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## Our Lady of Prayer

*An original icon now greets students, staff and visitors in the remodeled vestibule of McDonell Central Catholic High School.*

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ON THE COVER

Emmanuel O'Donnell, altar server at the Church of Notre Dame, looks on as Fr. Ethan Hokamp blesses the newly written icon for MACS. (See page 7)

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### St. Charles Borromeo

Rev. Msgr. Michael Gorman  
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. John the Baptist, Cooks Valley

Rev. Victor Feltes

### St. Paul, Bloomer

Rev. Victor Feltes, Dcn. Dick Kostner

### St. Peter the Apostle, Tilden

Rev. Msgr. Michael Gorman, Dcn. Dan Rider  
Associate Pastor Rev. Ethan Hokamp

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Rev. William Felix '73, Dcn. Ned Willkom

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





# From the Dean

Very Reverend Jesse Burish

## Catholic Education - Forming the whole person



Fr. Jesse Burish  
Chippewa Falls Dean

One of the great works of the Church up and down the centuries is education, and not just teaching religion, but a broad range of subjects – the liberal arts, the sciences. The Catholic approach has always been to form the whole person – in order that one be better

equipped to receive the Gospel message of the Church and become a true disciple of Christ. What can happen easily today, however, when we think about Catholic education, is that we can lose sight of what is of primary importance for what is secondary.

When we began the pastoral planning process for our city parishes and schools, our consultants surveyed the parents of MACS students. I, along with our school leaders and the other pastors, were a little disappointed in the response that our parents gave in the survey when it asked what their top reasons were for choosing MACS. Parents had 17 different possible reasons to choose from. The top two reasons parents selected were “competent and qualified faculty” and “academic excellence.” Don’t get me wrong. Those aren’t

bad reasons for choosing MACS, and I’m glad our schools are strong in those areas. What was disheartening was that “Catholic faith formation” rated only 11th as a motivating reason for parents sending their kids to MACS. May we not forget that “Catholic faith formation” is in fact the primary reason our schools exist, and all the other reasons are built on that.

Of course, this response from our parents is not so much a problem with how well our schools teach the Faith to our students (actually, I think we do this pretty well), but more a reflection of where our area Catholic adults are at in terms of their own life of faith and discipleship. My point here is to encourage and challenge all our parents and families, all teachers, coaches and staff to seek to grow as real disciples. Are we striving to completely conform our lives to Christ and his Church? That conversion, after all, is what leads to real freedom and happiness. MACS and all Catholic schools are most successful in accomplishing their primary purpose when there is a whole “culture” of Faith. All of us are called to build up that culture by first answering our own individual call to holiness and to be a disciple of Christ.



# In Gratitude

from President Molly Bushman '98

## Catholic Liberal Arts Education



Molly Meinen  
Bushman '98

Let’s take a moment to focus on the first pillar of a MACS education: the MIND. We often tend to speak about this pillar in terms of test scores and post-graduation statistics. Today, I want to go deeper and explain the true value of a Catholic Liberal Arts (CLA) education from MACS.

The liberal arts have really gotten a bad rap lately, so it may seem like an odd time for MACS to reaffirm its identity as a Catholic Liberal Arts school system. However, by embracing this identity, we are actually on the cutting edge of a movement that is revolutionizing education. We are educating the critical thinkers that employers want, the citizens that this country needs, and the saints that will not only live for God in this life, but hope to be with Him in the next. This is the promise and vision of a Catholic Liberal Arts education and we aim for nothing less.

MACS students are enriched with education in literature, art, music, history and the sciences. We understand the

importance of early literacy and have specialists trained in the science of reading, which aligns to our knowledge-rich curriculum. Our goal is to incorporate truth, beauty, and goodness within the classical approach known as the Trivium: grammar, logic, and rhetoric. In this model, students gain knowledge through wonder, gain understanding through critical thinking, and learn to communicate with wisdom. Of course, MACS students also have opportunities for courses in biomedical sciences, engineering, vocational skills, and advanced placement in a variety of subjects.

Thanks to the efforts of Dean of Academics and Accreditation, Mary Huffcutt, we are partnering with the University of Dallas Classical Education Graduate program for our teachers’ professional development to ensure student success. In addition, we are a member school of the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education. Their website is a great resource for more information about CLA education.

Please pray for MACS as we continue this journey to the heart of education.



# Staff Appreciation and Years of Service recognized for 2020-21



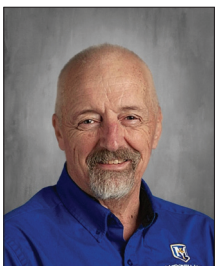
Mr. Jeff Heinzen

**Mr. Jeff Heinzen** led MACS as President, then continued with the Advancement Office and the Witness the Difference Capacity Campaign through September of 2020. Thank you Jeff for your six years of dedication to our school system and helping to secure our future financially for years to come. Jeff enjoyed getting to know the families, and being of service to both the MACS system and the Central Office Staff. He plans on traveling, celebrating life with his wife Alice '71, and spending time with their 10 grandchildren.



Mrs. Cindy Yohnk

**Mrs. Cindy Yohnk** has been with MACS for 34 years. She taught preschool for one year, third grade for six years, and first grade for 27 years. Cindy enjoyed, "Being with the children and working with their families." Her future plans include spending more time with her granddaughters, playing more board games and cards with her family and friends, a little bit of traveling, and reading BIG people books!



Mr. Tony Reiter '74

**Mrs. Patty Jansky** was a substitute teacher for a couple of years for the MACS System before starting as a full time Administrative Assistant at Holy Ghost Elementary 26 years ago. "I felt like I was part of a close knit, caring community. It was such a pleasure working with the wonderful staff and seeing the terrific students every day. While there was a lot of continuity, my job is sort of 'jack of all trades' position, so each day held something different." Patty has plans to finish up house projects as well as spending more time with her five grandchildren, volunteering, and relaxing with a good book.

**Mr. Tony Reiter** has been at MACS for 39 years. His first year he taught religion, was the head coach for baseball, and retires now from teaching both middle and high school students. Classes included Physics, Pre Calculus, AP Calculus, and AP Stats, with students earning 11 college credits by taking his classes. What Tony enjoyed most were the students and though he is unsure what retirement will bring, you may see him driving the shuttle van now and again and subbing a day or two.

Right: Dzialowy scholarships were presented to Jamie Dodge, Brittany Steiger Sykora '11, Brian Pauley and Wendy Buchmann.



Mrs. Lisa Hubbard



Mrs. Patty Jansky

## STAFF RECOGNITION

MACS staff came together on June 1 to celebrate community with an appreciation end of year Mass, breakfast, and a program to recognize these faculty and staff members' years of service.

### RETIREES

Jeffrey Heinzen - Lisa Hubbard  
Patty Jansky - Tony Reiter '74  
Cindy Yohnk

### FIVE YEARS

Rebecca Beaubeaux  
Jamie Dodge - Brittany Canfield  
Shannon Jaeger  
Brianna Krause Rider '11  
Valerie Siegenthaler  
Brian Schulner - Ruthann Proue  
Jason Cox - John Dachel  
Carolyn Volrath

### TEN YEARS

Mary Huffcutt '16H  
Krista Bowe Misener '90

### TWENTY YEARS

Matt Rose '01

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Julie Pomietlo

### THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

Deb Krejchi Dahl '80

**Joseph & Olivia Bischel  
Teacher Scholarship**  
Entire Faculty & Staff

**Dzialowy Teacher  
Scholarships in memory  
of Anthony Mikolaitis**  
Wendy Buchmann  
Jamie Dodge - Brian Pauley  
Brittany Steiger Sykora '11





# MACS celebrates 140 years

## RAFFLE WINNERS

Grand Prize, a private party with singer Chris Kroeze, went to Shelly Franz Retzlaff '85.  
\$1000 - Alyssa Schneider Cooley '94  
\$500 - Lori Grant

MACS had perfect weather on Saturday, June 12 at the Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds. MACS kicked off the upcoming school year commemorating 140 years from 1881-1882 to 2021-2022. In 1881, when Rev. Charles Goldsmith asked the School Sisters of Notre Dame to come to Chippewa Falls from Milwaukee to teach, there were many prayers for their success.

Now 140 years later, prayers and donations from parishes and parishioners, past alumni, business supporters, families and friends continue to carry on our Catholic truths to future generations.

Please consider making a donation to McDonell Area Catholic Schools to ensure a quality, faith based education for generations to come. Donations can be returned using the envelope inserted in this Mack Messenger or by visiting our online donation page at [https://bit.ly/donate\\_macs](https://bit.ly/donate_macs).

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Angie Reiter Plendl '11 and Allison Greenseth Amundson '09 with their daughters Silvia and Julia.



Above: An alumna looked for their own letter from Tony Reiter's '74 Physics class.



Right: Paul McDonald '86 takes a break from the food stand to give kids a ride in a train.



Above: Pat Peloquin and Judy Hovatin Gaier '59 dance to the live tunes of Cathy Reitz and the 7 Swing.

Left: School Sister of Notre Dame Sr. Yvonne Hiess '55 looks through the history display which included dolls dressed in the authentic wear of the time period. There was also a list of all the Sisters who served the three parish schools and high school from the first year in 1881 through 1986, Sr. Paul Marie Niewel's last teaching year at McDonell.



McDonell High School Foundation President Rolly Enderes '96 presents MACS Director of Advancement Jaynee Armstrong Brannen '03 and President Molly Meinen Bushman '98 with a check from the foundation in the amount of \$168,000 at the 140th celebration.  
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# Mack BITS



Benjamin Goebel



Brendan Bresina



Abigail Petranovich



Kallee Le Cloux

## Summer Badger State Representatives 2021

Badger State is designed for students interested in the study of government and citizenship. The programs are for individuals who are selected by high school faculty based on qualities of scholarship and leadership. Due to the pandemic, each of the events happening over the summer were canceled.

Representing McDonell Central Catholic High School as delegates for the boys were Benjamin Goebel and Brendan Bresina. The girls selected as delegates were Abigail Petranovich and Kallee La Cloux. *Congratulations!*

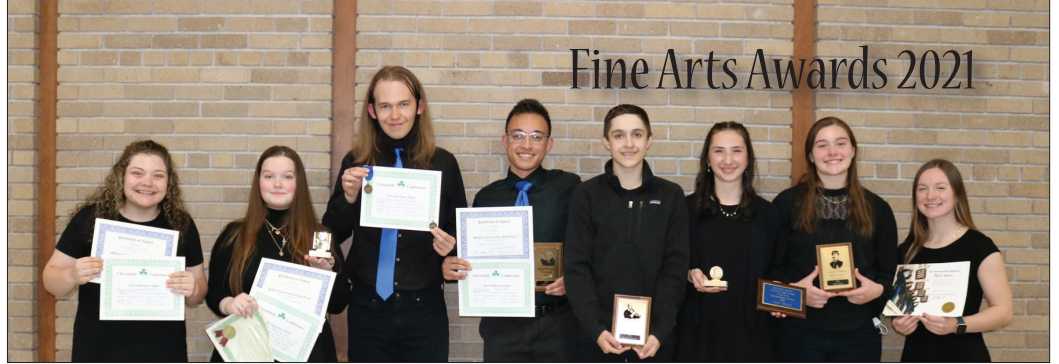
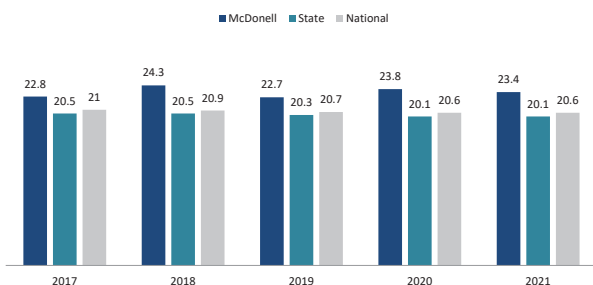
## Class of 2021 National Honor Society members

Elise Bormann  
Peter Herron  
Ben Prissel  
Ann David

Ellie Eckes  
Lizzy Wedemeyer  
Kate Roth  
Andrew Hunt

Anna Geissler  
Rachel Eisenreich  
Cynthia Keck  
Jackson Bushman

A.C.T. Test Average Composite Score



Above: Seniors Samantha Wirtz & Kelly Cushman, Junior Ezekiel Murphy, Senior Andrew Hunt, Junior Brendan Bresina, Seniors Ann David, Kate Roth and Cynthia Keck

Thank you to all the seniors for sharing your talents on the stage, both instrumental and vocal. Congratulations to all the 2020-21 fine arts students, Cloverbelt Conference, Solo and Ensemble, Musical participates, and medal winners not pictured.

In the spring, during Fine Arts Night, awards were given to students for their leadership and commitment to the program.

**Fine Arts Award**  
Ann David

**National School Choral Award**  
Kelly Cushman

**Leonard Bernstein Award**  
Andrew Hunt

**Band Awards**  
Woody Herman Award: Brendan Bresina  
Gilmore Band Award: Kate Roth  
John Philip Sousa Award: Ann David

**The Instrumentalist Merit Award**  
Cynthia Keck

**Peer chosen MVP Award**  
Vincent Van Sleet

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# COMING IN 2022!

Rodgers & Hammerstein's Broadway version

## *Cinderella*

**Gretchen Jorgensen**  
Show Director

**Mark Neppl**  
Vocal Director

**Erica Boehm**  
Stage Crew

McDonell Central Catholic High School presented their 40th consecutive musical production, *My Fair Lady*, in the spring of 2021.

### MAIN CAST MEMBERS

Eliza Doolittle - Ann David  
Henry Higgins - Drew Hunt  
Colonel Pickering - Jackson Bushman  
Mrs. Eynsford-Hill - Eva Bushman  
Freddy Eynsford-Hill - Harrison Bullard  
Jamie - Paul Tetrault  
Harry - Ezekiel Murphy  
Alfred Doolittle - Peter Herron  
Mrs. Pearce - Kelly Cushman  
Mrs. Higgins - Samantha Wirtz  
Mrs. Hopkins - Megan Hanson  
Professor Zoltan Karpathy - Ezekiel Murphy  
Dr. Themistocles Stephanos - Peter Herron  
The Queen of Transylvania - Mrs. Mary King  
Policeman - Rongxian Yang  
Mrs. Higgins Maid - Evelyn Doyle

### Stage Crew Managers:

Kate Roth and Lizzy Wedemeyer





# Chippewa Falls recognizes both students and educators at the 36th annual Excellence in Education



Above is Peter Herron with Mrs. Tammy Postl Christopher '77, his most influential educator (left), and his parents Diane and James Herron.



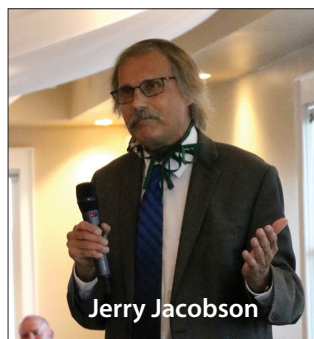
Left is Anna Geissler with Mr. Tony Rieter '74, her most influential educator, along with her mother Lori Lubs Geissler '89 and grandfather John Lubs '65.

The Chippewa Falls Area Chamber of Commerce (CFACC) hosted the 36th Annual Excellence in Education event on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at Lake Wissota Golf & Events. Even though the event was limited to only two family members and influential teacher for each student being honored, everyone was excited for the in-person event. Thank you to the CFACC, the Excellence in Education Committee and the sponsors of the event who made it happen! The top academic students from the senior classes of McDonell Central Catholic High School and Chippewa Falls Senior High School, along with their most influential educators, were recognized.

The night opened with Emcee Michael Strubel from WEAU introducing Mark Broses, Chair of the CFACC, who in turn welcomed everyone to a night of academic recognition for Chippewa Falls. Rev. Ethan Hokamp, chaplain at McDonell Central Catholic High School, gave the invocation.

Following dinner, keynote speaker Jerry Jacobson, Chippewa Falls Senior High School class of 1971, addressed the students. He encouraged the students to keep their high school passions throughout their life. To keep their skills diverse and sharp. "It is also important to keep people around you that complement you, who will fill in your weaknesses." Mr. Jacobson went on to say, "Have compassion for those who have suffered. Offer your time and talent to volunteer where you have an interest." He recognized the remarkable education they received from both their teachers and parents; preparing them for their futures. He concluded by reminding the students, saying, "You are always welcome back to this great community."

McDonell Central students



Jerry Jacobson

and educators recognized this year were Anna Geissler with Mr. Tony Rieter '74 and Peter Herron with Mrs. Tammy Postl Christopher '77. Each had the opportunity to highlight a few of the best qualities they found in each other, but had to limit it to 50 words or less.

**Anna Geissler**, daughter of Reggie '91 and Lori '89 Lubs Geissler said of her most influential educator, "Mr. Rieter is an uplifting teacher and connects with his students. He is funny, encouraging, and instills a sense that his students are capable of accomplishing anything. He knows how to engage his students, and it is because of this that I have taken every class he has to offer and joined the math team. Mr. Rieter is an accomplished and inspirational teacher and I am grateful for the opportunity his teachings have afforded me."

Mr. Rieter says about Anna, "Anna is an outstanding student and an even better person. She works extremely hard and is talented in many areas. She has persevered and accomplished many things. There is nothing that she can not do when she puts her mind to, except perhaps make a left handed layup."

Anna plans on furthering her education at University Wisconsin-Madison and plans on studying Finance and Business Analytics.

**Peter Herron**, son of James and Diane Herron, in reflection of Mrs. Tammy Christopher said, "I had Mrs. C for two years in my first and second grade. She was one of the most influential teachers in my life. She taught me the importance of hard work and to have good goals in life. She put me on the path to where I am today."

Mrs. Christopher said, "Peter is one of the most admirable, intelligent, self-motivated, funny, and talented individuals I have had the pleasure to teach and watch grow. His strong faith and his ability to bring out the best in everyone he

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works with will help him to succeed in any profession he may chose."

Peter's future plans include Benedictine College in Kansas. He is leaning more towards a math or science degree with a philosophy minor. "After college I am planning on becoming a pilot. My real hope is that NASA will choose me to become one of their new astronauts."

Before the closing remarks by Mr. Strubel, McDonell Central Catholic High School Principal Mr. Brian Schulner had the honor of presenting Louanne Bresina Baier '64 the Unsung Hero Award. Read Brian Schulner's recognition address below.

## Our Lady of Prayer

McDonell Central Catholic High School is now the home of an original icon depicting Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. Uniquely, it is a Western image in the Eastern Style of Iconography.

In a prayerful posture, she is standing on the four corners of the earth, representing the altar where she is bringing us, to the Eucharist, to her son.

Our Lady has the traditional three stars (forehead and shoulders) representing her virginity before, during, and after the birth of Christ. The red and white stripe around the halo are the Alpha and the Omega. The color of her blue cloak is unique and represents heaven, while the red underneath the white represents earth, which means she is a creature clothed in the divine.

The icon was commissioned for MACS with donor support. It was written by Mary K. Gwidt of Petra, 153 Art Studio and delivered to the school on May 28, 2021. It was blessed by the school's Chaplain Rev. Ethan Hokamp on the Assumption of Mary, August 15, at the Church of Notre Dame. He concelebrated Mass with the Very Rev. Jesse Burish, Chippewa Falls Dean. Currently, it hangs in the vestibule at McDonell Central Catholic High School.

Prayer cards were printed with the Memorare prayer on the back. Patron of our school system, Our Lady of Prayer, *pray for us.*



## Louanne Baier, MACS Unsung Hero

Louanne Bresina Baier was raised in Tilden and grew up with the "Tilden Tigers" baseball diamond in the backyard. Local teams played there every Sunday through the summer. This instilled a lifelong love of baseball.

She graduated from McDonell in 1964, the last class from McDonell Memorial High School, now home of the Heyde Center for the Arts. All her children and grandchildren are McDonell grads, except for one who will graduate in 2023. They each have participated in McDonell sports and her son and grandson are current softball and baseball head coaches. Both she and her husband Leon are frequent fans at McDonell sporting events, especially during the years when they had five grandchildren in high school at the same time.

Louanne prepared and served food for many years at their business in Tilden. So, when she spotted the request for volunteers in the kitchen at the high school, a few years after selling their business in Tilden, Louanne called her Alma Mater and began volunteering in the kitchen at McDonell

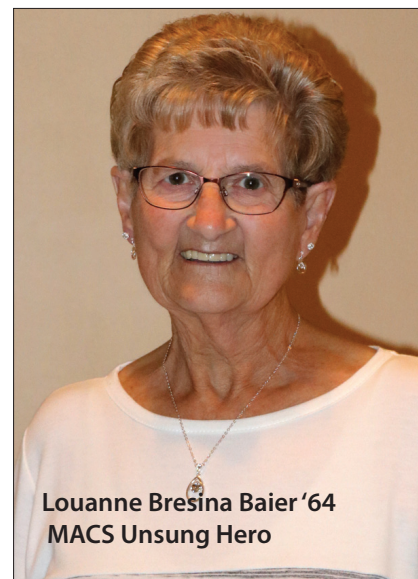
Central Catholic High School in January, 2011.

She is at the school without fail every Tuesday and Thursday to help prepare lunch for the students. It has been 5 hours a day, 10 hours a week, and 10 years of volunteering.

Deacon Dan Rider, head of food service said "Her kitchen skills are much appreciated, especially when specialty items, like potato dumplings are needed."

Louanne's cooking talents, her down-to-earth style, hearty laugh, and cookies have made "Grandma Baier" a favorite of both students and staff.

Congratulations and thank you Louanne Baier, our MACS 2021 Unsung Hero.



**Louanne Bresina Baier '64  
MACS Unsung Hero**



# Cloverbelt Scholar, Scholar - Athletes recognized along with teachers and coach



Ann David

Seniors Ann David and Elizabeth "Ellie" Eckes were chosen by the administration for their outstanding academic performance. They were honored as Cloverbelt Scholars.



Elizabeth 'Ellie' Eckes



Elise Bormann

Cloverbelt Scholar - Athletes, seniors Elise Bormann and Jackson Bushman were chosen by the administration for their outstanding academic and athletic performance.



Jackson Bushman



Mary Chovan King '69

Ann chose Mrs. Mary '69 Chovan King, English Teacher and Ellie chose Mrs. Jennifer Rubenzer, middle school math teacher as their influential teachers.



Jennifer Rubenzer



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These students both chose Mr. Marty Bushland '16H as their most influential coach/teacher.



Marty Bushland '16H



Ellie Eckes and Jake Siegenthaler

## 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 2020 are Ellie Eckes and Jake Siegenthaler.

## 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 are Maggie Craker and Tanner Opsal, pictured below.



## Class of 1986 classmates celebrate graduation

Below: Six classmates from the Class of 1986 have graduating seniors in the Class of 2021. From left to right: Jeff Newton, son Luke, Tom Cushman, daughter Kelly; Paul McDonald, son Sam; Dennis Hunt, son Andrew; Chip Eckes, daughter Elizabeth 'Ellie'; Troy Van Sleet, son Vincent.





# Post graduation plans for the Class of 2021

**Chase Berg, Parents Lori Berg;**

**Greg and Elizabeth Bowe**

Vermillion College

**Isaac Bleskachek, Parents David '85**

**and Sue '85 Rauscher Bleskachek**

UW-Eau Claire for health science

**Elise Bormann, Parents Tracy**

**and Chad Bormann**

UW-Madison to study psychology

**Joelle Bremness, Parents Lori and**

**Barry Bremness**

CVTC for liberal arts

**Jackson Bushman, Parents Patrick and**

**Molly '98 Meinen Bushman**

University of Mary to major in English

**Noah Christopherson, Parents Ross and**

**Melissa '91 Schwartz Christopherson**

CVTC to become a fire fighter

**Kelly Cushman, Parents Valerie and**

**Tom '86 Cushman**

CVTC for business management

**Maggie Craker, Parents Molly and**

**Eric Craker**

Western Illinois University to major in

human resource management

**Ann David, Parents Blane and Renee '84 Ruf David**

UW-La Crosse for a biology major with biomedical concentration

**Joseph Davis, Parents Karen and Patrick '83 Davis**

Joining the workforce

**Gavin Dorn, Parents Melissa and Matt Dorn**

UW-Stout for a Bachelor of Science in packaging engineering

**Elizabeth Eckes, Parents Cynthia and Charles '86 Eckes**

St. Norbert College and a biology major; National Guard/ROTC

**Rachel Eisenreich, Parents James and Lori '84 Bohl Eisenreich**

Madison Area Technical College for veterinary technician

**Anna Geissler, Parents Reggie '94 and Lori '89 Lubs Geissler**

UW-Madison for business analytics

**Ella Haley, Parents Peter and Lisa '84 Rasmus Haley**

CVTC for marketing

**Maxwell Hauser, Parents Michael and Katia '93 Horn Hauser**

UW-Stout for engineering

**Peter Herron, Parents Diane and James Herron**

Benedictine College to study physics

**Logan Hughes, Parents Jennifer and Scott Hughes**

UW-Eau Claire to major in exercise science

**Andrew Hunt, Parents Annette and Dennis '86 Hunt**

UW-Madison, ROTC Air Force

**Cynthia Keck, Parents Donna and Sean Keck**

Lawrence University as a pre-law major

**Nya Lieble, Parents Dana and Jason Lieble**

UW-Stout for health sciences and biology P.A. school post grad plans

**Nicholas Masiarka, Parents Amy and Greg Maziarka**

Apprenticeship for electrician

**Samuel McDonald, Parents Paul '86 and Edith McDonald**

CVTC for business management



## McDonell Central Catholic High School Class of 2021

**Front Row:** Logan Hughes, Kelly Cushman, Elizabeth Wedemeyer, Cynthia Keck, Samantha Wirtz, Rongxian (Happy) Yang. **Second Row:** Jackson Bushman, Rachel Eisenreich, Joelle Bremness, Peter Herron, Maggie Craker, Nya Lieble, Kennedy Willi, Elizabeth Eckes, Elise Bormann, Andrew Hunt. **Third Row:** Nicholas Maziarka, Gavin Dorn, Samuel Tokarski, Maxwell Hauser, Noah Christopherson, Ella Haley, Kate Roth, Sidney Rice, Ann David, Anna Geissler, Benjamin Prissel. **Last Row:** Joseph Davis, Isaac Bleskachek, Vincent Van Sleet, Luke Newton, Seth Wildenberg, Chase Berg, Samuel McDonald, Jake Siegenthaler, Tanner Opsal.

**Luke Newton, Parents Jeff '86 and Lynn '88 Lembezeder Newton**

UW-Stout as a business major

**Tanner Opsal, Parents Darrin and Chris '89 Boos Opsal**

Joining the workforce

**Benjamin Prissel, Parents Marla and Jayson Prissel**

UW-Eau Claire for finance/actuarial science

**Sidney Rice, Parents Mitchell and Kathi '89 Brenner Rice**

CVTC for liberal arts

**Kate Roth, Parents Larry and Janet Roth**

University of Mary in Bismarck, ND for physical therapy

**Jake Siegenthaler, Parents Val and Scott Siegenthaler**

UW-Eau Claire to major in exercise science

**Samuel Tokarski, Parents Kelly and Jon Tokarski**

Summer internship in Atlanta, GA with Harry Norman Realtors with an emphasis to guide international clients relocating to the United States. Planning to obtain a realtor's license while pursuing a degree in finance and architectural design.

**Vincent Van Sleet, Parents Troy '86 and Julie '88 Prince Van Sleet**

CVTC to major in IT software development

**Elizabeth Wedemyer, Parents Jennifer and Michael '92 Wedemeyer**

CVTC for nursing

**Seth Wildenberg, Parents Barb and Brent Wicken; Duke Wildenberg**

Advance Welding Institute

**Kennedy Willi, Parents Jonathan '95 and Jennifer '95 Bowe Willi**

UW-Eau Claire to major in nursing

**Samantha Wirtz, Parents Sarah Schultz and Charlie Writz**

Central College in Pella, IA to major in English

**Rongxian (Happy) Yang, Parents Zhou Su Nu and Yan Xing Yang;**

**Host Parents: Kari and Nate Stepp**

UW-Madison to study actuarial science



# Overcoming the obstacles; best wishes to the McDonell Graduating Class of 2021

By Principal Mr. Brian Schulner

The 2020-2021 school year was far from what one would call normal. Faced with the COVID-19 Pandemic the year included masks, distancing, plexi barriers, quarantines, and at times, remote learning. Many activities that students normally were involved with were changed or canceled. It was a challenging year for everyone. Fortunately as the year progressed and more and more people became vaccinated, the COVID numbers began to decrease and we managed to hold awards, Baccalaureate, and a face to face graduation ceremony. While there were modifications and limited attendance, it sure beat the year before when everything was remote.



On Wednesday, May 19, 2021, the McDonell Central Catholic High School Class of 2021 celebrated the baccalaureate Mass at the Church of Notre Dame. The celebrant was Reverend Ethan Hokamp who was joined by Monsignor Michael Gorman, Reverend Jesse Burish, Reverend Justin Kizewski and Deacon Dan Rider. Afterwards, the graduates and their families enjoyed a gathering outside of the church with snacks and fellowship.

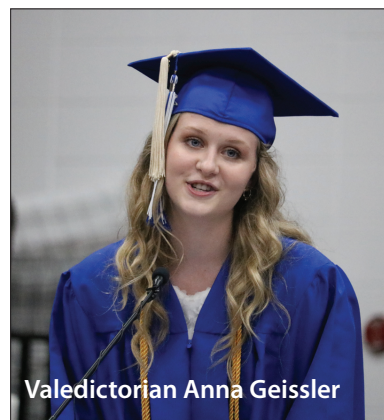
Graduation for the 36 McDonell Central Catholic High School seniors was held on Friday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Steve and Deb Roesler Gymnasium at McDonell Central Catholic High School. The McDonell band, led by Director Sean Hanson, played the traditional processional "Pomp and Circumstance". Dean, the Very Reverend Jesse Burish, of McDonell Area Catholic Schools led the invocation followed by myself, Mr. Schulner, welcoming everyone. I didn't expect the resounding applause heard after my initial comment of, "So this is what a normal graduation ceremony looks like." I then introduced Elizabeth "Ellie" Eckes to give her Salutatorian Address.

Ellie began by thanking all of our teachers, classmates and

**Right: Bishop's Award for Excellence is Peter Herron. The medal is presented by the Dean on behalf of the La Crosse Diocese Most Rev. Bishop William Patrick Callahan. The award is based on an above-average character and academic achievement in general school subjects and school life, academic achievement in study of religion commensurate with his/her God-given talents, visible desire to build a community through concern for others, participation in community building activities and organizations, and visible evidence of Christian service shown through volunteer service in school, parish/community, and Christian leadership in activities in which he/she participates.**

family. "I would not be here today without you." Ellie reflected on her classmates' years together, from Kindergarten recesses and playtime, to learning their colors and how to count, to going to middle school and experiencing the social growing pains, to going to high school and developing strong relationships. Ellie concluded with, "As I reflect on my time at McDonell, I will not measure my time here in recesses, class periods, or even semesters. I will measure my time in friendships made and lessons learned."

Following her speech Choral Director Mark Neppi asked the seniors to join the McDonell Concert Choir one last time in song, sharing with all present "Mama Mia Medley".



Valedictorian Anna Geissler

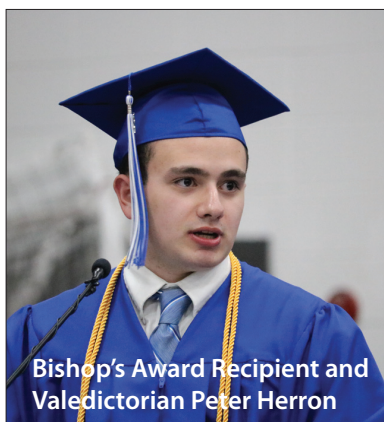


Salutatorian Ellie Eckes

I then introduced one of our two Valedictorians of The McDonell Central Catholic High School Class of 2021, Anna Geissler. Anna began by stating, "You never know the true value of a moment, until it becomes a memory." She went on to remember words of encouragement. "Hard work and perseverance trump raw talent every time." Second,

"Success doesn't mean you are void of all mistakes." And third, "You will always have the support of the McDonell Community." She concluded with, "This isn't goodbye, it's see you later."

Peter Herron, the other Valedictorian and also the 2021 Bishop Award Recipient, gave his address. Peter began by congratulating his classmates and thanking the teachers, staff, and administration. He then quoted William Shakespeare, "All the world's a stage and all men and women merely players. They have their entrances and their exits and one man in his time plays many parts."



Bishop's Award Recipient and Valedictorian Peter Herron

He went on to define those many parts. "For the graduates it means an end to our long companionship as common students. For the parents it means an end to part of your control over your children. For the teachers it is the end of a class. Whether this ending be sad or happy is dependent on each person in their peculiar situation."

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**Left: President Molly Meinen Bushman '98 presents the Academic Achievement medals to 15 graduates who maintained an overall "A" average throughout high school. Pictured with Mrs. Bushman is Ben Prissel.**

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His last piece of advice: "There is a correct way to live life. By this I mean that there is right and wrong. Morals are a fact of life. God is merciful, but also will be just and will judge us according to our deeds. I understand that morals are hard to live by and sometimes seem arbitrary, but I would think very, very hard before you act on a decision that seems to be traditionally wrong. Life is short and eternity forever. Act as if each day will be your last and you will have to account to all of the evil that you have willed on the world. For one day it will. Peter closed with a poem he wrote.

"As I look upon these faces,  
I remember all the traces,  
Of laughter, love, joy,  
Of pain, anger, annoyance.  
But as I grow older  
Evermore will I wonder  
What is gone  
What is passed  
What has become  
Of my last class."

Mrs. Molly Bushman then presented the Academic Achievement medals to the graduates who maintained an overall "A" average throughout high school. The fifteen recipients were: Anna Geissler, Peter Herron, Elizabeth Eckes, Ann David, Elise Bormann, Jackson Bushman, Cynthia Keck, Benjamin Prissel, Rachel Eisenreich, Maggie Craker, Kate Roth, Elizabeth Wedemeyer, Andrew Hunt, Joelle Bremness, Vincent Van Sleet.

Band Director Sean Hanson then asked the seniors, who



**Seniors listen closely to their Speaker Justin Kuehl, teacher.**



**Commencement speaker Mr. Justin Kuehl challenges the Class of 2021.**

were band members, to play one last rendition of "Chorale from Jupiter the Planet."

The commencement address was presented by Mr. Justin Kuehl, Language Arts Instructor, Notre Dame Middle School. In true Mr. Kuehl form, he called the class to order and got down to business. Mr. Kuehl's speech was a true reflection of how a teacher builds relationships with their students. Even with four years past since having these students, he had fond memories and true expectations for each and every one of them to make a difference in the world. He challenged the graduates to continue practicing their faith and doing random acts of kindness. He gave each a certificate for Olson's Ice Cream, but they were not allowed to use it. Instead, they needed to introduce themselves to a complete stranger, learn something about the person, and give them the certificate. They then needed to report their story on a site that he created. His address was an inspiration and testament to the time and dedication our teachers give to our students.

McDonell Area Catholic Schools President Mrs. Molly Bushman, Commission Chair Mr. Timothy Proue, and Dean of the Chippewa Falls Deanery the Very Reverend Jesse Burish 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 "Don't Blink" played in the background. Everyone joined in the singing of the "Alma Mater" and Father Burish 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 2021 is on their way. In true McDonell fashion over 90% 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 Class of 2021,

*Mr. Schulner*







## Alum Spotlight

**With a perfect "eight win - no loss" record, the debate team became the state champions at the annual Wisconsin High School Forensic Association finals on February 23, 1963, in Madison. Father Jeremiah Cashman, debate coach, holds up the championship plaque for the winners. Left to Right: Mr Andre LeTendre, case consultant; Judith Bowe, Betty Jenneman, John Hanson, John Thornton.**

## The McDonell Memorial High School experience in 1963

Saturday evening, February 23, 1963, McDonell's state debate championship team, John Hanson, Judy Bowe, Betty Jenneman, John Thornton, and their coach, Father Jeremiah Cashman, found themselves surprised as they rolled down Bridge Street in a convertible, top down, horn blowing, proudly waving their trophy as a crowd of over 200 spectators loudly cheered them on. From Bridge Street, the parade made its way to McDonell Memorial High School on the east hill. Once there, they went into the gym where they were greeted by a cheering crowd of fellow students, parents, teachers, school staff, and Principal Very Reverend Robert Hansen. After the cheerleaders delivered their victory yell, Father Hansen stepped forward and declared his pride, the pride of McDonell, and the pride of Chippewa Falls, in the debate team's success. Team member, John Hanson, stepped forward and presented the trophy to the principal and the school. The year 1963 marked the first time in 29 years that a school in Chippewa Falls had brought home the gold for such a championship as this (Herald-Telegram).

Now, in 2021, MACS President Molly Meinen Bushman '98 had the honor and privilege of talking with former debate team member, now Principal of the Beveridge & Diamond Environmental Law Firm in Washington D.C., John Hanson.

Throughout his time at McDonell Memorial High School he was part of the student council, the Rotary Club, football

team, Lettermen's Club, the Choral Club, the debate team, and so much more. When asked why he was involved in so many extracurriculars he stated "even back then McDonell was considered a small school... We had a real David and Goliath attitude that we took into our various competitions with other schools. This attitude was something that encouraged you to participate in everything you had time for and had an interest in, to make sure the school life was as vibrant as possible."

John was especially fond of the debate team and attributes much of his success in debate, his professional development, and his career in law to his debate coaches. Once on the debate team John found his coaches' enthusiasm and passion for the art of debate to be infectious. In his freshman year, the debate coach was Mr. Jim Schafer '57.

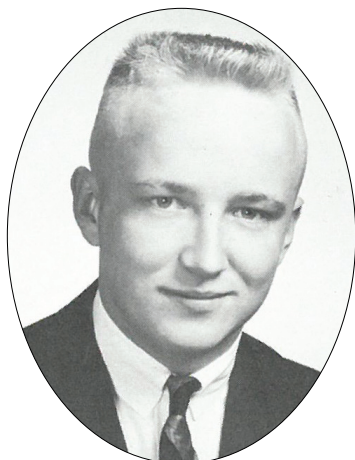


**Vice-Principal  
M. Lucienne, SSND**

Throughout John's high school career, much of the staff were School Sisters of Notre Dame. These women were great teachers who gave a lot of encouragement to their students; to explore and participate in school activities beyond the classroom.

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**John Hanson's 1963 senior photo.**

In John's sophomore to senior year, the debate coach was Mr. Andre LeTendre. Both coaches were volunteers and each of them showed a true passion for what they were teaching. This passionate display of volunteerism went on to influence the young lives of not just John, but all his fellow teammates as well. "If it weren't for those volunteers, things would have been a lot different for me," stated John as he reflected on his time in debate. "Look at the consequences of their

volunteerism...not just for me but for the other members of our debate team that benefited[.] Judith Bowe went on to become a community leader in local government[.] Betty Jenneman went on to a life as a successful lawyer in the cities[.] Clearly the skills we learned in debate helped all of us in life."

John testified to the importance of debate, not just as a club and how it helped him and his teammates, but as a set of skills to learn and develop. "There is an art to speaking to the public that you learn in forensics and debate that helps students go out in life and speak in all settings of public spaces," says John. Debate goes beyond public speaking and communicating an idea to people. John explained that in debate, not only was he able to develop his skills in public speaking, he also developed good research skills, learned to think from multiple perspectives, to form well thought out and informed opinions, and to always respect the opposing opinion. John especially

put an emphasis on the importance of learning how to research and respecting other legitimate, differing opinions, stating "each of us is entitled to our own opinion, but none of us are entitled to our own facts....we need to continually check ourselves about what we understand the facts to be."

Recently John Hanson made a generous donation to the school through our Witness the Difference Capacity Campaign (see inside back cover). With his generosity, MACS plans to "reboot" its forensics program for high school students. MACS is hoping this will offer students a way to learn many of the same skills John and his teammates were able to use in their

***“Keep your friends close and keep your mind open.”***  
-John Hanson '63

professional lives. Participating students will learn to develop a philosophical mind, approaching matters logically, with well thought out opinions, and good oratory skills.

John shared with us his advice for current McDonell students, "Keep your friends close and keep your mind open." John emphasized that next to family, friends often times will do the most for you to help you throughout life. He also advocated for students to keep their mind open by reading widely on all sorts of topics from all points of view, by thinking critically about all things, and by always making an effort to speak about one's differences respectfully.

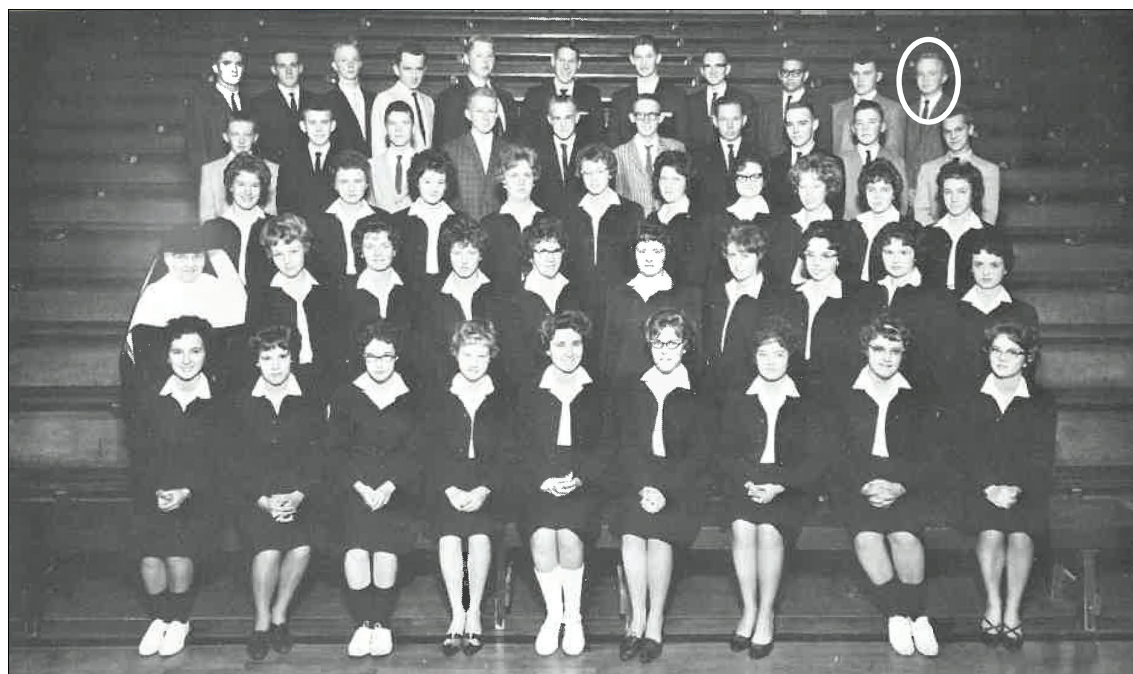
Before parting John assured us, while many things may have changed since he was a student in 1963, two things have always remained the same, "Olson's Ice Cream is still the best place for a treat, and the MACS spirit withstands the test of time."

Gifts like John's help ensure the McDonell Central Catholic High School experience will continue for decades to come.

**The 1962 Junior Class, Room 203  
Teacher: Sr. M Perpetua  
John Hanson '63 is located in  
the upper right corner.**

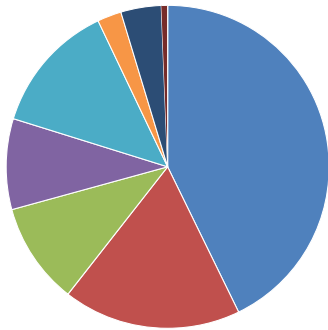
John remarked at how much things have changed and evolved in such a short time. From how people used to dress and how students used to carry their books, to how class and research for schoolwork was conducted. Gone are the school uniforms for girls and the everyday suits for boys. No longer do students carry their books without the invention of backpacks. So long to the arduous library study sessions going through library index cards.

The smallest of innovations can make the greatest of change.

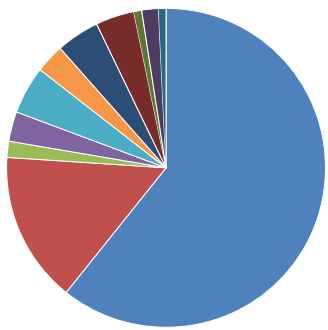




# Financial Reports 2020-21



**REVENUE 2020-21**  
\$5,608,068



**EXPENSES 2020-21**  
\$5,550,331

**42.8% Tuition & Fees**  
**17.8% Parish Support**  
**10.2% Advancement & Fundraising**  
**9.1% Early Childhood Center**  
**13.1% Other income**  
**2.4% Athletics**  
**4.0% Food Service**  
**0.6% Scrip Net**

**60.8% Wages & Salaries**  
**15.3% Emp Benefits & Taxes**  
**1.6% Athletic**  
**3.0% Instructional**  
**4.8% Administrative**  
**2.9% Equip., Repairs & Maint.**  
**4.4% Facilities & Utilities**  
**3.9% Technology**  
**0.8% Childcare**  
**1.7% Food Service**  
**0.7% Other**

## Student Tuition Costs for 2020-21

Grade Level	Tuition	Average Cost to Educate
K-8 Supporting Parish	\$2,990	\$11,500
K-8 Non Supporting Parish	\$4,229	\$11,500
9-12 Supporting Parish	\$4,250	\$14,800
9-12 Non Supporting Parish	\$5,998	\$14,800
Parish family cap with 3 students	\$8,600	
Parish family cap with 4+ students	\$10,160	
Non parish family cap with 3 students	\$10,660	
Non parish family cap with 4+ students	\$12,220	

### Tuition Costs for 2020-21

MACS had an average tuition increase of 3.7% for the 2020-21 fiscal year. However, the net increase seen by many families was closer to 2%, because we eliminated a technology fee and some other fees as part of our strategy to reduce fees.

Thank you to all alumni, parishioners and businesses that supported MACS in 2020-21. 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 all families based on need. MACS participates in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program and the Special Needs Scholarship Program.

## Finance Reports Charts

The Financial Report reflects MACS's financials for the 2020-21 fiscal year. The pie charts show what was received and expensed in the various categories for the year 2020-2021. MACS finished the year with operating revenues of \$5,608,068 and operating expenses of \$5,550,331. This resulted in an operational gain of \$57,737 excluding the non-cash depreciation expense. Enrollment was up for the 20-21 fiscal year when compared to 19-20. 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 \$1,123,590 for the 2020-21 fiscal year. Total Scrip profit was \$35,280, after giving \$24,869 back to families in the form of a tuition credit, and \$3,589 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. *Thank you to the businesses and families who participate in this win/win program!*

### Finance Committee

The Finance Committee works to ensure that MACS is strategic about resource management in order to ensure quality education and a safe environment for the long term. Committee members are appointed by their Parish.

The committee meets monthly to review financial results, the budget, and investments. 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 2020-21

Jamie Leibrandt	Chair/St. Charles Borromeo
Michele Kressin	St. Charles Borromeo
Dave See '79	Church of the Holy Ghost
Bruce Mlsna	The Church of Notre Dame
Glen Geissler	St. Paul, Bloomer
Dennis Hunt '86	St. Peter the Apostle, Tilden
Kevin DeCook	The Church of Notre Dame

### Ex-Officio 2020-21

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



# THANK YOU

from the  
Senior Class 2022



the amount of gratitude I have to MACS for providing me the opportunity to experience these things for myself. These past 13 years have allowed me to create closely-bonded relationships and friendships through sports and academics that will last a lifetime.

The MACS system has instilled in me the value of being committed to the well-being of others and myself. I think these past few months dealing with COVID-19, quarantining, and online learning has tested me to exemplify these qualities. Teachers and staff have done an outstanding job at making sure the student body kept up with their classes, as well as staying safe. Although this year is still filled with uncertainty, the student body knows one thing is certain: that we are all in this together.

One of the many things I admire about our school system is that we are a family. We all share a faith that generates a sense of unity amongst students, staff, and our community. Whether we are volunteering through the Student Ambassador Program or playing on the basketball court, we always have faith. Without MACS, I wouldn't have the relationships I have today, and I am thankful.

As you can see, MACS has been an important chapter in many of our lives. Our experiences here brought us closer to God and prepared us for the future. The tradition behind MACS is something I hold dearly and hope to one day share with my future family. Thank you for all of your support through these past few years, whether it was in school, on the field, in the gym, or as a community member. Thank you to all of our wonderful teachers- without you, we wouldn't be the people we are today. A very special thank you to our parents, for giving us the opportunity to learn in faith and be successful.

On behalf of the Class of 2022, thank you!

*Emma Stelter*

My name is Emma Stelter and I am a senior at McDonell Central Catholic High School. I have been in the MACS system for 13 years, and I attend St. Charles Borromeo Church in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. For generations, MACS has brought my family and hundreds of others closer to our community through their works of Family, Faith, and Tradition.

The MACS system has been a significant part of my family for generations. My great-grandparents, Dave Kramschuster and Shirley Rubesch, graduated from McDonell in 1954 and 1955 respectively. My grandparents, Peter Sedarski '74, Dawn Kramschuster '75, Jack Stelter '70, and Mary Jo Tealey '70, all graduated from McDonell as well. My parents, Ryan Stelter and Danielle Marquardt, both graduated in 1996. I am set to graduate in the spring of 2022, followed by my brother Carter '23 and sister Breckan '31.

My family has trusted the MACS system for over 50 years, and it has become a tradition for my family. Our family history is etched into these very brick walls and they encompass countless memories of laughter, friendship, faith, and success. There are no words to express



Left: Teammates Anna Geissler and Emma Stelter hold the girls basketball Regional and Sectional trophies. The girls team traveled to the 2021 WIAA state tournament held in La Crosse last spring.



# Advancement



## Involving YOU in our Mission & Vision

Director  
Jaynee Armstrong  
Brannen '03

## Memories made at MACS last a lifetime

Some of my favorite memories are those with the friends that I made at McDonell Area Catholic Schools. From kindergarten through high school, keeping connected throughout college and eventually celebrating weddings, births and life's celebrations. The friendships made continue to be a foundation in our lives, much like going home.

This year MACS is celebrating 140 years! It is my hope the magic of the McDonell Area Catholic Schools continues well into the future; offering moments that will turn into memories and friendships that last a lifetime. The opportunity to attend McDonell Area Catholic Schools depends on the friends and alumni that believe in the Mission.

I encourage you to stay connected with your friends from McDonell. I also welcome you to consider making a gift to McDonell Area Catholic Schools, so the children of the Chippewa Valley not only receive a quality, faith based education, but are given the opportunity to make memories that last a lifetime.

*Jayne*

*Pledges are a multi-year commitment to make a financial gift that supports the mission and vision of the McDonell Area Catholic Schools. Gifts to MACS can be made via check, credit card, stocks, matching or planned gifts. To discuss your commitment to the future of MACS **contact:***

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## Our 2020-21 MACS Annual Fund Drive

Thank you for making the MACS Annual Fund Drive a success for the 2021 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, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Your donation July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 will be recognized in the next annual report.

### 1940'S

1940

Harold Gingras (CC)

1941

Helen Anderl Zutter

1942

John Vaudreuil

1943

1944

**Louis T. Altman (MC)**

Kathryn Mower Armstrong

Henry & Betty Korger

**Marlene Rooney (BC)**

Doris Borneman Young

1945

Dorothy A. Hebert

1946

**James & Patricia Bembnister (PC)**

Mark & Ellen Emerson (CC)

Janet Prueher

Gerald Thornton

1947

Joanne Wild Cote

Robert Miller (CC)

**Eugene Mower (BC)**

Gyda Nadreau (CC)

**Norbert Sedlacek (GC)**

Ruth Wagner

1948

Jacqueline Lauer Anderson

Ann O'Donnell Egan

John & Barbara Lindstrom O'Connor

1949

**Robert Chapman (PC)**

Don (Donna Pouliot) Johnson

James Paquette (CC)

Maynard Stoeher (CC)

### 1950'S

1950

Susan DeLong

Henry & Dorothy Revor Geissler

**David & Jeanne Hancock (BC)**

John Hughes Jr.

Carol Fox Konerik

Alice Globensky Marshall

James Paul

Donald & Estelle Rada

Norbert Tlachac

1951

Ron Anibas

Merlyn Gingras (CC)

Beverly Willette Maurer

### 1952

Anonymous

Janet Borneman Buckli

LaVonne Stoeher Marquie

Mary Lou Klaes Matthews

Dayton Reed

**Lorenz Schreier (PC)**

**Stephen C. Steinmetz (BC)**

Charles Wilbur

1953

**Julius & Jackie Frenette Lee (PC)**

LaVonne Stoeher Marquie (CC)

Catherine Ryan

Mary Kuechenmeister Thornton

1954

Richard & Nancy Newberg Douville (CC)

William Janc

Carolyn Paul McGrath

1955

William Bischel

**Judy Horvatin Gaier (BC)**

Sr. Yvonne R. Hiess, SSND

**Larry & Maryann Rooney Muldoon (PC)**

Lawrence & Patricia Nicolai

**Jon Rubenzer (BC)**

Joseph & Betty Wucherpfennig Ryan

Paula Monarski Westberg (CC)

1956

James & Evelyn Mahr Bandoli

Francis Gaier (CC)

Bill Zumbrock (CC)

1957

Marian & Richard Anderson

David K. Hebert (CC)

Gerry R. Meade (CC)

Francis M. Naves

Ellen A. O'Neil

Geraldine Felix White-Marko

1958

Kenneth Butak

Mary Duss

Lucille Maier Fox

Irvin Geissler

Gretchen Schwahn Gruenke

Terry R. Hagen

Peter Kalk

Ron & Barb Kleinheinz Lambert

Stephen & Sue Onsager Meinen

Joseph Oberweis (CC)

Rev. John A. Schultz

1959

Kathryn Heerey Biegel

Tom & LaVonne Bernier Dejno

**Judy Horvatin Gaier (BC)**

Don & Claudia Hable



James & Kathleen Kleusch LeCleir (CC)  
Bruce Potter  
Deanne Globensky Rubenzer  
Scott & Arline Schleppenbach Taylor  
Darlene Rubenzer Wright

1960'S

1960  
Anonymous  
Carol (Patrick) Akan  
John Hillery  
*Janice Janc (PC)*  
Joanne Bowe Leonard  
Stephen & Sue Onsager Meinen  
William Piotrowski (CC)  
John & Barbara Nowak Rasmus  
**Clarence & Diane Stoffel (BC)**

1961  
Robert Anderl  
Joyce Krumenauer Carpenter  
Anne Monarski Ganka  
*Robert & Mary Daniel Jenneman (PC)*  
Bill Klaes  
Rita Molitor Knudsen (CC)

1962  
Willard & Julie Schneider Brenner  
Ralph & Lucianne Geisler Cushman  
**Dan & Jacque Joas Daniel (BC)**  
*Robert & Bonita Aubart Gelina (GC)*  
Joann Rooney Miller  
Michael & Barbara Murphy  
Robert & Monica Steinmetz  
Penzenstadler  
John & Barbara Nowak Rasmus  
**Skip & Jill Thaler (BC)**  
Patricia Stumm Wagner (CC)

1963  
Judith Bowe Akey (CC)  
Judy Geissler Bowe (CC)  
Ted & Anna Bowe  
Ronald Buzz & Betty Krall Bresina  
Dennis & Karen Lea Elstran  
*John & Gail Hanson (MC)*  
*Dr. John J. Janc (XC)*  
**Cheryl Kern-Simirenko (BC)**  
Roland & Lynne Stelter Nelson  
Charles & Christina Norseng  
Arnie & Diane Ritzinger  
Thomas & Joan Schwartz

1964  
Betty Meinen Bohl (CC)  
Judy Geissler Bowe  
**Linda & John Brantmeier (BC)**  
Ralph & Lucianne Geisler Cushman  
*Steve & Linda Cyr (PC)*  
John Geissler  
Robert & Robin Hassemer  
Donald (Carol Loiselle) Porn  
Jim Scheidler  
Terry & Cheryl Wedemeyer (CC)

1965  
Anonymous  
Michael & Patricia Hartman Bertrand  
Joe & Marie Hofkes Hauser  
Gregory & Mary Monarski Holub (CC)  
Kristen Hanson Koiles  
Carl & Jane Kleusch Laveck (CC)  
Charles Loiselle (CC)  
*John Lubs (LC)*

1966  
Anonymous  
Timothy Arntz  
**Lynette Brigham (BC)**  
Harold & Kathleen Boos Dachel  
Angelo & Sharon Spaeth Iatridis (CC)  
Larry & Paulette Boos Popp  
Thomas & Victoria Stumm  
James Tannler  
**Bernard Zutter (BC)**

1967  
**Jim & Jacqueline Bowe Bernier (BC)**  
**Barbara Bowe (BC)**  
Harold & Kathleen Boos Dachel  
Curtis Frazier (CC)  
*Charles & Jo Frenette (GC)*  
Robert Hartman  
Robert & Robin Hedrington Hassemer  
Jeanne Hebert (CC)  
Thomas McCarthy  
*Pat & Susan LaRue Quinn (MC)*  
Susan Schmidmayr Schamberger (CC)  
Jim Smola  
Dennis Steinmetz  
*Tom Voith (GC)*  
Dan & Jane Waldusky Von Feldt  
Deborah Berg Wells  
David Yarrington

1968  
Marge Joas Geissler  
Chuck & Carolyn '14H Peloquin (CC)  
*Michael & Erica Sandretto (PC)*  
Carol Rowan Shepard  
Sally Pfankuch Simmerman (CC)

1969  
*Jerre & Susan Eckes (PC)*  
Jack & Susan Feider Kelly  
Ronald & Mary Chovan King (CC)  
Ann Piotrowski  
Jackie See  
**Walter Swoboda (BC)**

1970'S

1970  
*Anonymous (LC)*  
*Patrick Bischel and Joy Bergeron (LC)*  
Dr. Richard Borman  
Robert & Susan Gindt Konop

1971  
*Gerald & Susan Cherrier (PC)*  
Robert Daniel  
Jean Altman Durch (CC)  
Jeff & Alice Buchberger Heinzen  
John McCarthy  
Gordy & Nancy Nelson Meinen  
Nancy Tannler Schuh

1972  
*Paul Bembnister (PC)*  
Joe & Sharon McDonald Cade  
Suzanne Eder  
James Larson  
William Sazama  
Sandy Raawe Schumacher  
Thomas Stary

1973  
David & Julie Bembnister Clark (CC)  
John L. Larson  
Mike & Karen Marquie Lutz

1974  
Deb Tannler Heath  
Robert & Susan Gindt Konop  
Jeff & Sharon Farley Martin  
Jeff Mayer (CC)  
Tony & Sue Reiter  
Nancy Steinmetz Smith

1975  
Mike & Christine Peterson (CC)  
Bill Wenzel

1976  
*James & Nancy Bischel (GC)*  
John Hibbard  
**Dave & Theresa Davis Meinen (BC)**

1977  
Anthony & Tammy Postl Christopher  
Dave Jacobs  
Bruce & Colleen Krejci  
**Dave & Theresa Davis Meinen (BC)**  
Pete & Kathy Marquie Sokup

1978  
**Joe Bembnister (BC)**  
*Gerald & Mary Wermund Jacobson (LC)*  
Pete & Kathy Marquie Sokup

1979  
*Jane Davis (PC)*  
John & Laurie Armstrong Francis (CC)  
**Wes Moskal (BC)**  
Ronald Ruf

1980'S  
1980  
Dan & Deb Krejchi Dahl  
Mike & Karen Marquie Lutz  
*Joseph Maurer (PC)*

Tom & Becky Rubenzer

1981  
*Tom & Mary Huffcutt '16H (PC)*

1982

1983  
Liz Gaier (CC)  
Pat & Melissa Rasmus  
Kurt & Laurie Labonte Schneider

1984  
Elmer & Barb Krista Eckwright

1985  
Anonymous

1986  
*Robert & Sherri LeDuc (MC)*  
*Michael & Lisa Stoffel (PC)*

1987

1988  
**Randy & Debra Baier (BC)**  
  
1989  
Michael Akan  
Jason Janc (CC)  
**Reggie & Lori Lubs Geissler (BC)**

1990'S

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**Reggie & Lori Lubs Geissler (BC)**  
1992  
**Anonymous (BC)**  
  
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Tammy (Kevin) Swoboda  
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Annual Giving Categories			
(LC) Legacy Circle Annual Gift \$25,000+			
(XC) Sister Mary Francis Xavier Circle Annual Gift of \$15,000 - 24,999	(MC) Father 'Mac' McGuigan Circle Annual Gift of \$10,000 - 14,999		
(GC) Guardian Circle Annual Gift of \$5,000 - 9,999	(BC) Benefactor Club Annual Gift of \$1,000 - 4,999		
(PC) Pacesetter Club Annual Gift of \$500 - 999	(CC) Challenger Club Annual Gift of \$200 - 499		
Pioneer Club Annual Gift of \$100 - 199	MACS Club Annual Gift up to \$99		



1994  
1995  
*Josh & Amy Meinen (PC)*  
1996  
Christopher & Rebecca  
Bischel Bast (CC)  
Anthony Marinello  
1997  
1998  
Patrick & Molly Meinen  
Bushman  
Joel & Christie Bischel Havlicek  
1999  
Korry and Tanya Boos  
Chad & Jean Lowe McIlquham  
Laura Konop Roach

## 2000'S

2000  
Nathan & Kari Roesler  
Stepp (CC)  
Bobby J Swoboda (CC)  
2001  
2002  
Chad & Jean McIlquham  
2003  
Charles & Jaynee Armstrong  
Brannen  
Joel & April Jansky  
**Hiep & Mary Phung (BC)**  
2004  
2005  
James & Katie Rydlund Plendl  
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James & Katie Rydlund Plendl  
2007  
**Alicia Davis & Josphe Nigro III (BC)**  
2008  
2009  
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2011  
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2014

## FRIENDS

Anonymous (x4)  
Anonymous (CCx3)  
**Anonymous (BC)**  
**Anonymous (LC)**  
**John & Stephanie Abbe (BC)**  
Kathleen Adams  
Jon & Karen Andersen (CC)  
Joe Baierl  
Ron & Jolene Berg  
Erica Boehm  
Jon & Tamara Bohaty (CC)  
Marsha Brannen  
Daniel & Rachel Brion  
Christine Brown (CC)

Tyler & Jennifer Burkland  
**Sandy Chamberlain (PC)**  
Connie Chapman (CC)  
Wayne & Teresa Dachel  
Thomas & Crissie Dassow  
**Lester & Rosemary Davis (BC)**  
**Sue Decker (BC)**  
**Laura Escoto (BC)**  
**Christopher & Tracy Fischer (BC)**  
Dianne Fish  
**Dave & Tracy Kuehni-Flanagan (BC)**  
**Tim & M-C Fries (MC)**  
Lori & Gary Grant (CC)  
**Gary & Pat Gray (BC)**  
**Rik & Cathy '14H Greenseth (PC)**  
Katie & Jordan Hackett  
Carrol Haupt  
Elizabeth Hedrington  
John Higgins  
**Marian Hunt (BC)**  
Shannon Jaeger  
Leroy & Patty Jansky  
Megan Johnston  
Pamela Jones  
Valerius Knobloch (CC)  
**Jerry '13H & Mary '13H Kuehl (BC)**  
Dennis Kurtz  
Richard & Jean Leinenkugel  
Kristopher & Angela Maloney  
**Daniel & Ellinor McElroy (PC)**  
Tim Molak (CC)  
Clinton & Michelle Monpas  
Raymond J. Nazer  
Kenneth & Peggy '14H Nehring (CC)  
**Tom & Karen Olson (PC)**  
Optimist Club of Chippewa Falls (CC)  
**Peter & Cheryl Pokrzywinski (BC)**  
Julie Pomietlo  
Mike & Ruthann Proue  
Marge Rhodes  
Jill Ritchie  
**Steve Roesler '14H (BC)**  
Rick & Jennifer Rubenzer  
David & Christine Rush  
Erica Schoch  
Barb & James Schofield  
Thomas Seipel  
Paul & Darlene Sieg  
Ben Smasal  
Seth & Tracey Smiskey  
Judith St Arnault  
**Michael & Rita Sullivan (BC)**  
**Dan & Mary Lynn Toycen (BC)**  
Jeremy Weigold  
Dcn. Ned & Lou Ann Willkom  
Maribeth Witkowski (CC)  
Steve & Maggie Wojan (CC)  
Gary & Cindy Yohnk  
Paul Young  
**Jeff & Margaret Zander (BC)**

## BUSINESS & COMMUNITY FRIENDS

**All Saints Church (BC)**  
**Ann Marie Foundation (GC)**  
**B.A. Mason Trust (LC)**  
**Baughman Sewer & Septic Services (PC)**  
**Beyond Boomers Class Reunion Association, Inc (BC)**  
**Bohl & Proulx Plumbing Inc (BC)**  
**Catholic Financial Life (BC)**  
**ChemCeed, LLC**  
Chippewa Valley Financial Services (CC)  
**Church of the Holy Ghost (LC)**  
Class of 1955  
**Cobblestone Hotel and Suites (GC)**  
**Community Foundation of Chippewa Cty (GC)**  
Dexafit Eau Claire  
**Fries Financial Services (BC)**  
**Fusion Marketing Group (BC)**  
GSB Investments LLC (CC)  
**H&R Electric Inc. (BC)**  
**Holy Cross Church (GC)**  
**Horan Funeral Home (PC)**  
**James & Margaret Kern Memorial through the Community Foundation of Chippewa Country (PC)**  
John R. & Ellen A. O'Neil Endowment  
Joseph W. Joas Designared Endowment Fund through the Community Foundation of Chippewa Falls  
**JW Logging of Chippewa Falls, Inc. (BC)**  
**Knights of Columbus (BC)**  
Marshfield Clinic (CC)  
**Mason Companies, Inc. (GC)**  
**Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research (BC)**  
**McDonnell High School Foundation (XC)**  
MetLife (CC)  
**Nordson Corporation Foundation (MC)**  
**Northwestern Bank (MC)**  
Olson's Barstow 80, LLC (CC)  
**Patti & Jeff Darley Family Pass Through Fund Community Foundation of Chippewa County (BC)**  
**Pederson-Volker Funeral Chapel (BC)**  
**Religious Care Foundation (LC)**  
**Sacred Heart of Jesus Church (GC)**  
**School Choice of Wisconsin, Inc. (BC)**  
**Skip & Jill Thaler Family Endoement Fund through the Community Foundation of Chippewa (BC)**  
**St. Bridget Church (BC)**

## St. Charles Borromeo Church (LC)

**St John the Baptist Church (BC)**  
**St Paul's Church (BC)**  
**St Peter the Apostle Church (LC)**  
Sue Decker Theater  
Endowment Fund  
**Stelter Inc. (GC)**  
**The Church of Notre Dame (LC)**  
**Thaler Oil Company (BC)**  
**Tim & M-C Fries (MC)**  
**Toycen Ford (BC)**  
**Two Eagles Foundation, Inc (LC)**  
UnitedHealth Group  
Walmart Foundation (CC)  
W.S. Darley & Co.  
**WESTconsin Credit Union (PC)**  
**William & Gertrude Casper Foundation (LC)**  
**Woodley Company, Inc. (PC)**

## Memorial Gifts

### Gifts given in memory of:

Jacob Arntz  
Jean Reed Bowe '78  
Eugenia Stoffel Chapman '49  
Chris Boos Cook '71  
Father Dan Farley '76  
Margaret Glose  
Ellen Hodowanic  
Donna Pouliot Johnson '49  
James & Margaret Kern  
Eugene Krhin '67  
Denny Laramy '14H  
Dick Marquie '53  
Gail Adeline Mittermeyer  
Deb Roesler '04H  
Jan Szama  
Pam Thaler '68  
Darlene Hunt Yarrington '67  
Helen Jolliffe Young '52  
Lawrence & Joyce Walsh

## 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

### Ameriprise Financial

Bobby J. Swoboda '00

### ITW Corporate

Anonymous

### Mason Companies

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### Securian Foundation

Michael Akan

### United Health Group

Alicia Davis '07

### Wal-Mart

John Abbe

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A Cut Above  
B & G Liquor  
Bohl & Proulx Plumbing, Inc  
Bresina's Carry Out  
Bridge Street Brew  
ChemCeed  
Chippewa Falls CrossFit  
Chippewa Family Financial Services  
Chippewa Family Restaurant  
Chippewa Falls YMCA  
Chippewa River Distillery  
Cook Chiropractic  
Envy Wellness  
Essential Body Works  
Fill-Inn Station  
Goldsmith Cafe & Coffee Bar  
H&R Electric  
Interstate All Battery Center  
Jan Szama  
Jim Herbert  
Kwik Trip  
Lee Beverage  
Loopy's  
LWS/Economy Storage  
Mason Companies, Inc.  
Mouldy's  
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Praxair  
River Country Co-op  
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The Sand Bar  
Scheels  
Shades of You  
Stelter, Inc.  
The Chippewa Store  
Toycen Ford  
U-Haul  
Val Knobloch

## Honorary Gifts

Gifts were given in honor of:

The Lloyd Eckes Family

Tony Reiter '74



## Class Notes

### 1940's

**Mylon "Migs" '48 and Pat Perrenoud '48 Hebert** celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on August 25, 2021.

### 1980's

**Michele Beaudette Koch '83** was honored by the Chippewa Valley Technical College Alumni Association with the 2021 Distinguished Alumna Award. It was presented on April 8, 2021 at their Spring Gala. Michele has been the Chief Operations Officer at Northwestern Bank in Chippewa Falls for five years. She started at the bank a few weeks after her May 1984 graduation from CVTC.

**Rick Baier '88** is the new head coach for the McDonell Softball team in the spring 2021 season. He served as the Macks' JV baseball coach and varsity assistant for 12 years. His son Ryan '12 is the varsity baseball coach.

### 1990s

**Shelly Goulet Wohler '92**, whose son, Senior Hunter Wohler played football for Muskego High School in the fall of 2020, was named the 2021 Gatorade Wisconsin Football Player of the Year.

### 2010s

**John Plendl '12** was married to his wife Clare Nelson on September 5, 2020 at the St. Olaf Parish in Eau Claire. Despite the challenges of COVID-19 they were able to have a beautiful and safe wedding with a pig roast reception for their guests to enjoy. Clare recently joined MACS as Marketing and Communications Coordinator.

## MEMORIAM

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

**Kathryn Mower Armstrong '44**  
July 18, 2021, Chippewa Falls

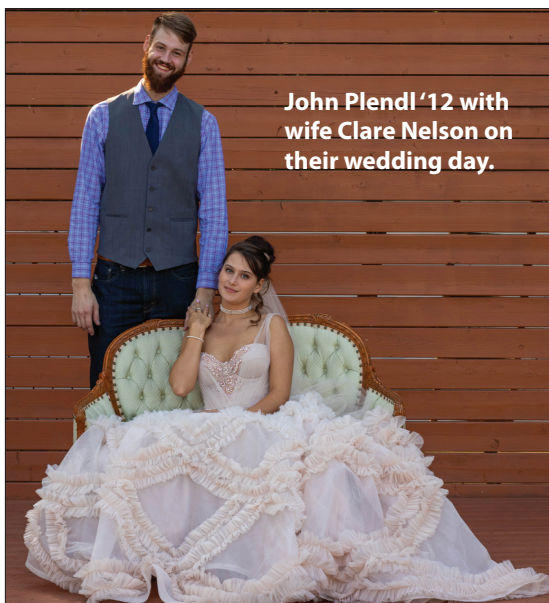
**Patricia O'Driscoll Albrecht '45**  
March 7, 2021, Fisher, IN

**Delores Frederick Woodford '45**  
July 7, 2021, Chippewa Falls

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Class of 1996 attended their 25th reunion held at Bye the Willow in Chippewa Falls. Back row left to right: William "Billy" Blewett, Josh Geissler, Amber Mitchell, Dale Nelson, John Thornton, Lee Goettl, Ryan Stelter, Justin Berg Front row: Jake Goulet, April Heyde Holty, Tammy Reiter Woodridge, Emily Haley Mason, Danielle (Dani) Markquardt Stelter, Rolly Enderes and Kris Peterson (kneeling).



## Class of 1996 celebrates 25 years

Above: The McDonell Class of 1996 gathered at Bye the Willow in Chippewa Falls on Saturday, August 28, 2021. The class enjoyed sharing memories as they watched their senior slide show and played a game of trivia.

Earlier in the day the class played a round of golf in memory of their classmate Ky Anderson while raising funds to benefit Catholic schools.



McDonell Memorial High School Class of 1952 did not want to wait until their 70th reunion in 2022 to get together. On September 23, 2021 they were excited to meet at the Fill Inn to see and visit with each other for their 69th Class Reunion. Back row left to right: Ken Bowe, Ralph Statz, Bob LeCler, Jerry Farley, Steve Steinmetz, Dayton Reed, Ervin Kressin, Larry Schreier. Front row: Mary Lou Klaes Matthews, Rosie Anderl Gehring, Janet Borneman Buckli, Bonnie Patterson Hayes, Margaret Hayes Schoenberg, Rosie Monarski Haley, LaVonne Stoehr Marquie



## Class Notes

**Anita A. Peloquin Andress '49**

August 25, 2021, Chippewa Falls

**Jean M. Small '50**

August 12, 2021, Chippewa Falls

**Mary Ann "Sis" Armstrong '50**

September 4, 2021, Chippewa Falls

**Shirley A. Goettl Bowe '50**

September 12, 2021, Chippewa Falls

**Joseph Hebert '50**

October 4, 2020, Republic, MO

**Elaine Novotney Williams '50**

November 2, 2019, Eau Claire

**Marie R. Loew Zwiefelhofer '51**

May 11, 2021, Chippewa Falls

**Eileen Swoboda Reed '52**

February 7, 2020, Chippewa Falls

**Robert "Bob" Sumner '53**

March 14, 2021, Chippewa Falls

**Delores Geissler Follensbee '55**

January 14, 2021, Chippewa Falls

**Helen Swoboda Schemenauer '55**

April 1, 2021, Chippewa Falls

**Jeanne Gelina Pracht '60**

July 3, 2021, Eau Claire

**Gary Korger '66**

May 10, 2021, Chippewa Falls

**Dennis "Denny" Martell '71**

August 12, 2021, Bloomer

**David E. Wermund '73**

September 17, 2021, Chippewa Falls

**Ron E Bleskachek, Jr. '74**

October 2, 2019, Eau Claire

**Jean Reed Bowe '78**

May 12, 2021, Chippewa Falls

**Heidi Haley '79**

August 13, 2021, Lac Du Flambeau

## MEMORIAL FRIENDS

**Mike Bertrand**, Spouse, parent, grandparent of alumni  
May 23, 2021, Chippewa Falls

**Ethel (Haas) Ciolkosz Gessner**, parent of alumni and former staff member at Notre Dame School.  
April 24, 2021, Chippewa Falls

**Joe Roach** Attended McDonell Memorial High School student before joining the USAF in 1949.



Henry Korger '44 and wife Betty

Left: **Henry Korger '44** celebrated his 95th birthday on June 14, 2021. He and his wife Betty (age 93) celebrated their 74th wedding anniversary on June 29, 2021. Henry is still involved with the Stevens Point Evening Lions and has been writing the Lions monthly newsletter for 35 years. Henry says, "Thank you Notre Dame School and McDonell High School for a great Catholic education!"

We love hearing from alumni.  
What's Up? *Send a note to*  
[MackMessenger@macs.k12.wi.us](mailto:MackMessenger@macs.k12.wi.us)  
or call the alumni office  
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## Class Reunions

### CLASS OF 1977

The Class of 1977 will be holding a reunion for our 45th year. It will be August 20, 2022 at McDonell Central Catholic High School. Social time starts at 5:00 p.m. with drinks. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. *Hope to see many of you there!*



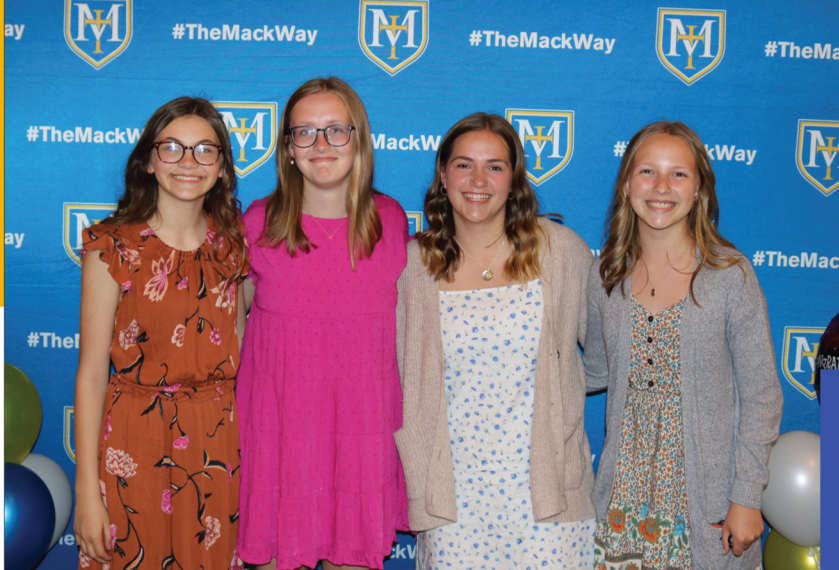
### Class of 1971 celebrated 50 years

The class of 1971 celebrated their 50th class reunion on Friday, August 13, 2021. The day started at the Church of Notre Dame for 8:00 a.m. Mass with classmates meeting at Our Lady of the Falls Shrine, which is currently being renovated. Breakfast followed Mass at the Goldsmith Cafe and Coffee Bar across the street from the church. Social event and dinner was held at Lake Wissota Golf and Events.

**Below, front row, left to right:** Paul Lloyd, Alice Buchberger Heinzen, Lou Ann Vogler Bresina, Mary Bromeisl Rubenzer, Darlene Woodcock Faschingbauer, Jean Durch Altman, Mary Huss Lowe **Second row:** Dick Joas, Mary Rose Bell Willi, Carol Dachel, Nancy Le6616e Parrish Reiter, Kay Bresina Kurz, Nancy Schuh Tannler, Mary Dole Flesch, Jackie La Cour **Third row:** Pete Rushman, Ted Joas, Gordy Meinen, Nancy Reiter Parrish, Angie Huls Hanson, Janet Kleinvachter Rushman, Louann Felix, Judy Nelson LeMay **Fourth row:** Dave Gee, Steve Bischel, Mike Rubenzer, Randy Huls, John McCarthy **Fifth row:** Brad Wucherphennig, Bob Daniel, Duane Schindler, Tim McDonell, Jerry Cherrier, Jack Kuchenmeister, Jeff Bowe, Bobby Peterson







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We invite you to donate by **December 31, 2021** and **double your gift** thanks to the generosity of **Jerry & Mary '78 Wermund Jacobson**, who will match your gift up to **\$50,000!** Your generosity will help us educate students to be Christian disciples, lifelong learners, and servant leaders. Together, we can reach our goal!

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*Building on the Past, Believing in the Future*

Giving Plan for your Discernment			
Total Pledge	10% Down Payment	(36) Monthly	(60) Monthly
\$30,000	\$3,000	\$750	\$450
\$20,000	\$2,000	\$500	\$300
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$250	\$150
\$8,000	\$800	\$200	\$120
\$5,000	\$500	\$125	\$75
\$2,500	\$250	\$62.50	\$37.50
\$1,000	\$100	\$25	\$15

3 or 5 year Annual Giving Plan Option			
Total Pledge	10% Down Payment	3 Year Annual	5 Year Annual
\$30,000	\$3,000	\$9,000	\$5,400
\$20,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$3,600
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$1,800
\$8,000	\$800	\$2,400	\$1,440
\$5,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$900
\$2,500	\$250	\$750	\$450
\$1,000	\$100	\$300	\$180



## Calendar of Events

**Nov 14** - 11-6 p.m. Spaghetti Spectacular

**Dec 20** - 7 p.m. McDonell Central Christmas Concert

**Jan 30 - Feb 5** Catholic Schools Week

**Feb 12** - 5-11 p.m. Mid-Winter Mardi Gras

Watch events live on our website MACS TV and Facebook.

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**Sunday,  
November 14, 2021**

McDonell Central  
Catholic High School  
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



**Saturday,  
February 12, 2022**

McDonell Central  
Catholic High School  
5:00 - 11:00 p.m.



Kickoff event photos on page 3.  
Please join us this school year at the  
Spaghetti Spectacular and Mardi Gras  
as we continue to celebrate 140 years of  
Catholic education! #MACScelebrates

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