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President's Perspective



Mike Hagstrom

“O Lord, You have been our refuge throughout every generation” -Psalm 90:1

138 years ago, on July 26, 1882, the first Catholic school opened in Fargo, thanks to our founders, the pioneering Presentation Sisters. Throughout every generation since in our Catholic schools, the Lord has been our refuge. Think of that passage of time and all that our Catholic schools have seen:

North Dakota statehood and the creation of the Jamestown Diocese in 1889. Bishop Shanley moving the see city to Fargo in 1891. The great Fargo fire of 1893. The great Fargo flood of 1897. The opening of Sacred Heart Academy in 1897. The 1899 dedication of St. Mary's Cathedral. The death of Bishop Shanley in 1909. The new Sacred Heart Academy building and the invitation to alumni for a “homecoming” in 1915. World War I. St. Anthony's parish and school established. The great influenza of 1918-1919. The Roaring Twenties. The Great Depression. Adopting the “Deacons” nickname for SHA teams in the fall of 1934. World War II. The Atom Bomb and the Cold War. The Baby Boom. “Shanley High School” dedicated in 1951. Holy Spirit and Nativity parishes and schools established. The Korean War. The Fargo Tornado of 1957. The Space Race. Vatican II. The Vietnam War. The Civil Rights era. JFK-MLK-RFK assassinated. The Christian Brothers era at Shanley. The Moon Landing. Watergate. West Acres. The year of three popes (1978). Sid Cichy retires. Formation of the Fargo Catholic Schools Network. The last Presentation Sister on staff. Sts. Anne & Joachim parish established. Sullivan Middle School Established. The

Fargo flood of 1997. September 11, 2001. Afghanistan and Iraq. The new Shanley-Sullivan school building opening in 2002. The all-time record Fargo flood of 2009. Adding three new sponsoring parishes (Blessed Sacrament, Holy Cross, and St. Benedict's) and becoming “Bl. John Paul II Catholic Schools in 2011” and “St. John Paul II Catholic Schools” in 2014. Bishop John Folda appointed as the 8th Bishop of Fargo. The opening of Trinity Elementary School in West Fargo.

Not to mention all the mighty, swirling currents of revolutionary technological and cultural change!

Nevertheless, we can confidently repeat with the Psalmist, “O Lord, You have been our refuge throughout every generation.” The Lord has been our sure and certain hope and our refuge and strength over the course of those 138 years of Catholic education.

That's perhaps more true than ever in this time of a global pandemic. We have now completed two quarters—half a school year—in JP II Catholic Schools in the shadows of the coronavirus. Knowing that the Lord is our refuge, we have been fighting the good fight since March 15 (the initial closure date of all schools in North Dakota by Governor Burgum).

I met with our Shanley-Sullivan staff the morning of March 16 as we were formulating our response and battle plans. I referred to the tornado of July 20, 1957. Its destructive force hit Shanley head-on. Yet the school opened on time that fall. I referred to the floods of 1997 and 2009, when Shanley students were sent to fight for our homes and neighborhoods throughout the city. Just as we rose to the occasion in those challenging times, so too would we rise to face this new threat.

Indeed, our entire St. John Paul II Catholic Schools community rallied in response. We swiftly pivoted to distance learning in all five schools, made adjustments as needed, and finished strongly as the fourth quarter of the school year ended on May 20. In a regional first, we held an in-person outdoor graduation ceremony on Sid Cichy field for our 86 graduates. Special congratulations to the Class of 2020 for all the obstacles they faced with grace.

As the weeks of summer passed and coronavirus re-



Double Rainbow Sunrise by Sherri Simon

ained with us, we had to make plans for the new school year accordingly. We prepared for three different learning scenarios: “in-person,” “modified in-person” (classroom/distance combination), and “eschool” (distance learning). Surveys of students, parents, and staff indicated an overwhelming desire to be in-person. School leaders also confirmed that as the most effective way to accomplish our mission of Catholic education.

Board-approved Teaching and Learning Plans with these options were developed for each school along with detailed Health and Safety Plans to keep our schools in session. The board also granted two extra days of professional development in order for staff members to prepare for the new reality of in-person teaching during COVID-times.

We opened on Thursday, August 27 and are now in the second quarter of the school year. There have been a curveball or three every day, with students, staff, a classroom cohort, or a team out for a time of quarantine. We have had to close some lunchrooms for a time. Our preschool through 8th grade students have been in person the entire time. The high school moved to modified in-person learning in late September to reduce transmission rates and remain open, and that has been an important part of the response to the realities in our community. School activities have been modified greatly but are still being conducted. In spite of all these obstacles, we have been accomplishing our mission as best we can, knowing that *“O Lord, You have been our refuge throughout every generation.”*

Just as the Lord is with us as our refuge, so too I have to acknowledge and thank our entire Catholic school family: students, parents, staff, alumni, friends, and benefactors who have been such a crucial component of all these efforts over these months of the pandemic. Thank you for your prayers, can-do spirit, and generous support. You are making a difference for the good in an uncertain and stressful time. Thank you one and all! And thanks be to God, our refuge past, present, and future. AMEN.

Upcoming Events

Catholic Schools Week

January 31-February 6

Giving Hearts Day

February 11

Arizona Alumni & Friends Luncheon

February 26

Spring Musical

March 25-28

Deacon Dinner Auction

April 24

Shanley Graduation

May 26

Reunion Weekend

June 25-27

FOR A FULL LIST OF ACTIVITIES, PLEASE VISIT:

<https://alumni.jp2schools.org/events>

Shanley Seniors don mortarboards and masks for in-person graduation ceremony

Written By: Barry Amundson | May 20th 2020 - 8p.m.



FARGO — In what was thought to be the first in-person graduation in the state during the coronavirus pandemic, 86 Fargo Shanley seniors received their diplomas Wednesday night, May 20, in an outdoor ceremony where social distancing was a key factor.

The students, all wearing masks, were spread across the windblown Sid Cichy Stadium football field 15 feet apart with only their parents allowed to attend. The parents, who surrounded their graduates while sitting in chairs, were also 15 feet apart and wearing masks, as were Bishop John Folda and a few other priests and faculty members who attended. Students kept their distance as they stood in line and waited for their names to be

called to collect their diplomas.

Instead of having someone hand out diplomas, staff placed them on a table and the graduates picked them up as they walked by before posing for a quick photograph.

Graduate Anthony Hollingsworth said after the hour and a half ceremony that he thought it “went better than expected.” “Of course, in true North Dakota fashion, we had to deal with the wind,” he said. Several seniors chased their graduation caps at different times during the ceremony as the mortarboards blew off in the strong southerly breeze. Hollingsworth said it was “kind of surreal” to have the ceremony after everything the seniors and other students experienced

this spring. The senior class hadn't been united since mid-March, when distance learning began.

"It was incredible, unbelievable to see everyone again," said Hollingsworth, who wants to be a pilot and plans to attend the University of North Dakota. Michael Hagstrom, president of the city's Catholic schools, was "so glad" to see the students again in a ceremony he called "really rare."

"We really missed them," he said. Hagstrom credited Gov. Doug Burgum, state Superintendent of Schools Kirsten Baesler, Essentia Health, Fargo Cass Public Health and some parents and students with making the ceremony possible and safe.

Parents Jim and Kari Dew said before the event began as they sat in their two chairs that they were "very happy" to be able to be there, while other family and friends from "around the entire country" were watching a livestream on the Shanley TV website. A video of the ceremony will remain available through the site.

Their son, Jace, had a special person watching the livestream. His grandfather recently underwent heart surgery and planned to show his support for the future Bismarck State College student by watching from his hospital room.

That's the way Fargo and Moorhead families will have to watch their graduates, too. Allowing parents to attend graduation for schools with



larger class sizes would greatly exceed Burgum's limit of 250 people for large gatherings that he released last Friday. For Shanley students and families, social distancing would continue later in the night, too, as the Dew and Hollingsworth families planned small parties with family members.

"We're going to have some cake," Hollingsworth said as his eyes lit up and a smile likely emerged under his mask. And as the students headed out into a world that at this time seems so uncertain, the commencement speaker, Carolyn Williams-Foell, who is leaving the school after teaching theology there for 13 years, told the graduates to not be afraid, but also to be prudent in making decisions.

"Experience the world," Williams-Foell said. To gain the courage to be unafraid, she told the graduates to rely on prayer as they "talk to God every day."

"You can tell Him about your hopes, desires and frustrations," she said.

"That's what I do, and he's not tired of me yet."

Our Class of 2020 Grads

Post-Graduation Plans



NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Victoria Aal	Matthew Motschenbacher
Armand Andersen	Shani Niyonzima
Heidi Deplazes	Mia Nystrom
Grace Emineth	Emily Post
Noelle Freeman	Evan Reinholz
Katrina Gietzen	Brandon Rostberg
Joseph Kava	Madeline Smith
Carson Landstrom	Edward Snyder
Jackson Leier	Daniel Splitt
Constance Mastel	Joshua Ward
Zachary McCormick	Haley Wiese
Owen Mears	
Matthew Miller	
Jordan Miranda	



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

Claire Bailly	Olivia Manuel
Ellie Baumgartner	Mary Mark
Evan Bubach	Zoey Schlanser
Matthew Fetner	Anna Seefeldt
Caleb Flanagan	Quincy Smith
Kevin Gladitsch	Chance Thorsteinson
Grant Gores	Dalton Visser
Anthony Hollingsworth	Hope Wilson
Gemma Johnson	Mason Winkelman
	Joshua Wuebker



BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE

Jace Dew
Reile Payne



UNIVERSITY OF MARY

Anna Graveline
Josephine Bowden



MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY

Roman Srejma



UNIVERSITY OF JAMESTOWN

Mason Wheelock



CONCORDIA COLLEGE

Jerica Friese
Leo Hanson



MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD

Anna Beauchamp
Aubrey Dunn
Rebecca Koerner
Alexandra Melting
Madelyn Schmit



THE SCIENCE OF SUCCESS

North Dakota State College of Science

NORTH DAKOTA STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Samuel Dietz
Tate Kelsch
Daniel McLaughlin

COLLEGE OF Saint Benedict



COLLEGE OF ST. BENEDICT

Kate Gallagher



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA - TWIN CITIES

Brayden Altringer
Anna Frie
Rose Grimestad
Mitchell Krings



JUNIOR HOCKEY

Drew Sandy



ST. CATHERINE UNIVERSITY

Abigail Conrad



UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Olivia Johnson



CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

Mary (Ellie) Craft

SOUTH DAKOTA



SCHOOL OF MINES & TECHNOLOGY

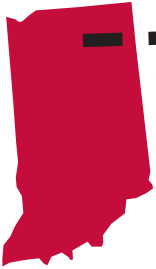
SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES

Lexi Ochsner



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Calli Schanzenbach



UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
Matthew Fischer



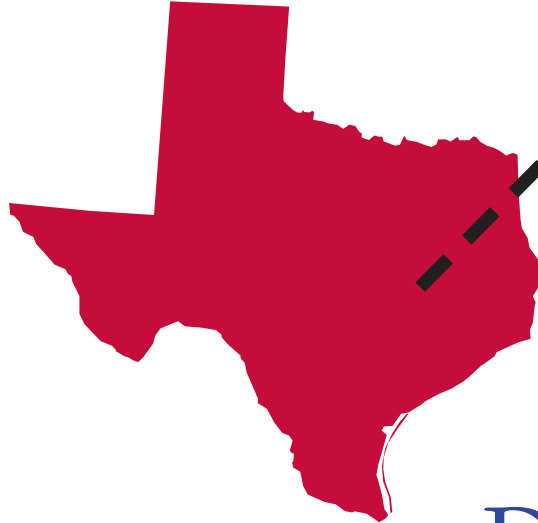
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Jack Christl

UNDECIDED

Josephine Harms
Talon Hoffer
Logan Morris
Ella Sweeney
Isaac Berglind



NET MINISTRIES
James Roberts



BROOKHAVEN COLLEGE
Teresa Weigel



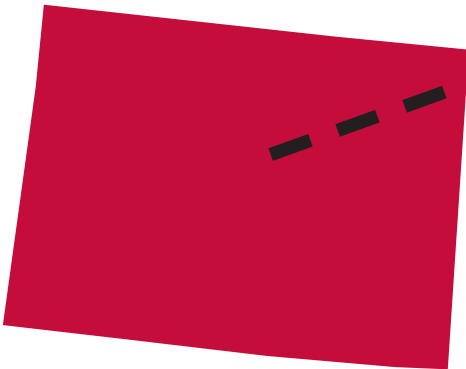
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Ariene Smith



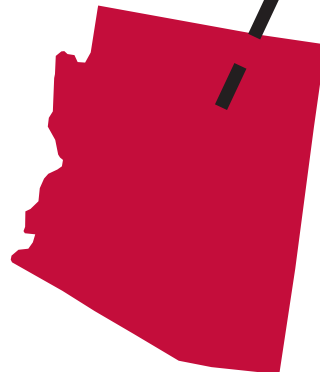
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
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Duke UNIVERSITY
LUKE BEISWENGER

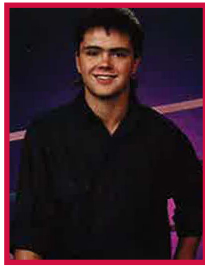


UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY
Jacob Dosch



Arizona State University
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY
Hadley Huber

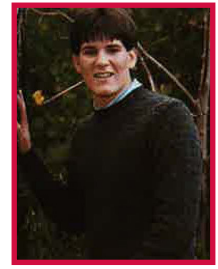
2020 Legacy Graduates



Ellie Baumgartner & Tom Baumgartner '90



Josephine Bowden & Bridget (McAllister) Bowden '94



Matthew Fischer & Kenneth Fischer '85



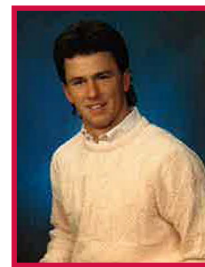
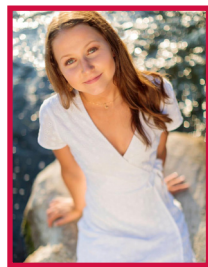
Kate Gallagher & Mike Gallagher '86



Katrina Gietzen & Peggy (Schulz) Gietzen '71



Jack Leonhart & Anne Leonhart '92



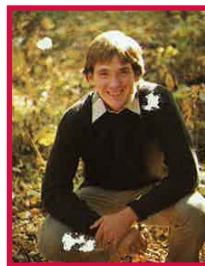
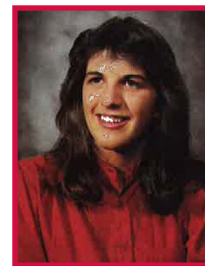
Olivia Manuel & Jeff Manuel '89



Mia Nystrom & Eric Nystrom '82



Haley Weise & Richard Wiese '94



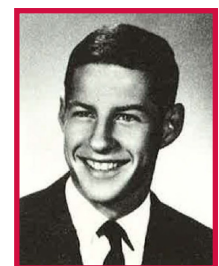
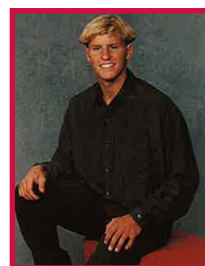
Alexandra Melting, Nancy (Leingang) Melting '83, & James Melting '83



Julianna Wold, Joel Wold '86, Don Wold '61



Samuel Dietz, Kathy (Cosgriff) Fortney '60, & Charles Fortney '60



Zachary McCormick, Greg McCormick '93, Tom McCormick '68



Noelle Freeman, Sara (Godon) Freeman '92, Kathleen (Kelley) Godon '61, Mary Kelley '33

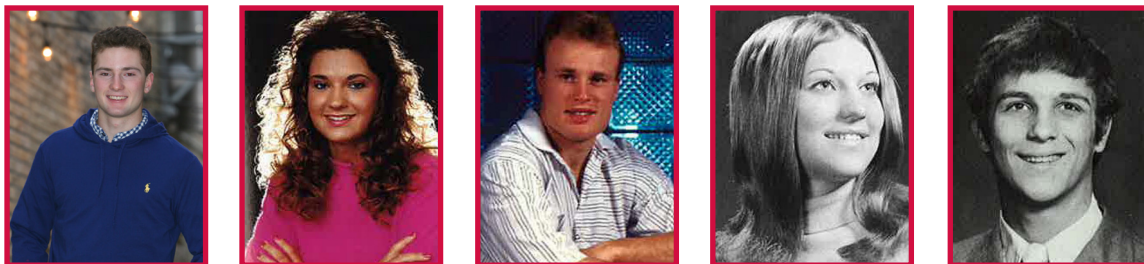


Reile Payne, Courtney (Johnson) Payne '99, Dustin Payne '92, Merlee (Dahm) Johnson '72



Owen Mears & Chad Mears '91

Ella Sweeney, Patrick Sweeney '70, & William Sweeney '35



Drew Sandy, Kary (Mehl) Sandy '90, Tim Sandy '89, Mary Ann (Klein) Mehl '71, Paul Mehl '71



Jack Christl, Jim Christl '89, Susan (Glanzer) Rau '89, Judi Jamieson '62



St. John Paul II Catholic Schools offers the following NDHSAA activities through Shanley:

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|---------------|-----------------------|
| Baseball | Speech |
| Basketball | Student Congress |
| Cross Country | Swim and Dive - girls |
| Cheer | Tennis |
| Debate | Theater |
| Football | Track and Field |
| Golf | Volleyball |
| Soccer | |
| Softball | |

St. John Paul II Catholic Schools also offers the following NDHSAA activities through cooperative sponsorships in partnership with other schools:

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|--------------|----------------------|
| Gymnastics | Swim and Dive - boys |
| Boys Hockey | Wrestling |
| Girls Hockey | |

St. John Paul II Catholic Schools also offers a variety of student clubs and organizations:

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|--------------------------------|--|
| American Heritage | Youth |
| Girls | Quintessence |
| Art Club | Recorder Club |
| Audio/Visual Club (Shanley TV) | St. Ann's (Belcourt) Mission Trip |
| Bible Studies | Sandpebbles |
| Boy Scouts | Science Bowl |
| Chess Clubs | Service Club |
| Chimbote, Peru | Spanish Clubs |
| Mission Trip | Spirit Lake (St. Michael's) Mission Trip |
| Garden Club | Student Ambassadors |
| Girl Scouts | Student Councils |
| Ham Radio | Teens for Life |
| Journalism | Trap Shooting |
| Junior Classical League | Weight Lifting Club |
| Math Club | Yearbooks |
| National Honor Society | |
| Philanthropy and | |

Rostered slots in **850**
Student Activities

4 **43 Club Members**
(4 years of 3 sports)

42 Club Members **24**
(4 years of 2 sports)

4 **Students Qualified**
for National Speech &
Debate Tournament



ND Miss Basketball
Reile Payne



ND Girls Basketball
State Co-Champions

Fargo Shanley earns first Class A girls golf state crown in more than a decade

Written By: Eric Peterson | Oct 6th 2020 - 5p.m.



MINOT, N.D. — Fargo Shanley senior Greta McArthur three-putted and bogeyed the first hole she played Tuesday at Souris Valley Golf Course. She didn't let that slow start define her day. McArthur shot an even-par 72 on the second day of the North Dakota Class A state girls golf tournament, a performance that helped the Deacons win their first team state title since 2007. McArthur finished second among individuals and was also named senior athlete of the year.

"I pushed hard today and I'm just happy we won as a team," McArthur said. "There is a lot to be proud of."

The Deacons finished with a team total of 656 (325-331) over the two days, nine strokes ahead of two-time defending championship Bismarck Century, which ended with a 665 (334-331).

"It means a lot," McArthur said. "It's really awesome that we won it this year. We all pulled it together and finished strong and we got the win."

Century sophomore Hannah Herbel won the individual title for a third consecutive season, finishing with a 145 (71-74) over two days. McArthur finished second with a 148 (76-72).

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"She's like a machine, she just is constant," Shanley head coach Shari McTaggart said of McArthur.

"She's always looking forward, always looking to the next shot, the next hole. That's what you need to make a championship team. Our team did well today, but Greta did really well today and as senior

leadership that was crucial."

McTaggart said McArthur showed that mettle on the first hole, her one of two bogeys on the day.

"That first hole, she three-putted for that bogey," McTaggart said. "It's that being able to recover, being able to look forward and not let those type of shots bother you."

McArthur birdied No. 6 and No. 17 to help finish with an even-

par round to tie her best round this season.

She missed a hole-in-one on the par-3 No. 17 by a couple of inches.

"To play even par, that tied my best round this year so that was awesome," McArthur said. "I didn't get myself into any trouble today and when I needed to make par putts, I was making them."

Lindsey Astrup finished in 12th place for the Deacons with a 169 (81-88). Sophie Keelin (87-84) and Halle Balluff (81-90) both added 171s to tie for 14th place with another golfer. Shanley's Krista Kramer (91-87) 178 finished in 34th, but her second-day score counted toward the Deacons' team total.

"We needed that. That was kind of the clutch score for us," McTaggart said of Kramer. "Our depth is our strength."

The Deacons last won a Class A state championship in 2007, capping a string of three consecutive state crowns. Century was trying to earn the first team three-peat since that Shanley team's string of titles in 2005, 2006 and 2007.

"To beat Century, we were pretty excited," McTaggart said. "We knew that we had an opportunity coming out here that we could win the championship. We tried to kind of keep it low key. We didn't want to make that the big center of practice. We really wanted to push just doing your best and always looking toward that next shot."

Fargo Shanley's Kenney sets North Dakota field goal record, draws attention of former NFL kicking great

Written By: Eric Peterson | Sep 19th 2020 - 11a.m.



FARGO — Fargo Shanley kicker Emmet Kenney drew the attention of a former NFL kicker with his record-setting field goal Friday night against West Fargo Sheyenne at Essentia Health Mustang Stadium.

Kenney drilled a 58-yard field goal in the fourth quarter of an Eastern Dakota Conference football matchup in which Sheyenne earned a 43-38 victory in a showdown of unbeaten teams.

Kenney set an unofficial state record, according to the North Dakota High School Activities Association.

“It was amazing,” Kenney said. “It was a dream come true to be quite honest. ... I’m definitely upset that we lost. Hopefully, we’ll advance through the season and we’ll make a good run in the postseason.”

The 6-foot-4, 180-pound Kenney is one of the top prep kicking prospects in the country and has received offers from North Dakota State and the University of South Dakota. Kohl’s

Professional Camps ranks Kenney at No. 21 in country for kickers in the 2021 class.

Lawrence Tynes, a former New York Giants kicker and two-time Super Bowl champion, took note of Kenney’s big boot on social media.

“That’s a big time kick for a High School kid or anyone for that matter,” Tynes wrote on Twitter.

Tynes also played for the Kansas City Chiefs during his nine-year NFL career. He’s the only NFL player to make two game-winning overtime field goals in the playoffs.

“That was pretty awesome,” Kenney said of the attention from Tynes. “That was certainly a great moment and a feeling of accomplishment.”

Kenney said his Shanley teammate Henry Collins pointed out after the game that Tynes had commented on the kick via Twitter.

“He’s a huge Giants fan,” Kenney said of Collins.

Kenney's 58-yard boot took over first place on the NDHSAA list for longest field goals, ahead of Fargo South's Jacob Weiler, who kicked a 52-yarder against Fargo North in 2012. Darin Erstad nailed a 50-yarder for Jamestown in 1991.

Fargo Shanley head coach Troy Mattern was the coach at South in 2012 when Weiler made that 52-yarder. Kenney was good friends with Cooper Mattern, the starting Shanley quarterback, so Kenney went to several South games when he was younger with Cooper. Kenney said Weiler was a "fantastic" kicker.

"I definitely looked up to him when I was younger, and then now to see I hit a longer ball than him in a game. That was pretty cool," Kenney said.

Kenney didn't know if coach Mattern was going to send him out to try the the long field goal with the Deacons trailing by eight points early in the fourth quarter.

"I was standing by coach Mattern once it was fourth down and I was thinking, 'I don't know.' Obviously I was hoping he would send me out there, but not quite sure," Kenney said. "He checked the distance and he said right away, 'Field goal.' For him to have that trust in me that was amazing."

Kenney missed a 45-yard field goal earlier in the game. That try had plenty of leg, but sailed wide. He said that kick helped him read the wind for the record-setting 58-yarder.

"Right after I saw the referee's arms go up, I was jumping up and down, I was going nuts, I was yelling," Kenney said, "To be in high school and to have your coach trust you that much in such a big game like it was with the game being on TV and everything, it was just incredible."

Kenney said he's heard from multiple colleges since the record-setting kick, including some that hadn't contacted him before. He has talked to Power Five conference schools, but hasn't set a timetable on committing to a college.

"I'm just trying to focus on my season right now," Kenney said. "I just don't want to get distracted because we have a fantastic team and we have something great going."

Earlier this season, Kenney was videotaped kicking field goals from 64 yards out during pregame warmups.

Kenney has committed to kick for Stanford University in 2021



Alumni News

1950's

Rosemary (Miller) Olson ('53) and her husband, Max, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 18, 2020.

Sheila (Person) Gullickson ('57) and her husband, Warren, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 18, 2020.

2000's

Samantha (Laske) Haluptzok ('05) and her husband, Scott, welcomed a son on March 23, 2020.

Michael Stecher ('07) and his wife, Jessica, welcomed a daughter on February 1, 2020.

Melissa (Lewis) Casper ('08) and her husband, Michael, welcomed a son on May 31, 2020.

2010's

Madaline DelaBarre ('10) married Ryan Arndt on June 3, 2017. She has worked at Vitalant (United Blood Services) since 2013.

Brandon Dietz ('10) has been in the Army for 5 years and is currently stationed in Italy as a paratrooper in the Infantry.

Bailey Lilienthal ('10) married Chance Zacher in 2013 and they have a daughter, Lilien, born in 2017. Bailey works as a Veterinary Technician at Casselton Veterinary Service in Casselton, ND.

Emily Olig ('10) graduated from UND School of Medicine in May 2019 and is currently an OB-GYN resident in Kansas City, KS.

Chenise (Nesler) Tandsater ('10) and her husband, John, welcomed a daughter, Sawyer Marie, on March 5, 2020.

Elliot Bates ('11) married Mariah Tweton on May 15, 2020 at Sts. Anne and Joachim Catholic Church in Fargo, ND.

Taylor Bredahl ('11) earned her bachelor's degree in Community Health from Arizona State University. She is currently working as a loan processor at Bell Bank in Fargo, ND.

Derek Finneseth ('11) married Erica Hauf on October 18, 2019. Derek graduated from NDSU with a BS in Spanish Education and is currently teaching Spanish at Oak Grove Lutheran School.

Marie Fischer ('11) graduated from NDSU. She is married to Joe Rasmus and they have one daughter, Ava.

Danielle Herrington ('11) married Christopher Gerving on October 28, 2017. They welcomed a son, Owen, on February 6, 2019.

Landon Lang ('11) lives in Fargo and is working on his CPA at MSUM while working in Accounting/Finance for MTE Investments.

Connor McGovern ('11) married Devin Dilling on June 27, 2020. Connor is currently playing center (#60) for the New York Jets in the NFL.

Myles Montplaisir ('11) started a social media company in 2018 called You Betcha. He posts comedic videos about life in the Midwest and has 1.7 million followers. (youbetcha.com)

Lauren Nelson ('11) recently returned to Fargo from Bismarck and took over as clinic manager for Massage Envy in Fargo. She has a daughter attending Nativity Elementary.

Sean Osland ('11) works at US Bank as an Outbound Fraud Team Manager. He is married to Rebecca (Parkson) Osland and they have two little boys: Emmet is 4 and Charlie is 4 months.

Josh Rodenbiker ('11) is the assistant basketball coach for the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN.

Eric Seitz ('11) was ordained to the priesthood on August 8, 2020. He is now serving as parochial vicar at St. John's Catholic Church in Wahpeton, ND.

Anne Sinner ('11) graduated from College of St. Benedict with a degree in Nursing in 2016. She married Greg Schollmeier on December 29, 2018.

Kathryn Sitzmann ('11) married Ben LeCompte on June 24, 2017 and they have a daughter, Rylynn Jo LeCompte, born June 14, 2019.

Sarah Storandt ('11) married Charlie Peeters on June 27, 2020.

Michael Torgerson ('11) graduated from St. John's University in 2015 with a degree in Accounting & Finance. Mike works at nVent and just celebrated 5 years with the company. He married Carolyn Bedford in May of 2018.

Michael Storandt ('13) married Sarah Sand on July 18, 2020.

James Opitz ('14) married Ashley Trosen on June 8, 2019 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Fargo. James re-enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and they now live in South Carolina. They welcomed a son, Emric James, on February 13, 2020.

Payton Thimjon ('15) married Alex Kelly on August 14, 2020.

Jordan Johnson ('16) and Cassandra Opitz ('16) announced their engagement on January 26, 2020. They are planning an October 2021 wedding in Fargo, ND.

Madeline Breen ('17) married Jackson Braun on June 26, 2020.

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Jack Leonhart ('20) graduated from United States Marine Corps boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot - San Diego on September 18, 2020. PVT Leonhart will report to Camp Pendleton for two months at Infantry Training Battalion.



PVT Jack Leonhart



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Seminary Life in a Pandemic



***Seminarian and Shanley Alum
Jasper Keller '17
reflects on the ups and downs of
seminary formation through COVID-19***

When the pandemic hit, how did the shutdown effect your day-to-day life as a seminarian?

At first, we followed the same guidelines as everyone else as though we were a business. So that meant trying to social distance at all times in the seminary, limiting gatherings to 10 people or less, etc. We were even working on having 6 Masses a day for a little bit so that we could continue to receive Jesus everyday! However, very quickly we received special permission to continue normal-sized, socially distanced gatherings as a house, since we were able to more or less quarantine as a house.

What challenges did you have to overcome, and what helped you do so?

Being stuck in a seminary for 9 weeks with 47 other guys was in many ways very fortunate for us. Certainly there were challenges for us, and patience ran thin at times. However, it forced us to spend what would normally be our days out of the seminary together, spending organic time together. Since we were all clamoring for something to do, there was a very healthy atmosphere of bonding.

How did being a Deacon prepare you for seminary life?

Going to Shanley opened doors for God to work in my life, to call me forth from insecurity and doubt of my faith into the light of relationship with him. This was in spite of the many challenges and obstacles to that relationship from the world and from many of those close to me. The opportunity for prayer in my daily life fed this gift. Especially during the latter years of high school, I utilized the opportunity for private prayer most every day, and this laid many seeds for my discernment into seminary as well as for my spiritual life in general. Without being at Shanley, it would have been much more difficult for me to cultivate that relationship with God, and frankly it probably wouldn't have continued. Finally, the opportunity of learning about vocational



Keller at Shanley Circa 2017

discernment in Christian Vocations class was instrumental in my seeking of God’s will and voice in my life. The care and good example of my teacher at the time, Mr. Gow, was providential for me, and it was this foundation that led me to discern seminary and continue in my discipleship during these formative years.

What are some things you’re grateful for during the pandemic?

I am thankful especially for my prayer life and my Catholic faith during this time. In many ways my daily relationship with God keeps me grounded in reality and insulated from unbounded fear and preoccupation of death that so readily befalls the secular mind during this time. My mind is turned habitually to higher things of contemplation, or at least away from dwelling on the world that I cannot

change, and I am fundamentally safe in my knowledge of God’s desire for me to love him on into eternity beyond this life. I have also been very blessed in being kept safe from harm during this time, and I am grateful to God for this. My heart goes out to those suffering from the virus, whether physically, emotionally, or spiritually; God walks with you.

What are your hopes for returning to seminary this fall?

This summer has really highlighted the need for me to grow in what the Church calls “human formation.” Essentially, this dimension of seminary formation encompasses the entire man as he is: his person, his natural gifts, his wounds, his vices, how he relates to other persons and to God, his (unshakeable) identity as a Beloved Son of the Father. It is the foundation for everything else. The man whose life and identity flows securely from the love of the Father is the man who can give of himself “unto death, even death on a cross.” (Philippians 2:8) I hope and pray that I am given the grace to be open to the fathering of God. Please pray for me in this.

Keller is a College IV seminarian for the Diocese of Fargo studying at St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward, NE

From piercing to pediatrics; Fargo doctor takes an inspiring career path

Written By: Tracy Briggs | Aug 22nd 2020 - 7a.m.



Something remarkable happened early on in Dr. Steve Smedshammer's pediatric rotation in the Twin Cities when he met with a woman and her autistic teenage son and began asking questions.

"I asked, 'before I even talk to your son, what are his triggers? Can he be touched? Can I do a physical exam? If he allows me to listen to his heart and lungs, will the cold metal be a trigger?'" Smedshammer says.

He continued asking whether the boy was bothered by loud sounds and if he should turn the lights down in the exam room.

"She started crying," Smedshammer says. "She said in all of the years of doctoring for him, no one ever asked that."

Even early in his career, Smedshammer seems to grasp that bedside manner is as important as medical knowledge. Caring for others seems like something he was born and destined to do. But his road to residency was far from smooth and straight. It was full of detours, a few potholes and even a real life "Wheel of Fortune." But the tale of his journey should be required reading for any student feeling pressured to know exactly where their education and career path is headed.

A great start, a "rebellious" turn

Smedshammer was born and raised just north of Fargo to a mom with a master's degree in nursing and a Master Sergeant dad. He had two older half-siblings and one younger sister.

"I had a phenomenal childhood," Smedshammer recalls. "My parents were remarkable people."

At Fargo's Shanley High School, he says he was interested in technology and figured after graduation in 2002, he'd pursue a degree in computer science at North Dakota State University. That summer he got into the subculture of music.

"I'm a kid of the '80s. I was raised on Nirvana, Soundgarden, those kinds of '90s grunge bands," he says. "I was 18, it was my first taste of freedom. I got a tattoo and I was all rebellious."

He even took on apprenticeship doing piercings at a tattoo shop in Fargo. Once school started, he found his entry-level college computer classes less than challenging. He says he became "disenchanted" after about a month and decided to quit school. When he told his parents they said 'okay' but he was 18 and he should move out of the house.

"Without any argument or fanfare I packed my bags and moved out without a game plan as to what I was going to do," he says.

He says he wasn't really scared about the uncertainty because he's always had confidence in himself to figure things out.

The 'couch circuit'

For the next year and a half he lived on tips from his unpaid apprenticeship and relied upon the generosity of friends who, when he wasn't sleeping in his car, let him sleep on their couch.

"I like to call it 'the couch circuit,'" he says.

He says when he went home at the holidays with ever-increasing tattoos and piercings, his parents didn't say much.

"As supportive as they were, it wasn't really their jam," Smedshammer says.

But as the year-and-a-half went on Smedshammer says he was starting to build a strong clientele.

"I love people. I'm very outgoing and very social. I would talk to a wrong number for an hour if I had the opportunity," he says. "So people were starting to come back for repeat services."

At that same time, Smedshammer put his love of music to work, forming a band with some friends.

"Metal, screaming, loud stuff. We had a wonderful, affectionate name, 'Necktie Suicide.' The kind of thing where you cringe when your grandma asks," he says with a big laugh.

They put out two albums and toured the Midwest, all while Smedshammer continued his piercing work. But it was an interaction he had with a woman who came in for a nose piercing one day that would

change the course of his life. The woman, impressed by Smedshammer's people skills during the piercing, asked if he ever considered becoming a doctor because he already had an "impeccable" bedside manner.

"I kind of laughed and said, 'no, I'm pretty happy with what I'm doing.' She's like 'well, you gotta think about what you're going to do when you grow up.' I was in my mid-20s at this point so I was a little burnt by that," he says.

Back to class

Nonetheless, he says, that conversation struck a nerve and that next weekend he found himself applying to go back and get his undergraduate degree at the University of Mary in Bismarck. He says he felt like becoming a doctor was a little outside his scope, but he thought nursing would be an option. But that changed after a lecture one day in a nursing class.

"The lecturer was putting up images of people of various walks of life and having us shout out what our stereotypes or gut reactions to the people were," he says. "She said something like, 'Steve, you're going to love this one.' It was a photo of some guy with a huge septum ring and ears stretched like mine were. She asked what the incorrect perceptions were and they said things like 'dirty.' I was like 'hey, I'm right here. I'm kind of offended.'"

Smedshammer, who at his peak had about 23 piercings and close to 100 tattoos, said he immediately left nursing for pre-med where he felt he might be in more of a position to change perceptions.

"I have a ton of respect for the nursing world, but something about that moment put a bad taste in my mouth," he says. "I'm the one that always fought for the marginalized. I met people from all walks of life, especially when I was with the band. They were down on their luck and I always felt like you shouldn't judge anyone. I felt like I needed to do something to curb this. Help make more of a systemic change in perceptions."

In other words, if patients walked in and saw a doctor with tattoos and piercings it could have a greater impact to affect change.

"So why not aim for the fences and go for doctor. And it worked I guess," he says.

By 2010 he was seeing his now wife, Christine who was living in Fargo. He transferred to Concordia College in Moorhead, where he says as a 'scrawny, bearded, tattooed guy' he never felt judged.

"I felt accepted. It's a very accepting, progressive kind of environment," he says.

And the acceptance of his alternative look extended once he graduated and attended medical school at the University of North Dakota.

"I was the oldest person (32) in my class. On the flip side we had a girl in our class who was 19 - a homeschooled prodigy. But we all respected each other and took care of each other," he says.

By this point, Smedshammer was also taking care of a family. He had married his "amazing and supportive" wife Christine and they had one daughter, Sloane, who is now 6. (Son Saint, 4 and daughter Stevie, 1 1/2, came along a little later).

Raising a family while going to school can be a costly affair, but Smedshammer got help from an unexpected place, the "Wheel of Fortune" game show where he was chosen to be a contestant.

"The Wheelmobile was in Fargo and my wife said, 'you watch the show as a kid and you're awesome. You should go do it,'" he says.

He competed against hundreds of others in town to get a chance to be on the show where he eventually won, \$33,150 - money that helped the Smedshammers buy a house.

The road to residency

After a series of interviews and applications for residency programs which Christine describes as "The Hunger Games meets Tinder," Smedshammer was accepted in the University of Minnesota pediatrics program, with the eventual goal to be a pediatric oncologist. He's currently working at Children's Minnesota in St. Paul.

He says medicine, for him, is the perfect marriage of the people skills his dad instilled in him with the compassion his mom brought to the table. His father died a few years ago, but he says his mom is proud of where he is now.

He's come a long way since sleeping on people's couches and driving around in "a stinky van with a bunch of smelly guys playing music."

Not only is Smedshammer pursuing a medical career, he's also using his less than traditional career path to mentor undergraduates and medical students about their own goals - teaching them how to evaluate themselves and learn how to trust their own instincts.

And what about Smedshammer's own children? What would he tell them if they chose a less than traditional career path like his?

Like a lot of dads, he says he just wants his kids to be happy.

"If it makes you happy, that's what I want," he says. "I don't want somebody toiling away at a job that they hate because they felt that was the track they're supposed to do. I don't want regrets. And I'd encourage people to look at life the same way."

Thirteenth Annual Hall of Fame & Mike & Karen Hofer Deacon Awards Ceremony



St. John Paul II Catholic Schools honored the following individuals on Saturday, September 19 2020 at the Thirteenth Annual Hall of Fame and Mike and Karen Hofer Deacon Awards Ceremony.

The St. John Paul II Catholic Schools Hall of Fame honors Sacred Heart Academy or Shanley High School alumni, teams, faculty, or staff who during or after their time at SHA/SHS achieved a level of excellence deserving of recognition and who reflect honorably on the St. John Paul II Catholic Schools and its mission. Their accomplishments can be in athletics, fine arts, leadership, service, career, or professional endeavors.

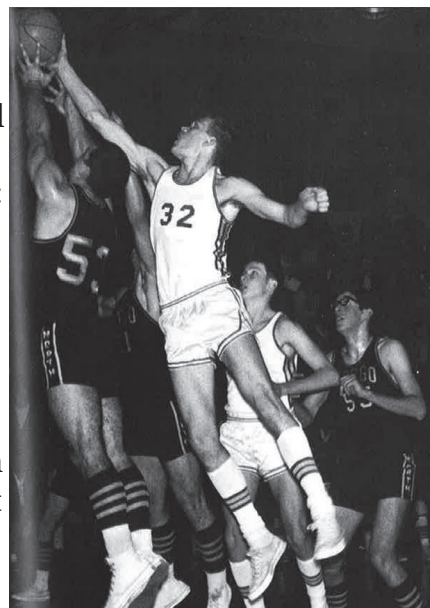
The 2020 Hall of Fame inductees were Mike Kuppich and Angie (Welle) Edinger. Due to COVID-19, some candidates deferred their induction to the 20201 Hall of Fame ceremony.

Hall of Fame:

Michael Kuppich graduated from Shanley in 1968 & was a starter on both the Deacon football team (2 years) and basketball team (3 years).

Michael currently still holds North Dakota high school tournament records from 1968:

- Most points in a state tournament game (47)
- Most points in a state tournament (113)
- Most rebounds in a state tournament game (29)
- Most field goals in a state tournament game (18)



Mike Kuppich

Michael was the senior state scoring champion in 1968 with an average of 29 points per game.

He was the first ND high school player to score 50 points in a game.

Michael went on to play for NDSU, where he led the Bison in scoring for 3 seasons (17.3 ppg as a sophomore, 17.4 ppg as a junior, and 22.2 ppg as a senior). He was inducted into the NDSU Hall of Fame in 1985, at which time he still held the school's scoring (1,463) & rebounding (723) records.

Angie (Welle) Edinger graduated from Shanley in 1998 & was ND's 1997 Class A Player of the Year. Off the court, Angie was an active member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, and French Club. She was also a mentor in the DARE program. Angie's accomplishments & awards include:



Angie (Welle) Edinger

- High school basketball career of 2,015 points, 1,244 rebounds, & 316 blocked shots
 - Averaged 25.5 points & 15.6 rebounds her senior season, leading the Deacons to a State Championship
 - Led her 1997 AAU team to a national title
 - Most decorated player in Iowa State Women's Basketball history – all time leading scorer (2,149 points) & rebounder (1,209)
 - Three time All-American (2000, 2001, & 2002) & Big 12 Tournament MVP honors
 - Iowa State #32 jersey was retired in 2010
 - Inducted into the Iowa State Hall of Fame in 2017.
- Angie pursued a degree in educational leadership. She married Ryan Edinger in 2010 and they have 2 children, Lily & Fletcher.

"Being a Deacon doesn't only mean knowing the school song, winning basketball, golf, football state championships, listening to the Sand Pebbles, having the best musicals, etc. It means so much more...being a Deacon really means to serve...I am confident those experiences while going to Shanley taught me that life is not about me. We are here for a bigger purpose, and that is to serve others, to

be selfless, and to truly foster the followings of Christ. -Angie (Welle) Edinger.

Deacon Award

Roger Fenstad and **Mark Walker** have both devoted much time, talent, and treasure to the advancement of Catholic education in the Fargo-Moorhead area.



Roger & Jan Fenstad are parents of four Shanley graduates – Nicole '90, Eric '94, Mark '97 & Michael '99. Mark & Mary Lou Walker are parents of three Shanley graduates – Jennifer '95, Erin '97 & Meghan '03. Both the Fenstads &

Roger Fenstad



Mark Walker

Walkers were deeply involved in Shanley activities and both have chaired the annual Shanley Dinner Auction.

Roger & Mark both continued to stay involved with Shanley long after their children graduated;

volunteering countless hours with Shanley Athletic Club and the Roger Maris Golf Tournament. Both have chaired the Roger Maris Golf Tournament raising money for Shanley Athletics for several years. Mark ran clock for Deacon basketball games for over 20 years, finally retiring after the 2018-19 season.



Mike & Karen Hofer Deacon Award & Hall of Fame Nomination Form



Hall of Fame Award
Graduates, teams or employees

- ◆10 years since graduation
- ◆5 years since employment

◆Level of excellence in Athletics, Arts, Academics, Leadership, Service, Career or Professional either at SHA/SHS or following graduation

◆Reflect Honorably on the JPII Catholic Schools

Deacon Award
Graduates, parents, employees & friends

◆Exemplify ideals of a Deacon through extensive service and outstanding contributions of time, talent and/or treasure to the JPII Catholic Schools.

◆Reflect Honorably on the JPII Catholic Schools

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“Lunch ladies” launch food help in pandemic

Written By: Roxane B. Salonen | August 28th 2020 - 7a.m.



FARGO — Entering Shanley High School on March 16, staff and administrators of St. John Paul II Catholic Schools were met not by the anticipatory sounds of children’s voices returning from spring break, but hollow halls. Tasked with leading students during what had quickly become an historic, life-changing scenario, driven by a new and uncertain virus impacting the world, they had little time to figure out how to create a safe learning experience. But while many had academics in mind, Patty Desharnais, food services director, faced another conundrum: freezers and pantries filled with food without anyone to eat it. “It was a very quick turnaround,” says Dawn Storandt, school nurse, of the decision to prepare the food already in store, along with government-provided supplements, to families in need. “We got the notification on Sunday the 15th that

(in-person) school was done for now, and by the 16th, we’d begun reaching out to families.” By March 17, they had food ready for disbursement. Families could either stop at Shanley a couple times a week for boxes containing two meals and a snack for five days total, or have it delivered to their homes. Desharnais says about half chose delivery; the other, pickup. Though the effort began within the



school community, it eventually widened. “If someone said, ‘I know of a neighbor,’ or, ‘I know of...’ whomever, we didn’t care. If you had a need, we made sure you got a meal box,” Storandt says. “It was exciting to be able to be part of this and provide food for families who were in a situation no one ever thought they would be in.” Initially, an email offering help went to families on free or reduced lunches, but in time, others whose income had changed

requested them, too.

“We are not here to judge — that’s what I kept saying,” Desharnais adds. “If someone needed food, they knew they could reach out to Dawn. We had a few



wrinkles to work out, but we had a good team... everyone was so willing to jump in.”

Early on, several others volunteered to help, creating a “lunch ladies” team that worked through the school year and beyond, ending mid-August.

“Dawn was in charge of doing more of the computer work,” Desharnais explains. “She would report to me, ‘This is how many families we have today,’ and I coordinated the food.”

At the height of the effort, in the spring, she says, up to 40 families were being served daily. Referring to the boxes as “happy meals,” John Klocke, advancement director, shared in a summer school newsletter that Desharnais was reporting 35 families, comprising 100 children and 69 adults, were receiving meals.

The newsletter also mentioned donations that had come in from other families — both from within and beyond

the school community — after they’d heard about the effort to help in this way “during this unique time.”

The donations enabled the crew compiling the boxes to provide extras, including Easter bundles with ham, bags of potatoes and candy.

“We were also able to do s’mores kits for Memorial Day, plus gift cards every once in a while,” Desharnais shares.

Storandt says she’s received thank-you notes for the extra touches, like the freezable “ice pops” that appeared in the food boxes one warm day.

“Someone also donated a zillion Girl Scout Cookies, so that was something different in addition to the regular meals.”

One week, Desharnais made her “famous” homemade cookies, Storandt says, “so they all got the Shanley cookies everyone loves.” And at Easter, the Rev. William Slattery, school chaplain, added prayer cards and rosaries, along with candy.

“We did try to get the whole (spiritual) piece together so they could celebrate Easter.”

Desharnais says some parents told her their kids especially appreciated the cartons of milk.

“That was the highlight for some — that they were excited to open the fridge and get their little milk carton, just like at school.”

“You don’t wish this on anyone,” Storandt says, “but it was nice to be able to do something to make it a little easier on those families in need.”

Becoming Extraordinary

People in this Pandemic Who Make a Difference



Char Sauvageau Scott making masks at her sewing machine

COVID-19 has affected each and every person on a global scale. The first several months were frightening as there were no firm facts or parallels to compare. Even the experts were grasping in the dark to stop this pandemic.

Responses to this new life situation varied from family to family. At our house we went overboard washing or spraying everything from our mail, the infamous Amazon boxes, to food, clothing and scrubbing countertops, faucets at a very high level of efficiency. Those directives have relaxed as we continue to understand and deal intelligently with this new normal. But one aspect of this global situation remains effective: wearing masks. They are in high demand and many seek help in attaining them. Finding masks became a life-line for many: the elderly, homeless, essential workers and more. This need created extraordinary people everywhere.

One such person is Char Sauvageau Scott, a 1968 Shanley graduate married to Jim Scott, class of 1967. Here is her story about making and donating over 3,000 masks since March.

In her own words:

“After High School I moved to Minneapolis for 3 years before returning to Fargo to marry Jim Scott “67” in 1970. We just celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary August 8th. Jim joined the US Army after graduation from NDSU in Civil Engineering. Our family, (children Jim Jr. Minneapolis, Mark, Sara, and granddaughter Alayna Rosemount, and Megan Cleveland Oh.) moved 20 times, lived all over the US, Germany and Japan, during Jim’s career of 26 years in the Army. During his career I enjoyed the roll of “at home Mom” but kept busy with many on post volunteer projects one being the CCD coordinator for the children’s program while we were in Japan.

Once our youngest Megan was in school full time I followed my passion of art and worked outside the home in custom art framing. When Jim retired from the Army and we moved to Michigan I opened my own shop in our basement and it moved with us to Lino Lakes, MN where we volunteered for Loaves and Fishes in St. Paul and Minneapolis. Our final retirement move was to West McDonald Lake in 2011, where we enjoy having the best neighbors anyone could ask for.

My mother started me out sewing my doll clothes very young and Shanley Home Ec helped it along. (Sr. Justina!) It has come in handy making all the kids Halloween costumes

Written By: Sue Anderson Jackson, Class of ‘68

and when there was a call for masks I had 3 full totes of material to work from.

Once we retired to the lake Jim and I both wanted to get involved with the community by volunteering at our new hospital in Perham, MN. I work in the gift shop and Jim greets and helps people entering the clinic. That came to an end when COVID hit in March. The call went out for masks for the clinic, hospital, and nursing home in Perham. From there it snowballed. Our church in Dent needed them, the EMT's in Perham, my neighbors around the lake, and the call went out from the American Legion in the tri-state area that they needed 6,000 for Veterans hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes. Jenny Caughey, from the Quilts of Valor in Dent was called on to coordinate the effort. With the help of many sewers in the area we met the goal in 3 weeks and they were delivered.

On my own I have donated over 1000 masks for veterans and cut out another 1100 for project packets for other sewers to work on. For the most part Jim and I have donated money for materials but I also received donations from friends. Another project I got involved in was making 300, 18x22 in. bags, for the Calvary Church in Perham for their outreach project. The Veterans Nursing Home in Fergus Falls needed 130 of the same kind of bags for the wheel chair bound guest to store their items in.

One of my pet project involved my oldest son. He works with a non profit group call Street Works in the Twin Cities, that work with homeless youth. I've sent over 900 masks to them to hand out to the kids on the street and use in their homeless shelters.

My mission this summer, for as long a needed, will be making mask to give away or mail to family and friends and if that can help in any way to protect others during this time, the time invested is well worth it. To date I have made over 3,000 masks and counting. We will be moving to Surprise, AZ for 6 months of the year

and they have a very active sewing group that has supplied masks to needed groups to include the Native American population in the area. While others struggle through this pandemic I like the idea of being very busy making masks and whatever else is needed.”

Yes, within the confines of her Lake home, Char Scott is making a difference... a HUGE difference. Although she misses all the great summer activities at her lake home, she decided to fill her days making masks.... Lots of masks. For many different people.... most days, 5-6 hours a day. Taking remnant fabric and even buying some special ones, Char cut, designed, sewed masks for children, friends, neighbors and family. I became aware of her mission due to a phone call.... Even though we just reconnected a few summers ago over lunch, in her typical generous way she called me to ask if I would like an NDSU mask.... Yes! I was so excited to get something other than the generic disposables. Wearing Char's NDSU mask brings delight to so many as people stop, comment on its uniqueness and then proceed to reminisce about football games, college and friendships. This pandemic has given us all time to stop and visit... At a social distance of course!

Char is one of my heroes. As I struggle to watch one more television series, read one more book, commiserate about missing my family, I think about her contribution during this time. I wish I could even thread a needle and try to like sewing, but I don't.... not even a little. (Sorry Sr. Justina....) So, instead, it's up to me to tell her story.... Of how just a typical person, in a quiet setting, living a simple life is making an amazing contribution during this stressful time.

Char, thank you.

Fargo man who tried to be conscientious objector to Vietnam War died 50 years ago trying to save a wounded soldier

Written By: Jim Shaw | Aug 1st 2020 - 6a.m.



FARGO — FARGO — There are countless numbers of people who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. They were brave and valiant, and answered the call when their country asked them to do so.

This is the story of one of them. His name is Bill Cray. He died in the Vietnam War 50 years ago, at age 25.

Bill grew up in a house at 615 Ninth St. S. in Fargo. He was a 1964 graduate of Shanley High School and Saint Louis University and a student at the University of North Dakota School of Law.

“He was a happy guy, smiling all the time,” said Maura Morberg, Bill’s sister. “He had an optimistic look on life. Everyone gravitated around Bill. He had this natural thought process about doing the right thing.”

“He was a terrific guy,” said Sarah Malone, Bill’s former girlfriend. “He had tremendous depth and was very funny. We connected on a pretty deep spiritual level. He was very honest and had great integrity.”

Bill and Sarah met in 1965. She was a 16-year-old high school student, and Bill was a 20-year-old college student. They met when Bill was on a date with Sarah’s older sister, Mary Clare. Sarah’s sister didn’t have a driver’s license, so Sarah, who just obtained her license, became the driver of that date.

That date didn’t go so well, but several days later Bill called to ask Sarah out. She agreed. Their first date was to the Saint Louis University Winter Ball. After that, they dated for five years.

“We had a deep friendship and he had deep feelings for me,” Sarah said. “I loved him.”

After his first year of law school, Bill was drafted. He had a hard time deciding what to do. Bill was

opposed to the Vietnam War. He didn’t believe in the cause. He strongly thought about going to Canada.

However, Bill received a lot of pressure from his family to join the Army. They warned him that he would be shunned for life if he didn’t report. Many members of Bill’s family had served in the military, and some told Bill it was his obligation to serve.

When Bill was drafted, his younger brother, Mike, was already fighting in the Vietnam War. Unbeknownst to Bill, things had been brutal for Mike in Vietnam. He had been under fire there for 300 days. The most horrific battle came at night, as 1,500 North Vietnamese soldiers launched a surprise attack. Mike was the only member of his squad to survive.

“Mike was never the same after the war,” said his sister, Maura. “He had PTSD, was frightened of loud noises, jumped to the ground when he heard those noises and became a heavy drinker.” Mike died in 2000, at age 52.

Feeling a sense of obligation and duty, along with love of his country, Bill reluctantly reported to boot camp on June 18, 1969. He made clear that he didn’t want to be a combat soldier.

“Bill would never pick up a rifle and shoot someone,” Maura said. “He would not kill anything.”

So, Bill was trained as a combat medic. He was still conflicted about the war.

“I don’t like this war... I intend to make the best of this though,” Bill wrote to Sarah from training camp. “If I don’t discover a better reason for allowing this country to demand of me what I think is so wrong, I should face up to the truth and go to Canada.”

Bill also told Sarah of his deep affection for her.

“I’m afraid I’m very lonely for you. I miss you more than I’ve missed anyone Sarah,” he wrote. “Sarah, you mean so much to me... You know I love you more than I’ve loved any woman.” Bill arrived in Vietnam on March 3, 1970. He was a member of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, Americal Division, Company D.

“I was frightened for his safety,” Sarah said. “I feared he would be killed. I knew people who were killed in Vietnam.”

Bill’s best friend in Vietnam was Sgt. Ken Decker.

“We had a lot of great talks,” Decker said. “He was smarter than hell.”

The company’s orders were to go on search and destroy missions. To find the enemy and kill them.

“Most of the time in the field is spent getting from one place to another, setting up camp, taking it down,” Bill wrote. “Actually, I’m feeling well adjusted since the routine is so stable.”

There were many horrible obstacles for Bill’s company. They included severe heat, heavy rains, crossing creeks, dirty and sweaty uniforms, leeches, mosquitoes, carrying 50 to 75 pounds of equipment, thirst, hunger, lack of sleep and trying to avoid booby traps.

“To say that I’m safe would be absurd,” Bill wrote. “The enemy is very mobile and their booby traps could be anywhere.”

“We really feared those booby traps,” Decker said. “One of our guys stepped on one and was instantly blown up. All we could find was his left foot.”

Bill also made clear his disdain for the war.

“Our interference is impractical, inefficient, uninformed, nondirected, nonproductive and inflationary,” he wrote. “We all realize that we will not win this war or be here for the end of it.”

Bill’s job was to treat the wounded. He also treated heat cramps, stomach cramps, muscle pulls and diarrhea, supplied and administered drugs, took part in guard duty and helped the South Vietnamese. Despite his animosity toward the war, Bill was loyal and devoted to those he served with.

“He took his job very seriously. Everybody liked him,” Decker said. “He would do anything for his fellow soldiers... I remember watching him bandage a young Vietnamese boy. He had a gentle touch.”

Bill also developed an affinity for the Vietnamese. “They are extremely kind to each other,” he wrote.

The longer Bill was in Vietnam, the more disillusioned he became. He was horrified to see the harassment of the villagers. That included shooting them, shooting their animals, torching or blowing up their homes and beating up old women.

“For seven years we have been beating up mamasons (adult women with children), burning their homes and killing their livestock,” Bill wrote. “We have turned into a bunch of marauding Huns terrorizing the people, and we wonder why they don’t like us.”

On May 27, 1970, Bill’s company was assigned to recover several bodies from another unit. Suddenly and unexpectedly, North Vietnamese troops started firing at them. The point man was shot down in an open area. Bill immediately dropped his backpack and ran toward him, carrying only his medical bag. Bill checked to see if he was breathing and tried to lift him up. At that time, Bill was shot and killed.

“What Bill did was stupid, but also incredibly brave,” Decker said.

Besides Bill, three other Americans had been shot dead. Because of the intense fire coming from the North Vietnamese, Bill’s company had to withdraw. They couldn’t safely return to the scene for two days. Decker found Bill’s body. He had been shot in the head and chest. The stench at the sight was overwhelming.

“It was heartbreaking to find him,” Decker said. “We had really connected as buddies. I was pissed off at him, but that was what he was trained to do as a medic. I will never forget what I saw. The sight of those bodies and the smell.”

On the next day, Saturday, May 31, at about 7 am, there was a loud and constant pounding on the door at the Crary family home in Fargo. A uniformed army officer was at the door, and demanded that everybody in the house come downstairs. He told them that Bill was missing in action, saluted and left.

“I was stunned,” Bill’s sister Maura said. “I was in a state of shock. Still, I was hopeful they would find him, or thought he might have been taken prisoner.”

Three days later, a telegram came to the house with the worst possible news. Bill was killed in action.

“I started crying,” Maura said. “I was a wreck. I knew I also had to find his girlfriend, Sarah.”

Sarah was studying in Spain, and received the news in a phone call from her mother.

“I was just devastated. I went to my room and collapsed,” Sarah said. “I would have married him. He was my soulmate.”

For his bravery and determination, Bill was posthumously awarded a Purple Heart and the Silver Star. Now, 50 years after his death, it is still painful for those who knew and loved him.

“I think about him all the time,” Decker said. “The war was a waste. Bill would have made many good things happen in the world.”

“I miss him a lot,” Maura said. “We were so close. He was someone I could always turn to.”

Maura keeps a bag of dirt from where Bill was killed on the kitchen counter in her house.

“I pat that bag every day,” Maura said. “It gives me comfort. It makes me feel connected to Bill.”

“I wish that I had said go to Canada. It would have saved his life,” Sarah said. “It is the loss of possibility. I have never gotten over this. The hurt is still there.”

Bill Crary is buried at the Holy Cross Cemetery in Fargo. His headstone says, “Bill Crary, 1945-1970, He died for the country he loved while fighting a war in which he did not believe.”

Our Beloved Faculty

Sister Petronilla Metzger PBVM ('39)



Sr. Petronilla passed away on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at Eventide in Fargo.

Loyola Mary Metzger was born September 27, 1919 in Hannah, North Dakota, the second of eleven children born to Severius and Lucy (Perius) Metzger. She attended country schools during her elementary years, and High school in Wales, ND, St. Alphonsus High School in Langdon, and Sacred Heart Academy in Fargo, from which she graduated.

In 1938, she entered the Presentation Sisters. At her reception as a novice she was given the name Sister Mary Petronilla. In 1944, she made her final profession of vows.

Sister Petronilla graduated from North Dakota Agricultural College with a bachelor's degree in Education; from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska with a Master's degree in Administration, and from Seattle University, Seattle, Washington with a Master's degree in Religious Education. Later she received a certificate in theology from Regis College in Toronto, Ontario. She did a year's internship in Spiritual Direction at The Cenacle Retreat House in Wayzata, MN. Sister Petronilla taught at St. Anthony's School, St. Mary's School and Shanley High School in Fargo, and was Principal at St. Alphonsus High School in Langdon until the school was closed. She was adult Religious Education Coordinator in the Langdon area, in the Grand Forks Diocesan Office and at Blessed Sacrament Parish in West Fargo.

In 1985 she began her work at Presentation Prayer Center where she served until 2013, albeit she continued to see individuals for spiritual direction until a few months before her death. In 1987 she developed the Pastoral Care Department at Riverview Place, Fargo, and was active there for ten years. During some of this time, she also did chaplaincy work at Villa Maria in Fargo. In 1976, Sister Petronilla was elected president of the Congregation and held that position for six years. Previous to that she had held the positions

of Director of Aspirants, Mistress of Novices, and Administrative Council Member.

During her term as President, she was a governing board member of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious and an officer of the North American Conference of Presentation Sisters.

Sister Petronilla loved spending time in nature, was an avid reader, and enjoyed music.

She is survived by the members of her Religious Community, her sisters Marilyn Gapp (Art), Josephine Bittner(Ken); many nieces and nephews; sister-in-laws Alice, Lorraine, and MaryAnn Metzger. She was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings Silverius, Nestor, Emeric, Arnold, Roy, Ray, Geraldine and Maurice.

The following is an excerpt from Fr. Kyle Metzger's homily at Sr. Petronilla's funeral Mass:

"I'd like to begin with, appropriately, first things. Most important things. And that is, to acknowledge the presence of the Presentation Sisters here this morning. Sisters who dedicated their lives in a profound, radical way of total and complete service to the Lord's Church...that is, us. And I do not say this as a priest of the Diocese of Fargo...this morning I say this simply as...a Metzger. I say this as a son of Glenn Metzger, as a grandson of Nestor Metzger. I would likely not be a priest today had it not

been for the education, the formation you offered my family for, literally, generations. You taught my father, my aunts and uncles, at St. Alphonsus school in Langdon.

Now, I've come to understand they were an ornery mob of boys. (As a priest, I'm attempting to redeem the family name!) The formation my father provided for me, when merged with my mother, set me on a path to holiness... and the priesthood. You formed my dad. And your community taught my grandfather Nestor during his time at Sacred Heart Academy. Both my father and grandfather were formed by your community. Sacred Heart Academy would, of course, become Shanley High School. And although I was never taught by sisters of your community at Shanley, your community was the foundation there for decades that eventually I stood upon...and my brothers stood upon...and my cousins stood upon...as students in the 1990s. Three generations of Metzgers formed by your community's work in Catholic education in the Diocese of Fargo.

Sisters, on behalf of the entire Metzger family gathered here, please humbly accept our profound gratitude for making this family, for making my family, holy. We cannot repay you adequately. The Lord will. May your reward be great in heaven...30, 60, 100-fold. We love you."

Inspired Art

Disney Animator and the Legacy of a Nun



Ann (McNeese) Sullivan '47 (New York Times obit.)

Longtime Disney Animator Ann Sullivan (McNeese) died at age 91 from Coronavirus complications on April 13, 2020. Her filmography includes films such as “Peter Pan,” “The Little Mermaid,” “The Lion King,” “Lilo & Stitch,” “Oliver & Company,” “Pocahontas,” and “Hercules.”

She was born Sara Ann McNeese on April 10, 1929 to Thomas and Helen (Kossick) McNeese. She attended Sacred Heart Academy and graduated in 1947. She studied at NDSU before moving on to California where she studied at what is now the ArtCenter College of Design in Pasadena.

She worked for Disney soon after graduation in the studio’s paint lab. She worked on films like “Peter Pan” but took a hiatus to raise her family, returning to

animation in 1973. She is remembered by Motion Picture and Television Fund retirement home chaplain Dina Kuperstock as full of laughter and contagious joy.

During her time at Sacred Heart Academy, she was taught by beloved art teacher Sister M. St. Anne Hannon. Sister St. Anne was known for her soft-spoken voice and thick Irish accent. She was passionate about art, often smiling and giving pieces of advice to individual students. She also loved painting flowers on vases and china.

Sullivan and others were greatly impacted by her teaching. Bob Hankey, class of 1948, remembered how he thought he would get an easy credit in her art class. Hankey was disarmed by her kindness and that moved him to love art. He continued classes with her subsequent years and went on to have showings of his art at several large Minnesota area art showings.

Deacon Awardees' Passing



**Wayne Blanchard—Deacon Award 2013—
died March 2, 2020.**

Wayne was a member of Shanley's Class of 1953, the brother of Donald Blanchard ('47), Jim Blanchard ('64), the late Richard Blanchard ('49) and John Blanchard. He was also the father of Tim Blanchard ('84) and Tami Blanchard Llewellyn ('86), and the proud grandfather of Shanley graduate, Paige Knain Blanchard ('13).

Wayne's obituary noted: "He served his community by starting the Roger Maris Celebrity Golf Tournament with several of his friends, which has given over \$2 million to Hospice of the Red River Valley, the Roger Maris Cancer Center, and Shanley High School.

"Wayne and Roger, along with other community giants, ran in the same crew at Shanley, then known as Sacred Heart Academy. After Roger's historic baseball career and his diagnosis of lymphoma, this group began the Maris Tournament to continue his legacy, making legacies of their own in the process. Wayne's legacy of service touched Shanley High School perhaps the most. A recipient of the Shanley Deacon Award and a

member of the Shanley Quarterback Club Hall of Fame, he spent countless hours announcing hockey games, raising money, and attending innumerable sporting events. Both of his children, as well as one grandchild, attended Shanley. It was not merely a school, but the moral grounding that began Wayne's story."



**Jeaninne McAllister—Deacon Award
2017—died August 6, 2020.**

An alumni parent and grandparent and ardent advocate and generous supporter of our Catholic schools, Jeaninne and her late husband, Don (d. 2016), received our Deacon Award in 2017. The McAllister family has owned and operated Hurley's Religious Goods in Fargo since 1974. Jeaninne and Don were noted for their artistic, liturgical, religious, and charitable gifts to our schools over the decades. Jeaninne is the mother of Damian McAllister ('89), Mark McAllister, Bridget (McAllister) Bowden ('94), and the grandmother of Harrison McAllister, Josephine Bowden ('20), Alyssa McAllister, Ethan McAllister ('21), Simon Bowden ('21), Braiden McAllister, Emilia Bowden ('23), Mathias McAllister ('23), Nathaniel McAllister ('25), Margaret Bowden ('28) and Adam Bowden ('30).

In Memoriam: Msgr. Jeffrey Wald



Monsignor Jeffrey Wald passed away due to COVID 19 complications on October 28, 2020 in Jamestown, North Dakota. He was 56 years old. Former Pastor at Holy Spirit Church from 2002-2014, Monsignor Wald oversaw Holy Spirit School and served on the JP II Catholic Schools Board of Directors. He was serving as Pastor of St. James Basilica in Jamestown at the time of his death and had recently celebrated the dedication of a \$6 million school expansion project for St. John's Academy.

"Monsignor Wald was a kind shepherd and gifted speaker, a champion for Catholic education, and will be sorely missed by me, his brother priests, his parishioners and the faithful of the diocese who knew and loved him," said Bishop John Folda. "My prayers go out to his family, friends and parishioners at this tragic loss."

Excerpt from *The Fargo Forum* obituary:

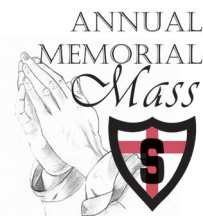
"Msgr. Wald was ordained a priest in the Diocese of Fargo on June 6, 1992. He served as Parochial Vicar at St. Michaels, Grand Forks

until 1994 when he received his first Parish assignment, St. Bernard, Oriska and Holy Trinity, Fingal and became Vocation Director for the Diocese of Fargo. In 1996 he was assigned to St. Joseph in Devils Lake, St. Benedict, Rural Crary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, Starkweather. After 6 years he was assigned to Holy Spirit, Fargo until he was assigned St. James Basilica, Jamestown, 2014 along with St. Mathias, Windsor, St Margaret, Buchanan and St Michael's, Pingree. He received the honor of becoming a Monsignor on October, 7 2006 in part due to his service to Bishop James Sullivan in his aging years. His parishes in Devils Lake, Fargo and Jamestown all had Catholic Schools which he felt so essential to the church's mission. Through his leadership, he recently concluded a \$6 million renovation of St. Johns Academy in Jamestown that was just finished prior to his passing.

Msgr. Wald grew up learning hard work on the family farm just a few miles from Napoleon, ND. He carried that work ethic in serving others through all he did. He was not only a pillar of the communities he served as pastor, he lovingly served his parents, family, friends and nearly anyone he came in contact with. Those who got to know Msgr. Wald got to know his unique sense of humor and story telling that would often rival some of the best comics. His presence on this earth will be truly missed by all who loved him. He would want everyone to use his loss to deepen their faith in Christ and to serve each other as we continue to move on and prepare ourselves for our own eventual passing.

Msgr. Wald is survived by his mother, Pauline Wald, Jamestown, 4 brothers Pat (Delilah) Wald, Bismarck, Tony (Patricia) Wald, Mandan, Clinton (Ann) Wald, Bismarck, Peter Wald, Bismarck and 3 sisters, Virginia (Joseph) Zubrod, Valley City, Bertha (Lee) Blaschke, Lisbon and Dorothy (Geoff) Lauinger, Jamestown. He was preceded in death by his father Joseph, 2 brothers Dennis (Claire) Wald, Michael Wald and one sister Barbara Ann.

Annual Memorial Mass



The 48th Annual Memorial Mass was held at Shanley High School (Presentation Chapel) 5202 25th St S – Fargo, ND • Monday, November 2nd at 9:00am

This Mass is said each year to remember and pray for St. John Paul II Catholic Schools and Shanley High School alumni & friends who were memorialized with a gift to the schools during the preceding year. As a memorial donor and/or family member of someone who has been memorialized, we invite you to join us. The Mass exercises our duty and dignity to care for the souls of the faithful departed as part of the JPII Mission "...to teach the total person and foster the following of Christ in an environment inspired by the Gospel Spirit, as taught by the Catholic Church".

The deceased who were remembered by name and through a lighted candle and prayed for during this year's Mass:

Cindy Aguilar	Thomas E. Dunn, Sr.	Bonnie Inman	Nancy Marsden	Andrew Schaefer
Janice (McCurdy) Alm '56	John Dunnicliff	Owen Jagim	Mark Mason	Gary Edward Scheffler '55
Anthony Appel	Brenda (Cruz) Eid '59	Donald Johnson '59	Leonabelle "Sunny" Mathison	Wallace Robert Scheffler '51
James E. Bailey '54	Kim (Nelson) Eisenbeis '70	Glen "Bud" Johnson	Jeaninne McAllister	Robert "Bob" Scheidecker
Nick Bailey	Delores Ellis	Lois Johnson	James W. McCord	Marlene Schlenker
Rodman Bailey, Sr. '51	James Engelstad, Sr.	Paul E. Johnson '55	Richard McGarvey	Judith Larson Schmitz '60
Catherine Bannerman	John Ermer	Ryan Johnson	Joseph Cichy McLaughlin	Robert Schoener '47
Sharon Barker	Leopald "Leo" Ernst	Mary Alice Harrington Johnston '48	Lowell "Pat" McManus	John Schons '55
William Barker	Joan Ertelt	Marie Richard Jones '58	Susan (Barry) Meckstroth '56	Robert Schulte
Louise S. Barry	John "J.J." Feight	W. Thomas Joyce	Tami Mehl	Tom Seaver
Ann Marie Berg	Thomas Ferguson	Mackintyre "Mack" Kary	Sr. Petronilla Metzger '39	Walter James Seeba, Jr.
Bill & Katie (Habras) Bernard '50	Eva Marie Fischer	Dick Kasper	Dr. Kevin Mickelson '74	Don Shula
Sharon Bernier	John R. Flynn '63	Daniel Kenna	John Moraghan	John Shulstad
Deacon William Beutler	Roger Flynn '49	Fr. Chrysostom Kim	Edward C. Morehead	Jeff Skuza
Edward & Augusta Biren	Edward "Whitey" Ford	Helen Klaus	Jeffrey Morris	Eileen (Rheault) Stanton '64
Joanne Blanchard	John Fornes	Harold & Mary Ann Klosterman	Craig Murie	Christopher Staszko
Wayne T. Blanchard '53	Jeanette Foster '99	Benjamin Gaffrey Knier	E.R. (Bob) Murphy	Sr. Geraldine Steinbach (Sr. Grace Marie)
Cornelia "Nel" Blankendaal	Patricia Jean Fridgen	Jennifer (Wold) Koester '82	Harriet Naylor	Larry '50 & Peggy Murphy
Donald "Don" Bolgrean '71	Steve Froehlich	Kari Kolstoe	Andrew Nelson '03	Sweeney '50
Kelly Jo Breidenbach	Racann Germain-Broste	Taylor Anne Kopp & MacKinnon Kopp	Randy Nelson	Madonna (Klontz) Sweeney '54
Elaine Brock	Alacoque Gibb	Angela Koppang	Msgr. Allan Nilles '41	Mark V. Sweeney '49
Lilias Bruns	William Graveline	Todd Kramer	Steve & Mary Lou Nistler	Paul Sweeney '82
Gianna Bryant	Paul & Harriet Greving	Doris Kranz	John Noah	Sophie Swenson
Kobe Bryant	Josephine "Jo" Grondahl	Isiah Kujanson	Lois (Cantlon) Nordstrom '58	Ann (McNeese) Sullivan '47
Judy Buscher	Mary Lou (Holland) Gronland '52	Sterling Kuntz	Bud Olson	Adam Thiel
Ted Campagna '55	Alvin Gross	Sidney Staszko Kurophak '70	Andi Olsonawski	Frank Thomas
Sr. Shawn Carruth	Mary Ellen (Wallerius) Grundman '55	Denise Savageau Lahn '81	Stephen Palmer	Douglas Toliver '70
Kurtis Chaput	Cynthia (Cossette) Gunderson '73	Richard Lang	Dwayne "Louie" Paquin	John Tomaszewski
Sid Cichy	Dale & Annabelle Hardwick	Rodney Laughlin	Roy Pfeifer	Tom Toulouse
Edward Clark	Donald Hareland	George '47 & Peggy Manning '48 Lavelle	Msgr. Michael Patnode	Matthew "Matto" Traynor
Ray & Ginny Coleman	Dr. Ryan B. Harrington '50	Mary Lavelle	Gerald "Jerry" Phillips	Elaine Barth VanDeVoorde '80
J. Michael Collins '65	Danny Hartl	Lois LeBlanc	Mary Phillips	Faith Voeller
Rae Colliton	Sid Hartman	Murile "Duke" LeDoux	Tom Poindexter '67	Diane Wald
Dr. Robert J. Colliton	Mary (Klontz) Herman '50	Leota Leintz	Jean Prentice	Msgr. Jeffrey Wald
Gene Cortese	Norma Hedstrom	Randy Lemar '84	Christina (Gapp) Pyle '47	Leo Wald
Bruce Coryell '60	Troy Hegney '87	Delores (Downs) Lemm '36	Rudy Radke	Cheryl Birk Wegner '70
Clifford '38 & Blanche Cossette	Kathy Hettenbaugh	Mandy Lenhardt '94	Jose Luis Ramos	Richard "Stretch" Wehage '53
Thomas Coughlin	Virginia "Ginny" Hicks	Steven Arthur Lindely	Bobby Reil	Sr. Thomas Welder
Richard Delaney	Kathleen "Kathy" Hills	Wayne & Germaine Link	Mike Rein	Gary Westbury
Marcia Denis '74	Cathi (Fitzgerald) Hocesvar '66	Virginia "Ginny" (Mason) Lynch '42	Sharon Rein	Duane Wething
Fred Desautels	Carolyn Hochsprung	Anton "Tony" Magelky	Jacob Riedman	Bruce William Whitcomb '55
Robert "Bob" Dickerson '72	Laura Hochsprung	Fr. Paul Mankowski	Kathryn (O'Neill) Robinson '34	Alois Winkels
Hiram Drache	Peggy Lu Hoeckle	Bernice M. Markwardt	Randall R. Rustad '68	James '53 & Jean (Williams) '53 Wold
Florence Duchscher	Elias Hoffart		Jerry Sapa '74	Jay Daniel Wold
Steve Duginski '60	Ronald Hoffart		Monica Sather	Elizabeth "Betty" Worner
John Peter Dullea '58			Kevin Savageau '78	Shirley Zander
Jacqueline Mary Dunn			Gale Sayers	

Memorials can be made through the Shanley Alumni website at <https://alumni.jp2schools.org/donations>. If you would like a family member of the deceased to be notified of the Memorial and invited to the Mass, please include their contact information.

Please keep in mind that it is NOT a requirement that the memorialized individual passed away in the last year. Memorial gifts can be made in memory of anyone at anytime – regardless of when they passed away and they will be remembered at November's Memorial Mass.

In Memoriam

(information from Fargo Forum or provided by families)

We extend our sympathies to the friends and families of:

ALUMNI:

Sister Petronilla Metzger ('39) – Oct. 14, 2020
Mary Ellen (Byrne) Holgate ('45) – April 8, 2020
Elaine (Mergner) Hanson ('47) – May 1, 2020
Christina (Gapp) Pyle ('47) – Feb. 1, 2020
Robert Schoener ('47) – Aug. 18, 2020
Ann (McNeese) Sullivan ('47) - April 13, 2020
Rita (Von Bank) Halland ('48) – Feb. 20, 2020
Joan (Oksoll) Simengaard ('48) - Nov. 16, 2019
Mary (Marquart) Trowbridge ('48) – April 29, 2020
Clement Cossette ('49) – April 2, 2020
Roger Flynn ('49) - March 14, 2020
Lester Dusek ('50) – Dec. 24, 2019
Mary (Klontz) Hebert ('50) – March 11, 2020
Jacquelin (Aask) Schroeder ('50) – Feb. 12, 2020
Joanne (Marquart) Gamache ('51) – Feb. 9, 2020
Phyllis (Erickson) Vigen ('52) – Sept. 14, 2020
Wayne T. Blanchard ('53) – March 2, 2020
Monica (Savageau) Flynn ('53) – Sept. 12, 2020
Kathleen (Marquart) Gerasch ('53) - July 26, 2020
Donald Scott ('53) – Oct. 3, 2020
Mary (Grim) Anderson ('54) – April 2, 2020
Mary (Kinsella) Ziegenhagen ('54) – May 2, 2020
Ted Campagna ('55) – April 4, 2019
Mary E. (Wallerius) Grundman ('55) – Sept. 18, 2019
Donalda (Cossette) Orcutt ('55) - Jan. 22, 2020
Bruce William Whitcomb ('55) – Feb. 22, 2020
Margaret (Bussiere) Hogan ('56) – April 19, 2020
Donald L. Kercher ('56) – Sept. 28, 2020
Jerome “Jerry” Offerdahl ('56) – July 17, 2020
Edward Fitzgerald ('57) – Dec. 10, 2019
John Peter Dullea ('58) – Aug. 26, 2020
Bruce Coryell ('60) – May 19, 2020

Terri Ann (Fertig) Troska ('62) – April 25, 2020
John R. Flynn ('63) – Jan. 30, 2020
Eileen (Rheault) Stanton ('64) – May 4, 2020
Cathi (Fitzgerald) Hocevar ('66) – Oct. 5, 2020
Tom Poindexter ('67) – Dec. 5, 2019
John C. Rott ('67) – Sept. 24, 2020
Kim (Nelson) Eisenbeis ('70) – Jan. 17, 2020
Donald “Don” Bolgrean ('71) – Sept. 19, 2020
Robert “Bob” Dickerson ('72) – May 3, 2020
Paul Lehmann ('72) – Dec. 4, 2019
Cynthia (Cossette) Gunderson ('73) – June 29, 2020
Jeffrey “Jeff” Dahlberg ('74) – May 16, 2020
Marcia Denis ('74) – Jan. 20, 2020
Jerry Sapa ('74) – Feb. 26, 2020
Jamie (Larson) Phillips ('75) – March 12, 2020
Jennifer (Wold) Koester ('82) – May 16, 2020
Paul Sweeney ('82) – April 22, 2020
Troy Hegney ('87) – Sept. 26, 2020
Mandy Kay Lenhardt ('94) – May 30, 2020

FRIENDS & FAMILY:

Catherine Bannerman – Dec. 10, 2019
Sharon Barker – Oct. 13, 2020
William Barker – June 3, 2020
Lois Barrett – Aug. 7, 2020
Ann Marie Berg – Feb. 12, 2020
Sharon Bernier – Jan. 9, 2020
Cornelia “Nel” Blankendaal – Dec. 19, 2019
Kelly Jo Breidenbach – Feb. 11, 2020
Clyde Brown – Sept. 5, 2020
Lilias Bruns – April 4, 2020
Susan (Kramer) Buttke – April 23, 2020
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Cameron Geritz – May 15, 2020
Linda Barrett Greenley – Jan. 18, 2020
Herbert Hamilton – June 4, 2019
Donald Hareland – Dec. 27, 2019
Danny Hartl – Nov. 26, 2019
Virginia “Ginny” Hicks – March 5, 2020
Elias Hoffart – Nov. 24, 2019
Todd Kramer – Jan. 2, 2020
Doris Kranz – May 26, 2020
Richard Lang – Sept. 7, 2020
Rodney Laughlin – May 7, 2020
Mary Lavelle – July 9, 2020
Murile “Duke” LeDoux – Nov. 20, 2019
Leota Leintz – Sept. 7, 2020
Marilyn Lenzmeier – Feb. 29, 2020
Steven Arthur Lindely – July 10, 2020
Jeffrey Thomas Maddock – March 5, 2020
Mark Mason – July 29, 2020
Leonabelle “Sunny” Mathison – Nov. 26, 2019
Jeaninne McAllister – Aug. 6, 2020
Lowell “Pat” McManus – March 6, 2020
Tami Mehl – Dec. 5, 2019
Dorothy Moorhouse – May 12, 2020

Edward C. Morehead – Jan. 13, 2020
Jeffrey Morris – Aug. 24, 2020
E.R. (Bob) Murphy – May 15, 2020
Harriet Naylor – June 1, 2020
Stephen Palmer – April 30, 2020
Dwayne “Louie” Paquin – April 21, 2020
Gerald “Jerry” Phillips – Feb. 27, 2020
Mary Phillips – May 29, 2020
Mary Powers – Aug. 20, 2020
Mike Rein – March 8, 2020
Sharon Rein – Aug. 14, 2020
Norman Rheault – Dec. 31, 2019
Robert “Bob” Scheidecker – Sept. 10, 2020
Marlene Schlenker – Dec. 5, 2019
Robert Schulte – Dec. 11, 2019
Patricia “Pat” Schwinden – March 6, 2020
John Shulstad – May 19, 2020
Christopher Staszko – Aug. 9, 2020
(Sr. Grace Marie) Steinbach – Nov. 20, 2019
Shirley Taraba – Dec. 27, 2019
Tom Toulouse – Dec. 10, 2019
Diane Wald – July 18, 2020
Leo Wald – June 5, 2020
Gary Westbury – Jan. 2, 2020
Elizabeth “Betty” Worner – May 5, 2020
Eileen York – Oct. 2, 2020

**Due to spacing in this issue of the Deacon magazine, this is an abbreviated version of the “In Memoriam” section. To view the full version of this section (with relationships) go to <https://alumni.jp2schools.org/>.*

And while you’re there, make sure to become a registered member of the site to receive “Deacon Alert” notifications whenever a classmate or classmate’s family is in need of prayer.

If you would like to inform classmates and other alumni of a loved one’s passing, please submit information either by phone or by email to Joelle Shewey at: 701-893-3200 or joelle.shewey@jp2schools.org.

Diocesan policy regarding reporting sexual abuse:

The Diocese of Fargo is committed to the protection of youth. Please report any incidents or suspected incidents of child abuse, including sexual abuse, to civil authorities. If the situation involves a member of the clergy or a religious order, a seminarian, or an employee of a Catholic school, parish, the diocesan offices of other Catholic entity within the diocese, we as that you also report the incident or suspected incident to Msgr. Joseph P. Goering, Vicar General, at (701) 356-7945 or to Larry Bernhardt, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at (701) 356-7965 or victimassistance@fargodiocese.org. For additional information about victim assistance, visit: <http://www.fargodiocese.org/victimassistance/index.htm>

2019-2020 Shanley Reunions

1954

Classes participating:
 Class of 1954
 Class of 1959
 Class of 1960



Joyce (Stevens) Matthys, Sandy (Benedict) Feeney (Moorhead High), and Marilyn (Weber) Gonrowski



Tracy Myers, Jane (Brush) Lillestol, and Dianne (Hoss) Myers



Roberta (Peterson) Leclerc and Judy (Henning) Aagesen



Don Bussiere and Willy Chaska



Gordon Bartholomay and Maryann (Scott) Bartholomay

1959



Front: Mary Kennelly, Mike Anderson, Rayetta Gerardy, James McMerty

Second row: Lynne Majors, Mary Ellen Persson, Nadine Hersch

Back row: Maury Morgan, Gary Harmon, Bob Hoss, Michael Miller, John Jensen, Tony Williams
 (Not pictured): Neal Jacobson, Judy Brodigan, Paul Bridgeford, Stella Crary, Andrew Fischer

1960



SAVE THE DATE!

2021 Shanley Reunion Weekend

June 25-26, 2021

Please Join Us:

CLASS OF 1970 CLASS OF 1986 CLASS OF 2001
CLASS OF 1971 CLASS OF 1990 CLASS OF 2006
CLASS OF 1976 CLASS OF 1991 CLASS OF 2010
CLASS OF 1980 CLASS OF 1996 CLASS OF 2011
CLASS OF 1981 CLASS OF 2000

Saturday, June 26

EVENTS FOR ALL:

Alumni Fun Run/5K, School Tour and Mass at Shanley



The Front Fenders at Franks! (6:00 - 10:00 pm)

Questions?
Please Contact:
Joelle Shewey

701.893.3225

joelle.shewey@jp2schools.org

Orv Kelly Shanley Scramble



Orv Kelly
1935-2012

Thank you to all the teams who golfed this year;
it was a beautiful day to be out on the golf
course!

Congratulations to our winners!

Mark your calendars for next year's Scramble
Monday, September 20, 2021 at the Moorhead
Country Club



1st Place Net



Al Hager, Don Schott '78, Andy Knoll, and Mike
Bruckbauer

1st Place Gross



Dan Butler, Kelly Cooper, Adam Lingwall, and
Aaron Muehlberg

2nd Place Net



Erik Johnson, Anna (Lavelle) Johnson '99, Beth
Raan, and Jareb Raan

2nd Place Gross



Nikki Bogenreif, Jon Bogenreif, Alex Jensen, and
Joel Bogenreif

ARIZONA ALUMNI & FRIENDS LUNCHEON

DATE:

Friday, February 26, 2021
11:30 AM Social
12:00 Noon Luncheon

HOSTED BY:

John & Jackie (Kvamme '61)
Cox

LOCATION

Cottonwood Palo Verde
At Sun Lakes
25219 S. EJ Robson Blvd.
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

REMARKS BY:

Bishop John T. Folda, Fargo
Diocese
Mike Hagstrom, St. John
Paul II Catholic Schools
President

*This event is complimentary, but the courtesy of an
RSVP is requested by **February 19, 2021***

*Online at: <https://alumni.jp2schools.org/events>
or by filling out the form below and returning to:*

ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Attn: Joelle Shewey

5600 25th St S

Fargo, ND 58104

**Masks will be required & all precautions will be taken in accordance with CDC guidelines*

ARIZONA ALUMNI & FRIENDS LUNCHEON RSVP

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Number Attending: _____

E-mail Address: _____

The Deacon Builder Endowment

A Game-Changer for Students and an Enrollment Builder for Sullivan and Shanley



John J. Klocke, CFRE
Director of Advancement
St. John Paul II Catholic Schools

In my 30 years of fundraising I've never seen a matching program quite like this one. Thanks to a private foundation, families with students in our schools from 6th thru 12th grade or those who would like to come to our schools in those grades but who might be held back by limited financial circumstances have a new option. The Deacon Builder Endowment Fund. And the impact it will have over the next five years on our schools is nothing short of miraculous!

The Grant and the Goal

A very generous and forward-thinking private foundation has as one of its goals to help us fill Sullivan Middle School and Shanley High School to capacity over the next 5-7 years. That means 315 for Sullivan (currently at 240) and 420 for Shanley (currently at 350) They have partnered with St. John Paul II Catholic Schools to help with \$750,000 of matching funds over the next five years. These funds will provide a needs-based scholarship for any young men or women in grades six through twelve, for current as well as new students to improve retention and gain new enrollments.

How the Deacon Builder Match Works

We have had many generous benefactors who have wanted to help us make sure no family/student who wants a Catholic Education is ever unable to attend because of lack of finances. Any of our benefactors who want to help us grow our middle and high school enrollment to full capacity can make a gift to The Deacon Builder Endowment and all gifts will be matched \$1 dollar for every \$2 dollars given. That means a gift of \$5,000 generates a match of \$2500. A gift of \$10,000 generates a \$5,000 match! Every gift of every size is matched this way up to \$750,000. The gifts create an endowment of \$1.5 million over five years and the matching funds provide annual scholarship dollars over the next five years for the same purpose. The planned result is full enrollment and a permanent \$1.5 million dollar endowment that will continue to provide funding of \$75,000 or more in perpetuity for students in need.

The Benefits Don't Stop There

If our alumni and friends can donate \$1.5 million over the next five years, generating \$750,000 in matching funds and bringing these two schools to full enrollment capacity, there's another huge benefit to our entire school system. A full middle school and high school would generate approximately \$580,000 of brand new revenue over and above our current revenue. Revenue that can:

- Increase financial reserves to repair, upgrade, and expand facilities.
- Boost teacher salaries to retain our valuable and beloved teachers. This is on top of the salary enhancements being distributed from our Teacher Salary Endowment and the Susan Barry Meckstroth Educator Endowment.
- Help to stabilize and possibly lower tuition rates.
- Help to maintain great academic enhancements like our Smart Lab which is already in need of upgrades as technology evolves.

Some Great Benefits for Our Donors Too

Besides the obvious benefit of increased impact from match dollars for your gifts and all of the additional benefits to our school, there are also some great giving possibilities that can maximize the tax advantages for any of our alumni and friends.

- There is the North Dakota Endowment Credit which provides a 40% State Income tax Credit for any gift of \$5,000 or more to a qualified endowment like The Deacon Builder Endowment. (As an example someone making a gift who is in a 37.5% tax bracket would receive a federal income tax reduction of \$1,850 and a state tax income credit of \$2,000. Add those up and the net cost of your gift is \$1,150! Then throw in a match of \$2,500! (Please consult with your tax advisor as every situation can be unique)

- Gifts of appreciated stock can fund your gift to the Deacon Builder giving you a federal tax deduction. And because you are gifting shares of stock, you pay no capital gains tax on those shares like you would if you sold them!
- The IRA giving option is an excellent one as well. Anyone age 70 1/2 can give up to \$100,000 to a charity and pay no income tax on the funds coming out of the IRA. This makes the IRA a treasure chest for charitable gift intentions!

Year End Gift Planning Help is Available

With all of these options, sometimes you might just want to talk to a real person to determine what sorts of giving options would be best for you. And you are in luck. I am a real person and my coffee pot is always on! Call me anytime at 701-219-9052 or email me at john.klocke@jp2schools.org. Put my 30 years of charitable gift planning experience to work for you!

Don't Forget the Hoffart Family Challenge!

Thanks to the generosity of Ron (Rest in Peace) and Marlene Hoffart, there is another great matching fund available. The Hoffart Family Challenge Fund will match any gift to the Teacher Endowment Fund, Shanley Expansion Project or to retire JPII Debt dollar for dollar up to \$5 million dollars! Currently we are over \$2 million in match funds raised, which will one day be given to our schools to help fund any of these key projects.

St. John Paul II Catholic Schools SCRIP Program

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Scrip turns your everyday shopping into cash to reduce tuition and help with scholarship dollars. Instead of using your credit/debit cards you can use our retail gift cards to pay for your everyday purchases -from gas, to groceries to clothing and dining out. JP II Catholic Schools buys the gift cards at 2% to 15% less than face value, then our families can turn around and purchase those retail gift cards through our SCRIP program at face value and the credit that is offered by the retailer is applied to the families' tuition account.

Do you happen to know a future family of JP II Catholic Schools? If so, they too can participate in our program by banking tuition dollars for up to five years in advance. We encourage our families to get grandparents, extended family members, friends and coworkers to purchase gift cards on their account. The more families you have buying on your account, the more tuition dollars you will accumulate. We have families that save \$1,000 to \$1,700 every year on their tuition.

We encourage all our families to participate in our SCRIP program whether it be for your own family, sponsoring a family or have the entire credit go back to JP II Catholic Schools. Families can start earning money through the RaiseRight Fundraising app which is found in the Apple app store or on Google Play. You can shop gift cards from more than 750 of the top retailers on your daily purchases---right from your mobile device. Linking a bank account to

pay for those purchases is highly recommended. Here are some testimonials from our SCRIP members:

"I have been using the SCRIP program for a few years online, with physical cards and on my phone. I like it because I'm using them for business that I frequent and my grandson gets a little reduction on his tuition. That is a win-win!

-Barb

"The SCRIP card program at JP II Schools has been another great addition to my shopping tool box. I try to use SCRIP cards for as many of my purchases as possible. It is a quick and easy way to earn money towards tuition for my four children. On average, we earn \$250-\$500+ dollars a year that goes towards tuition as well as helping our schools. - Missy

"The SCRIP program is the easiest way for us to make tuition more affordable. Our family uses both the physical cards and e-cards. We are fortunate to have family and friends who purchase cards under our name. Over the past 3 years we have saved over \$3,864.78. SCRIP is a painless form of fundraising that not only benefits the family, but also raises matching monies for the school to use for scholarships." -Bridget

For more information on setting up a SCRIP account please contact Janelle Pederson at janelle.pederson@jp2schools.org

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Or mail to: ATTN: Joelle Shewey, JPII Catholic Schools Advancement Department, 5600 25th St. S., Fargo, ND 58104