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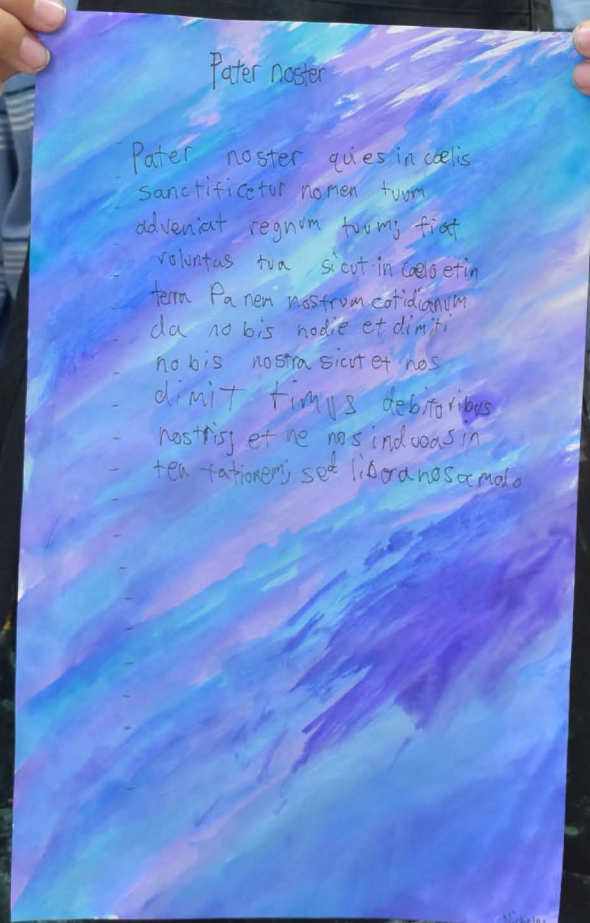
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Our Mission: Centered on Jesus Christ and His Church, we partner with families to nurture young people's spiritual, intellectual, physical, and moral formation through a PreK-12 Catholic liberal arts education and vibrant student life of discipleship, athletics, and the arts.



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Nicholas B., a 7th grader at Notre Dame Middle School, proudly poses with his finished art project, Pater Noster—the Our Father prayer in Latin—beautifully blending faith and creativity to nurture students both artistically and spiritually.

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FROM THE DEAN & PRESIDENT



Fr. Jesse Burish, Dean

In this edition of the Mack Messenger, as we focus on our strategic planning objective of “nurturing our students,” one of our goals is to prepare our students to become “a transforming force in society by developing habits of virtue through service and discernment of vocation...” The way we as Christians do this generally is by living lives of intentional discipleship: striving for regular daily prayer, regular engagement in the sacraments of confession and Sunday Eucharist, developing supportive Catholic friendships, and daily seeking to learn the Faith better. As intentional disciples of the Lord, we are better able to discern the spiritual gifts or charisms God has given us for the buildup of the Church, and we are also able to help our children identify and live out their spiritual gifts as they grow in virtue and discern their vocations.

In Corinthians 12:4-11, St. Paul says, “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit... To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” Then St. Paul lists various spiritual gifts (what we call “charisms”): knowledge, faith, healing, mighty deeds, prophesy, discernment of spirits, varieties and interpretation of tongues; spiritual gifts that God gives to all Christians as forms of service to the Church that manifest that God is at work among us.

The sad reality today is that most Catholics don’t know that they all have certain spiritual gifts or charisms such as those listed by St. Paul, as well as others, because those spiritual gifts aren’t fully

activated or realized in a person unless one is living as an intentional disciple in the ways I mentioned above. By the time this issue is printed, it will be near the time of the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation for many of our young people. As parents and educators, we want to also help our young people, particularly at this point in their lives, discern their own special charisms for the buildup of the Church.

May we nurture our students in the best way possible by being intentional disciples ourselves, discerning and using the charisms God has given us, and helping our children do the same, thereby building up the Church and becoming a transforming force in society.
— **Father Jesse Burish, Dean**

Nurturing our Students is the first Focus Area of our 2030 Strategic Plan: A Beacon of Hope. Our plan includes goals and objectives designed to nurture our young people’s spiritual, intellectual, physical, and moral formation through a PreK-12 Catholic liberal arts education and vibrant student life of discipleship, athletics and the arts.

At our schools, students’ intellectual formation will continue to be promoted through high quality instructional materials, evidence-based methods, classroom atmosphere, and updated learning standards governing use of technology. We will continue to enhance extra-curricular opportunities and career exploration, so that students may discover and develop their unique gifts to become a transforming force in society.

Students will continue to be formed spiritually through a faith-guided youth mentor program, integration of Catholic discipleship into extra-curricular activities, and more robust campus ministry. Students will be challenged to develop a strong moral character through habits of virtue and to discern their calling in life, whether to marriage, the priesthood, or consecrated life. This includes providing service opportunities and ensuring students have the opportunity to witness and get to know people committed to service in faith.

McDonell Area Catholic Schools is set apart by our shared commitment to formation of the whole child - spiritual, intellectual, physical, and moral. While other schools may cover some of these elements, we are unique in the Chippewa Valley in the depth of our commitment to our Catholic faith and the teachings of Jesus Christ as our foundation. Moreover, we are part of the fabric of this community: past, present and future.

In this issue you will see many examples of how we are nurturing our students PreK-12 every day. It is our honor to nurture each child’s unique development. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents, teachers, priests, and support staff for their dedication and investment in our children’s futures - in this life and the next. — **Molly Bushman '98, President**



Molly Meinen Bushman '98, President

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Associate Pastor Rev. Alex Kren
Dcn. Dan Rider



The Church of Holy Ghost

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Associate Pastor Rev. David Nowicki
Dcn. Sean Hanson



The Church of Notre Dame

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


A BEACON OF HOPE

2030 STRATEGIC PLAN PUBLICATION UPDATE

It's been one year since the launch of the 2030 Strategic Plan, and we're excited to share the progress we've made! This edition of the Mack Messenger highlights "Nurturing Our Students," which is Focus Area one of our five-year vision. Rooted in our Catholic liberal arts tradition, this focus area is dedicated to the holistic development of each student—mind, body, and spirit. Through the MACS framework, we're committed to nurturing and challenging students to grow in all areas of their formation.

Students are encouraged to pursue academic excellence, critical thinking, and intellectual inquiry (intellectual formation), while also embracing their identity as beloved children of God (spiritual formation). We support students in discovering and developing their unique gifts—including their physical abilities (physical formation)—so they can become their best selves. Ultimately, our goal is to prepare them to be a transforming force in society through strong moral formation and Christian service. We're proud of the meaningful strides made in this first year and look forward to continuing the journey ahead. To learn more about this focus area and our goals, we invite you to scan the QR code below for the full plan. In our next article, Mary Huffcutt will offer deeper insight into what "Nurturing Our Students" looks like in action across our campuses.

"The integration of faith into education nurtures spiritual growth and instills a sense of compassion, empathy, and moral responsibility in students." - MACS Parent



2030 STRATEGIC PLAN

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COMMUNITY | BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Our Strategic Plan Process

The 2030 Strategic Plan process started in 2021 with the publication of the Chippewa Falls Catholic Community Pastoral Plan, United in Faith. Called to Mission. Within these documents is the 2030-2035 strategic plan on parish organization, faith formation, social justice, stewardship, communications, finances, and facilities for parishes located in Chippewa Falls. McDonell Area Catholic Schools was one of those focus areas in which some of the key findings highlighted fundraising policies, and a plan to develop what is now known as our Little Blackie 3K and 4K preschool program.

Below you will find the structure breakdown of our 2030 Strategic Plan. The new mission statement articulates MACS' purpose, while the new vision statement is our aspiration for the future. Following the new vision statement is our aspiration for the future. Following the new vision statement is our aspiration for the future.

Focus Area 1 NURTURING OUR STUDENTS

Purpose Statement

MACS will nurture and challenge students so that they 1) Promote academic excellence, critical thinking, and intellectual inquiry in a Catholic liberal arts model (intellectual formation); 2) Embrace their identity as a beloved child of God (spiritual formation); 3) Discover and develop their unique gifts (including physical formation); and 4) Become a transforming force within society (moral formation and Christian service).

2030 Strategic Plan Timeline

Timeline showing key milestones from 2021 to 2024, including the publication of the Strategic Plan and the implementation of various initiatives.

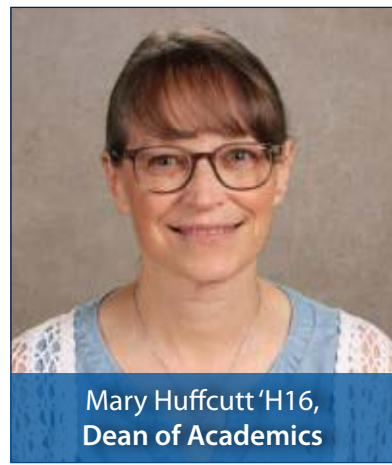


Scan the QR code to view the full plan!

THANK YOU TO OUR NURTURING OUR STUDENTS SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS:
Mary Huffcutt 'H16, Michelle Farrow, Debbie Baier, Jamie Dodge, Eric Wedemeyer '92, Mary Wermund Jacobson '78, Matthew Rider '14, Ashley Meinen Rubenzer '08, Kelsey Jimenez, and Olivia Clark '24.



FROM THE DEAN OF ACADEMICS



Mary Huffcutt 'H16,
Dean of Academics

As the MACS community marks the first year of the 2030 Strategic Plan, Nurturing Our Students—the plan's first focus area—stands at the forefront of system-wide efforts to deepen the mission of Catholic education. For Mary Huffcutt, Dean of Academics, this priority is more than a starting point. It's a statement of identity.

"Nurturing our students is foundational because it reflects the heart of who we are," Mrs. Huffcutt explains. "As a ministry of the Church, we aren't just offering education—we're forming future saints. The intellectual tradition of Catholic education gives us our direction—it's our compass. It orients every decision we make."

While the term "nurturing" can sound broad, Mrs. Huffcutt emphasizes that this focus area is grounded in very intentional, mission-aligned goals. Through the MACS framework, Nurturing Our Students is shaped by four pillars of formation: intellectual, spiritual, physical, and moral.

"We want our students to pursue academic excellence and critical thinking in a Catholic liberal arts model—that's intellectual formation," she says. "At the same time, they need to deeply know their identity as beloved children of God—that's spiritual formation. We help them discover and develop their unique gifts, including their physical abilities, and we guide them to become a transforming force in society through moral formation and Christian service."

One of the most impactful tools in this mission, Mrs. Huffcutt notes, is virtue programming. "Many schools have character or kindness programs, but our goal is different—we're forming virtuous souls," she explains. "That distinction matters. The goal isn't just to act good, but to become good. When students build habits of virtue, they gain the freedom to love God and others with their whole hearts."

Referencing the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Mrs. Huffcutt highlights paragraph 378: "The human virtues are habitual and stable perfections of the intellect and will that govern our actions, order our passions, and guide our conduct according to reason and faith." She adds, "That's the core of it—virtue formation is about becoming who we were made to be."

At MACS, this formation is not abstract. It's being lived out in classrooms and hallways, in lesson plans and prayer experiences. "There's a real shift happening," Mrs. Huffcutt says. "You can feel it. Our schools are centering more intentionally on faith. We see it in increased daily Mass attendance, in students participating in adoration, and in the way teachers are weaving Christ naturally into all subjects—not just religion class."

She points to St. Charles as a beautiful example of this lived mission. "They've removed iPads, made classrooms more beautiful, and introduced the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. There's even a Children's Mass where preschoolers walk to the chapel at McDonell. I love visiting the 3K classroom—watching Miss Theresia guide the children as they play with little wooden animals and talk about God's creation—it's sacred."



MACS is also strengthening its academic identity. "At McDonell, all students are required to take a logic class. I love that. The world needs more logical thinkers. We're also shifting our K-12 curriculum to focus more deeply on history—real human stories that show God working through time."

Investments in teacher training are also key. "We have high school teachers earning their master's in humanities through the University of Dallas, interventionists pursuing advanced reading science training, and others getting certified through Catholic liberal education programs. This is mission-aligned professional development that directly supports the formation of our students."

Looking ahead, Mrs. Huffcutt sees this work continuing to unfold. "Nurturing students isn't a one-time initiative. It's a way of being. It takes intention, prayer, and trust in God's timing. But the fruit is already visible—and it's beautiful."

FINE ARTS AT MACS



ROALD DAHL'S WILLY WONKA



This year, the Fine Arts across MACS have taken center stage—literally and figuratively. From theatrical performances to visual art showcases and musical achievements, creativity is alive and thriving in every corner within the system.

The spring season opened with a spectacular production of Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka, performed by students from McDonell Central Catholic High School and Notre Dame Middle School. Performed at McDonell, the show brought together colorful sets, memorable songs, and a talented cast and crew who worked tirelessly to deliver a magical performance. The production demonstrated not only the students' and faculties' dedication and talent but also the strength of the MACS performing arts program.

While the musical lit up the stage, the McDonell Speech/Forensics team continued its own season of success. Competing in events across the region, the team earned multiple accolades and recognitions for excellence in public speaking, interpretation, and performance. These students have demonstrated mastery in crafting compelling messages, engaging audiences, and presenting with confidence—skills that will serve them well beyond the classroom. Additionally, the team brought home seven gold medals and one silver medal at the WISDAA State Tournament, further demonstrating their talent and skill-level.

Musically, McDonell students have made their mark in regional All-Band and All-Choir conferences. These prestigious events brought together top student musicians from across the area, giving MACS students the opportunity to collaborate, perform, and grow artistically. Representing their school with excellence, these musicians stood out for their skill, commitment, and professionalism.

At the elementary school levels, the arts are equally vibrant. Holy Ghost Elementary School continues to showcase the imaginative talent of its students through band shows, choir shows and seasonal art shows. These exhibits transform school hallways into miniature galleries filled with color, creativity, and care. From paintings to clay pots and mixed media pieces, students explore various techniques and themes, often integrating elements of faith and reason into their work. Each show is a celebration of artistic growth and student expression.

Meanwhile, the youngest MACS students at St. Charles Borromeo Preschool and Primary School share their own creative gifts during the holiday season. The annual Christmas performances are a treasured tradition, drawing families together in joyful celebration. With

festive costumes, carefully rehearsed songs, and an atmosphere of excitement, the performances highlight the importance of confidence-building and expression from an early age. Students bring the story of Christmas to life through music and movement, filling the space with the true meaning of Christmas.

Together, these experiences reflect a deep and system-wide commitment to the arts within MACS. The Fine Arts are not limited to a single classroom or event—they are embedded into the educational culture. Students of all ages and disciplines are encouraged to express themselves, explore their talents, and develop a lifelong appreciation for beauty and creativity.

Whether on stage, in the art classroom, or behind a music stand, MACS students are given opportunities to discover their God-given talents and use them in ways that enrich both themselves and the community around them. MACS fine arts programming plays a vital role in shaping well-rounded individuals who are confident, articulate, and aware of the beauty that exists in the world.



GUIDING STUDENTS TO THRIVE: INSIGHTS FROM MACK CHAT PODCAST



In every episode of the Mack Chat podcast, educators, students, and guests come together to share powerful stories, practical advice, and inspiring perspectives on student success. This collection of episodes highlights the voices and experiences that shape thriving learning environments, offering valuable insights for anyone passionate about guiding students toward their full potential. So, scan the QR codes below to start listening to their inspiring conversations today!



Scan the QR code to listen to SNSP teacher Mrs. Vanessa Talford and Holy Ghost Elementary student Kalon Boos discuss student services at MACS.



In this reflective episode, longtime MACS teacher and alumna Mrs. Mary King and senior Alex Fischer share their unique journeys through Catholic education, offering wisdom, memories, and encouragement for the next generation.



Mrs. Amanda Rohloff and senior Tessa Rozowski reflect on their mission trip to Casa Hogar in Peru, where MACS students and staff deepened their faith through service and cultural connection.



In this heartwarming episode, Catechesis teacher Mrs. Jillian Wollmer and her kindergartner daughter Hannah share a joyful look at daily life and faith at St. Charles Preschool and Primary School.

CELEBRATING OVER 100 YEARS OF COMBINED DEDICATION AT MACS: HONORING OUR RETIREES

105 years of teaching at MACS to be exact, and their time at MACS will forever have lasting impacts.



As the academic year concludes, the Catholic school community marks a significant moment in its history: the retirement of three outstanding educators whose collective service totals an extraordinary 105 years. Mrs. Mary Chovan King '69, Mrs. Jennifer Rubenzer, and Mrs. Julie Pomietlo have each contributed decades of faithful dedication to nurturing students in mind, heart, and soul.

Mrs. Mary King retires after an incredible 50 years of teaching at MACS, most recently high school English. Throughout her career, she demonstrated unwavering commitment to the classical humanities, bringing to life the works of Twain, Austen, and Dickens through a Catholic lens. Her classroom fostered deep reading, articulate writing, and thoughtful reflection, encouraging students to seek truth and moral clarity through literature. Generations of alumni credit her with shaping their intellectual lives and instilling a love of learning.

Mrs. Jennifer Rubenzer, a middle school math teacher for 26 years, brought a gentle steadiness and profound care to the study of mathematics. Her lessons emphasized not just numbers and equations, but also perseverance, logic, and the integration of reason with faith. Students found in her classroom a space where discipline and kindness worked

hand in hand. Her work reinforced the Catholic understanding of mathematics as a reflection of God's order in the universe, and she helped guide countless students through a critical period in their academic and personal growth.

Mrs. Julie Pomietlo concludes her 29-year career as a high school art teacher. Through her instruction, students learned to see artistic creation as an expression of the divine. Her projects often drew from sacred themes, encouraging students to explore beauty, symbolism, and the Catholic artistic tradition. Her classroom was a sanctuary for self-discovery and spiritual growth, rooted in the liberal arts' vision of forming the whole person.

Together, these educators embody the mission of Catholic education: nurture young people's spiritual, intellectual, and moral formation. Their legacy will be carried forward not only through their former students but also through the countless ways they shaped the academic culture of the school.

Their contributions will remain an enduring part of the school's foundation for years to come. Thank you Mary, Jennifer, and Julie, for everything. Words cannot thank you all enough for the years of dedication to MACS. We will be forever grateful.

BLESSING THE NEW “PROMISED LAND” & BIDDING FAREWELL TO FATHER BURISH

It was a beautiful day filled with faith, community, and hope for the future as the MACS family gathered to celebrate a powerful milestone—the blessing of 57 newly acquired acres that may someday become the future home of our MACS campus.

Surrounded by joyful support, student representatives, faculty, staff, alumni, families, student-athletes, and faithful friends came together to witness history in the making. The atmosphere was alive with gratitude and anticipation as the McDonnell choir and band filled the air with music, and school leaders shared words of vision, mission, and inspiration.

One of the most heartwarming moments came when our youngest students scattered flower seeds across

the land—an act that beautifully symbolized growth, new life, and the promise of what is yet to come. It was a true reflection of our shared commitment to building a future rooted in faith and community.

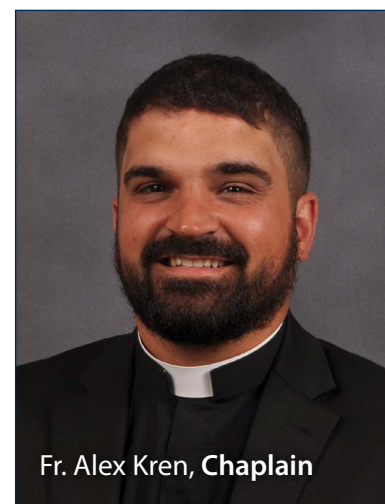
This gathering was more than just a ceremonial blessing—it was a celebration of unity and the enduring spirit of Catholic education. We extend our deepest thanks to everyone who came to support and pray with us. Your presence helped lay a spiritual and communal foundation for the next generation of students who will learn and grow on this land.

In the midst of this joyful new beginning, the event also carried a bittersweet note as we honored and prepared to say farewell to a beloved spiritual leader. Father Jesse Burish, who has faithfully served our parishes and schools for nearly eight years, has been called by the Holy See to serve in Rome as an English official in the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches.

This incredible opportunity is a testament to Father Burish’s deep faith, pastoral leadership, and dedication to the universal Church. While his departure brings sadness, we recognize it as a moment of grace and obedience to God’s call. His impact on our community—through his tenacious leadership, love for the Sacred Heart, and commitment to forming missionary disciples—will remain a lasting gift.

Thank you, Father Burish, for the love, wisdom, and service you have shared so generously. As you begin this next chapter in Rome, know that your MACS family is praying for you and cheering you on every step of the way.

FROM CAMPUS MINISTRY



Fr. Alex Kren, Chaplain

Part of being a Catholic school is promoting vocations. On a natural level, the majority of people are called to marriage. Even though that is the case, our Lord still calls some to a supernatural vocation, these being the priesthood and religious life. It is a unique and beautiful call but sadly in our day and age, we are not exposed easily to the vocations. One focus I had as becoming chaplain is providing an opportunity for both boys and girls to experience first hand these beautiful supernatural vocations. For the boys, I decided to take them down to the seminary I attended for my Theological Studies, St. Francis de Sales Seminary down in Milwaukee.

There is an annual basketball tournament that occurs which St. Francis hosts. Last year, and again this year, I was able to take a group of boys down for this event for the entire weekend. We arrived Friday evening to watch some of the games that were going on which included a pizza party. The boys cheered when my alma mater played their game. It was a fun filled night with basketball, pizza, and bean bags.

The following day de Sales played at 8am. With another win, we decided to step away from the seminary and play some laser tag. My team ended up winning which resulted in bragging rights. Following laser tag we went back to the seminary for a tour and Mass. Following Mass we watched de Sales play a difficult opponent which resulted in a loss and an end to their tournament. They lost to the team that would end up winning the tournament. In the evening we were able to join all the seminarians at the seminary for Solemn Vespers. This is evening prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours, which in seminary, is prayed in communion. This provided a good window of what seminary life really looks like. Praying in communion with all the men is quite a moving experience. A lot of our boys were blown away by the experience.

On Sunday, we headed back to the seminary for Mass. This again, is another highlight for the boys on the trip. Archbishop Grob of Milwaukee was the main celebrant. It is powerful to see 50 some priests come in during the procession. As well as seeing an entire church filled with seminarians who are all there for the same purpose, which is to discern God’s will.

This is a rare opportunity for our boys to experience. I am extremely blessed to be able to offer this for our boys. It opens their eyes to truth, goodness, and beauty. I have heard from some of the boys of an openness to join seminary if the Lord calls them there. Again, that is why we do a trip like this. To help our young people take seriously the Lord’s call in their life. Our goal will be to attend this again next year.

Thank you parents for your prayers and support for this trip. Your boys and I greatly appreciate each one of you!

In Christ,

Fr. Alex Kren





ATHLETICS at MACS

FALL 2024 VARSITY SPORTS



◀The McDonell volleyball team were Regional Final and Western Cloverbelt conference champions this past season, and had an overall record of 32-11.

The Chi-Hi/McDonell girls swim and dive team took 7th place overall at the WIAA Girls Division 1 Sectional tournament. ▶



◀The Regis/McDonell girls tennis finished second at the WIAA Subsectionals. The team advanced 4 of 7 flights to the sectionals, and took 1st place at Battle on the Fox Invite.



▲Listen to MACS' new Athletics and Activities Director Bryce Meverden and student-athlete Elyse Bushman to discuss all things sports at McDonell.



▲Congratulations to Mr. Eric Wedemeyer '92 for being inducted into the Wisconsin Baseball Coaches Association 2025 Hall of Fame!



▲The Chi-Hi/McDonell Equestrian Team dominated WIHA Division A by winning the State Championship title 11 years in a row.



▲The Regis/McDonell boys soccer team made it to the Regional Semifinal during the WIAA tournament.



▲The McDonell boys cross country team finished 4th place in the WIAA Division 2 Sectional meet. The McDonell girls cross country team finished 8th at the WIAA Division 3 Sectional meet.



HOMECOMING WEEK

Homecoming week was packed with school spirit, highlighted by a lively pep rally where all sports teams were recognized. The excitement carried into the homecoming football game, which brought students, staff, and fans together for a fun, memorable celebration of school pride.

McDonell Central Catholic High School students watching Pep Rally activities in the McDonell auditorium. ▶



◀ Homecoming king and queen, seniors Jonathon Petranovich and Kendall Hepfler.

The McDonell football team competed against Gilman High School for their Homecoming game, and won the match 22 to 14. ▶



◀ Homecoming court during half-time at the football game against Gilman.

◀The McDonell 8-player football team had an excellent regular season with an 8-2 overall season record, making it to the Regional Final.

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ATHLETICS at MACS

WINTER 2024-25 VARSITY SPORTS



◀ The McDonell boys basketball team made it to the WIAA Regional Semifinals with an overall season record of 16-10.

The McDonell girls basketball team was Regional and Western Cloverbelt conference champions and made it to the Sectional Final in the WIAA state tournament, with an overall record of 17-9. ▶



◀ Isabelle Giza and Haileyann Pelkey both qualified to compete in the WIAA State Wrestling Tournament. During the season, the McDonell/Elk Mound wrestling team also made history by hosting their first-ever meet at McDonell.



▲ The Chi-Hi/McDonell girls gymnastics team captured their first-ever state championship title in the team competition. Standout student-athlete Paiton Grunwald competed in all four Division 1 events—balance beam, floor exercise, vault, and uneven bars. Paiton qualified and placed 8th overall in the all-around competition at the state level. Congratulations to the entire gymnastics team on an outstanding season!



◀ The Chi-Hi/McDonell boys swim and dive team placed 7th at the Division 1 level at Sectionals during the WIAA tournament.

The Regis-Altoona-McDonell (RAM) boys hockey team was Regional Champion in the WIAA state tournament with an overall season record of 18-7. ▶



◀ The Chi-Hi/McDonell girls hockey team competed in the Division 1 WIAA tournament at the Regional level with a overall win-loss season record of 12-11.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY

The National Honor Society proudly inducted 32 new members during the 2024-25 school year, bringing the total roster to 59 students—the largest group in years. This exciting growth reflects the dedication and excellence of our students and the continued strength of our program. Congratulations to the following students: William Badzinski, Aleah Bowe, Kelsey Bremness, Chloe Flanagan, Nicholas Flashinski, Isabella Giza, Kennedy Giza, Daniel Green, Emily Hartman,

Nathan Hazel, Miranda Johnson, Elizabeth Leibrandt, Bryce Meyer, Ryan Roach, Claire Ruf, Gracie Simon, Annabelle Willi, Riley Christianson, Jazmyn Gerber, Korynn Grunwald, Zipporah Hartzell, Chiara Irwin, Samuel Kasper, Desian Matthews, Kherington Mosack, Riella Rubenzer, Alexis Ryan, Erin Siegenthaler, Anne Siegenthaler, Ryan Wagner, Layna Wry, and Keagan Winger.



NURTURING THE NEXT GENERATION: ALUMNI RETURN TO INSPIRE AND LEAD

Three McDonell alumni—Mrs. Mary King ('69), Mr. Eric Wedemeyer ('92), and Mr. Matthew Rider ('14)—returned to their alma mater as dedicated educators and mentors, giving back to the school that first shaped their lives.

For well-over a century, McDonell Central Catholic High School has shaped thousands of graduates, many of whom have gone on to do great things. But for some alumni, their journey led them right back to where it all began. Three such alumni are Mrs. Mary Chovan King '69, Mr. Eric Wedemeyer '92, and Mr. Matthew Rider '14, each of whom found their purpose in giving back to the place that first nurtured them—returning not just as educators but as mentors dedicated to shaping future generations of McDonell students.

A Lifetime of Dedication: Mrs. Mary Chovan King '69

For nearly five decades, Mrs. Mary King has been the heart and soul of McDonell Area Catholic Schools. Her journey at McDonell started long before she became an English teacher in 1975—she once was a student at Holy Ghost Elementary School before progressing to St. Charles Middle School, back when it was a middle school, and ultimately at McDonell Central Catholic High School.

During her high school years, she thrived in extracurricular activities, including Speech & Debate, where her team won the State Championship every year she competed. She also served as a senior class officer, fostering her love for leadership and education.

In 1974, Mrs. King began her teaching career at Horicon Public Middle School in Horicon, Wisconsin, before moving to Chippewa Falls in 1975 to join Holy Ghost School, where she taught 7th and 8th grade prior to the consolidation of McDonell Area Catholic Schools. After two years in middle school, she earned her elementary teaching license and continued at Holy Ghost, teaching 3rd grade from 1977 until the spring of 2007. That year, she transitioned to McDonell Central High School, where she has been teaching English since the 2007–2008 school year.

But it was in the classroom where Mrs. King left her greatest mark, nurturing generations of students with her love of literature. "I feel it's conveyed to the kids, and then they get excited about it," she shared. One of those students was a young third grader named Eric Wedemeyer—who would later become a teacher and eventually principal at the high school.

As she prepares for retirement at the end of the 2024-25 school year, Mrs. King leaves behind 50 years of unparalleled legacy of dedication, wisdom, and passion. Though she will soon step away from the classroom, her influence will live on in the countless students she has taught and nurtured.



Mrs. King teaching during her 1st period English class to McDonell students.



Mr. Wedemeyer, player #2, and the McDonell baseball team posing for a yearbook photo.

The Teacher Who Became a Leader: Mr. Eric Wedemeyer '92

Some teachers inspire. Others lead. Mr. Eric Wedemeyer does both. Graduating from McDonell in 1992, he returned in 2001 to teach art to students of all grade levels. During those years, Mr. Wedemeyer also worked in student support services, was a physical education teacher, and health teacher at all grade levels. Then in 2019, he transitioned into a leadership role as principal, ensuring McDonell's tradition of excellence continues for future generations.

"In my current job, the students are still the focus, but in a more indirect way," he explained. "Now, my job is to get the best out of our teachers so they can get the best out of the students."

Beyond the classroom, Mr. Wedemeyer has made his mark in athletics. A decorated coach, he was recently inducted into both the McDonell Hall of Fame and the Wisconsin Baseball Coaches

Association (WBCA) Hall of Fame. "I feel very fortunate getting that head baseball job at the absolute right time," he said. "The student-athletes I had my first couple of years were very dedicated, and that set the foundation for the years to come."

Despite his reputation as a "sports guy," Mr. Wedemeyer also had a deep appreciation for the arts. During his high school years, he took every art class available, participated in yearbook club, and was actively involved in theatre production as a stage crew member.

Now, as principal, his focus has shifted to ensuring the success of both students and teachers. "We're working through this transition into a more classical model. Our teachers need to understand it fully so they can provide the best for our students," he said.

A New Generation of Leadership: Mr. Matthew Rider '14

From student to teacher, Mr. Matthew Rider's journey at McDonell has come full circle. After

graduating in 2014, he embarked on a teaching career in Baltimore for four years before returning to McDonell in 2022 as a high school history teacher.

"There was some divine intervention," he said of his return. "Mr. Roesler retired in 2021, and that position opened up."

During his time as a student, Mr. Rider was deeply involved in extracurricular activities, from altar serving during Mass to playing football and serving as a student ambassador. Today, he has come full circle—now overseeing the very same student ambassador program that helped shape him.

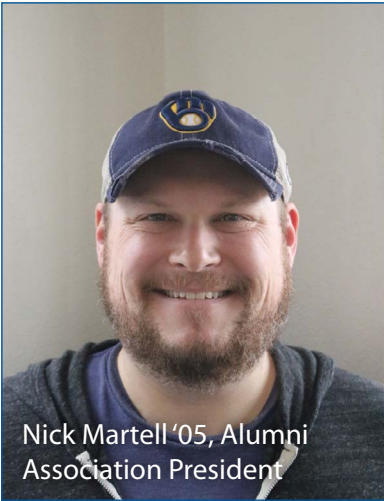
For Mr. Rider, nurturing students means leading by example and fostering authentic connections. "As a teacher, the way I see nurturing students is to communicate in a way that allows for authentic relationships—to see where their needs are and how I can best support them," he shared.

These three alumni embody the spirit of McDonell Central Catholic High School—dedicated, passionate, and committed to shaping the next generation. While their paths were different, they all led back to the same place: home.



Far left: Mr. Rider posing for a yearbook photo as an alter server during his senior year.

FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION & THE EDUCATION COMMISSION



Nick Martell '05, Alumni Association President

The McDonell Alumni Association is proud to share that the 2025 Alumni Weekend, held April 4th and 5th, was a resounding success! Alumni from near and far gathered to reconnect, reminisce, and support the McDonell community that continues to thrive.

Thanks to the outstanding participation and generosity of our alumni and volunteers, we're thrilled to announce that we will be donating over \$3,000 back to McDonell students and club programs this year. These donations directly support student experiences and help fund the vibrant extracurricular opportunities that make McDonell such a special place.

Volunteering during Alumni Weekend plays a crucial role in how we give back. The time and effort of our volunteers translate directly into support for McDonell's clubs and activities. The more volunteers we have, the more we're able to contribute—so thank you to everyone who pitched in this year, your efforts made a meaningful difference.

Looking ahead, we're excited to announce that next year's Alumni Weekend will be held on March 27th & 28th, 2026. Mark your calendars now—we'd love to see even more familiar faces, new grads, and families at this annual reunion.

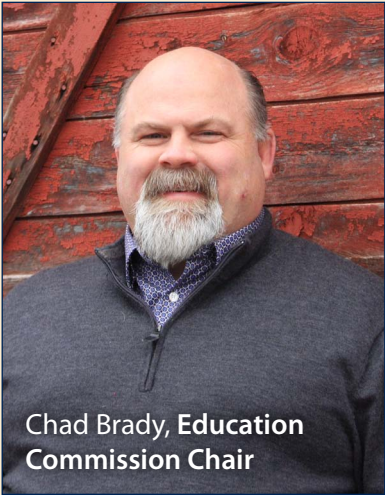
On behalf of the McDonell Alumni Association, thank you for your continued support. Your involvement keeps the spirit of McDonell strong and ensures future generations of students experience the same close-knit community and lasting memories we all cherish.
— Nick Martell '05, Alumni Association President

Since the publication of our last Mack Messenger, the participation in daily Mass at the high school has increased significantly. It's grown from typically no one attending, to regularly 8-12 students in attendance. What a wonderful testament to the nurturing of our students faith. Also, I've observed an increase in student attendance to the many faith formation activities offered through the school and surrounding parishes. Things are changing, and for the better. Our students are becoming more and more active in their faith.

Nurturing our students' faith is a primary focus at MACS. To foster the faith of our students, significant improvements to the curriculum have been implemented, and will continue into the foreseeable future. Check out the McDonell website for more information. Our Education Commission has participated in several update sessions on this specifically and are a witness to the implementation of our Classical Liberal Arts Education. If you are interested in providing feedback on what's going on in our schools, I invite you to participate in the listening sessions held in the fall and spring.

Also, please become more familiar with the Education Commission. Our minutes are published each month to the McDonell website (navigate to the About dropdown and select the Education Commission link). On our webpage, you'll find the list of commissioners by parish, please reach out to one of them with feedback. We have representation from each of the attending parishes. We do have a couple parishes with openings, please reach out to your parish priest if you are interested in joining.

I look forward to seeing the future improvements and hearing about the chapel busting at the seams. The prayers are definitely helping, I also know that several teachers and our chaplain are encouraging our students to take advantage of these opportunities for daily Mass, adoration, and confession. There's even a few adults that find their way to these daily school Masses to pray specifically for the school. Your attendance is welcome, and greatly appreciated! — Chad Brady, Education Commission Chair



Chad Brady, Education Commission Chair



Spring Spectacular

An Evening of Giving & Celebration

On a lively spring evening, the MACS community gathered for a heartwarming celebration: the Spring Spectacular – An Evening of Giving & Celebration. Formerly known as the Mardi Gras Celebration, this beloved event underwent a complete rebrand, bringing new energy and fresh excitement while honoring the same mission—supporting MACS students and programs. The evening sparkled with activities, including an exciting online auction, in-person raffle items, and wine and liquor pulls that kept guests engaged and entertained. A delicious plated dinner provided time to connect and reflect on the purpose of the night: celebrating Catholic education and raising vital funds for MACS. Guests filled the room with laughter, generosity, and a shared sense of community. Every bid and every ticket helped advance the mission of forming hearts, minds, and souls for Christ. To add to the celebration, the event generated an impressive \$82,000 in gross income, with an additional \$35,350 raised in a single night through the fund-a-need initiative—bringing the total gross income to an outstanding \$117,350. Thank you to all the MACS supporters who came out for this delightful night—you are the heroes of our students!



#THEMACKWAY DAY OF HOPE



Each spring, something extraordinary happens across MACS — a day when classrooms grow quiet, and hearts grow loud with purpose. This special tradition is called The Mack Way Day, a system-wide community service event where students, faculty, and staff step beyond their school walls to live out their mission of faith, service, and unity. Scan the QR code to watch the full recap video!



McDonnell's Future of Hope Alliance and Legacy of Hope: Honoring Those Who Invest in Tomorrow

At McDonnell, we believe that a gift made today has the power to shape generations. With great excitement and deep gratitude, we are proud to announce the relaunch of our planned giving program—now named the McDonnell Future of Hope Alliance and the McDonnell Legacy of the Hope.

The Future of Hope Alliance recognizes living donors who have made a planned gift commitment to the school. These individuals are visionaries, champions of Catholic education, whose foresight ensures our mission remains strong and sustainable for the students of tomorrow. The Legacy of the Hope honors those who have fulfilled their lives, leaving behind a lasting legacy through their estate gifts. These gifts not only memorialize the values our donors held dear but also make a profound impact on the future of McDonnell students and the broader school community.

We relaunch this program not only to give these donors the recognition they so richly deserve, but to share the stories of how their generosity is already shaping the future of McDonnell Area Catholic Schools. One such story begins with a faithful donor whose estate gift became a cornerstone for the next chapter in our journey, literally. Their generosity made possible the purchase of new land, opening doors to future possibilities for growth, expansion, and mission-driven innovation. Please contact Amber Leibrandt to learn how to join the Alliance.

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Annual Fund Corrections:
- 1949: Robert and Eugenia (Stoffel) Chapman (HG)
- 1962: Skip and Jill Thaler Family Endowment Fund (PC)
- Jake and Peggy Leinenkugel Family Endowment Fund (XC)

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NEWS FROM ADVANCEMENT



The Largest Estate Gift in School History: In Memory of Mr. James Dupey '43



Amber Leibrandt
Advancement Director

Mr. James Dupey's generosity is legendary, but a little-known story among our school community. James was born on May 18, 1924, in Chippewa Falls to Michael and Mary Dupey and was the oldest of 12 children. He attended McDonell Memorial High School, graduating in 1943.

Eventually, his life path would lead him to bless the school with a large estate gift in 2007. Little could he imagine that his gift would later make possible the school's recent land purchase. It is our privilege to honor his generosity and memory by sharing a little of his story with our alumni community.

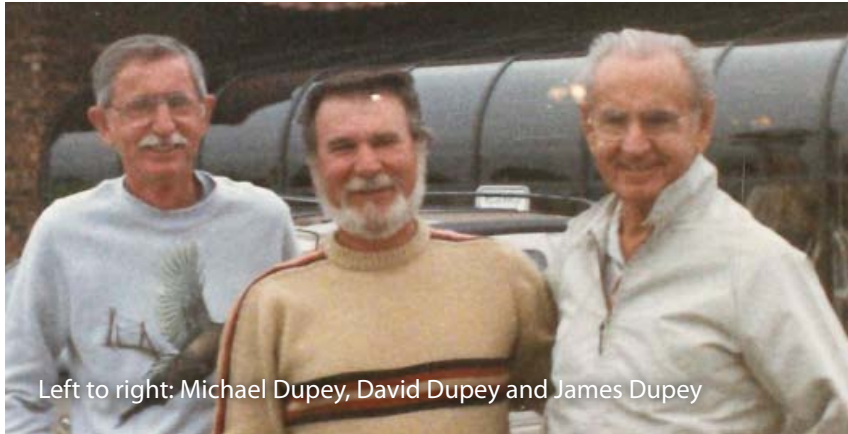
James was married to Lila Mary Lessard for 32 wonderful years and raised 7 children. After Lila's death in 1977 he was married to Miriam Salas for 24 years until her passing in 2005. He has 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Several of his siblings and relatives are also McDonell alumni. As the oldest boy during the difficult times of the Great Depression, James Dupey struggled to help provide for himself, parents and siblings. He was very successful and a self taught man.

His numerous business ventures include: owned and operated Dupey's Food Market, Hobart Sales and Services, Dupey Equipment Company, bought and sold eight Ben Franklin franchises throughout the Midwest and a Sparkle Market grocery store in Denver, Colorado. In 1970, the Ben Franklin store in Dallas, Texas was managed and later purchased by his oldest son Michael Dupey, whose merchandising talents transformed the concept into the first Michaels Arts & Craft store. James and his son Michael continued to open 11 more Michaels Arts & Craft stores which James Dupey sold in 1983 to a public company that has continued to grow the original concept to 928 stores in the U.S. and Canada.

In addition to a successful and fulfilling life, Mr. Dupey gave generously to his alma mater. He gave a \$1,000 annual fund gift every year from 1987 until 2007 (as far back as our records go for the consolidated system). In addition to annual giving, Mr. Dupey also blessed McDonell High School with the largest

estate gift in school history to date. After his passing in 2007, McDonell High School received \$1.75 million dollars from Mr. Dupey's estate. Some of the funds were used to address deferred maintenance in the building, including boilers and other capital needs. The remainder of the funds were invested, with annual disbursements offsetting budget expenses and occasional disbursements for capital needs, like the recent repaving of the parking lot.

In February 2025, the Dupey fund was used to purchase 57 acres of former County Farm land from the Hospital Sisters of St. Joseph. The land sits between the St. Joseph hospital building on County Hwy I and the Chippewa River and is being evaluated as a possible building site to accommodate growing enrollment and other needs. McDonell Area Catholic Schools is forever grateful for Mr. Dupey's generosity, which inspires us to fearlessly pursue the mission and vision of our schools into the future. Given his growth mindset and creative spirit, we believe James would be gratified to know his gift is being used to invest in a future of boundless possibilities for his beloved alma mater.



Left to right: Michael Dupey, David Dupey and James Dupey



For more information about the McDonell High School Foundation or our Legacy Giving Programs, please contact Amber Leibrandt at advancement@macs.k12.wi.us or 715.723.0538 ext. 3307.

Class Notes

1950s

Larry Muldoon '51 and **Maryann Rooney Muldoon '55** celebrated 65 happy years of marriage on February 27, 2025. ►



1960s

Sally Andrejeski Wrucke '61 and her husband Dennis Wrucke have both been retired at least 22 years and are enjoying life together with family and friends. They will be celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary in June. They enjoy golfing, working out at their health club, Life Time Fitness, and spending the month of March each year down in Alabama on the gulf.

Thomas Hebert '62 Recently retired after entering his 50th year of practicing dentistry in Eau Claire! It is nice this spring of 2025, not having to worry about anything but the weather as he gets into his 18th season of making maple syrup!

Carol Rowan Shepard's '68 granddaughter, Eden Holty, will graduate this year. She will be a fourth generation McDonell graduate. Her mother, April (Heyde) Holty graduated in 1996; grandmother Carol graduated in 1968 and her great grandmother Dorothy (Ritzinger) Rowan graduated in 1935 as salutatorian. What a tribute to the school.

1970s

The Wisconsin Institute of Certified Public Accountants (WICPA) recognized **Robert Konop '70** for forty years of consecutive membership on May 9th, 2025 at the Brookfield Conference Center.

Rose Hunt '79 married Geoff Biedermann on May 21, 2022. Rose was selected to serve as Civil Air Patrol's National Executive Officer in August, 2024. She has been volunteering with the organization since 1997 and served as the Wisconsin Wing Commander and Great Lakes Region Commander. ►



We want to hear about YOU!

From the womb to the tomb and life's blessings in between, we want to know what's new with you! Send in your life updates to mackmessenger@macs.k12.wi.us, so we can add your story to the Class Notes.

1980s

Over the years **Michael Sokup '85** has crafted songs with his acoustic guitar and has allowed them to "collect dust" on a lonely computer hard drive for way too long. These are mostly songs with stories Michael has either experienced personally or has witnessed in the lives of others. Two albums with 20 songs total were released in September 2024 and two more will be released with twenty more songs. To hear them for free, go to Spotify or YouTube and type in the search bar: Michael Sokup. ▲



1990s

Joyce Stohr Larkowski '60 passed away on April 10, 2025. Joyce leaves behind her husband, **Phil Larkowski '58** son **Erik Larkowski '85** and daughter-in-law **Mary Jo Mauer Larkowski '86**; son **Matt Larkowski '90** and daughter-in-law **Vicki Bedell Larkowski '90**; and son **Jon Larkowski '95**. More details here: <https://joyce-larkowski.virtual-memorials.com/>

The class of 1994 won the Alumni Weekend Volleyball Tournament in their Division. Left to right: **Mandi Geissler Schmidgall '94**, **Alyssa Schneider Cooley '94**, **Traci Dachel Van Den Heuvel '94**, **Libby Cyr Leinenkugel '94**, **Jodi Schemenauer Bresina '93**, and **Chris Boos Opsal '89**. ▼



2000s

Bridget McLaughlin '03 After a few years on the Edina Realty admin side, she has changed over to becoming a full time Realtor with Edina Realty, licensed in Minnesota and Wisconsin. She has partnered up with an established and experienced agent and has been loving the switch over! ▼



Chase Konop '03 retired from the USMC Jan 31, 2024 Bought a farm and moved to WV in March 2024. Managing the existing orchard, vineyard and woods and planning the next 5 years of growth. Married with 7 kids (just the youngest 2 still at home) and 3 grandkids. ►



2010s

Carrie Anders Giebel '11 and **Abraham Giebel** married on March 1, 2025 at Notre Dame Catholic Church in Chippewa Falls. ◀



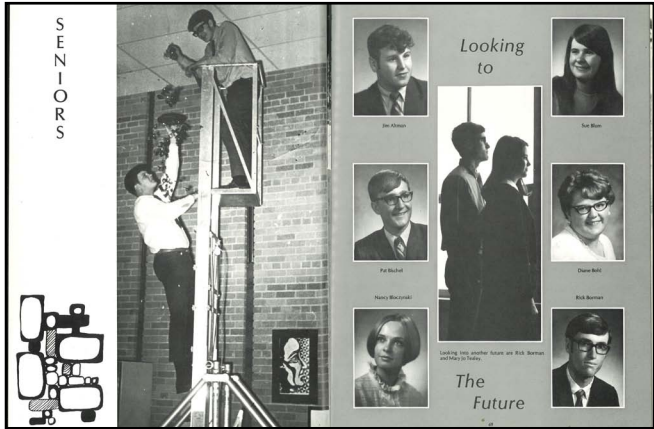
Garett Retzlaff '18 graduated from Illinois State University in May 2024 with a masters degree in Clinical-Counseling Psychology. He is currently awaiting approval of his professional counselor training license in Wisconsin so that he can begin his career as a mental health therapist. Garett is currently working as a Competency Remediation Specialist with Behavioral Consultants Inc. Garett is the son of Scott and **Michelle Franz Retzlaff '85**. ▲



SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE CLASS REUNIONS!

55th Class Reunion for the Class of 1970

We're happy to announce that the 55th Class Reunion for the Class of 1970 will take place on Saturday, August 9, 2025, from 5:00–10:00 p.m. at The Ritz in downtown Chippewa Falls. It's been 55 years since graduation—come join us for an evening of memories, laughter, and reconnecting with old friends. Our reunion weekend also coincides with Pure Water Days, so plan to enjoy the local festivities while you're in town!



MEMORIAM

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

Donna M. Loiselle Burgermeister '49
October 17, 2024, Brookfield, WI

Ann M. Sokup Zeiger '49
December 5, 2024, Chippewa Falls, WI

Alice M. Globensky Marshall '50
December 10, 2024, Chippewa Falls, WI

Francis 'Fran' H. Simon '54
November 10, 2024, Chippewa Falls, WI

Larry D. Martineau '54
January 30, 2025, Chippewa Falls, WI

Donald 'Don' J. Hable '59
April 7, 2025, Bloomer, WI

Susan F. Miner Thome '60
May 3, 2024, East Troy, WI

Joyce A. Stohr Larkowski '60
April 10, 2025, Chippewa Falls, WI

Joann C. Rooney Miller '60
April 30, 2025, Cottage Grove, WI

James 'Jim' A. Harings '62
October 14, 2024, Tilden, WI

Catherine Mason Lane '66
November 11, 2024, Dayton, OH

Keith Real '69
February 20, 2025, Rochester, MN

Pauline M. Bowe Hayes '70
February 4, 2025, Chippewa Falls, WI

40th Class Reunion for the Class of 1985

McDonell Class of 1985 will be celebrating their 40th class reunion with an open house at Ojibwa Golf and Bowl. Stop in between 4 PM and 9 PM on September 20th, 2025. Also, the mass intention for the 10:30 AM mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church on Sunday, Sept. 21, will be for the Class of 1985. For more information check out Facebook at McDonell Class of 1985.

Sister M. Kathleen
1915
Sister M. Virginia Marie
1917
Sister Mary Ellen, Annie Laurie Cameron
1921
Sister Christine Gauthier
1926

Sister Mary Agnes ?
Sister Mary Arthur Bresina
Sister Agnes Connell
1927
Sister Theodore Stoffel
Sister Margaret (De Sales) Sugar
1928

Rt. Reverend Stephen Anderl
Reverend Dayton Kirby
Sister M. Charitas Prince
1929

Sister Mary (Clement), Viola Bresina
Sister Mary (Pierre) Hebert
Reverend John Rondeau
Sister Loretta Schmidmayr
1930

Reverend Ralph Geissler
Reverend Vianney Thibedeau
1931
Sister Miriam (Bresina), Elizabeth Bresina
Sister M. (Remy), Esther Revor
Sister Lorraine (Lorraine), Frenette

1932
Mother Mary (Gabriel), Catherine Anderl
1934
Brother John Anderl
Reverend Lloyd Geissler
1937
Sister Mary (Immanuel) Baulne
Sister Kathleen Ruth SSND

25th Class Reunion for the Class of 2000

The 25th Class Reunion for the Class of 2000 will be held on Saturday, September 27th at Whispering Pines Golf Course in Cadott, WI. The main gathering will begin at 4:00 p.m. and go into the evening. For those interested, there will be an opportunity to golf earlier in the day. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Smith at 715-559-7718 or email coreyandkateplus3@yahoo.com. We hope to see you there!

1938
Reverend Francis Rushman
1940
Sister Arliss, Sheeley
1943
Sister Gregor, Bergerson
1947
Sister M. (Petrine), Adrienne Amelse
Brother Charles Bibeau
1949

Sister Mary (Corda), Muriel Glodosky
Sister Mary (Roseria), Elizabeth Mayer
1953

Sister Dorothy, Schneider
1954
Sister Margaret, Gaier
Bot. p. 88 Sister Sharee, Hurtgen
1955

Sister Yvonne Hiess
1957
Brother Robert Seidling
1958
Reverend John A. Schultz

1968
August Cameron
1969
Brother Richard Calkins
1973

Reverend William Felix
1976
Reverend Daniel Farley
1980

Deacon Tom Kinnick
1988
Reverend John Potaczek
2006
Reverend Joseph Baker
2012
Sister Mary Veronica Kopp

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SAVE THE DATE!

Spirit of the Macks

Saturday, October 4th

Supporting all student-athletes at MACS. Live Auction. Silent Auction. Women's Table. Men's Table. Pick-A-Purse. Great Prizes. Fun Atmosphere. Food and Beverages.

Sponsored by the MACS Athletic Booster Club



SAVE THE DATE!

Craft Country Expo

Saturday, November 22

To benefit all the Fine Arts students at MACS — sponsored by the MACS Fine Arts Booster Club



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