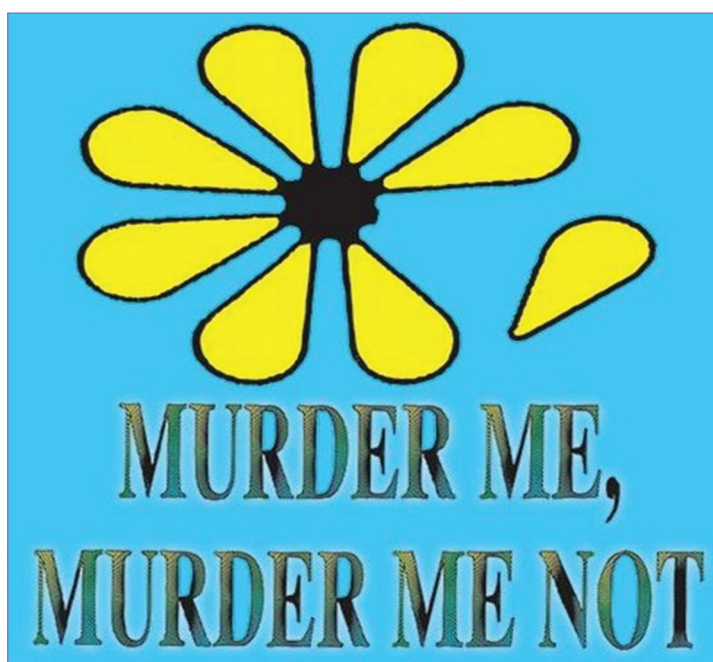
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### Frank Rineck Show Director

McDonell Central Catholic High School presented its FIRST non-musical stage production, "Murder Me, Murder Me Not" in May of 2022.

#### MAIN CAST MEMBERS

Mary Ellen Rogers - Kaitlyn Ortmann

Alice - Lily Edison

Doctor Joseph Bently - Jonathan Fischer

Geraldine Gaston - Eva Bushman

Inspector Feydeau - Paul Tetrault

Ambrose Brinks - Marcus Roach



**Mr. Frank Rineck '16**  
High School English &  
Social Studies Teacher



#### Message from the Director

Arguably the most rewarding experience of teaching at my Alma Mater is the ability to give back. I have been very fortunate to be able to work with both students and administration here at MACS and am blessed to introduce McDonell Central Catholic High School's first non-musical dramatic production! This idea started a handful of years ago, when I was still a student at McDonell. I remember seeing the ecstatic reaction from my classmates after our annual musical, and wondered if these reactions would be matched if we put on a non-musical production. At the beginning of this school year, I was talking with my first quarter Creative Writing class and decided to pose the question: "Who would be interested in being on stage if you didn't have to sing and dance?" I am happy to say my high school prediction was fulfilled, and I immediately received a significant amount of interest. Now, my vision has become a reality and the cornerstone of a new MACS tradition has been ushered in!

The 2022-23 school year will feature the musical "School of Rock" in February and our second annual dramatic production in the spring.

**Coming in February, 2023!**

ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S

**"SCHOOL OF ROCK"**  
The Musical



# 37th Annual Excellence in Education



Above is Paige Smiskey '22 with Mrs. Tammy Postl Christopher '77, her most influential educator.

The Chippewa Falls Area Chamber of Commerce hosted the 37th Annual Excellence in Education Banquet on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at Lake Wissota Golf & Events. Invited to the event were the many students within the Chippewa Falls School District and MACS who were being honored for their academic excellence. Also invited to the banquet were the students' most influential teachers, and the students' parents. This was a wonderful event and MACS is very grateful to the Chippewa Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, the Excellence in Education Committee, and the sponsors of this event for making this night possible.

Following an outstanding dinner, Tasha Weiss, the Excellence in Education Coordinator, opened the floor to the retiring McDonell Principal Brian Schulner, who welcomed everyone to a night of academic recognition for Chippewa Falls. Following Mr. Schulner, keynote speaker Kari Roesler Stepp, McDonell Central High School graduate of 2000, addressed the teachers and students of the banquet. "The rules of success are the same no matter where you go or what you do in life...Set a goal, and set your aim high... When you achieve that goal, always set a new one! Motivation is not what you need...Consistency beats out motivation every day of the week and twice on Sunday... Go out of your way daily to do the little things that make others feel special.... Be the person you want to see in others."

The top academic students from the McDonell Central Catholic High School senior class recognized at this event were Paige Smiskey and her most



Kari Roesler Stepp '00



Above is Emma Stelter '22 with Mr. Tony Reiter '74, her most influential educator.

influential teacher, Mrs. Tammy Postl Christopher '77, and Emma Stelter and her most influential teacher, Mr. Tony Reiter '74. Each had the opportunity to highlight a few of the best qualities they found in each other.

**Paige Smiskey**, daughter of Sean and Gina Vogelpohl Smiskey, said of her most influential educator, "I chose Mrs. Christopher as my influential educator because she has supported me in all areas of my life. Mrs. Christopher expected respect in the classroom, but was always the first to give it back to her students. She encouraged me to strive to make the world a better place through my actions and presence. Mrs. Christopher taught me to always do my very best, but not to worry too much about being perfect. These are some lessons I will take with me for the rest of my life."

Mrs. Tammy Christopher said about Paige, "Paige is a unique young lady: one who is soft spoken, but one who is not afraid to speak up for the things that are important to her or for the people that she cares about. Paige is kind, helpful within her community, talented, athletic, and giving. Paige is hardworking, reliable, and conscientious; definitely a role model for all young people. Nothing is 'impossible' for Paige; she will succeed in all aspects of her life wherever that may take her."

**Emma Stelter**, daughter of Ryan and Danielle Markquardt Stelter '96, said of her most influential educator, "For the short time I had Mr. Reiter as a teacher, he always encouraged me to give my best and to never give up. He always did and still does believe in me and my ability to do the impossible. These past four years would have been a lot different if he hadn't been there to keep me motivated to reach my goals. Everything I have and will accomplish wouldn't have happened without Mr. Reiter. Thank you for encouraging me to do what I didn't think was possible."

Mr. Tony Reiter said about Emma, "Emma is one of the happiest people I have ever met. Her smile lights up the room. She takes genuine joy in the success of others and always puts them first. The same holds true for her volunteer work. Emma is always the first one asked to help and never says no. This is truly a reflection as to how she was raised. A very special young lady who is going to accomplish some amazing things."



# Post Graduation Plans for the Class of 2022

**Amber Adams, Parents Nick Adams;  
Madelynn and Jim Scheffler**

CVTC for medical diagnostic sonography

**Daniel Anderson, Parents Mary Joe and  
Bob Anderson**

UW-Whitewater for business

**Destiny Baughman, Parents Pam and Ritch  
Baughman**

St. Cloud State for biochemistry

**Laneyse Baughman, Parents Pam and  
Ritch Baughman**

Viterbo University for nursing

**Edgar Benedek, Host Parents Kenneth and  
Peggy Nehring**

Undecided

**Devin Benish, Parents Bill and Tricia Krause  
Benish '98**

CVTC for animal science and business  
management

**Calvin Betters, Parents Amanda Pinney and  
Matt Betters**

Joining the workforce and exploring the  
world through travel

**Jasper Bowe, Parents Emily and  
Justin Bowe**

Undecided

**Brendan Bresina, Parents Todd '91 and  
Jodi Schemenauer Bresina '93**

UW-Eau Claire for teaching

**Helen Bullard, Parents Carrie and Mitch Bullard**

CVTC for 2 years in pursuit of Bachelor of Medical Lab Technology and  
transfer to UM-Rochester

**Sophia Cupello Castagna, Parents Paola Scoponi and Massimo  
Cuppello Castagna; Host Parents, Tori and David Flood**

Finishing high school in her hometown in Italy

**Laurn Deetz, Parents Michelle and Mike Deetz**

CVTC for business management and child education teaching

**Trang Do, Parents Hang Ngwyen and Phuong Do; Host Parents,  
Christine and Randy Sonnentag**

Milwaukee Area Technical College for Associate of Arts

**Jonathan Fischer, Parents Tracy and Chris Fischer**

UW-Stout for computer science

**Sydney Flanagan, Parents Tracy and Dave Flanagan**

UM-Duluth for accounting

**Ben Goebel, Parents Vickie Haglund and Joe Goebel**

North Dakota State University for hospitality management with a  
minor in business management

**Ethan Goulet, Parents Jake Goulet '96; Nick and Jess Streeter**

Pursue a career as an electrician

**Noah Hanson, Parents Linda and Michael Hanson**

Pursue a career in plumbing

**Kristiana Hess, Parents Andrea and Kevin Hess**

Loyola University Chicago for psychology

**Joseph Janus, Parents Anna and Wally Janus**

UW-Stout

**Sophia Kinlen, Parents Lisa and Fred Stary**

UM-Minneapolis to major in education

**Kallee Rose LeCloux, Parents Kristina and Brian LeCloux**

UW-Madison to earn Masters or PhD degree in chemistry or physics



## McDonell Central Catholic High School Class of 2022

**Front Row:** Devin Benish, Sydney Flanagan, Emma Stelter, Laneyse Baughman, Lauryn Deetz, Paige Smiskey, Kristiana Hess. **Second Row:** Sophia Cupello, Emily Ruhe, Benjamin Goebel, Isabella Maloney, Trang Po, Alisa Srathongyod. **Third Row:** Abigail Petranovich, Brendan Bresina, Ethan Goulet, Destiny Baughman, Amber Adams, Kallee LeCloux, Helen Bullard, Sophia Kinlen, Daniel Anderson. **Fourth Row:** Marcus Roach, Kevin Schwetz, Clemett Matthews, Jonathan Fischer, Calissa Moucha, Kaitlyn Ortmann, Landon Moulton, Xayvion Matthews, Edgar Benedek, Jasper Bowe. **Last Row:** Ezekiel Murphy, Joseph Janus, Noah Hanson. Calvin Betters not featured in this photo.

**Isabelle Maloney, Parents Erica Schoch; Kris and Angela Maloney**

UW-Stevens Point for elementary education

**Clemett Matthews III, Parents Desiree and Brian Lawrence;  
Clemett Matthews Jr.**

UW-Stout

**Xayvion Matthews, Parents Desiree and Brian Lawrence; Clemett  
Matthews Jr.**

UW-Stout for engineering

**Calissa Moucha, Parents Kris and Angela Maloney; Barry Moucha**

Undecided

**Landon Moulton, Parents Will and Jackie Watton Moulton '86**

UW-Stout

**Kaitlyn Rose Ortmann, Parents Suzanne & Daniel Ortmann**

UW-Madison

**Ezekiel Murphy, Parents Anna and Michael Murphy**

Undecided

**Abigail Petranovich, Parents Christina and Wayne Petranovich**

UW-Stevens Point to major in business administration

**Marcus Roach, Parents Karla and Paul Roach**

CVTC Fire Medic Program

**Emily Ruhe, Parents Amy and Dennis Ruhe**

University of Minnesota to major in international business with a  
minor in pre-law

**Kevin Schwetz, Parents Mike and Becky Endres Schwetz '89**

CVTC

**Paige Smiskey, Parents Gina and Sean Smiskey**

University of Mary in Bismarck, ND for biomechanics and plans to  
continue into a physical therapy program

**Alisa Srathongyod, Parents Anurak and Pronpen Srathongyod;  
Host Parents Nancy and Jim Peterson**

Higher Education

**Emma Stelter, Parents Dani and Ryan Stelter '96**

Winona State University to major in kinesiology



# Congratulations and Best Wishes to the McDonell Graduating Class of 2022



**Chaplain Reverend Ethan Hokamp**

Reverend Brandon Guenther. The invocation was given by Chaplain Reverend Ethan Hokamp.

The retiring middle and high school Principal Mr. Brian Schulner addressed the crowd with news of growing class sizes with the current freshman class having over 50 and the incoming freshman class being over 50 as well. The MACS Enrollment office predicted for 190 students in the high school for the 2022-23 school year. [Editor's note: Current high school enrollment for the 2022-23 school year is 203]

With the good news of growth, Mr. Schulner introduced Paige Smiskey, Bishop Award of Excellence and Salutatorian who had a special gift for each of her classmates. "St. Benedict is the patron saint of students and protector from evil spirits. St. Benedict emphasized the importance of finding God in the peace of prayer especially during temptation and suffering. I pray each of you may



**Salutatorian Paige Smiskey**

use this medal to represent strength and devotion to God as we enter adulthood and new experiences." Fr. Hokamp blessed the medals that Campus Ministry Director Ms. Erica Boehm handed out to each of the seniors. Paige concluded with, "Wherever God takes us in life, keep your heart close to him. Never take a day for granted, and live each day. Work hard, love

with all your heart, stay humble, have courage, and always be kind."

Senior choir members then joined the other choir members one last time to sing "Afternoon on a Hill" by Eric Barnum, followed by Valedictorian Emma Stelter, who had a very special McDonell archive to share. "Last year, I was tasked with digitizing the Commencement Times for the Class of 1922. This is the original piece that was read to the graduating class of McDonell 100 years ago today. Reading through the faded ink, I saw a story. A story of individual talents and personalities that made the Class of '22 so special. Their legacy lives on, even though not many people have seen it. The question I ask each of my fellow graduates today: what is your legacy going to be? Now there's a lot to say about legacy; you could be the best athlete or the best singer, but it's not always who is the best at something objective. You can be the kindest soul, or have the biggest heart, or most contagious smile, which is valuable beyond measure. We aren't here today to celebrate only what we were, but who we will be. The journey ahead may not be easy, but we will always have something good to look back on and cherish."

On May 20, 2022, 36 graduates from McDonell Central Catholic High School entered the gymnasium to a crowd; a noticeable difference from previous years due to the pandemic. In attendance were Chippewa Falls priests: Chaplain Reverend Ethan Hokamp, Monsignor Michael Gorman and Associate Pastor

McDonell Area Catholic Schools President Molly Meinen Bushman '98 then presented the Academic Achievement medals while Mr. Schulner called off the graduates' names. Each had maintained an overall "A" average throughout high school: Emma Stelter, Paige Smiskey, Kallee LeCloux, Helen Bullard, and Jonathan Fischer.

Representing the MACS Education Commission, Chair Mr. Timothy Proue '02 then thanked Paige Smiskey for her student representation on the commission, before the senior band members joined the high school band, directed by Mr. Sean Hanson, for their favorite piece: "Pirates of the Caribbean", by Kaus Badilt arr. by Ted Ricketts.

McDonell retiring teacher, Steve Roesler, honorary class of 2014, said in his commencement address to the Class of 2022, "Hopefully you can find something useful in Roesler's Rules for Life:"

- 1) Remember - Nothing in life lasts forever. Good times are not eternal rewards and bad times are not life sentences.
- 2) Live your life with joy and meaning. Luke Bryan and Jordan Davis put it this way in their song "Buy Dirt" - "Do what you love, and call it work." Your attitude determines altitude.
- 3) Do what you love before you figure out what that love is going to cost you. Paraphrasing the St. Ignatius prayer "Lord Jesus - teach me to give and not count the cost. Teach me to give of myself and not ask for a reward."
- 4) Paraphrasing the prayer of St. Francis who puts it another way: "O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand. To be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive."
- 5) Be grateful for all of life - big things and little. Be grateful for graduations and birthdays; State championships and the concerts at St. Charles and Holy Ghost; competition at State Music and the 8th grade Christmas show at St. Peter's; be grateful for acceptance into college or acceptance into the Ambassadors; be grateful for the



**Academic Achievement Medal Recipient Jonathan Fischer**



**Steve Roesler '14H**



**Valedictorian Emma Stelter**

Senior Class trip and a simple bus trip to school or to an athletic event.

- 6) Your life will be determined by what you do with the hard days and trying events. Everyone handles the easy ones. Michael J. Fox, an actor who has Parkinsons, said this - "The disease is this thing that is attached to my life. It is not the driver." His attitude determines his altitude. Let your attitude determine your altitude.



7) A contestant on America's Got Talent put the same thing another way - "You can't wait for life to NOT be hard before YOU decide to be happy." You get to control your attitude.

8) Life isn't fair and the world doesn't care about what happens to you. When tragedies and hardships hit, use it to find a deeper gratitude for life. Find a deeper gratitude for the kindness of friends and family and the love of God. The glass CAN be half full and again, your attitude really does determine your altitude. You have choices when things are tough. Choose love and life.

9) And last, seek a relationship with Jesus. He is not just found in prayer and contemplation. He is right in front of you and right next to you. Each of you is created in the image and likeness of God. As my favorite musical Les Mis puts it "To love another person is to see the face of God." He is right next to you. He is in front of you and behind you. He is in the person who is homeless eating a meal at Agnes' Table. He is in the schoolmate who feels all alone and that no one understands or cares. He is in the classmate who comes from a broken home. He is in the teammate who feels he let his team down. He is in the schoolmate who lost a grandparent or a sibling. He is in the classmate who struggles in class and feels teachers and peers just don't understand.

Steve Roesler concluded with, "How do you see the face of God? You Love. How do you love? Be a servant and care. At the last supper, Jesus showed us how to be a servant and care by washing the feet of his disciples. Spend your life in service to others and don't count the cost. Love each other as He loves you.



Life is good and so are you. God gave you life and created you in love. Pay it forward by loving and serving as Jesus did."

Mrs. Molly Bushman '98, Mr. Timothy Proue '02, and Father Hokamp conferred upon the graduates their diplomas. Assisting was School Counselor Mrs. Ruthann Proue as Mr. Schulner called off their names. At the conclusion, the graduates individually presented their class flower, a blue rose, to their parents as the class song "The Climb" by Miley Cyrus played in the background.

Everyone in attendance joined in the singing of the "Alma Mater" and Father Hokamp gave the benediction. After the recessional, the graduates formed a receiving line in the McDonell Commons which was followed by a senior slide show in the auditorium. The Class of 2022 concluded their graduation night with the traditional lock-in and all-night graduation party at the YMCA. Class of 2022, we wish you all the best and know you will go on to do great things.

## Senior Athletic Awards

### Father Mac Award

**Left:** 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 the Class of 2022 are Emma Stelter and Brendan Bresina.

### 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 for the 2021-22 school year are Dan Anderson and Sydney Flanagan.

## Senior Spring Athlete Highlights

Congratulations for a season well done to all of our 2022 spring athletes.

### Softball

Kaitlyn Ortman earned first team All Conference.

### Baseball

Brendan Bresina was chosen to play on the Legion All State Baseball game at the American Family Field in Milwaukee, WI.

### Track and Field

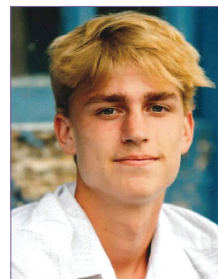
Destiny Baughman and Dan Anderson represented McDonell at State. Destiny set the school record for the triple jump at 35'06.25" and Dan set the school record for the 3200 meter run at 9:18:74.



Emma Stelter



Brendan Bresina



Dan Anderson



Sydney Flanagan



Kaitlyn Ortman



Destiny Baughman



# Generosity Begets Generosity

Mary Wermund Jacobson is a 1978 graduate of McDonell, starting out years ago as a St. Charles Borromeo Elementary School student. Sometime after graduating high school Mary met Jerry, they got married, welcomed children Todd and Beth, and when their children were old enough to attend school they weighed their options. Ultimately, the importance of having their children grow with a strong Catholic foundation won out and they sent their children to McDonell Area Catholic Schools. In 2008, Jerry and Mary's son, Todd, graduated from McDonell and in 2011 their daughter, Beth, graduated from McDonell. However, their involvement and story with MACS hardly ends there! Recently, President Molly Meinen Bushman '98 interviewed the Jacobsons on the "Mack Chat" podcast, to share more about their story and support of MACS.

Jerry Jacobson is the President of the Northwestern Bank in Chippewa Falls, WI, and has brought with him to the bank a great sense of community involvement. "There is this relationship between Northwestern Bank, the people at the bank, the Chippewa Falls community, and what the Catholic schools bring to that community," Molly observed. Jerry remarked, "Choice of school systems is very important [for individuals choosing to move into Chippewa]. That choice is important to Northwestern Bank as well; that people can make a decision and have great alternatives." This abundance of opportunity in our small community is what makes Chippewa such a wonderful place.

In 2005, Mary got deeply involved with McDonell by starting the Student Ambassador Program. The program was centered around having MACS students, grades 7-12, become servant leaders who were active in giving back to their community. Mary ran the Student Ambassador Program on a volunteer basis until she retired in 2022. However, MACS students and faculty still see her around the school buildings whenever the program needs her wisdom. "The program makes the students aware of the world we live in and hopefully teaches them responsibility ... to not just care about ourselves, but to take care of each other," Mary says. Mary herself had exposure to the great experiences of being able

to give to the community when she was a student. She also gives a lot of credit to her husband and how he places importance on philanthropy and community involvement. She states that it is this Jacobson family philosophy that influenced the creation of the Student Ambassador program and inspired Jerry and Mary's personal and professional involvement in the MACS and Chippewa community. Molly remarked



through her and her family's own experience volunteering in the community how one often sees MACS families and students volunteering. "I think that can truly be attributed to the Student Ambassador Program and the culture it instills in MACS."

Molly goes on to observe how much the Chippewa community has grown and evolved since the early 2000s. "There were so many improvements in the community... When I started learning how and why [all these improvements] had happened, Mr. Jerry Jacobson's name came up often. It would be hard to imagine what Chippewa would be like without the Jacobsons and their family philosophy." Mary Jacobson chimed in stating that credit needed to be given to the many role models in the Chippewa community. "If it wasn't for them we wouldn't have learned how to raise our hand, volunteer, or say yes to opportunities." She named Bert Swanson and David Fish, who were dedicated to growing the Chippewa community in a positive direction.

"Both of us were born and raised here from blue collar families," says Jerry. "We wanted to make a commitment, now that we are doing well [in life], to be able to give back part of our treasure to the community," along with their time and talent. Mary and Jerry Jacobson decided that the primary focus of their magnanimity would be youth, in hopes that their examples of generosity would inspire and teach youth to go forth in life and help create a better place wherever they choose to root themselves in life. Generosity is contagious. It grows the more you spread it, wherever you spread it.

MACS is very grateful to the Jacobsons for always going above and beyond in their generosity. Their matching gift donation for the Witness the Difference Campaign made all the difference in the school being able to reach the fundraising goal of 3.7 million dollars. Molly recalled that individuals would call in asking if the matching gift was still in effect, stating how inspired they felt to donate because of the Jacobsons' generosity.

"Doing good for others is of every faith, and even people who do not believe in God can do good for others and help others out," says Jerry. "It is important to remember that if you do good for others, no matter your belief, it will make it a better place for everyone."



# #TheMackWay Community Day

On Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022, McDonell Area Catholic Schools students, big and small, participated in a community day dubbed #TheMackWay Day.

McDonell Central Catholic High School students went into the community to help with odd jobs that needed to be done. They helped pack up items for the Boys & Girls Club to move to their new location. They also helped clean up at Irvine Park.

Notre Dame Middle School students stayed at the McDonell and Notre Dame School building to help the custodial team with some spring cleaning.

Holy Ghost Elementary students wrote letters to nursing home residents. They also made goodies such as cookies, Easter eggs, spring flowers, and more for our friends at the nursing home.

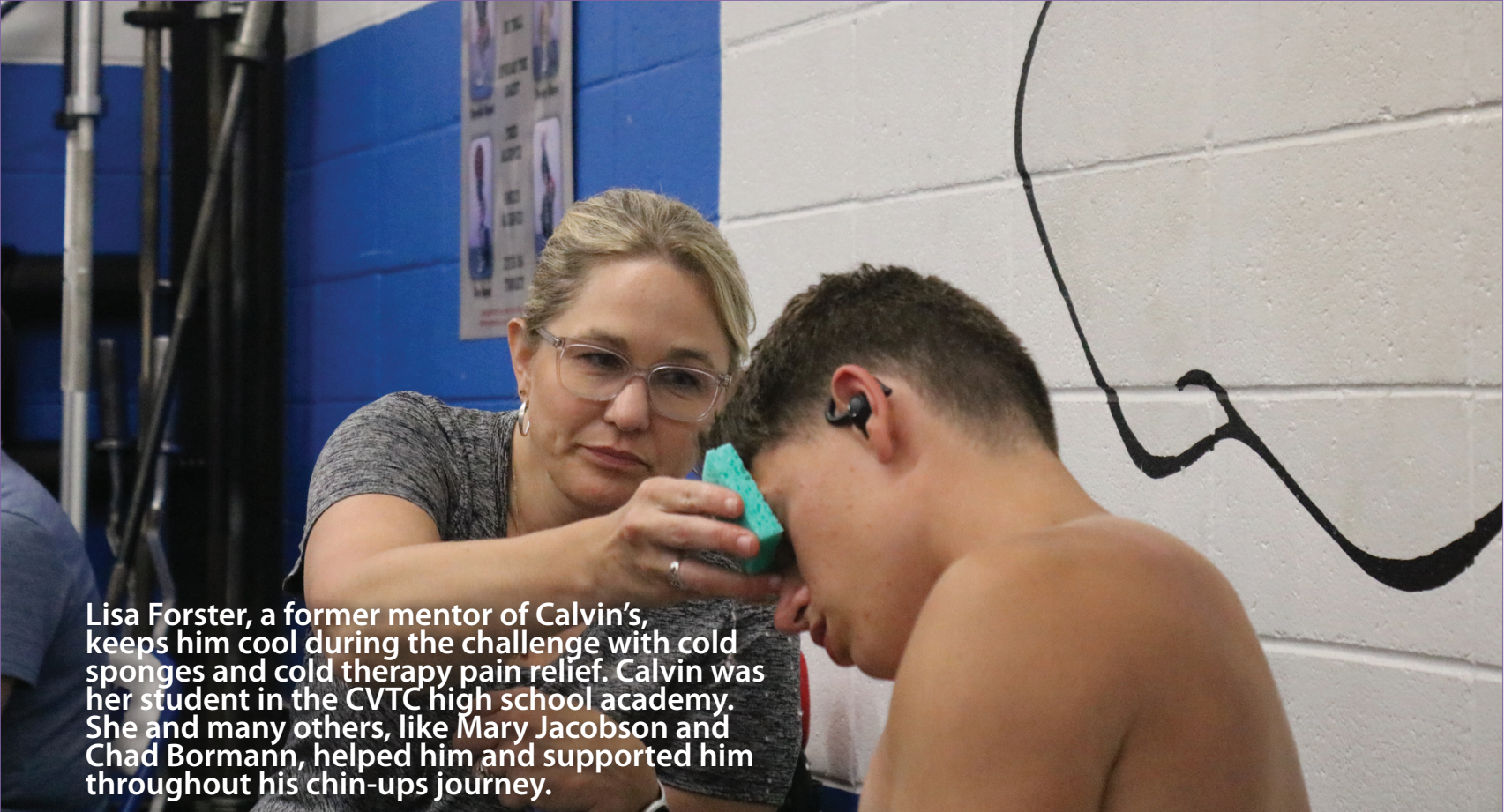
Similarly, St. Charles Borromeo Primary students made a bunch of goodies for our neighbors. St. Charles Students then went door to door with their teachers delivering handmade goods to residents in the St. Charles neighborhood. Neighbors received snacks for the birds and decorative rocks for their gardens.

MACS is grateful to the Chippewa Falls residents for having us as a part of their community and we are happy to give back to those who give us so much support. #TheMackWay



Scan the QR code above to watch #TheMackWay Day video





Lisa Forster, a former mentor of Calvin's, keeps him cool during the challenge with cold sponges and cold therapy pain relief. Calvin was her student in the CVTC high school academy. She and many others, like Mary Jacobson and Chad Bormann, helped him and supported him throughout his chin-ups journey.

## Chins Kept up High with Love and Support!

On July 23-24, 2022, starting at 10:00 a.m., McDonell 2022 Alumnus Calvin Betters took on the world record for most chin-ups performed in a 24-hour period. The record that had to be beat was 5,340 chin-ups. Calvin's goal was to surpass that record by 160 additional chin-ups bringing his aimed total to 5,500 chin-ups. However, Calvin wanted to take this ambitious goal another step further and raise money for United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley. His fundraising goal was to raise one dollar for every chin-up for a total of \$5,500.

In 8th grade, Calvin Betters came to McDonell Area Catholic Schools as a student and found himself facing a lot of uncertainty in his life. Not sure of the direction his life was taking, Calvin knew he needed to set his sights on a goal and strive for it. The idea of breaking a world record came to him during his sophomore year and he stuck with it. At first the goal was to break the world record for most pushups. However, he finally settled on chin-ups stating that he wanted more of a challenge and pushups had become too easy for him.

Beginning in 2020, Calvin threw himself into training. For the first few months, Calvin began training 2-3 times a week. After those first few months, Calvin found a great passion

for his training and dug in with great vigor. Six hours a day for six days a week Calvin would train and workout, on top of school and working three part-time jobs. Calvin would get about five hours of sleep a night and begin his day of intense training and daily life all over again. However, the intensity of this routine eventually caught up to him. In 2021, Calvin got very sick from the overexertion and was forced to take several

months off from his regimen. Having learned a very serious lesson about respecting his limitations, Calvin began a new, more forgiving workout routine

*“ Thank you for all the help, the support, and all the donations. It meant a lot and this would have not been possible without the help. ”*

*-Calvin Betters '22*



Above: Calvin's peers cheer him on. Throughout the 24 hours, Calvin had a constant stream of supporters showing up to encourage him.

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in the beginning of his senior year at McDonell Central Catholic High School. For the remainder of his senior year, up to the point of his world record attempt, Calvin trained two hours a day for five days a week.

Training was not the only challenge that went into the planning for Calvin's world record attempt. Calvin contacted Guinness World Records so his chin-ups could be tracked and recorded properly. However, a lot of rules and regulations come with recording an official world record. One of the more challenging regulations Calvin needed to adhere to was obtaining a proper count of his chin-ups. In order to ensure a proper count, Calvin would need two volunteers counting his chin-ups throughout the 24-hour period. These volunteers could not be affiliated with Calvin in any way. In order to make sure volunteers would be able to reasonably cover the 24-hour period, Calvin needed to have two volunteers, every two hours, for a total of 24 volunteers. Calvin had flyers made and posted them all over Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire, and even went door-to-door recruiting volunteers.

Finally, the date Calvin set for his world record attempt arrived. Calvin had his volunteers, the setup of the McDonell weightlifting room, and the MACS tech team to live stream and video record his success. Calvin began strong, making chin-ups look like child's play. Throughout the entire 24 hours, friends and strangers alike came to cheer Calvin on and help in any way they could. Whether it was bringing him food and drink, cooling off his forehead with a wet cloth, or just to cheer him on, the immense support Calvin received was truly awe-inspiring. Calvin's teacher, Chad Bormann, even brought pillows and blankets and settled himself in for the long haul.

As the night stretched on, Calvin faced some major fatigue. His hands also became covered in blisters from constantly pulling up on the chin-up bar, eventually leaving him unable to grip the bar at all. In the end, Calvin was not able to break the world record, but was able to reach a new personal best of 3,001 chin-ups. What's more, Calvin's goal of raising \$5,500 was blown out of the water thanks to an anonymous



Above: Calvin's hands succumb to many painful blisters, disabling him from continuing on with his chin-ups



Above: Calvin perseveres through another set of chin-ups as volunteers keep count.

matching donation. In total, Calvin was able to raise \$9,130 for United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley with the intent of it being used to support Hope Village, which offers tiny housing and support for people facing homelessness in Chippewa Falls.

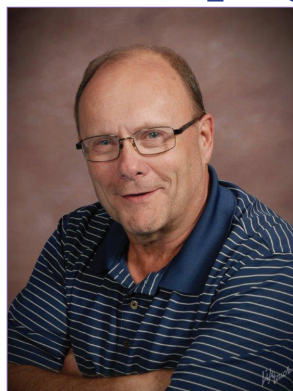
One of his many supporters and mentors, Mrs. Mary Jacobson '78 commented, "This odyssey of Calvin's was definitely a success. I have known Calvin since the first day he came to our school in 8th grade. He has grown in so many ways, and this world record journey changed him the most. He has been a great example to others in seeing that failure and perseverance is the best opportunity for becoming stronger. He is one incredibly strong young man who will break that record in the future. I am thankful that God placed him in our school, allowing him to be one of our alumni, and that I could witness his transformation. God has plans for him."

Calvin reflected that despite not breaking the world record, he gained so much from this experience. He stated that he was able to meet so many new people from recruiting volunteers; some that he continues to keep in contact with. Calvin stated that he found the most support for his ambition from the McDonell community. To his volunteers and supporters Calvin says, "Thank you for all the help, the support, and all the donations. It meant a lot, and this would have not been possible without everyone's involvement." Calvin does not plan to give up his dream of beating the chin-up world record. He predicts that he will return to his Alma Mater to break the world record within the next ten years. In the meantime, he will continue to work hard to find his calling in life and to train for next time.



# Witness The Difference Campaign

## Campaign a Success!



Honorary Campaign Chair  
Chuck Frenette '67

It was five plus years ago that McDonell Area Catholic Schools administration and volunteers embarked on a capacity and capital campaign designed to ensure that Catholic Education would continue to be available to parents of students looking for a faith-based education in the Chippewa Valley.

The goal of the "Witness the Difference Campaign" was to raise \$3.7 million over this period. \$1.5 million was earmarked for faculty

salary and professional development, \$1.5 million for the "Guardian Angel Fund" to assist families in need of tuition assistance, and \$700,000 for needed facility repairs and upgrades, including security enhancements to all Catholic School facilities within the MACS system.

It is with great enthusiasm that we announce that the goal has been successfully achieved because of the generosity of donors, alumni, parents, friends of McDonell, Corporations and Trusts.

The quiet phase of the campaign was stalled by the pandemic, but we persevered and took the campaign public in spring 2021. We picked up steam with two matching gifts and a "blue wave" of generosity pushing us toward our goal. There were 256 donors who gave a gift of less than \$100,000 which averaged \$4,165 per donor. There were six gifts of \$100,000 or more with the largest being \$500,000. Many of these donors were alumni across the United States, an indication that McDonell graduates still have an affinity to their Alma Mater.

The success of this campaign allowed MACS to provide 44 families with tuition aid from the Guardian Angel Fund this school year. Teachers were provided a larger than normal salary increase for the 2022-23 school year and the teacher's salary scale is being refined to be more competitive in the marketplace, benefitting from the teacher assistance portion of the campaign. This portion of the campaign also funded teachers' salaries for the summer school programs offered to students this past summer. Ongoing investment funds for tuition assistance and faculty support will continue to bear fruit into the future.

Bathroom facilities' renovations, a complete transformation of the main entrance to the high school and middle school for increased security measures, as well as other security upgrades to all school locations were completed because of the success of the Witness the Difference Campaign. More facilities updates are planned in the next three to five years thanks to the campaign.

It is with your continued generosity and support to MACS that we can continue to fulfill the mission and vision statements of the McDonell Area Catholic Schools.

With great gratitude,

*Chuck Frenette*

## Thank You to our Donors of the Witness the Difference Campaign

### 1940'S

#### 1941

Helen Anderl Zutter

#### 1942

John & Vivian Vaudreuil

#### 1946

Janet Prueher

#### 1947

Eugene Mower  
Norbert Sedlacek  
Ruth Padrutt Wagner

#### 1948

Jacqueline Anderson  
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#### 1949

James Paquette

### 1950'S

#### 1950

David & Jeanne Schmidt Hancock  
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#### 1951

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#### 1957

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John & Dianne Bischel  
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Norbert Gaier

Bernard & Noel Herzog  
Earl & Dorothy Merchart Kaiser  
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Francis M. Naves  
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Richard & Barbara Rooney

#### 1958

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Francis & Janice Felix Nazer

#### 1959

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James & Kathleen Kleusch LeClerc  
Dick & Judy Monarski  
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### 1960'S

#### 1960

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Tom & Rita Molitor Knudsen  
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Joanne Bowe Leonard  
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John & Barbara Nowak Rasmus  
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Robert & Elizabeth Anderl  
Allan & Mary Lou Peil Burdick  
Bruce Greenwood  
Robert & Mary Daniel Jenneman  
Tom & Rita Molitor Knudsen  
Susan Krall Rothbauer  
Delon & Temple Keefer Schroetter  
Dennis & Sally Andrejeski Wrucke

#### 1962

Leon & Louanne Bresina Baier  
Ralph & Lucianne Geisler Cushman  
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Jean Prueher  
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Rita Cushman  
Donald & Fran Simon Girard  
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Jerome & Jane Hall Hiess  
Dr. John Janc  
Robert & Mary Daniel Jenneman  
Larry & Mary Loiselle Lanners  
Thomas & Joan Schwartz



1964

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Ralph & Lucianne Geisler Coughman  
Steve & Linda Cyr  
Terry & Cheryl Wedemeyer

1965

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1966

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Eugene & Bonnie Swoboda Schindler  
James Tannler

1967

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Barbara Bowe  
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Ed & Linda Grzegozewski  
Dr. Michael & Erica Sandretto  
Carol Rowan Shepard

1969

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Jerre & Susan Eckes  
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Dick '18H & Mary Rose Bell Willi

1972

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Suzanne Eder  
William & Sandy Raawe Schumacher  
William Zutter

1973

John Larson  
Bob & Kathryn Antolak Robbins

1974

Bruce & Deb Tannler Heath

Robert & Susan Gindt Konop  
Mary Jo Ford Kobyluk  
Tony & Sue Reiter

1975

Tom Zutter

1976

Anonymous  
James & Nancy Bischel  
Dave & Theresa Davis Meinen  
Karen Reiter

1977

Terese Globensky

1978

Allen & Julie Hauptmann Bowe  
Julie Bowe  
Gerald & Mary Wermund Jacobson  
Dave & Theresa Davis Meinen  
Nancy Sires  
Mark & Kim Waldusky Amelse

1979

David & Lauri Bresina See

## 1980'S

1980

Mark & Kim Waldusky Amelse  
Jeff & Deborah Schneider Schafer

1981

Thomas & Pamela Davis  
Kurt & Chris Geissler  
Tom & Mary '16H Huffcut  
Jim & Rolanda Schneider Rada

1982

Brian & Susan Zwiefelhofer Rineck  
Jim & Rolanda Schneider Rada

1983

Craig & Carol Reed Bowe  
Liz Gaier  
Michele Beaudette Koch  
Patrick & Melissa Rasmus  
Jill Jacisin Rhude

1984

Todd & Debra Baier Schemenauer

1986

Charles & Cindy Eckes  
Dennis & Annette Hunt  
Robert & Sherri LeDuc  
Michael & Lisa Goettl Stoffel

1988

Randy & Debra Baier  
Scott & Karla Sokup

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Jeffrey & Julie Bowe  
Reggie & Lori Lubs Geissler  
Jason & Tricia Janc

## 1990'S

1991

Reggie & Lori Lubs Geissler  
John Matott  
Darin & Ann Crawford Schemenauer

1993

Tammy Swoboda

1995

Joshua & Amy Meinen

1998

Patrick & Molly Meinen Bushman

1999

Jake & Regi Geissler  
Chad & Jean Lowe McIlquham  
Zachary & Christina Smiskey Meinen

## 2000'S

2002

Chad & Jean Lowe McIlquham  
TJ & Julia Jilek Proue

2006

Adam & Danielle Freagon Jacobson

## FRIENDS

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Marilyn Holte  
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# Education Commission



## Committed to the Formation of our Mission & Vision

Chairperson  
Andy Shakal

### It's a Good Life

Being newly elected as Chairman of the Education Commission, a few words of introduction are in order. When I was growing up back in the 1970's and 1980's it seemed every rural driveway led to a family dairy farm. Ours was (and is) West of Bloomer on Highway 40. Mom would say, "It's a good life." By that, I think she mainly meant that it was a way of life where a family could, and in many ways had to, live as a family, work together, and just be together every day. This way of life also provided a great environment for my parents' main goal – to raise faithful Catholic children. Sometimes this was difficult, but it is something I will forever be grateful for; and it is something my wife and I placed as the highest priority for our own children. Being asked a few years ago by my Pastor, Fr. Feltes, to be on the Education Commission, gave cause for me to consider the wider Catholic community, and how our mission as family aligns with the mission of MACS; specifically with regard to providing Christ-centered formation and education to all students. The Education Commission, in its advisory role to school administration (primarily the Dean and President) is able to assist as appropriate in that mission. Speaking of "mission", one example of how the Education Commission will assist this year is in the crafting of an updated MACS Mission and Vision as part of the Strategic Planning cycle.

Having a clear Mission and Vision is critical. The late Fr. Richard John Neuhaus was known to point out that culture is downstream of Religion. That is just one more reason why what happens inside our Catholic schools is so important to what will go on outside, in the culture, and why being faithful to our mission will help provide "a good life" for students, and revive a culture that is in great need of good and faithful citizens.

# Alumni Association

## Keeping you connected to our Mission & Vision

MAA President  
Nick Martell '05



## Greetings from the McDonell Alumni Association (MAA)

We hope you're having a safe and blessed fall and winter. The MAA hosts events throughout the year with our main events being Alumni weekend (formerly called the Alumni Tournament), McDonell Hall of Fame, and the Alumni & Friends Dance. Unfortunately, we were unable to schedule the dance this year due to circumstances beyond our control; but we look forward to bringing it back in the fall of 2023.

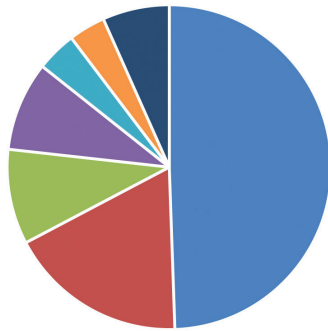
The 2022 Alumni Weekend was a success, especially considering we had been unable to have the event for almost three years due to the pandemic. Thanks to your support at Alumni Weekend, the MAA was able to fund multiple scholarships for graduates this year. It was great to see all of the familiar faces back at McDonell, as well as many new faces. We hope to have all the wrinkles ironed out to make the 2023 Alumni Weekend even better. I will be stepping down from the Alumni Weekend committee and handing the reins over to the very capable hands of Chris Eckes '09 and Dan Schley '07.

We also had the great honor of inducting five new members to the McDonell Hall Of Fame. For athletic achievements we inducted Jeff Hartman '86, Eric Monarski '92, and Bob Rooney '65. For service achievements we inducted Mary Rose Willi '71 and Brigadier General Dennis Sullivan '44. Congratulations to these inductees. If you know of someone who is deserving of recognition, please submit a hall of fame nomination form on the McDonell website.

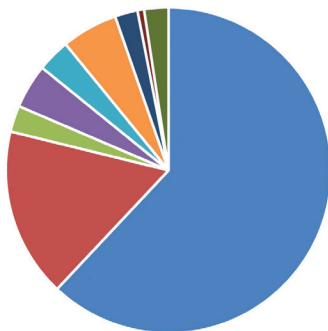
On behalf of the MAA board and the Alumni Weekend committee, I would like to extend my deepest thanks to all of you who volunteered your time to help this year. These events would not be possible without you, and we hope you will continue to attend and volunteer in the future. The 2023 tentative dates for Alumni Weekend are March 31& April 1.



# Financial Reports 2021-22



**REVENUE 2021-22**  
\$5,513,413



**EXPENSES 2021-22**  
\$5,591,654

## Student Tuition Costs for 2021-22

| Grade Level                            | Tuition  | Average Cost to Educate |
|--|----------|-------------------------|
| Kindergarten Parish                    | \$2,990  | \$11,500                |
| Kindergarten Non-parish                | \$4,229  | \$11,500                |
| Grade 1-5 Parish                       | \$3,020  | \$11,500                |
| Grade 1-5 Non-parish                   | \$4,272  | \$11,500                |
| Grade 6-8 Parish                       | \$3,050  | \$11,500                |
| Grade 6-8 Non-parish                   | \$4,314  | \$11,500                |
| Grade 9-12 Parish                      | \$4,335  | \$14,800                |
| Grade 9-12 Non-parish                  | \$6,118  | \$14,800                |
| Parish family cap with 3 students      | \$8,800  |                         |
| Parish family cap with 4+ students     | \$10,450 |                         |
| Non-parish family cap with 3 students  | \$10,900 |                         |
| Non parish family cap with 4+ students | \$12,550 |                         |

### Tuition Costs for 2021-22

MACS had an average tuition increase of 2% for the 2021-22 fiscal year. MACS separated kindergarten, grade school, middle school, and high school tuition, to create four separate tuition levels.

Thank you to all alumni, parishioners and businesses that supported MACS in 2021-22. Your generosity has enabled MACS to keep tuition affordable.

Families who belong to a supporting parish and meet the criteria for active supporting parish member qualify for the supporting parish assisted tuition. Financial assistance is available for active parish members based on need. MACS participates in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) and the Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP).

## Finance Reports Charts

The Financial Report reflects MACS' unaudited financials for the 2021-22 Fiscal year. The pie charts show what was received and expensed in the various categories for the year 2021-22. MACS finished the year with operating revenues of \$5,513,413 and operating expenses of \$5,591,654. This resulted in an operational loss of \$78,241, excluding the non-cash depreciation expense. Enrollment was up 8.8% for the 21-22 fiscal year when compared to 2020-21 enrollment. The school was eligible for some COVID-related grants and relief funds, which are reflected as income in our statement.

### Scrip Gift Card Sales

Scrip sales were \$1,271,836 for the 2021-22 fiscal year. Total Scrip profit was \$34,358.01, after giving \$30,237 back to families in the form of a tuition credit, and \$3,894 back to clubs and parishes.

Scrip gift cards are a fundraising program where anyone can purchase over 80 different local and national business gift cards we have on inventory in our MACS Central Office and the RaiseRight mobile app. Thank you to the businesses and families who participate in this win/win program!

### Finance Committee

The Facility Committee and the Finance Committee were combined this past fiscal year, as many of their duties are dependent on each other. The committee works to ensure that MACS is strategic in their resource management to ensure quality education and a safe learning environment. Committee members are appointed by their parishes.

The committee meets monthly to review financial results, the budget, investments and facility and maintenance projects. In addition, they discuss news and trends that may impact Catholic Education. Committee members include the parish representatives and the President, Controller and Business Manager at MACS.

### Parish Reps on Committee 2021-22

|                  |                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Jamie Leibrandt  | Chair/St. Charles Borromeo    |
| Michele O'Connor | St. Charles Borromeo          |
| Tom Eder         | St. Charles Borromeo          |
| Mike Dubiel      | St. Charles Borromeo          |
| Barry Bremness   | Church of the Holy Ghost      |
| Robert Konop     | Church of the Holy Ghost      |
| Skip August      | Church of the Holy Ghost      |
| Glen Geissler    | St. Paul, Bloomer             |
| Dennis Hunt '86  | St. Peter the Apostle, Tilden |
| Mike Crawford    | Vice-Chair/Notre Dame         |
| Deacon DeCook    | The Church of Notre Dame      |
| Bruce Mlsna      | The Church of Notre Dame      |

### Ex-Officio 2021-22

|                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Very Rev. Jesse Burish   | Dean                   |
| Mmgr. Michael Gorman     | Deanery Elected Pastor |
| TJ Proue '02             | Edu. Commission Chair  |
| Scott Sokup '88          | Controller             |
| Teresa Dachel            | Business Manager       |
| Molly Meinen Bushman '98 | President              |



# Advancement



## Engaging with you in our Mission & Vision

Director of Advancement  
Libby Cyr Leinenkugel '94

### Sir Alexander B. McDonell

In the past month, we introduced all supporters of McDonell Area Catholic Schools to the A.B. McDonell Vision Fund. Sir Alexander B. McDonell, a lumberman and respected city leader in Chippewa Falls, offered the funds to build a high school to support the growth of Notre Dame's existing school. In 1907, McDonell Memorial High School was completed and graduated students for the next 57 years. Now, 59 years after the last graduating class from McDonell Memorial High School crossed the stage in 1964, the class of 2023 will cross the stage at McDonell Central Catholic High School and become the newest alumni of this great tradition.

We continue to persevere in 2022 just as our leaders did in the 1800's when Catholic education was advancing in Chippewa Falls. Despite losing his wife and children in a tragic accident, A.B. McDonell persevered to build a high school in their memory and to support the wishes and needs of the community. Through your trust and generous support, we have been able to honor his vision: "This school should provide no or low-cost tuition to every family who wishes to obtain for their children a Catholic education." Now, more than 140 years later, we continue our mission of providing academic excellence in the spirit of Jesus Christ to families who live in Chippewa Falls and the surrounding communities.

We humbly ask that you continue to share your philanthropic spirit in support of the A.B. McDonell Vision Fund. We will have several events and opportunities in the coming months for you to learn more about how your support of this fund will give MACS students the tools they need as they venture through their learning years. Our promise is that we will continue to offer an "education for life" experience to students who earn a diploma bearing the name of Sir Alexander B. McDonell.

In Gratitude,

*Libby Leinenkugel*



## Our 2021-22 MACS Annual Fund Drive

Thank you for making the MACS Annual Fund Drive a success for the 2022 fiscal year. It 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, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Your donation July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 will be recognized in the next annual report.

### 1940'S

1940

Harold Gingras (CC)

1944

**Marlene Rooney (BC)**

1945

Dorothy A. Hebert

1946

James & Patricia Popple  
Bembnister (CC)  
Janet Prueher

1947

Marianna Zdrasil Cochran  
Gyda Nadreau (CC)

1948

James & Patricia Popple  
Bembnister (CC)  
Ramona Yakesh Zumbrock

1949

Robert Chapman (CC)  
Don (Donna Pouliot) Johnson  
William & Ardie LeClerc McIlquham (CC)  
James & Judith Postl Paquette (CC)

### 1950'S

1950

Susan DeLong  
Henry & Dorothy Revor Geissler  
John & Barbara Hughes  
Alice Globensky Marshall

1951

Ron Anibas  
Larry & Maryann Rooney Muldoon (CC)

1952

Janet Borneman Buckli  
Rosemary Monarski Haley  
LaVonne Stoeher Marquie (CC)  
Mary Lou Klaes Matthews  
Dayton Reed  
Lorenz Schreier (CC)  
**Stephen C. Steinmetz (BC)**

1953

Betty Bischel  
Glenard & Dorothy Hebert Lieder  
Catherine Ryan  
Mary Kuechenmeister Thornton

1954

William Janc  
William & Ardie LeClerc McIlquham (CC)  
James & Judith Postl Paquette (CC)

1955

**Jeanne Schmidt Hancock (BC)**

Larry & Maryann Rooney Muldoon (CC)  
**Jon Rubenzer (BC)**  
Robert & Paula Monarski Westberg

1956

James & Evelyn Mahr Bandoli  
Ardyce Schuster Kelly  
Vernon Steinmetz (CC)  
William 'Bill' Zumbrock (CC)

1957

David K. Hebert (CC)  
**Ellen A. O'Neil (BC)**

1958

Donald Bischel (CC)  
Irvin Geissler  
Peter & Carol Kalk  
Stephen & Sue Onsager Meinen (CC)  
Joseph Oberweis (CC)  
Rev. John A. Schultz

1959

**Kathryn Heerey Biegel (BC)**  
Don & Claudia Hable  
**Dick & Judith Monarski (BC)**  
Gary & Micki Rooney

### 1960'S

1960

John Hillery  
Janice Janc (CC)  
Joanne Bowe Leonard (CC)  
Stephen & Sue Onsager Meinen (CC)  
William Piotrowski  
**Clarence & Diane Stoffel (BC)**  
Steve & Susan Klaes Zimmerman

1961

Bob & Anne Monarski Ganka  
Howard & Victoria Ludwigson (CC)  
Paul & Judy Schultz (CC)

1962

Leon & Louanne Bresina Baier  
**Dan & Jacque Joas Daniel (BC)**  
**Robert & Bonita Aubart Gelina (XC)**

Joann Rooney Miller  
Robert & Monica Steinmetz  
Penzenstadler

**Skip & Jill Thaler Family Endowment  
Fund through the Community  
Foundation of Chippewa  
Country (BC)**  
**Lynn Willkom (BC)**

1963

Jean Bruehling Braun  
Steven & Carol Bohl  
Ted & Anna Bowe (CC)  
Dennis & Karen Lea Elstran  
Elizabeth Jenneman Garvey  
**Dr. John J. Janc (XC)**





Cheryl Kern-Simirenko (CC)  
**James & Margaret Kern**  
**Memorial through the**  
**Community Foundation of**  
**Chippewa County (BC)**  
 Roland & Lynne Stelter Nelson  
 Jeanne Frenette Rauckman

1964  
 Leon & Louanne Bresina Baier  
 Betty Meinen Bohl (CC)  
 Judy Geissler Bowe  
**John & Linda Pitsch Brantmeier (BC)**  
 Steve & Linda Cyr  
 Kathleen Zenner Furtado  
 Robert & Robin Hedrington Hassemer  
 Jean Bowe Krumenauer  
 Daniel & Diane Seckora O'Connell  
 Donald Porn  
**Larry & Mary Bischel Rakunas (XC)**

1965  
 Joe & Marie Hofkes Hauser  
 Gregory & Mary Monarski Holub (CC)  
 Roxanne Rooney Kuss (CC)  
**John Lubs (XC)**  
 Jim & Carol Zenner Meinen  
 Daniel & Diane Seckora O'Connell  
 Tom Scheidler (CC)

1966  
 Mike & Vicki Bowe Brown  
 Harold & Kathleen Boos Dachel  
 Mary Piotrowski  
**Patrick & Susan Smith (BC)**

1967  
 Harold & Kathleen Boos Dachel  
**Curtis Frazier (BC)**  
 Robert & Robin Hedrington Hassemer  
 Jeanne Hebert (CC)  
 Pat & Susan LaRue Quinn (CC)  
**Leroy & Susan Schmidmayr**  
**Schamberger (BC)**  
 Jim Smola  
 Tom Voitl (CC)  
 David Yarrington

1968  
 Mike & Vicki Bowe Brown  
 Mary Cinquegrana  
 Suzanne Hurt Leirimo  
 George & Mary 'Pat' Pattie Hebert

1969  
**Dan & Jacque Joas Daniel (BC)**  
 Julia Kassner  
 Jack & Susan Feider Kelly  
 Ronald & Mary Chovan King (CC)

### 1970'S

1970  
**Anonymous (XC)**  
**Patrick Bischel and Joy Bergeron (MC)**  
 Dan & Mary See Goulet  
 Scott Herbert  
 Robert & Susan Gindt Konop  
 Daniel Lauer

1971  
 Randy & Marilyn Bowe  
 Gordy & Nancy Nelson Meinen (CC)  
 Nancy Tannler Schuh  
 Dick 'H18 & Mary Rose Bell Willi

1972  
 Paul & Mary Anne Bembnister (CC)  
 Suzanne Eder  
 David & Carol Hawke  
 James Larson  
 William Sazama  
**William Zutter (BC)**

1973  
 David & Julie Bembnister Clark (CC)  
 Mike & Karen Marquie Lutz

1974  
 Mary Jo Ford Kobyluk  
 Robert & Susan Gindt Konop  
 Jeff & Sharon Farley Martin  
 Jeff Mayer (CC)  
 Tony & Sue Reiter

1975  
 Daniel & Susan Globensky Jacobson (CC)  
 Denny & Roxanne Bohl Murphy  
 Mike & Christine Peterson (CC)  
 Bill & Jean Wenzel (CC)

1976  
 James & Nancy Bischel (CC)  
 Theodore & Janice Blum (CC)  
 John Hibbard  
 Daniel & Susan Globensky Jacobson (CC)  
 David Loschko

1977  
 Rodney & Charlotte Sullivan Bowe (CC)  
 Terese Globensky  
 Dave Jacobs  
 Bruce & Colleen Krejci  
 Pete & Kathy Marquie Sokup

1978  
 Rodney & Charlotte Sullivan Bowe (CC)  
**Gerald & Mary Wermund Jacobson (GC)**  
 Pete & Kathy Marquie Sokup

1979  
 Maribeth Weber Gunner

Tim & Carrie Leis  
**Wes Moskal (BC)**

### 1980'S

1980  
 Dan & Debra Krejchi Dahl  
 Mike & Karen Marquie Lutz  
**Joseph Maurer (BC)**

1981  
 Tom & Mary Huffcutt '16H (CC)  
 Bernard Lenczner

1982  
 Daniel Lenczner  
 Kathy Sumner McFarlane

1984  
 Elmer & Barbara Krista Eckwright

1985  
**Scott & Michelle Franz Retzlaff (BC)**  
 Richard & Jennifer Ruf

1986  
 Paul & Edith McDonald (CC)

1988  
 Tim & Sandra Schwartz  
 Kruse (CC)

1989  
 Michael Akan  
 Todd Bowe

### 1990'S

1991  
 Darin & Ann Crawford  
 Schemenauer (CC)

1993  
 Carl Smiskey (CC)

1995  
 Josh & Amy Meinen (CC)

1996  
 Christopher & Rebecca Bischel Bast  
 Rolly & Mel Enderes  
 Ryan & Danielle Markquardt Stelter (CC)

1997  
 Laura Zwiefelhofer Zach (CC)

1998  
 Patrick & Molly Meinen Bushman (CC)

### 2000'S

2000  
 Nathan & Kari Roesler Stepp (CC)

2003  
 Charles & Jaynee Armstrong Brannen  
**Hiep & Mary Phung (BC)**

2008  
 Todd Jacobson  
**Samuel & Ashley Meinen**  
**Rubenzer (BC)**

### FRIENDS

Anonymous  
 John & Stephanie Abbe (CC)  
 Lori Abraham  
 Kathleen Adams  
 Erica Boehm  
**Jon & Tamara Bohaty (GC)**  
 Michael & Wendy Buchmann (CC)  
 Lyla Burich  
 Susan Caron  
 Eugene & Jacolyn Cody  
 Wayne & Teresa Dachel  
**Jeff & Patti Darley (BC)**  
 Laura Escoto (CC)

| Annual Giving Categories   |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| (LC)<br>Legacy Circle<br>Annual Gift \$25,000+   |   |  |  |
| (XC)<br><b>Sister Mary Francis</b><br><b>Xavier Circle</b><br>Annual Gift of \$15,000 - 24,999 | (MC)<br><b>Father 'Mac'</b><br><b>McGuigan Circle</b><br>Annual Gift of \$10,000 - 14,999 |  |  |
| (GC)<br><b>Guardian Circle</b><br>Annual Gift of \$5,000 - 9,999                               |   | (BC)<br><b>Benefactor Club</b><br>Annual Gift of \$1,000 - 4,999 |  |
| (PC)<br><b>Pacesetter Club</b><br>Annual Gift of \$500 - 999                                   |   | (CC)<br><b>Challenger Club</b><br>Annual Gift of \$200 - 499     |  |
| <b>Pioneer Club</b><br>Annual Gift of \$100 - 199  |   | <b>MACS Club</b><br>Annual Gift up to \$99                       |  |





Sherman Goocher  
Rik & Cathy '14H Greenseth  
Cynthia Griffin  
Pat & Patricia Hare  
Ruth Hause  
Elizabeth 'Betty' Hedrington  
Steve & Joan Henry (CC)  
John Higgins  
Shannon Jaeger  
Valerius Knobloch (CC)  
Jerry & Mary Kuehl '13H  
**Tom Lambert (BC)**  
Kevin Lieder  
Kristy Lieder  
LaVonne Matthews  
Melissa Nyhus  
Tom & Karen Olson (CC)  
Leslie Perrenoud  
Julie Pomietlo  
Marge Rhodes  
Jill Ritchie  
**Steve Roesler '14H (BC)**  
Sharon Rooker  
Rick & Jennifer Rubenzer  
Karen & Jim Schmidt  
Donald & Rizza Schulze (CC)  
Nancy Scobie (CC)  
Thomas Seipel (CC)  
Julie Shulstad  
May Steinhardt  
Lynn Tobkin  
Jeane Tonnancour  
David & Angela Walter  
Gerald & Carol Way  
Ralph West  
Maribeth Witkowski (CC)  
Steve & Maggie Wojan  
Gary & Cindy Yohnk  
Roger & Nancy Zimbric  
Laurie Zukaitis

## BUSINESS & COMMUNITY FRIENDS

**All Saints Church**  
**Ann Marie Foundation (MC)**  
**Gary & Pat Gray Family**  
**Endowment Fund through**  
**the Community Foundation**  
**of Chippewa Country (BC)**  
Baughman Sewer & Septic  
Services (CC)

Bohl & Proulx Plumbing  
Inc (CC)  
Bresina's LLC (CC)  
**Catholic Women's Club (BC)**  
**CHEMCEED, LLC (BC)**  
Chippewa Falls Lions Club (CC)  
Chippewa Falls Rotary (CC)  
The Chippewa Store (CC)  
**Chippewa Valley Financial**  
**Services (BC)**  
**Church of the Holy Ghost**  
Class of 1971 (CC)  
**Community Foundation of**  
**Chippewa Cty (BC)**  
Dean & Associates (CC)  
Elite Cuts (CC)  
**Fries Financial Services (BC)**  
**Fusion Marketing**  
**Group (BC)**  
**H&R Electric Inc. (BC)**  
**Pink Cross Church**  
**Horan Funeral Home (BC)**  
**Jake & Peggy Leinenkugel**  
**Family Endowment Fund**  
**through the Community**  
**Foundation of Chippewa**  
**Country (PC)**  
John R. & Ellen A. O'Neil  
Endowment Fund through  
the Community Foundation  
of Chippewa Falls  
**Joseph W. Joas**  
**Designated Endowment**  
**Fund through the**  
**Community Foundation of**  
**Chippewa Falls (BC)**  
**JW Logging of Chippewa**  
**Falls, Inc. (BC)**  
**Knights of Columbus (GC)**  
Marshfield Clinic (CC)  
**Mason Companies, Inc. (GC)**  
**Mayo Foundation for**  
**Medical Education and**  
**Research (BC)**  
**McDonnell High School**  
**Foundation (XC)**  
Mechanical Breakdown  
Protection, Inc. (CC)  
**Nordson Corporation**  
**Foundation (MC)**  
**Northwestern Bank (GC)**  
Olson's Barstow 80, LLC (CC)

Pederson-Volker  
Funeral Chapel (CC)  
**PREVEA Health (BC)**  
**Religious Care**  
**Foundation (BC)**  
**River Country Co-op (BC)**  
Royal Credit Union (CC)  
**Sacred Heart of Jesus Church**  
**St. Bridget Church**  
**St. Charles Borromeo Church**  
**St John the Baptist Church**  
**St Paul's Church**  
**St Peter the Apostle Church**  
**Spring Street Sports Inc (BC)**  
**Stelter Inc. (GC)**  
Sue Decker Theater  
Endowment Fund through  
the Community Foundation  
of Chippewa Falls  
**The Church of Notre Dame**  
**Thaler Oil Company (BC)**  
**Toycen Ford (BC)**  
Gehweiler Trust (CC)  
**Two Eagles Foundation,**  
**Inc (LC)**  
W.S. Darley & Co.  
WESTconsin Credit Union (CC)  
**WHG Companies LLC (GC)**  
Wiley Law S.C.  
**William & Gertrude Casper**  
**Foundation (BC)**

## In-Kind Donations

1st & Goal  
A Anderson Jewelers  
A Cut Above  
Anderson Take Out  
Ann & Darin Schemenauer  
Baier's Bar  
Bargain City  
Birch Point Resort  
Blue Marble Pub, LLC  
Bohl & Proulx Plumbing  
Bresina's Carry Out  
Bridge Street Brew  
Cedar Bay Resort  
Chippewa Falls Dairy Queen  
Chippewa Falls YMCA  
Cow Caviar  
Delanie Stangl Wanek  
Eevy Ivy Over  
Elite Cuts Barber Salon  
Envy Wellness  
Essential Body Works Therapy  
Fantasy Ink  
Fill Inn Station  
H&R Electric Inc.  
Hallie Nutrition  
Hess Family  
Huckleberry's  
Interstate All Battery Center  
Jacobson's Hardware  
James & Cheryl Bevins  
Jennifer & Scott Hughes  
Loopy's  
LWS/Economy Storage  
Marc-On Shooting  
McDonald Catering Company  
Molly & Pat Bushman  
Muldoon's Mens Wear  
Mystic Bar  
Northern WI State Fair  
Notre Dame Parish Life Center  
Premium Waters  
River Country Co-Op  
Rookie's Bar

Scott & Jodyne Pulver  
Sokup's Market  
Steve & Linda Cyr  
Subway  
Sunbeam  
The Chalet on Lake Wissota  
Thirsty Badger  
Timothy & Julia Proue  
Toycen Ford  
Travis Hakes  
U-Haul  
Valerius Knobloch  
West Hill Bar

## Memorial Gifts

**Gifts given in memory of:**  
Kathryn Mower Armstrong '44  
Patricia Bohl  
Willy Boos '46  
Charlotte Sullivan Bowe '78  
Dorothy Revor Geissler '50  
Heidi Haley '79  
Dave Hancock '50  
Mig Hebert '48  
Kathryn Korte  
Jeanne Ryan Picotte '42  
Donna Pouliot '49  
Tom Rubenzer '80  
Jan Sazama  
Wilbert Statz '53  
Richard 'Trigger' Solie  
Peter Stoffel '17

## Matching Gifts

We are blessed to live in a country where so many people and companies give back. Your employer may be one of them!

**AbbVie**

Hiep Phung '03

**Wal-Mart**

John Abbe





# THANK YOU

from the  
**Senior Class of 2023**



My name is Brady Rubenzer, and I am currently a senior at McDonell Area Catholic Schools. I have attended MACS system since first grade, and that's when I first found out what the MACS family was really about.

The reason MACS means so much to me is because everyone is welcomed with open arms and big smiles. I still remember my first day at MACS. I had just been adopted, I had little trust for anyone, and was scared of many things. The thought of going to a new school with other kids completely petrified me. Walking through the doors of St. Charles Borromeo Primary School on that first day of school changed that for me. The greeters had big smiles on their faces and were asking how they could help, instead of you having to ask them. Even now in high school at McDonell, the greeters at the door have the same big smiles; and even though I'm not nervous, these smiles still have a big impact: making you feel like family. Throughout my schooling, the welcoming and family like atmosphere has been undeniable. MACS fosters such a tight-knit and open-hearted community. Everyone is able to feel welcome, safe, and happy.

Another reason MACS means so much to me is the sense of community. This community feeling starts every day in the hallways, but carries out much further than that. It continues through the school day and onto the sports teams. In the classroom, we are encouraged to always help out and embolden our classmates as well as our teammates on the

field. At practice the number one thing our coach preaches to us is "play with class" and "be good people." We learn to realize there's more to life than just sports. Life is more about becoming a well-rounded, respectful individual than just being a winner on the field. Our coach realizes this, and we are able to look up to him as a mentor when things get tough. No matter what we do here, we are always together, and there's always someone to pick you up when you fall down. This again ties back into the family I am glad to be a part of at MACS.

The MACS system also means so much to me because of the family feel. Even after graduation, I will still be a part of the MACS community and stay in contact with all the lasting friends I've formed throughout my schooling here. Even though it's hard to appreciate now, while being a student, I know I will not forget the lasting impact the teachers have made on my life, not only as educators, but also as mentors. I'm very thankful my parents chose to send me here, and that my siblings will be receiving the same MACS experience I was lucky enough to get.



## Class Notes

### 1930s

**Angeline Stumpf Anderl '39** celebrated her 100th birthday on March 7, 2022 before passing away on April 7, 2022. Angeline's daughter, Mary Anderl Swanson, informed MACS that Angeline lived her life to the fullest, missing out on no opportunities to try something new, including jet skiing for the first time on her 90th birthday.

### 1980s

#### **Patti Stary O'Dell '80**

Our good friend and fellow classmate of Notre Dame Elementary School and McDonell Central High School Class of 1980, Patti Stary O'Dell, is experiencing a significant health challenge. She is currently undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Because of this, Patti is unable to work for the next year due to the debilitating effects of her cancer treatments. Patti is the mother of two children and main provider for her family. The saying "it takes a village..." is fitting in that it will take the support of family and friends near and far to help Patti and her family weather the current financial and emotional challenges. A Go Fund Me account has been created to make this happen; the link for which can be found on the MACS website under Prayer Requests. All donations and words of support are greatly appreciated!

**Patti See '86** recently published the book *Here on Lake Hallie: In Praise of Barflies, Fix-it Guys, and Other Folks in Our Hometown*. Growing up in the 1970's and 80's as the youngest of eight children, Patti See never imagined she'd stay in Chippewa Falls as an adult. Now she has a new appreciation for all that comes with country living, from ice fishing and supper clubs to pontoon rides and tavern dice. Whether sending her son off to basic training, holding her mother's hand through late-stage Alzheimer's, or tiptoeing over thin ice with her best friend since childhood; See notices the comedy and beauty of life's everyday moments.

### 2010s

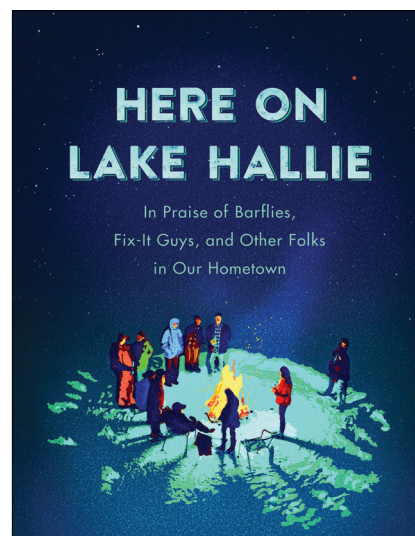
**Greg Misfeldt 'H18** was recognized as an Unsung Hero in the Chippewa Herald Newspaper for all the support he provides to McDonell Athletics. Greg is the McDonell Athletics Booster Club President, a liaison for the MACS Athletic & Activities Director, a MACS parent, and more. Greg goes above and beyond for McDonell Athletics, and our community is so grateful!



**Angeline Stumpf Anderl's 1939 yearbook photo.**



**Patti Stary O'Dell '80 takes on cancer with good spirits intact!**



**Patti See '86 is the proud new author of the book *Here on Lake Hallie: In Praise of Barflies, Fix-It-Guys, and Other Folk in Our Hometown*.**



**Greg Misfeldt 'H18 is the proud McDonell Athletics Booster Club President and often goes above and beyond for MACS. Photo from Brandon Berg -Chippewa Herald**



# Class Notes

## MEMORIAM

Please join the MACS community in prayerful memory of deceased alumni, parents, and friends.

**Angeline Stumpf Anderl '39**

April 7, 2022, New Ulm, MN

**John L. Vaudreuil '42**

October 19, 2022, Eau Claire

**Kathryn Armstrong '44**

July 18, 2021, Chippewa Falls

**Helen Dupey Kouba '45**

October 18, 2022, Chippewa Falls

**Wilbur 'Willy' Boos '46**

May 21, 2022, Chippewa Falls

**William E. 'Pete' Schemenauer '46**

July, 2022, Cadott, WI

**Kathleen Thornton Kopp '47**

August 29, 2022, Chippewa Falls

**Lorraine Prueher Bergevin '48**

May 5, 2022, Chippewa Falls

**Gerald 'Jerry' Prince '48**

April 14, 2022, Chippewa Falls

**Viola Tichy Kelly '49**

May 7, 2022, Chippewa Falls

**Marlene M. Ruppert Larson '49**

December 19, 2021, Marietta, GA

**Doris Marie Bowe Boos '51**

September 26, 2022, Bloomer, WI

**Robert Monarski '51**

September 15, 2022, Chippewa Falls

**Barbara 'Bonnie' Patterson Hayes '52**

April 7, 2022, Eau Claire

**Rosemary Miller Rittenhouse '52**

June 2, 2022, Rochester, MN

**Wilbur Statz '53**

April 26, 2022, Eau Claire

**Rosemary Meinen Schemenauer '54**

June 23, 2022, Madison, WI

**Jeanne Schmidt Hancock '55**

August 8, 2022, Chippewa Falls

**Shirley Rubesch Kramschuster '55**

August 11, 2022, Bullhead City, AZ

**Judith Sinette Sires '55**

April 17, 2022, Chippewa Falls

**Dian J. Bleskacek Hanley '56**

May 6, 2022, Jim Falls, WI

**Patricia 'Pat' Duncan Sokup '57**

October 12, 2022, Chippewa Falls

**Barbara Ann Paul Thome '57**

September 22, 2022, Madison, WI

**Russell C. Rowan '58**

September 10, 2022, Chippewa Falls

**Thomas Morrissey '61**

October 1, 2022, Chippewa Falls

**Michael Bertrand '65**

May 53, 2021, Chippewa Falls

**Daniel 'Howie' Cyr '69**

May 15, 2022, Eaglewood, OH

**Walter 'Sonny' Swoboda Jr. '69**

July 22, 2022, Chippewa Falls

**Mark Louis Morissette '70**

May 18, 2022, Chippewa Falls

**Matthew Hutton '78**

October 1, 2022, Chippewa Falls

**Timothy 'Tim' Leis '79**

April 8, 2022, Chippewa Falls

**Thomas J. Rubenzer '80**

January 9, 2022, Chippewa Falls

**Tim Thorton '81**

Oct 10, 2022, Milford, OH

## MEMORIAL FRIENDS

**Patricia 'Pat' Bohl**

May 19, 2022, Chippewa Falls

**John Bernard Harings**

August 5, 2022, Chippewa Falls

**William J. Meier**

April 23, 2022, Chippewa Falls

**Gerald 'Jerry' Strizic**

May 10, 2022, Chippewa Falls

**Herman Postl**

September 1, 2022, Chippewa Falls

# Class Gatherings



**Class of 2003:** Members of the class of 2003 travel to Dunedin, FL to celebrate wedding of classmate Patrick Baker to Jessica Stemen. Classmates pictured L to R: Tony Stevens, Jaynee Armstrong Brannen, Patrick Baker, Bridget McLaughlin Corcoran and Hiep Phung. Congratulations to Patrick and Jessica!

# Class Reunions



**Above: McDonell Class of 1947**

On Tuesday, August 9, 2022, the class of 1947 gathered for their 75th Class Reunion. Classmates pictured L to R Back Row: Marilyn White Dachel, Gene Mower, Norbert Sedlacek, Bob Miller. Front Row: Lenore Westcott, Marianna Cochran, Virginia Keyeski, Lois Rieman, Joanne Cote.



**Left: McDonell Class of 1952**

On Thursday, September 22, 2022, at the Fill-Inn Station, the class of 1952 gathered for their 70th Class Reunion. Classmates pictured L to R Back Row: Cliff O'Donnell, Francis Kramschuster, Ken Bowe, Ervin Kressin, Steve Steinmetz, Ralph Statz. Front Row: Mary Lou Klaes Matthews, Rosie Anderl Gehring, Janet Borneman Buckli, Rosie Monarski Haley, LaVonne Stoeher Marquie





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