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Growing Our Catholic Identity

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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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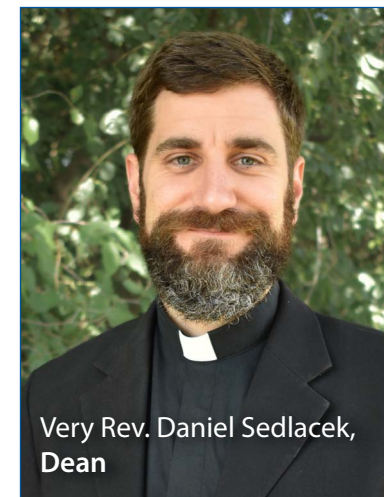
From the Front Cover

5th grader Jacob A. receives the Body of Christ during the Catholic Schools Week All-Schools Mass, joined by students from St. Charles Primary, Holy Ghost Elementary, St. Peter Catholic, St. Joseph Catholic, and St. Paul Catholic Schools.

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FROM THE DEAN & PRESIDENT



Very Rev. Daniel Sedlacek,
Dean

We have begun the new 2025-2026 school year with a new Dean of McDonell Area Catholic Schools. My name is Fr. Daniel Sedlacek. I grew up in rural Cornell, and have been a priest for nine years. In all those years, I have served as a Middle School and High School Chaplain for three other Catholic Schools systems, Marshfield Columbus, Eau Claire Regis, and Aquinas in La Crosse. It is a delight to be back in my home area and to serve MACS as Dean!

"Culture eats strategy for breakfast." I have witnessed the seeming truth of this dictum in various sports teams and organizations. Those who invest in cultivating a cohesive and positive culture thrive and overcome even defects of skill, while those who have a negative culture struggle to function at even a basic level. However, I think that the best organizations have strong cultures that support their strategies and a strategic focus on growing a great culture.

One of the five focuses of our 2030 Strategic Plan is "Growing our Catholic identity," which includes growing "an authentic Catholic culture which fosters love of truth, beauty, and goodness." There is a vast difference between being able to explain truth, goodness, or beauty, and to love those transcendentals. St. Thomas Aquinas stated, "The things that we

love tell us what we are." At MACS, growing our Catholic identity is a way of life for us which is centered on love of God. This love changes hearts, and therefore changes every aspect of our lives, that is, the Catholic culture of our community.

I am grateful for all the staff, students, families, alumni, and benefactors who have committed themselves to grow continuously and strategically in their love for Jesus. May more of us at MACS make that same commitment, in our hearts, our families, and in our schools, grow in our true identity as sons and daughters of God, and foster an increasingly authentic Catholic culture at our schools that propels our Strategic Plan toward accomplishing our noble and eternal goals.

-Very Rev. Daniel Sedlacek, Dean

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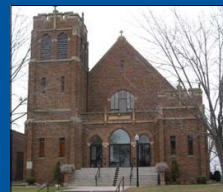
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Rev. Tim Oudenhoven
Associate Pastor Rev. Alex Kren
Dcn. Dan Rider



The Church of Holy Ghost

Very Rev. Daniel Sedlacek, Pastor
Associate Pastor Rev. David Nowicki
Dcn. Sean Hanson



The Church of Notre Dame

Very Rev. Daniel Sedlacek, Pastor
Associate Pastor Rev. David Nowicki
Dcn. Kevin DeCook, Dcn. Sean Hanson



Chippewa Falls Deanery Supporting Parishes

Holy Cross, Cornell

The Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Jim Falls
St. Anthony, Drywood

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St. Bridget, Springfield

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St. John the Baptist, Cooks Valley

Rev. Victor Feltes
Associate Pastor Rev. Arockiaraj Paristham

St. Paul, Bloomer

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Associate Pastor Rev. Arockiaraj Paristham

St. Peter the Apostle, Tilden

Rev. Tim Oudenhoven, Dcn. Dan Rider
Associate Pastor Rev. Alex Kren

All Saints Catholic Parish, Boyd, Cadott, Stanley

Rev. William Felix '73, Dcn. Ned Willkom

Early in my involvement with MACS leadership, I recall parent feedback suggesting that MACS was operating like "a public school with religion class." The feedback stung, but we had to accept it honestly and look at ways to rekindle our Catholic identity as a faith-based school system. We asked ourselves: what makes a school authentically Catholic? We focused on the five essential marks of a Catholic school articulated by Archbishop J. Michael Miller: (1) inspired by a supernatural vision; (2) founded on Christian anthropology; (3) animated by communion and community; (4) imbued with a Catholic worldview throughout its curriculum; and (5) sustained by Gospel witness.

Our 2030 Strategic Plan includes all of these elements, with the "Growing Our Catholic Identity" focus area at the heart of the plan. In particular, plan goals include obtaining Cardinal Newman Society recognition, recruiting and developing staff in alignment to our schools' mission, and inviting every member of our school community to explore the Catholic faith in a personal way. We are already seeing fruits of our faculty faith formation program and partnership with parish Christian initiation programs, including many MACS teachers and students choosing to enter the Catholic faith in the last two years. Thanks be to God!

To be clear, focusing on becoming an authentic Catholic school community does not mean excluding non-Catholics. The Gospel is for everyone and so are our schools. As Jesus said: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Mt. 28:19-20) Based on this Great Commission, our schools seek to share the Gospel by becoming a living witness to Jesus Christ and His saving message. There is power in the name of Jesus Christ - not just in religion class but in every facet of an authentic Catholic school community.

- Molly Meinen Bushman '98, President



Molly Meinen Bushman '98,
President

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

A BEACON OF HOPE: GROWING OUR CATHOLIC IDENTITY

2030 Strategic Plan Publication Update

At MACS, growing our Catholic identity is central to who we are and what we do. Our mission calls us to cultivate an authentic Catholic culture rooted in truth, beauty, and goodness—one that nurtures students’ faith, intellect, and character while forming them to live out the Gospel in everyday life. Through this focus, MACS seeks to strengthen Catholic culture by integrating faith into every aspect of the learning experience. This includes promoting devout sacramental celebrations, encouraging a deeper prayer life, and creating spaces that reflect reverence and beauty. By engaging both heart and mind, students are invited to encounter Christ more fully through the Catholic liberal arts tradition.

We also recognize that faculty and staff are key to shaping this identity. MACS is committed to recruiting, retaining, and forming educators who align with our mission and model the Catholic faith. Professional development, mentorship, and spiritual growth opportunities ensure our team embodies the values we teach. Finally, we aim to inspire leadership and discipleship across our entire community including students, teachers, and families alike. By partnering with local parishes and providing personalized faith formation, we invite all to grow in their relationship with Christ and participate actively in the life of the Church. We invite readers to view how we plan to transform the hearts and minds of every soul encountered through our mission—not just for the next five years, but beyond.

THANK YOU TO OUR GROWING OUR CATHOLIC IDENTITY SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS:
Andy Shakal, Erin Brick, Matt Elstran, Mary Beth Amelse Pfeifer ‘87, Greg Gilbertson, Tracy Taylor-Bormann, Fr. Alex Kren, Paula Hanson, and John Shakal.



Scan the QR code to view the full plan!



FROM CAMPUS MINISTRY, MEET THE NEW CAMPUS MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Hello MACS families and supporters!

My name is Lily Rozeski and I am the new campus minister for Notre Dame and McDonell. This year, we are really focusing on growing our Catholic identity. This identity is not something that we simply put in the name of our schools and forget about. We should be living in such a way that the greater Chippewa Valley community can see that our school is different. We are not a prep school, a sports school or a boarding school. We are a Catholic school and that means something.

Our Catholic identity begins in the home and grows through spending more time face-to-face with God, through Mass, the sacraments, Adoration, and personal prayer. God reveals our daughterhood or our sonhood to each of us, personally. Because of this truth, we are providing our students with opportunities to encounter Christ. This includes our annual class retreats, monthly Adoration for the high school students, and weekly all-school Mass.

The class retreats have been particularly meaningful in providing the students with space to ask questions about their faith, grow in understanding of who they are created to be, and allowing them to deepen friendships with those around them.

Our all-school Mass is a beautiful example of bringing all of our students and staff together to worship as one voice. The students are also able to witness the faith of their teachers and peers. Our Serva Fidem small groups have created spaces for students to dive deeper into their faith and learn how to integrate faith into every aspect of their lives outside of a church or theology class.

My goal is that as we grow closer to Christ, our identity as His children will strengthen.

- Lily Rozeski, Campus Ministry Coordinator



Lily Rozeski, Campus Ministry Coordinator



Scan the QR code to learn more about Campus Ministry at MACS on the Mack Chat podcast!



McDonell freshman class on retreat at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

FINE ARTS AT MACS

McDonell Central Catholic High School & Notre Dame Middle School Theatre Department presents:

The McDonell Central Catholic High School and Notre Dame Middle School Theatre Department will proudly present *Les Misérables: School Edition* as part of the worldwide celebration of the musical's 40th anniversary. This remarkable student production captures the enduring power of Victor Hugo's classic tale and the emotional depth of one of Broadway's most iconic scores.

Performances will be held January 29, 30, and 31 at 7 p.m., with a matinee on February 1 at 2 p.m., at the McDonell Central Catholic High School Auditorium.

Purchase tickets by scanning the QR code, or going online to mcdonellhs.booktix.com to support Fine Arts students at MACS! ►



The 40th Anniversary *Les Misérables* School Edition

January 29, 30, 31 at 7 p.m.

February 1 at 2 p.m.

McDonell Central Catholic High School Auditorium

Produced in Arrangement with Music Theater International

"To love another person is to see the face of God" — Excerpt from *Les Misérables: School Edition*



Learn more about the show on the Mack Chat podcast with Musical Director Mrs. Kelsey Jimenez and senior Lillian M., Stage & Props Design Manager, as they share what they're most excited about for the upcoming performance of *Les Misérables: School Edition*. ▲



St. Charles Borromeo Primary School Spring Hymn Festival

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church was filled with joyful voices during this year's Spring Hymn Festival. Kindergarten through second grade students took the stage to share beautiful hymns with family and friends. Kindergarteners sang *Peace Is Flowing Like a River* and *For the Beauty of the Earth*, followed by first graders performing *For All the Saints* and *As We Gather*. Second graders continued with *Table of Plenty* and *Alleluia, Alleluia*.

To close the evening, St. Charles faculty joined together to sing *In Christ Alone*, creating a meaningful and uplifting finale for everyone gathered. It was a wonderful celebration of music, faith, and community for all attending.

Holy Ghost Elementary School Spring Talent & Art Show

The annual Holy Ghost Elementary talent and art show took place this past spring, showcasing an impressive variety of student talent! A remarkable 1/3 of our student body took the stage to showcase their talents. Performances included piano and clarinet pieces, vocal solos, magic acts, choreographed dances, and more. Afterwards, visitors were invited to view artwork created by students throughout the school year.

HONORING THE ARTS: A NIGHT OF MUSIC, PERFORMANCE & CREATIVITY

Fine Arts Night is an evening dedicated to recognizing the skills and talents of McDonell students in concert band, concert choir, jazz band, theatre arts, and the Speech/Forensics team. Students at each grade level are honored for their time and dedication, and the night serves as a special tribute to the seniors who have given so much to the program. It's a wonderful celebration showcasing the incredible talent among both students and faculty at McDonell. In addition to the performances, artwork from students in photography, ceramics, and painting and drawing classes was proudly displayed, making the evening a full celebration of the incredible creativity found at McDonell.



St. Charles Primary School students singing during the Spring Hymn Festival.

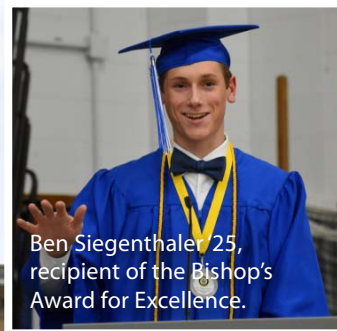


Teachers and staff from St. Charles Preschool and Primary School singing one final song at the end of the Hymn Festival.

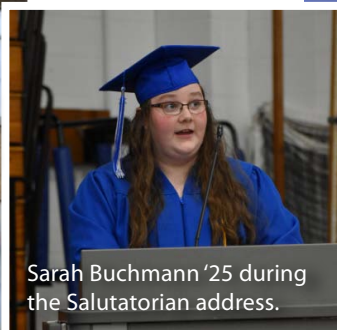




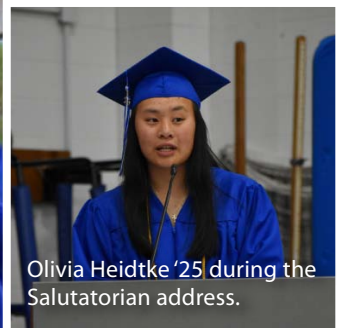
CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2025!



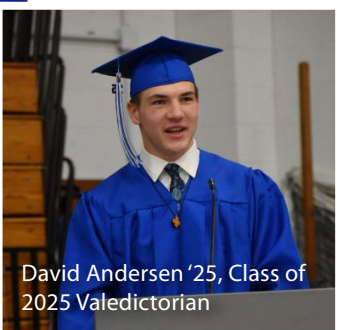
Ben Siegenthaler '25, recipient of the Bishop's Award for Excellence.



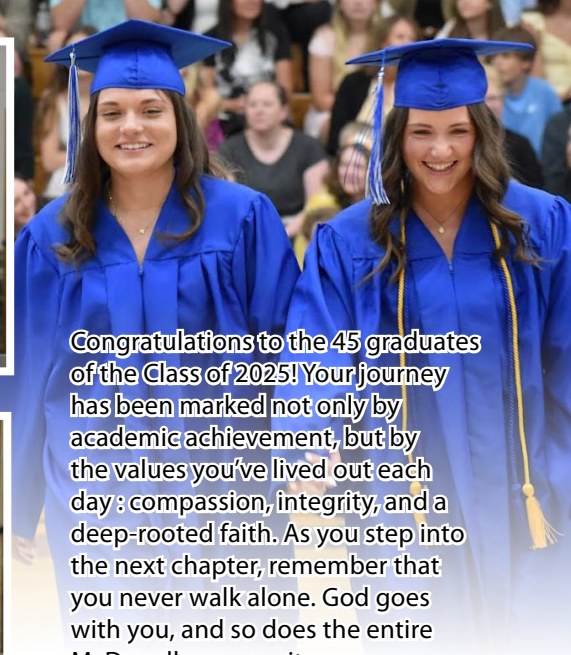
Sarah Buchmann '25 during the Salutatorian address.



Olivia Heidtke '25 during the Salutatorian address.



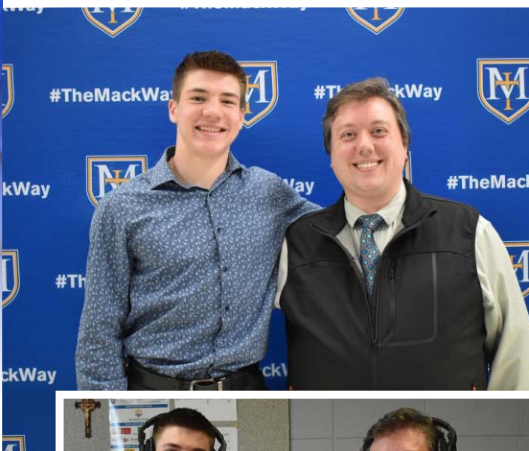
David Andersen '25, Class of 2025 Valedictorian



Congratulations to the 45 graduates of the Class of 2025! Your journey has been marked not only by academic achievement, but by the values you've lived out each day: compassion, integrity, and a deep-rooted faith. As you step into the next chapter, remember that you never walk alone. God goes with you, and so does the entire McDonell community.

David Andersen, Aubrey Baier, Caleigh Bergeron, Avery Bowe, Gavin Bowe, Sarah Buchmann, Mitchell Buescher, Landon Burrier, Carlee Chittendon, Ami Danford, Lily Edison, Karley Ferguson, Alex Fischer, Cielo Belle Freeman, Daniel Fritz, Nestor Aguirre, Olivia Heidtke, Kendall Hepfler, Morgan Hilger, Eden Holty, Zachary Hunt, Owen Hunter, Anthony Johnson, Gauge Keck, Kiara Leinenkugel, Logan Lubs, Ryan McCarthy, Alan Meinen, Lauren Misfeldt, Cooper Mittermeyer, Jonathan Petranovich, Carter Prissel, Sean Rasmus, Alexis Rothbauer, Marcus Rothbauer, Tessa Rozowski, Ben Siegenthaler, Jordan Sikora, Grant Smiskey, Ryder Sullivan, Lucia Swoboda, Paul Tetrault, Eva Van Den Heuvel, Cashton Wojcik, and Olivia Wolf.

HONORING MCDONELL'S TOP STUDENTS & THEIR MOST INFLUENTIAL EDUCATORS



Listen to Mr. Thoma and David Andersen '25 speak about Excellence in Education on the Mack Chat podcast!



THE 40TH ANNUAL
EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION
BANQUET HONORS
THE TOP 5% OF
GRADUATING SENIORS
FROM MCDONELL, AND
RECOGNIZES THEIR MOST
INFLUENTIAL EDUCATOR.

We are incredibly proud to celebrate our top-performing seniors at MACS — David Andersen, Sarah Buchmann, and Olivia Heidtke — who were honored at the Excellence in Education Banquet, hosted by the Chippewa Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

These remarkable students represent the very best of what it means to be part of the McDonell community. Through their unwavering commitment to academic excellence and meaningful involvement in extracurricular life, they have set a powerful example for their peers and for the generations to come.

Each student was accompanied by a Most Influential Educator — someone who has left a lasting mark on their personal and academic journey. David chose Mr.

Peter Thoma, Sarah selected Deacon Sean Hanson, and Olivia honored Mr. Tom Ruff. These educators have shaped not only their intellect, but also their character, and their guidance continues to leave a lasting impact.

Additionally, this year's Unsung Hero Award was presented to Mrs. Michelle Dorn in recognition of her unwavering commitment, quiet strength, and selfless devotion. Her tireless pursuit of excellence, instinct to put others first, and heartfelt dedication to the mission of MACS have touched countless lives and truly embody the spirit of this award.

Congratulations to David, Sarah, Olivia, and Michelle. Your dedication, leadership, and spirit inspire our entire MACS community.



Lauren Misfeldt '25 receiving Holy Communion during the Baccalaureate Mass.



Michelle Dorn being honored and recognized for her unwavering dedication to her community and for embodying what it means to receive the Unsung Hero Award.



2025 SPRING VARSITY SPORTS

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES AT MACS

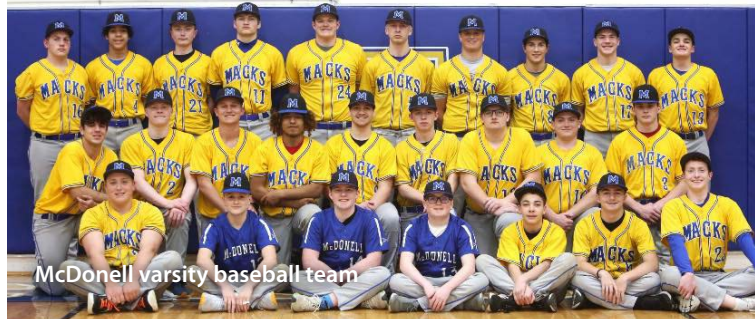


The girls softball team were Division 4 Sectional Champions and finished the season with an overall season record 18–7. ►



McDonnell varsity softball team

The boys baseball team advanced to the Division 4 Regional Championship game in the WIAA tournament and finished the season with a 14–8 record. ►



McDonnell varsity baseball team



McDonnell boys and girls track and field team

The McDonnell girls track and field team wrapped up an excellent season with standout performances at the WIAA Division 3 State Championships. Elyse Bushman led the way, taking second place in the 300 hurdles (44.66) and earning three total podium finishes. She also placed third in the 100 hurdles (15.29) and teamed with Anne Siegenthaler, Erin Siegenthaler, and Ella Rubenzer to finish fourth in the 800 relay for a new school record! ▲

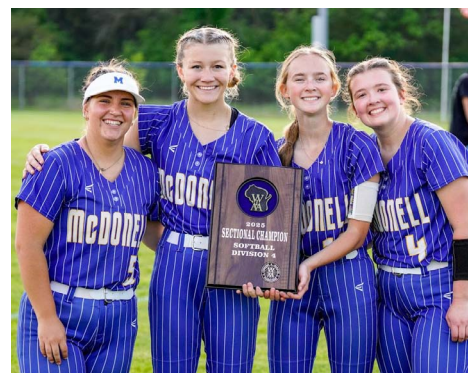
SOFTBALL IN ACTION: BECOMING SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS

The 2024–2025 softball season will be remembered as one of the most remarkable in McDonnell Central Catholic history, as the Macks battled their way to an unforgettable Sectional Championship. Under the guidance of head coach Richard Ruf, the team built momentum throughout the spring, finishing with an impressive 18–7 record and demonstrating the grit, teamwork, and resilience that defined their journey.

From tight early-season matchups to decisive victories over conference rivals, the Macks consistently rose to the moment. Their confidence grew with every inning, fueled by timely hitting, strong defensive play, and a deep belief in one another. By the time the postseason arrived, the team was playing its best softball of the year.

The Macks opened the tournament with a powerful 19–4 win over Loyal/Greenwood, followed by a composed 6–3 performance against Stratford. A thrilling 7–6 victory at Colfax secured their place in the sectional final, where they delivered a commanding 9–0 win over Shell Lake to claim the championship.

More than a collection of wins, this season showcased the heart of McDonnell athletics: perseverance, unity, and faith. The 2025 Macks will be remembered not only as champions, but as a team that inspired their school and community with every pitch, hit, and celebration.



Regis/McDonnell girls soccer team



Regis/McDonnell boys golf team

◀The Regis/McDonnell girls soccer team were Division 4 Regional Champions and finished the season with a 14–9 record.

◀The Regis/McDonnell boys golf team had a great season with Father Kren recently becoming the head coach!

SPIRIT OF THE MACKS!



Scan the QR code to listen to new MABC president Lori Grant and new girls basketball coach Sally Williams on the Mack Chat podcast!

The Spirit of the Macks took place on October 4, 2025, as the McDonnell Athletic Booster Club's largest fundraiser, supporting all MACS student-athletes. Families, friends, alumni, donors, and community members filled the McDonnell gym for a night of fun and excitement. Auctioneers highlighted silent auction baskets while the live auction kept the energy high. Thank you to the generous organizations and dedicated volunteers whose contributions made this event a success!

GROWING OUR CATHOLIC IDENTITY: EVANGELIZING FAMILIES THROUGH FAITH & COMMUNITY



Each school year, MACS offers countless opportunities for students to grow in knowledge, in friendship, and in their love for Christ. One of our core values, Growing Our Catholic Identity, reminds us that our Catholic faith is not something that exists only inside the walls of our parishes on Sundays, but something that touches and transforms every part of our lives. It is a gift that shapes who we are, how we live, and how we witness Christ's love to the world.

One of the most visible and inspiring ways this theme comes alive in our school community is through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) and Order of Christian Initiation for Families (OCIF) programs. For many families, this is a doorway—a path of welcome into the Catholic Church, where hearts are opened to encounter Christ in a new and deeper way. This journey is not only life-changing for those directly involved; it also strengthens the faith of our students, families, and parish as a whole.

A JOURNEY OF FAITH & BELONGING

OCIA is a process of conversion and formation, guiding individuals who wish to become Catholic—or who simply desire to learn more about the faith—into a relationship with Christ and His Church. For adults, it provides structured opportunities to ask questions, study Scripture, learn about Catholic teaching, and experience the power of community and prayer. Through

catechesis, spiritual support, and the example of others living the faith, participants discover that becoming Catholic is not just about learning doctrines but about encountering a person—Jesus Christ—who loves them and calls them into communion with Him.

For MACS families, this process often begins in a beautiful, natural way: through their children. Students encounter Catholic teaching every day in their religion classes, in morning prayer, during Mass, and in acts of service. They come home asking questions, sharing what they've learned, or showing a new enthusiasm for prayer. These simple moments often spark a desire in parents to explore the faith themselves. Many have expressed that what started as a child's curiosity quickly grew into a family's shared journey of faith.

STUDENTS AS WITNESSES

Children are natural evangelizers. Their joy, honesty, and openness to God often make them the first in a family to speak about faith. At MACS, when students prepare for sacraments like Reconciliation or First Communion, they carry those conversations into their homes. Parents who may not have practiced their faith in years—or who have never been Catholic—suddenly find themselves rediscovering the beauty of prayer, the Mass, and God's presence in their family life.

When students see their parents or siblings take part in the OCIA/OCIF program, the impact is profound. Witnessing a loved one choose to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion is a powerful testimony. It shows students that faith is not just something we learn about in school, but something that can transform lives. It teaches them that responding to God's call is a courageous and beautiful step, one that can happen at any age.

These experiences ripple through the classroom and parish community. When a student proudly shares that their mom or dad is preparing to enter the Church, it inspires their classmates. It normalizes the idea that faith is a journey we are all on together, and that God calls us at different times and in different ways.

PARISHES & SCHOOL WALKING TOGETHER

The OCIA program is never a journey taken alone. Our parish priests, catechists, and sponsors walk side by side with participants, offering encouragement, guidance, and prayer. For our MACS families, this means they are supported not only by their school community but also by their parish community. This unified effort embodies the mission of Catholic education: to form disciples of Christ who live and share their faith with others.

The collaboration between parish and school allows families to feel fully welcomed into the life of the Church. OCIA gatherings are often filled with meaningful discussions and opportunities for prayer, but they are also filled with fellowship—sharing meals, building friendships, and finding support in others who are on a similar journey. This sense of belonging strengthens faith and reminds families that they are part of something much larger than themselves: the Body of Christ.



Holy Ghost students became fully initiated into the Catholic Church and received their First Holy Communion at Holy Ghost Catholic Church.

Recently baptized Holy Ghost Elementary School students celebrated after Mass as they became fully initiated into the Catholic Church at Holy Ghost.



Last year, the Church welcomed eight MACS students into the church. The staff at Holy Ghost supported these students and made sure to recognize their commitment to Christ with a celebration of cake and friendship. This year, four students and one MACS staff person are in the program. Please pray that they grow in their love of Christ and enter the church at the Easter Vigil.

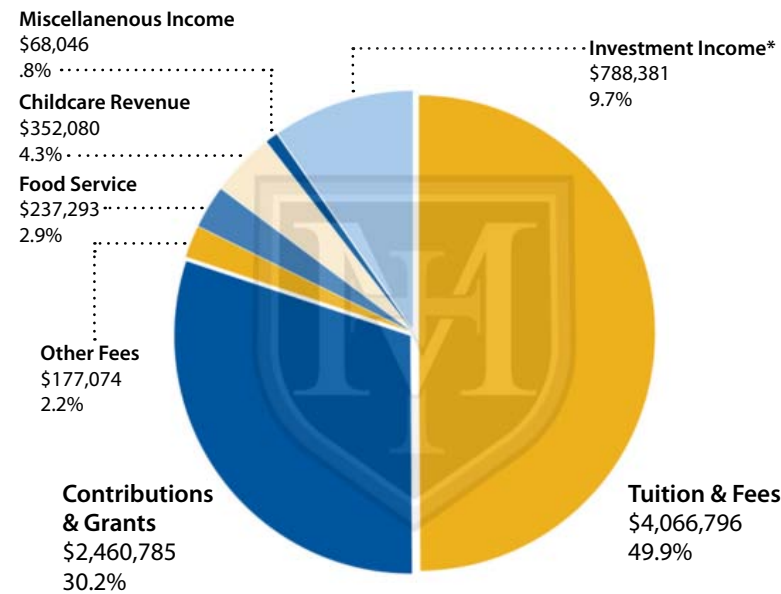
As we move through this school year, let us continue to pray for those on the OCIA/OCIF journey, for the families being drawn into the Church, and for our students, who are both learners and teachers of the faith. Together, we are answering the call to live as disciples, to witness Christ's love, and to grow ever more deeply into our Catholic identity.

IS THE LORD TUGGING AT YOUR HEART?

For families or individuals who feel the Lord tugging at their hearts and want to explore the Catholic faith more deeply, the OCIA/OCIF programs are always open as a welcoming place to begin that journey. Whether you are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or a Catholic who has not yet received all the sacraments, OCIA/OCIF provides a supportive path to grow in faith and community. If you are interested in learning more or have questions about the process, please contact John Shakal at jshakal@ourladyofthefalls.org or text/call 715-861-1303. You are warmly invited to take the next step—Christ and His Church are ready to welcome you home.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2024-25

REVENUE



Total Revenue: \$8,150,455*

*Includes unrealized investment income

The Financial Report reflects MACS's audited financials for the 2024-25 Fiscal year. The pie charts show what was received and expensed in the various categories for the 2024-25 year. MACS finished the year with operating revenues of \$8,150,455 and operating expenses of \$7,629,852.

2024-25 STUDENT TUITION COST

Grade Level	Parish Member Rate	Non-Parish Member Rate	Average Cost to Educate
Kindergarten	\$3,460	\$4,893	\$11,500
1 - 5	\$3,529	\$4,993	\$11,500
6 - 8	\$3,564	\$5,041	\$11,500
9 - 12	\$5,066	\$7,149	\$14,800
Family Cap	\$12,000	\$16,800	

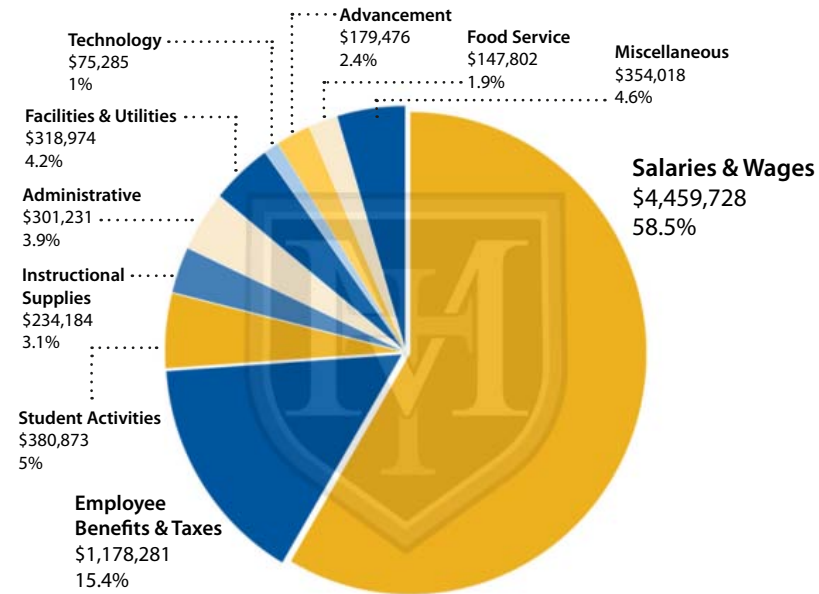
MACS had an average tuition increase of 5.5% for the 2024-25 fiscal year. Thank you to all alumni, parishioners and businesses that supported MACS in 2024-25. Your generosity has enabled MACS to keep tuition affordable.

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

Scan the QR code to make an online donation to the A.B. McDonell Vision Fund to help keep tuition affordable for all MACS students!



EXPENSES



Total Expenses: \$7,629,852

2024-25 FINANCE & FACILITIES COMMITTEES

The Finance and Facilities Committee split into two different committees during the 2024-25 fiscal year. Both committees works to ensure that MACS is strategic in their resource management to ensure quality education and a safe learning environment. Committee members are appointed by their parish.

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

PARISH REPS ON COMMITTEE

Jamie Leibbrandt
Michele O'Connor
Tom Eder '85
Mike Dubiel
Barry Bremness
Robert Konop
Skip August
Chad Brady
Diane Schmidt
Mike Crawford '88
Deacon DeCook
Bruce Mlsna

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1940
Rudy & Joyce Ursic Trust (JC) 🏆🏆🏆🐦

1942
Dr. David Chisholm, Jr. (HC) 🏆🏆🐦

1946
James & Patricia (Popple) Bembnister (GC) 🏆🏆

1947
Gyda Nadreau 🏆🏆
Mary Pat McDowell Estate 🏆🏆🐦

1948
James & Patricia (Popple) Bembnister (GC) 🏆🏆
Dr. Thomas Chisholm (GC) 🏆🏆🚢
Ann (O'Donnell) Egan
Ramona (Yakesh) Zumbrack 🏆🏆🚢

1949
Robert & Eugenia (Stoffel) Chapman (HC) 🏆🏆
Marlene (Peloquin) Rooney (JC) 🏆🏆
Ann (Sokup) Zeiger 🐦

1950's

1950
Catherine McDowell Estate 🌟🌟🐣
Susan De Long 🌟🌟🐣
John Jr. & Barbara Hughes 🌟🌟

1951
John R. & Ellen A. O'Neil Endowment 🐣🌟🐣
Mary Lu (Kelly) Andersen
Francis & Doris Gaier 🌟🌟
Angeline (Sklany) & Robert Holmes
Ardyce (Schuster) Kelly (HC)
Richard Porn 🐣🌟🐣

1952
Mary (Klaes) & Peter Matthews 🌟🌟
Patricia (Rubenzer) Peloquin 🐣
Dayton Reed
Jerome & Joanne (Penor) Sheehy
Stephen Steinmetz (EC) 🌟🌟
Charles Wilbur 🌟🌟🐣

1953
Julius & Jackie (Frenette) Lee 🌟🌟
LaVonne (Stoehr) Marquie

1954
Richard & Nancy (Newburg) Douville
Jean (Dietzler) Merchant
Raymond & Barbara Nazer
Bette (Smith) Wild

1956
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Jon Rubenzer (JC) 🐣
Joseph & Betty (Wucherpfenning) Ryan 🐣
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1957
David Hebert 🌟🌟
John R. & Ellen A. O'Neil Endowment 🐣🌟🐣
Gerry Meade 🐣
Ellen O'Neil (EC) 🌟🌟🐣
Richard & Barbara Rooney (GC) 🐣
Geraldine (Felix) White-Marko

1958
Kenneth & Yvonne Butak 🐣
Irvin & Colleen Geissler 🌟🌟
Ronald & Barbara (Kleinheinz) Lambert 🌟🌟

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1959
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Rita (Goettl) Miller 🏆
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1960's

1960
Ruth (Nicolai) Hagedorn
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John Hillery
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Stephen & Sue (Onsager) Meinen
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John & Barbara (Nowak) Rasmus
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1961
Joyce (Krumenauer) Carpenter
Anne (Monarski) & Bob Ganka
William Klaes
Paul & Judy Schultz
Dennis & Sally (Andrejeski) Wrucke

1962
Julie (Schneider) Brenner
Jerome & Jacque (Joas) Daniel (JC)
Robert & Monica (Steinmetz) Penzenstadler
John & Barbara (Nowak) Rasmus
Skip & Jill Thaler (GC)
Patricia (Stumm) Wagner (HC)

1963
Steve & Carol Bohl
Ted & Anna Bowe
Ronald & Betty (Krall) Bresina
Karen (Lea) & Dennis Elstran
Jane (Hall) Hiess
John & Gail Hanson
John Janc (GC)
Larry & Mary (Loiselle) Lanners
Charles and Christina Norseng (HC)
Arnold Ritzinger



1964
Betty (Meinen) Bohl
Judy (Geissler) Bowe
Linda (Pitsch) & John Brantmeier (JC)
Steve & Linda Cyr (JC)
John & Marilyn Geissler
Robert & Robin (Hedrington) Hassemer
Jean (Bowe) Krumenauer
Michael & Joanne McAleer
Daniel & Diane (Seckora) O'Connell
Terry & Cheryl Wedemeyer

1965
Marie (Hofkes) & Joseph Hauser
Jane & Carl (Kleusch) Laveck
John Lubs (GC)
Daniel & Diane (Seckora) O'Connell
Stephen & Debra Porn
Judith (Loiselle) Rubenzer (HC)

1966
Timothy Arntz
Suzanne (Scheidler) & Patrick
Hammond (HC)
Thomas & Julie Joas
Roxanne (Rooney) Kuss
Thomas & Victoria Stumm

1967
Terry & Mary Kay (Kuba) Bodeen
Barbara Bowe
Curtis & Nancy Frazier (JC)
Robert & Robin (Hedrington) Hassemer
Jeanne Hebert
Cindy (Sinette) & Kenneth Johnson
Ron & Rosemary (Grzegozerski) Keefer (XC)
Daniel Minahan (GC)
Susan & Pat (LaRue) Quinn (HC)
Leroy & Susan (Schmidmayr) Schamberger (JC)
Tom Voitl (HC)

1968
Eugene Dachel
Scott and Kathie Emerson
Mary Kay (Zutter) Fox (JC)
Marge (Joas) Geissler
Mary (Monarski) & Gregory Holub (HC)
Jane (Hebert) Lefler

Chuck & Carolyn (Cudney) Peloquin (H)
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Sally (Pfankuch) Simmerman

1969
Jerome & Jacque (Joas) Daniel (JC)
Jack & Susan (Feider) Kelly
Mary (Chovan) & Ronald King
Daniel Krhin
Mary Jo (Fukey) & Dale Meredith (HC)
Ann Piotroski
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1970's

1970
Patrick Bischel & Joy Bergeron (GC)
Robert and Susan (Gindt) Konop
Clark & Ann (Wermund) Loeffel
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Joyce Schneider (JC)
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Steve Thaler

1971
Randy & Marilyn Bowe
Gordy Meinen & Nancy Nelson Meinen
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1972
Paul & Mary Anne Bembnister (XC)
Suzanne Eder
James Larson
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1973
Anonymous
David & Julie (Bembnister) Clark
Michael & Karen (Marquie) Lutz

1974
Class of 1974 Reunion
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1975
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1978
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(PC)	(EC)		
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1980
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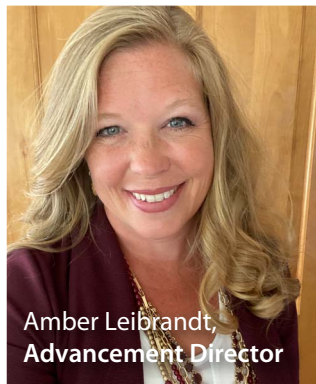


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Few individuals embodied this spirit more profoundly than Catherine and Mary Pat McDowell, devoted sisters, women of deep faith, and proud graduates of McDonell. Their lives were a testament to the value of Catholic education and the joy of service. The sisters were a familiar presence at concerts, musicals, and alumni events, steadfast supporters who gave their time, talents, and hearts to the MACS community.

Catherine's life as an educator, in public schools and in her parish CCD program at Notre Dame, reflected a love of learning rooted in faith. Upon her passing, Catherine left her estate to her sister, Mary Pat, who in turn established the McDowell Sisters Estate Endowment. This remarkable gift continues to support student and teacher needs across MACS today, funding initiatives such as classroom improvements, learning resources, and teacher enrichment. Their legacy lives on as an enduring witness to the transformative power of Catholic education.



Amber Leibrandt,
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FROM ADVANCEMENT: GROWING OUR CATHOLIC IDENTITY THROUGH SERVICE AND LEGACY



Mary Pat (left) and Catherine (right) McDowell volunteered at the annual Fall Craft Country Expo each year.



Monica Laux and her daughter Kinley Laux '24 volunteering during Spirit of the Macks.



Katrina Geissler and Lauren Misfeldt '25 join Mack Chat to talk about the Spaghetti Spectacular and Catholic Schools Week kickoff!



Scan the QR code to listen to Christina Meinen and Alan Meinen '25 speak to the importance of volunteering at MACS.

That same spirit of service is alive in the countless volunteers who continue to strengthen our community. Our schools are blessed by parents, alumni, and community members who give of their time and talent in countless ways. Volunteers like Katrina Geissler, alumna, parent, long-term chair of the Spaghetti Spectacular; Christina Meinen, alumna, parent and chair of concessions for all athletic competitions; Monica Laux, teacher, parent, and president of the Faith Boosters Club, whose tireless service reflects their love for MACS. These volunteers, and many others, exemplify how service strengthens our Catholic identity and builds the foundation for future generations.

Through their example, and through the McDowell Sisters' lasting generosity, we are reminded that Growing Our Catholic Identity is not just a goal, it is a calling. Together, we continue to build a community where faith, service, and love of truth, beauty, and goodness illuminate every generation of Macks. Together, through gifts of time, talent, and treasure, the McDonells of today and tomorrow continue to grow in faith and purpose, ensuring that the light of Catholic education shines brightly in our schools and in our world.

Junior Achievement Day at McDonell



Rolly Enderes '96 speaking to McDonell Central Catholic High School students during *Junior Achievement in a Day*, hosted at McDonell, where he shared his experience as an entrepreneur and owner of ChemCeed.

Junior Achievement (JA) of Wisconsin hosted its annual JA in a Day event at McDonell Central Catholic High School, where MACS community members and local professionals came together to share insight into various industries and career paths.

The event featured interactive booths and presentations designed to help students explore future opportunities and gain real-world knowledge. This year's entrepreneurship panel included McDonell alumnus Rolly Enderes '96, who spoke about his journey after high school and the challenges he

faced as a business owner. His story offered students an inspiring look at perseverance, and the successes of his entrepreneurship journey. Throughout the day, students engaged with panelists, asked questions, and visited booths representing a wide range of local businesses.

JA in a Day continues to connect students with the community, helping them build confidence, develop career awareness, and better understand the many paths available after graduation.



MACS was honored to welcome Bishop William Battersby for a tour of McDonell Central Catholic High School and the newly acquired 57-acre property that represents the future of MACS and the next century of Catholic education. This site offers a bold vision: a unified Pre-K through 12 campus that will inspire and support students, staff, and families for generations to come.

Growing enrollment reflects the community's strong commitment to Catholic education, yet it has also underscored concerns about capacity in our aging primary and elementary buildings, which can no longer accommodate long-term growth. The need for a new elementary campus has become urgent to ensure we continue providing a Catholic liberal arts education rooted in faith, reason, and community.

The new property provides an ideal location for Phase I, an elementary campus with the long-term opportunity to unify all MACS facilities on one site. This project strengthens academic excellence, faith formation, safety, and accessibility, securing a vibrant future for Catholic education.

Building Our Future Update: Building a Unified Campus



Class Notes

1940s

Marianna Zdrazil Cochran '47 and the Class of 1947 held their 78th class reunion this August in Minnesota. Two classmates were able to attend — Bob Miller of Plymouth, MN, and Marianna Zdrazil Cochran of Everett, PA. The other three remaining members — Joanne Wild Coate and Gene Mower of Chippewa Falls, WI, and Jim Kelly of Edina, MN — were unable to join. Those who gathered enjoyed a lovely lunch together, sharing laughs and fond memories as they looked through the 1947 *Iris* yearbook. ▼



1950s

Larry Muldoon '55 and the Class of 1955 celebrated their 70th reunion on September 14, beginning with 10:30 a.m. Mass at Notre Dame. After a class photo and visits at the shrine, classmates gathered at the home of Lois (Bresina) Paquette to reminisce, share memories, and enjoy a delicious chicken dinner. About 20 classmates attended and spent a wonderful afternoon together.

Deanne Globensky Rubenzer '59 shares that the Class of 1959 is celebrating its 66th reunion year. The classmates are grateful and happy for the peace and kindness that have blessed them through the years. "Thank you for everything!"

1960s

Barbara Nowak Rasmus '62 shared the rich McDonell family legacy of her husband, **John Rasmus '62**. John's grandmother, **Delia Gough Kalk**, graduated from Notre Dame High School (now McDonell) in the Class of 1888. Her daughter, **Elizabeth Kalk Rasmus**, graduated in 1923. John himself graduated in 1962, followed by their son **Patrick Rasmus, Class of 1983**, and grandson **Sean Rasmus, Class of 2025**. Their great-grandson, Ryder Sullivan, **son of Shane Sullivan '03** and grandson of **Lisa Rasmus Sullivan Haley '84**, represents the fifth generation of McDonell graduates in the family.

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.

McDonell graduates (from left to right): **Ruth Deniger Nelson '68**, **Barb Hebert Lowe '68**, **Jim Lowe '64**, **Bob Rooney '65**, **Kathy Rooney Warner '68**, and **Dale Prince '64** enjoyed an evening together at the Ojibwa Golf Bowl & Grill in Chippewa. ►



1980s

Michael Stoffel '88 retired from his career in civil engineering at Ayres Associates in January 2025. He now operates The Christmas Tree Farm full-time — a choose-and-cut tree farm located at his home.

1990s

Rolly Enderes '96 was honored as the 2025 JA Hero during the Junior Achievement of Wisconsin's 10th Annual Heroes Gala for his outstanding leadership and deep commitment to youth education and career readiness. ►



2000s

Jayne Armstrong Brannen '03 and Charles Brannen served as Festmeisterin and Festmeister at this year's Oktoberfest in Chippewa Falls, WI. ►



◀ **Joe Rider '08** and Theresa Rider along with big sister Caroline welcomed baby Dominic to their family in February 2025.

2010s

Brianna Krause Rider '11 and **John Rider '10** welcomed their fourth child, Gabriel John into the world on September 6th, 2024. ►



John Francis '18 has entered Configuration I (Theology I) at Saint Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee. He has four years of formation left before being ordained to the priesthood. ►



2020s

Elizabeth Eckes '21 was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Wisconsin Army National Guard on May 24, 2025, after graduating from St. Norbert College with a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science. She now serves as the Communications Staff Officer for the 1-147th Aviation Battalion. ►



Kate Roth Cooksey '21 graduated from the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND, in April 2025 with a Bachelor of Science degree. She is continuing her studies in the university's Doctorate Program for Physical Therapy. Kate married Dakota Cooksey on June 6, 2025, at Notre Dame Church in Chippewa Falls. The couple now resides in Bismarck, ND, where Kate is a graduate student in the Physical Therapy program and Dakota, a Chi-Hi '22 graduate, works as a welder at the Bobcat Manufacturing Facility. ▼



SAVE THE DATE!

70TH BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR THE CLASS OF 1970

McDonell Class of 1974 – 70th Birthday Celebration! Join your classmates on Saturday, August 8, 2026, at The Ritz on the River starting around 3:00 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of reminiscing, laughter, and finger food as we gather during Pure Water Days weekend. For more information, contact Mary Kelly Berg at dalmar05@sbcbglobal.net

CLASS OF 1970, 55TH CLASS REUNION

The McDonell Class of 1970 had their 55th Class Reunion on Saturday, August 9, 2025, at The Ritz in downtown Chippewa Falls. ►



CLASS OF 1985, 40TH CLASS REUNION

The McDonell Class of 1985 celebrated their 40th class reunion with an open house at Ojibwa Golf and Bowl on Saturday, September 20, 2025. ►



CLASS OF 1995, 30TH CLASS REUNION

The McDonell Class of 1995 reunion was held over Labor Day Weekend at the Sand Bar in Lake Wissota. ►



CLASS OF 2000, 25TH CLASS REUNION

The McDonell Class of 2000 reunion was held on Saturday, September 27, at Whispering Pines Golf Course in Cadott, WI to celebrate their 25th Class Reunion. ►



WALL OF RECOGNITION

We need your help! We are working on creating a wall of recognition for all McDonell graduates who have moved on to vocations of priesthood or religious life. Below is a preliminary list based on our current alumni directory.

Please email us with any additional names, corrected spellings, or other biographical information or photos you may have. We want to have as much information on file as possible so we can share these stories, honoring the persons and inspiring current and future generations of McDonell students. ►

1900

Sister Mary (Eugene) Coleman

1910

Sister Marie Coleman

1911

Sister Mary Felice

Sister Felice Annette, SSN

1912

Sister Mary Matthew, SSND

1914

Sister Mary (Immanuel) Baulne

Sister Kathleen Ruth, SSND

Sister M. Kathleen

1915

Sister M. Virginia Marie

1917

Sister Mary Ellen, Annie Laurie Cameron

1922

Reverend Lloyd P. Rushman

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 (Madeleva), Postl

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

Sister Sharee, Hurtgen

1955

Sister Yvonne Hiess

1957

Brother Robert Seidling

1958

Reverend John A. Schultz

Class Reunions & Memoriam

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

MEMORIAM

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

Susan M. Ermatinger Cycon '37

December 13, 2024, Indian Head Park, IL

Darlene M. Geissler Lund '53

October 13, 2025, Chippewa Falls, WI

Joanne M. Girard Oleson '54

October 5, 2025, Chippewa Falls, WI

Lois E. Loiselle Kloss '55

May 21, 2024, Chippewa Falls, WI

Patricia J. Bowe Mayer '56

September 21, 2025, Chippewa Falls, WI

Duane 'Duker' R. LeDuc '57

October 13, 2025, Chippewa Falls, WI

Suzanne McAleer Wozniak '61

August 24, 2025, Oak Creek, WI

Richard J. Reiter '62

April 17, 2025, Hampstead, MD

Jean M. Bruehling Braun '63

April 19, 2025, North Branch, MN

Stephen 'Stubby' J. Cyr '64

August 2, 2025, Chippewa Falls, WI

Mary Bischel Rakunas '64

December 18, 2024, Charles, IL

Theodore L. Derks '65

August 14, 2025, Chippewa Falls, WI

Rosemary A. Johnson Yurgae '66

October 5, 2025, Des Moines, IA

Joan M. Quigley '70

January 26, 2024, Chippewa Falls, WI

MEMORIAM FRIENDS

Ronald P. King

July 19, 2025, Eau Claire, WI

PARENTS: IF THIS ISSUE IS ADDRESSED TO YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER WHO NO LONGER LIVES AT HOME, PLEASE CALL THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE WITH CORRECT ADDRESS: 715.723.0538 OR GO ONLINE: www.mcdonellareacatholicschools.org/alumni/

If you have updated contact information or would prefer to receive the Mack Messenger in a different form (digital or physical) please contact the Advancement office at 715.723.0538 or advancement@macs.k12.wi.us

Save the Date!



MACS
*Spaghetti Spectacular &
Kids Winter Carnival!*

**McDonell Central Catholic
High School Gymnasium**

**SUNDAY,
JANUARY 25,
2026**



**FROM
11:00 A.M. TO
4:00 P.M.**

**SUPPORT MACS
STUDENTS.
EAT DELICIOUS
SPAGHETTI...**



**AND
ENJOY
THE KIDS
WINTER
CARNIVAL!**



Save the Date!

*Spring
Spectacular*

An Evening of Giving & Celebration

April 11, 2026

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