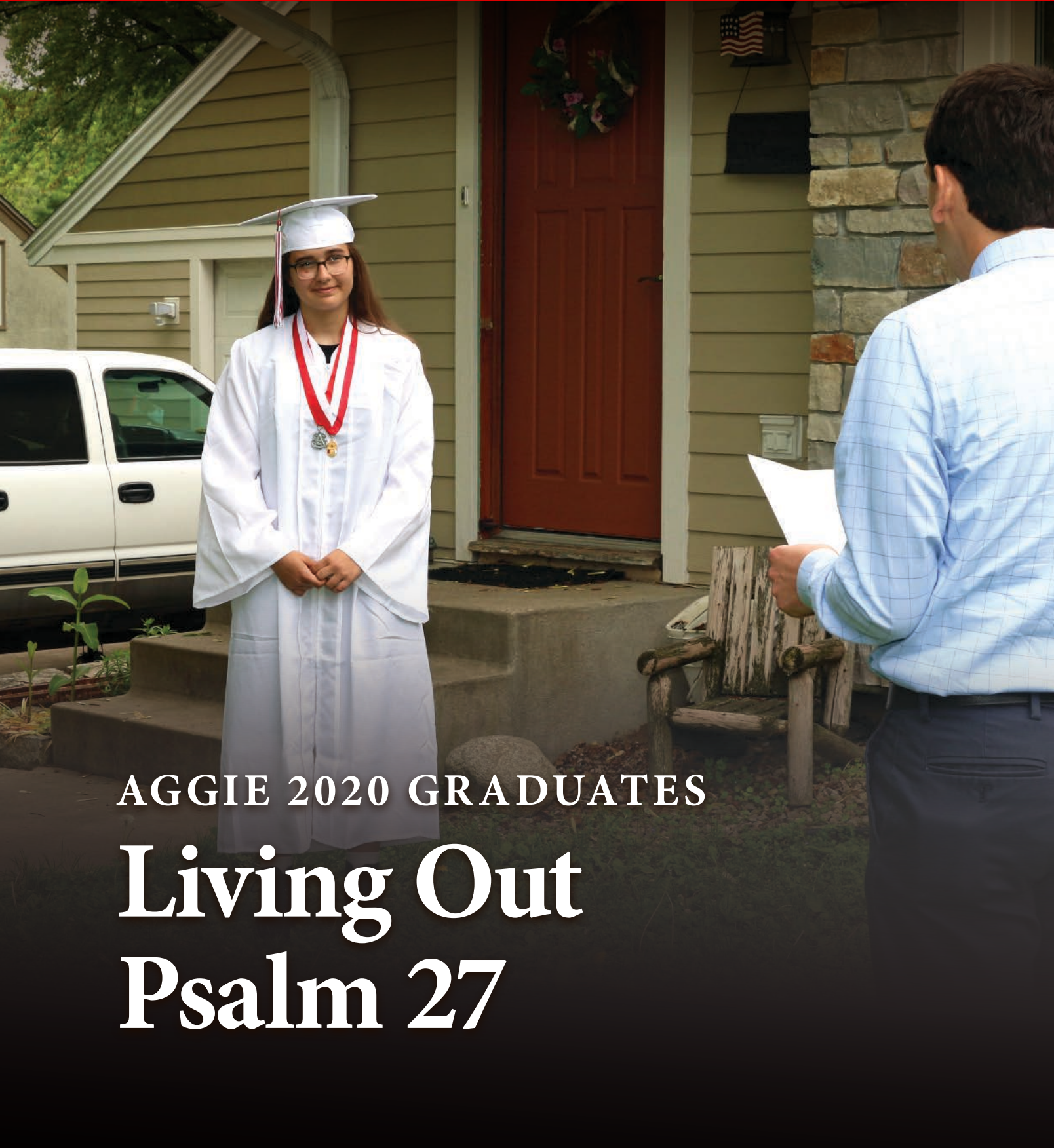




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Emma Taggart, Sara Foote and Andrew Brownell. Top honor recipients.

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Palm award winner Elizabeth Dickerson receives her diploma and award in her front yard by the Saint Agnes administration. Psalm 27 – A Psalm of David. A Psalm of fearless trust in God. A good read!

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Welcome From the Headmaster



“Although this spring’s sport season has been canceled and the spring musical and concerts silenced, Saint Agnes has been actively pursuing its mission of creating Catholic hearts and minds in faith, reason, and virtue..”

Dear Aggie Community,

What an amazing couple of months we have had at Saint Agnes School! We teachers and administrators have had two lonely months without any in-person interactions with students—we miss the students and parents so much. The school building has felt so empty during the April and May months; in fact, it feels like summer break, but without any of the down time that normally comes with it. And as if the consequences of COVID-19 and its economic toll and social isolation were not enough, we have had to finish the school year with the tragic death of George Floyd and several nights of looting and rioting in Minneapolis and St. Paul. We have experienced disruption after disruption to the normal flow of the end of a school year. We have endured it to the best of our ability; thank you for your support—especially your prayers!

I am so proud of the ways in which our Saint Agnes School community has responded to the challenges of a new virus and its attendant job losses, responses of support, and requirement to move to distance learning. I hope you have seen at least a couple of our videos and communiques via email or our Aggie Facebook page. Our teachers have been creating mountains of online content for our students, while balancing the amount of screen time with individual families’ needs/abilities to manage.

As you will see by the contents of this issue of the Aggie Archives, Saint Agnes School remains a prolific community in so many ways. Distance learning comes with a learning curve, especially when we believe the best approach to education is live, in color, and in person between teachers and students. We have had to become prolific in creating video content for our students, our families, and our donors. Some of our younger teachers had to teach some of our more seasoned teachers just how to do that. Some faculty members made movies of themselves and their colleagues singing and dancing to a Rick Astley song for the class of 2020. All of them have worked as hard or harder than they did when students were in the building, and without the reward of being in the classroom with their students! Such has been the nature of distance learning, Aggie-style—may its life be short-lived here.

Although this spring’s sport season has been canceled and the spring musical and concerts silenced, Saint Agnes has been actively pursuing its mission of creating Catholic hearts and minds in faith, reason, and virtue.

In conclusion, please continue to pray for Saint Agnes School, its families, and its students. After those in our broader community who have lost their health and/or livelihood, the senior class of 2020 has had it the toughest in our community. Please offer a special set of prayers for them. They are featured in this issue. What a wonderful group of newly minted alumni!

As Saint Padre Pio once said, “Pray, hope, and don’t worry! Worry is useless.”

Blessings on your summer!

Kevin Ferdinandt
Headmaster

CORONAVIRUS:

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FEBRUARY

The Minnesota Department of Health began testing for the coronavirus. There were no positive cases in Minnesota.

Parent/Teacher conferences are amended to protect parents, teachers and students. Conference are moved to classrooms to limit the number of people gathering, no shaking hands, and conferences by phone are scheduled for any parent with respiratory illness or compromised immune systems, or for those who have traveled recently by plane. Maintenance team develops procedures in the event of suspected/confirmed COVID-19 presence on campus. Protocols are being established in the event school needs to be shut down, if required/recommended by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and/or Center for Disease Control (CDC) in conjunction with the Archdiocese.

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The first positive coronavirus test is confirmed in the state

Dr. Ferdinandt informs school families that the school is monitoring the Minnesota Department of Public Health (MDH) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) websites for information and guidance for schools regarding Covid-19.

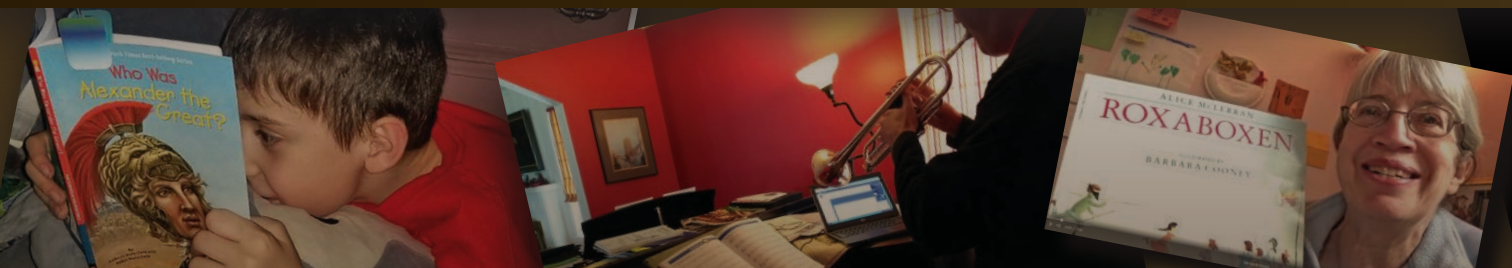
Recommendation is four-fold: stay home when sick, cover coughs and sneezes with elbows, keep frequently touched surfaces clean, and practice good hand-hygiene (washing hands with soap and water). He asks that parents err on the side of caution when making a decision to send their child(ren) to school if they are not feeling well.

Governor Walz declares a peacetime state of emergency to ensure the state is able to respond more rapidly to issues as they arrive.

After the Governor's press conference, it is not recommended to close schools. School is planned to be held as normal the following week but preparations to move to alternative delivery strategies/ modes for instruction have begun.



An Unexpected Journey



Governor Walz authorizes the temporary closing of all public K-12 schools from March 18 through March 27.

Governor Walz orders the closure of bars, restaurants and other public places. These businesses were allowed to serve customers by take-out or delivery orders only. President Trump issued guidelines to limit gatherings of more than 10 people.

Monday, students report and bring all necessary books and curricular materials home at the end of the day in preparation for a possible longer-term closing. Dr. Ferdinandt addresses all students in small groups encouraging them to pray, hope, and do not be afraid. He assures the seniors that he is committed to making sure that they will graduate, and they all prayed together. All sports and activities are postponed. The spring musical is cancelled.



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K-6 Parent Resource Guide

to help with the transition to distance learning during the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic

3rd grade teacher Rose Coleman creates a parent resource guide to help the transition to distance learning. Schools and dioceses throughout the country request permission to use the guide in their school community.

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After Governor Walz announces the closure of all public and charter schools on March 18, and news from the Archdiocese that we would need to pause from school this week to plan for distance learning, Dr. Ferdinandt makes the announcement that Saint Agnes School will close on Tuesday, March 17. Being that spring break is scheduled for Mar23-27, school will effectively be closed until March 30. Faculty members will continue to report through the week planning for distance learning beyond spring break if necessary.

Dr. Ganza, high school choir director, has the choir record a Saint Agnes tradition, *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*. Though they didn't know it at the time, it was a fitting sentiment as student prepared to leave the building for the last time this year.



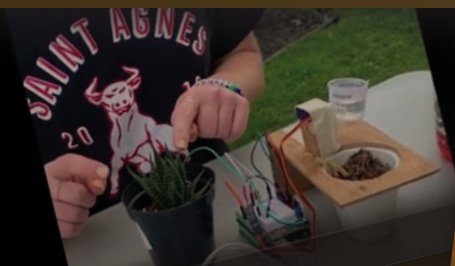
Dr Ferdinandt sends a message to all alumni and supporters outlining how the faculty and administrators are preparing for possible longer-term closing and asking for continued prayers. Archbishop Hebda suspends all public Masses. Father Moriarty enlists the help of staff and volunteers to acquire the necessary equipment to begin livestreamed Masses. All meetings, Lenten devotions and activities in the parish are cancelled.

Amended

SCHOOL SCHEDULE
WEEK OF 3/16



COVID-19
Preparation and Planning



Spring break begins. Dr. Ferdinandt encourages families to stay active, have fun, and enjoy the break. He sends a video of his family dancing the Monster Mash

Teachers Zita Larson, Sam Thompson, and Sami Burr launch a weekly *Aggies at Home* electronic newsletter for students in grades 7-12. Weekly student news, challenges, shout outs, craft ideas, and testimonials are geared directly to upper school students.

Dr. Ferdinandt announces that Saint Agnes will move to distance learning on Monday, March 30 lasting through May 1st at least. Links and tutorials are sent to parents and students to familiarize themselves with the distance learning websites. Only essential workers are allowed on campus. Parish and school staff are furloughed, driven by essential functions necessary to facilitate distance learning processes for teachers and students and critical maintenance and finance functions.

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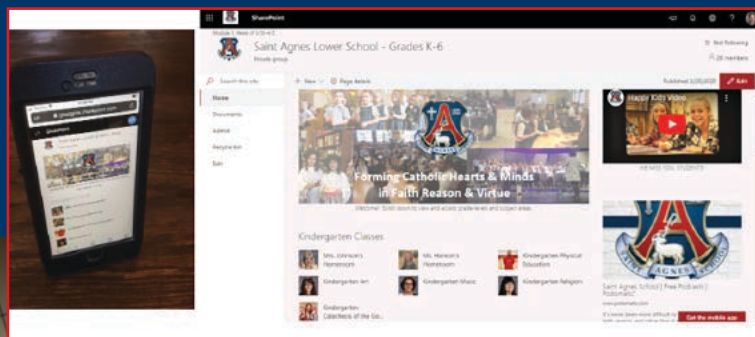
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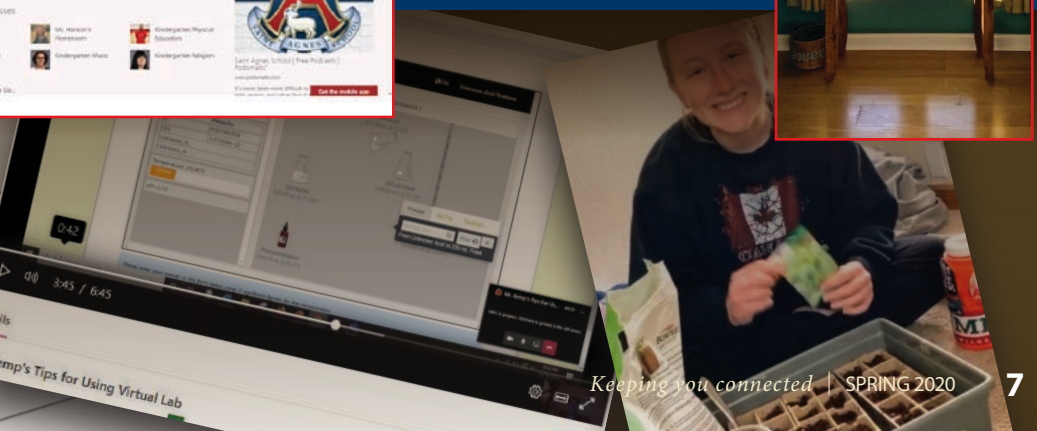
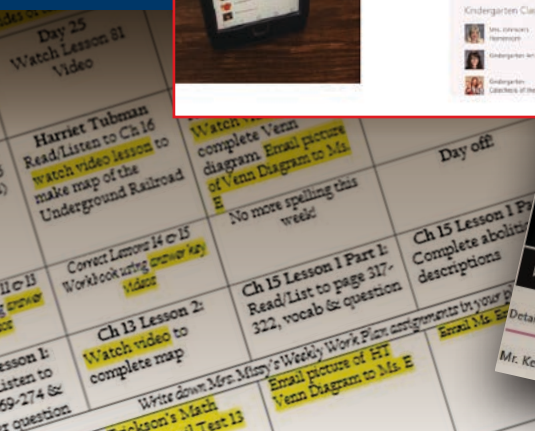
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Mr. Hendrickson and Mr. Adkins, along with their respective faculty members, create distinctive distance learning platforms in a very truncated time using Outlook Group and Microsoft OneNote and Teams. Platforms are introduced to families to prepare for likely distance learning on March 30. Of highest importance was allowing families to customize their schedule to fit family needs and facilitating distance learning, not online learning, where much of the work could be completed without electronic devices at a time that works best for the family.

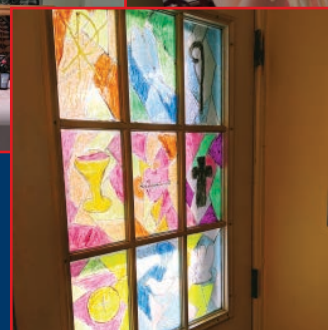
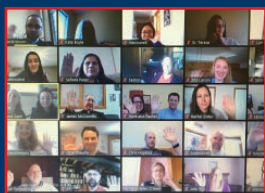
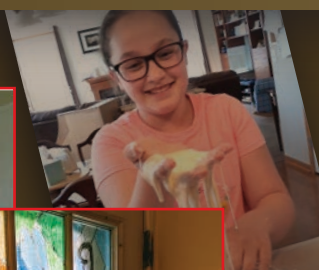
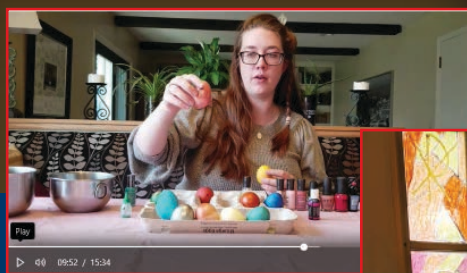
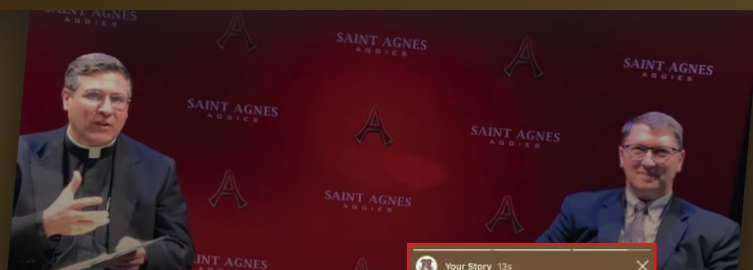


Governor Walz issues a stay-at-home order requiring Minnesotans to restrict non-critical activity outside the home through April 10. Non-essential employees were to cease on-site operations. School closures are extended through May 4.

Teachers use spring break to create work stations at home. Miss Larson has a great view!



An Unexpected Journey



Families prepare for Easter with craft projects and devotionals. Mrs. Bona demonstrates several ways to color and decorate beautiful Easter eggs. The Grant family turns their door into a stained glass window.

The Herbeck family misses school so they decide to have a picnic in the parking lot so the children can see the school they love so much.



Faculty and administration keep in close contact via zoom meetings. They offer feedback from parents and students, share ideas for improvements, and offer support to one another.

Fr. Moriarty and Fr. McConville offer the first weekly livestreamed all-school Mass for school families on Wednesday mornings.

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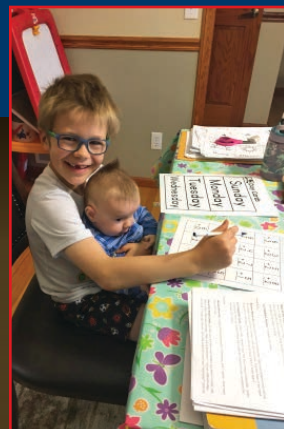
MSHSL postpones all athletics until May 4.

After first week of distance learning, Dr. Ferdinandt sends an update to supporters of Saint Agnes School.

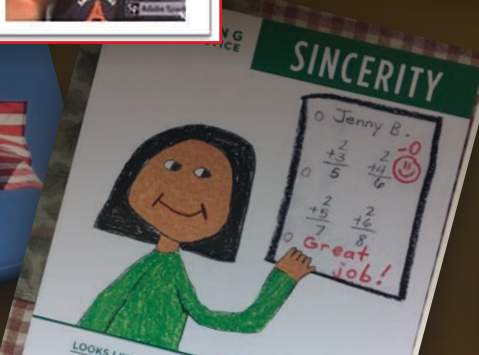
Each morning during distance learning, Mr. Adkins offers a daily morning video message, consisting of prayer and pledge - just like at school! He also offers special anecdotes such as the Virtue of the Week, birthdays, Virtue Shout-Outs, and a daily drawing.

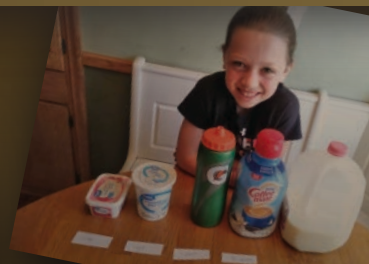
National Student Athlete Day. Saint Agnes salutes its athletes.

After 2 days of distance learning, surveys are sent to parents and students looking for feedback and ways to improve. Families are making adjustments to their home life to accommodate the new demands.



The Pledge
I pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.





Governor Walz extends the stay-at-home order through May 3. Bars, restaurants, and other public accommodation closures are extended through May 3.

Typically a time of reenrollment, Dr. Ferdinandt and Mr. Olson discuss online what's changed and what stays the same in admissions, enrollment, tuition agreements and financial aid.

The Holmstadt family not only keeps busy during distance learning, but helps the community by 3D printing ear stress relievers for local health care workers. They get requests for hundreds and send them to local clinics and hospitals.

The show just couldn't go on this year, so on opening night of the spring musical, Director David Johnson sent a message to the cast of "Crazy for You." He applauded them for all the hard work they had already put into the show, the skill level they had attained, and announced that dates for next year's show, a repeat of "Crazy for You."



Governor Walz extends distance learning for public schools until the end of the academic year. He allows some non-critical workers to return to work if they have safety measures in place and their job does not require direct contact with customers. MSHSL and CAA cancel all spring athletics and activities for the remainder of the school year.

Spirit Day Give Away! Families don their Aggie gear and send photos. Winners receive a special cake, delivered to their door.

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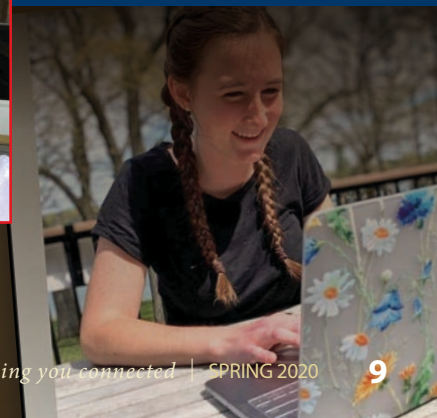
Teachers and administrators travel the cities and beyond to surprise seniors with an Aggie Love yard sign.



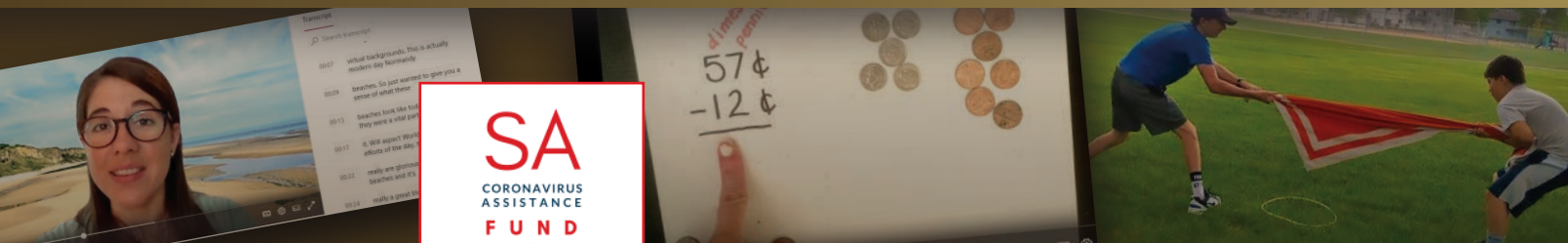
Dr. Ferdinandt and Mr. Adkins videotape a discussion on the difference between distance learning and online school. They discuss Saint Agnes School's philosophy on teaching and learning during this global pandemic and stay at home orders from our local government. Grade 3-6 weekly zoom meetings begin as an opportunity for young Aggies to get together and meet socially if they so choose. Grade K-1 begin the following week. Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Richtsmeier, and Mrs. Truran host the meetings

Administration members begin a weekly Facebook live event to keep family members and the Saint Agnes community updated on the state of the school, giving them an opportunity to ask questions in real time.

Closing night of the musical brings roses for the seniors. This year was no different. The Johnson family and staff members delivered roses to the seniors. One senior wrote back, "It means the world that you dropped off that rose! You have no idea how long I have waited to receive one! Ever since I saw 'Joseph', before I was in Kindergarten, I wanted to be on that stage! Thanks to the Johnsons I got 11 amazing years, and I enjoyed every minute of it. To my Music Family: God bless, thank you, I love you, and I'm "Crazy for You!" Sometimes we need to "forget our troubles, come on get happy" and just praise God for the goodness!"



An Unexpected Journey



After public schools are closed for the remainder of the school year, and the Archdiocese recommends Catholic schools do the same, Saint Agnes is not ready to give up hope that there can be some final in-person schooling the final week or two of school. Furloughed employees are brought back to work in various capacities either from home, or on campus with social distancing.

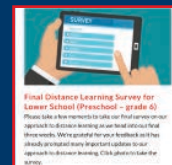
After making personal calls to all our families, it is determined that many were experiencing financial hardships due to job loss, furloughs, or reduced hours. The Saint Agnes Coronavirus Assistance Fund is established to help families with groceries, tuition, and other necessities.

Grade 3 provides a Virtual Virtue Assembly for the lower school students. Lindsay Ferris demonstrates generosity, patriotism, and gratitude by setting up a coffee and donut stand for her local police officers.



Parents are given several opportunities to evaluate distance learning. Results are discussed in depth amongst the administration and staff and modifications are continuously made to better serve the students and families.

Teacher appreciation week! Administration send cards and hand deliver yard signs to all faculty members.



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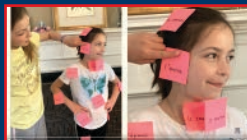
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The Kirkland family enriches their daily work by learning a new language. They get creative learning the French terms for various body parts.

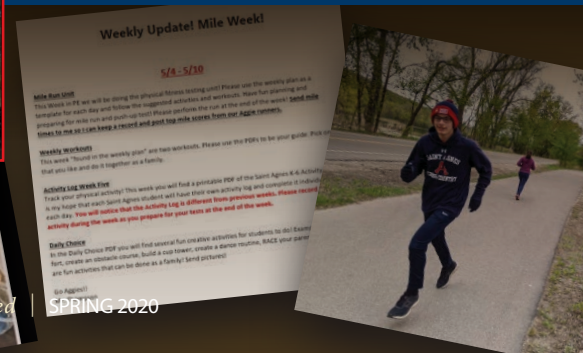


Distance learning allows more freedom to discover hidden talents and learn new skills.



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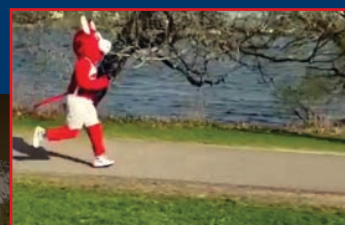
After receiving much input and weighing the possibilities, risks, and details necessary to make a prudential judgment, Fr. Moriarty, Dr. Ferdinandt, and administrators decide to continue distance learning through the remainder of the school year for all students in grades Preschool-12, with a school year end date of May 29, as originally planned. All senior year activities (including Academic Convocation, Senior Banquet, and Baccalaureate/Graduation) will be (re)scheduled during the week immediately following Memorial Day (i.e., 5/26-29).



With no students in school, the Sisters perform the traditional May crowning during the livestreamed all-school Mass. Families are encouraged to have their own May crowning or devotionals at home.



Aggies on the Run week! Along with the students, the Aggie Bull is up for the challenge of the yearly mile run test. Miss Ennis, 6th grade teacher and track coach, challenges the community to a virtual 5K run.



Aggie "Red Out" Day. Students show their Aggie pride!





The all-school Mass is offered for the senior class. They are invited to attend in "drive-in" style while the rest of the classes participate from home.

Stay-at-home order is allowed to expire on May 17. Peacetime emergency is extended through June 12. Temporary closure of bars, restaurants, and other public accommodations extended until May 31. Businesses may open with a covid-19 response plan in place to protect workers and customers. Small gatherings of 10 or less family and friends is permitted.

Governor Walz meets with Archbishop Bernard Hebda and other Faith leaders. Governor Walz prohibits gathering of 10 or more people at inside or outside worship services. Archbishop Hebda and the Minnesota bishops announce they will allow parishes to open on May 26 despite the Governor's order.

Dr. Ferdinandt announces that the 2020 Baccalaureate Mass will take place on May 29th as previously scheduled with safety measures in place, as a fitting way to honor the graduation class and end the school year.

A car parade is planned to honor the seniors, along with an outdoor, socially distanced assembly, in order for faculty member to pay tribute to each senior. In the aftermath of George Floyd's unjust treatment and death, looting and violence breaks out a bit over 2 miles away in St. Paul's Midway area, causing the immediate cancellation only minutes after it has begun.

Continued unrest in the community results in postponement of the Baccalaureate Mass until mid-June, unfortunately after the Archives goes to print. The last day of school for all Saint Agnes students is one of the strangest and saddest ever experienced, yet the Saint Agnes community remains ever faithful and resilient.

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The Sisters invite families to pray the rosary with them in their chapel via Facebook to ask for strength for our community and peace for our families who have been most affected.

Lower school virtual field trip day! Distance learning takes a new turn as families are asked to take a virtual, or live, field trip instead of academic work. Lists of opportunities are compiled for families. Virtual ideas include museums, monuments, aquariums, National parks, and zoos. Bike trips, hikes, scenic drives and state parks are also encouraged.



Lower school virtual field day. Video opening ceremonies include the passing of the Olympic torch from Athens. Families take a break and drive past school to greet their children's teachers.



Like by boyle.brigid and 78,879 others
kristenanniebell Lupe Morán, mom of 8 kids, lives a few blocks from the Latino business corridor in South Minneapolis where many minority owned businesses have experienced property damage this

After meeting with faith leaders, Governor Walz announces that places of worship can open on May 27 at 25% capacity, with social distancing and other health guidelines in place. The Baccalaureate Mass preparations continue.

Families are asked to return books and supplies using curbside drop off. Students items left in classrooms and lockers are also bagged and returned at the same time. Faculty members sort and catalogue books in an effort to wrap up the school year. The motto adopted by the school rings even truer, "Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer." St. Padre Pio, pray for us.



week. She also runs her own house cleaning business, which has been hit hard by Covid-19. Lupe is known in the community as a caretaker, looking after neighbors in need and helping friends at her church. She's taken on so much, so we wanted to send a Year of Hello Bello Bundles to help care for her sweet infant, Lucy. Lupe, thank you for being such a hero to so many in your community! Sending all our love to you. @hellobellos



Ana Arellano
Cum Laude



Nathaniel Bennett



Rose Birkey
Summa Cum Laude, NHS



Jacob Brezny
Cum Laude



Andrew Brownell
Magna Cum Laude, NHS



Charles Buss
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Cole Duginske



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Peter Schaeffer



Emily Schrampf

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3.33-3.66 *cum laude*,
3.67-3.99 *magna cum laude*,
4.0+ *summa cum laude*

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Joseph Williams



SAINT AGNES PALM AWARD

*Andrew Brownell
Elizabeth Dickerson*

The Saint Agnes Palm Award is a great honor that bears the name of the symbol of victory of our patroness, the palm branch. One young man and young woman are selected by the faculty who best represent the hopes and goals as expressed in the mission and vision of Saint Agnes School. These young people are well rounded and have achieved excellence in virtually all areas: Faith, academics, activities, athletics, character, virtue, leadership, friendship, and service. This year's Saint Agnes Palm Award honorees are Andrew Brownell and Elizabeth Dickerson.



"Andrew Brownell is a man of faith, a man of integrity, a man of courage, a selfless man," remarked Mr. Tom Flood, Dean of students. "He thinks of others first, putting their well-being ahead of his own. He is a caring man. He is a leader in word, but more importantly, in action." In his virtual address to his class, Andrew remarked, "We've had, to say the least, the most memorable senior year of any class before us and frankly, I am grateful... Are we going to focus on the things that we didn't get (not just in our senior year but in our life) or are we going to be grateful for what we have and use our experience to help grow ourselves as both

individuals and a class? We have God, we have each other, we have our families, we have our friends, and now we have an education provided to us from one of the greatest Catholic schools in the United States." Thomas will attend the University of St. Thomas in the fall, studying Biochemistry and Exercise Science.

Mr. Dan Berthiaume, Latin teacher and softball coach, describes Elizabeth Dickerson as the ultimate teammate. "I can't think of anyone I've ever coached who has been more positive and more able to bring out the best in others than Elizabeth. Nobody cheers louder, nobody lifts those around her more, nobody works harder. And that maximum effort extends to everything Lizzie does, whether in the classroom, on the stage, on the field, court, or indeed, in her relationship with God and others. Her first instinct



is to serve, and to serve joyfully." Acting on that instinct, Lizzy immediately left for Damascus Catholic Mission Campus in Ohio where she will not only serve for the summer but plans to stay on board with Damascus supporting Catholic youth and community outreach. Elizabeth had the following advice for her classmates, "As this senior year rolled around we decided to set aside our differences for a common goal, which bonded us as a family. As we move on to the next adventure, pray for this family to grow in all aspects. Let yourself grow in new friendships, places, and experiences. Set your goals with a high and good standard. Ask the Father

what that standard is for you and then, at college or whatever your next chapter in life is, seek friends and Campus ministry to hold accountable. Finally, continue to be Jesus to others because they, like I do, will see Christ in you, and they will want to reflect that peace and joy!"

VALEDICTORIAN

Sara Foote

Sara, daughter of David and Gail Foote, has earned the highest academic honor and the title of Valedictorian for the class of 2020. Sara will attend the University of Notre Dame and pursue a major in Biochemistry as well as enroll in the ROTC program. English teacher Mr. Ted Sexton noted, "Sara is the type of student



that is outstanding in both character and scholarship. She has been a tremendous asset to the student body, and it has been a pleasure to see her grow into an outstanding young woman." Sarah greeted her classmates and included this message, "We learned from Aeschylus this year that we must 'suffer into truth;' well, God has given the Class of 2020 ample opportunities for suffering. Now, it is up to us to discover the truths God wants us to learn and to carry them forward into our lives. Through suffering, God has called us out of the comfortable places where we like to hide so we can further our journey to Him. But we must let ourselves learn what God has to teach."

SALUTATORIAN

Emma Taggart

Emma, daughter of Julie (Focht '97) and Jared Taggart, has earned the title of Salutatorian for her academic achievements. Mrs. Lori Dumas, History teacher, honored Emma with these words, "I've seen you grow as a leader among your peers. You pour yourself out for others, radiate joy, and aren't afraid to lead with authenticity. These years at Saint Agnes have shaped the form of your score, and you have so much more to give." In her farewell address, Emma told her classmates, "Before each Olympic Games, a torch is lit in Olympia, ancient home of the Olympics, and passed on by hand from runner to runner across cities and countries until the last runner reaches the Olympic



stadium bearing the torch in triumph. While that torch symbolizes the light of the Olympic spirit, you and I are called to be torch runners for a far deeper and more significant light, that of God's love. This heavenly torch has already been lit, it has been carried up until now by our teachers, mentors, and parents, and it now passes to us. I challenge you, as we leave these halls: lace up your shoes, pick up your torch, and spread its eternal flame everywhere you go until you too have finally entered God's kingdom bearing your light in triumph." A highly accomplished pianist, Emma will attend Mannes School of Music in New York City and pursue a degree in Piano Performance.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Monsignor Bandas Chapter

2019-20 Officers:

President: Emma Taggart

Vice President: Andrew Brownell

Treasurer: Clare Shrake

Secretary: Lucy Reinart

Members from the Class of 2020 listed on pg 12-13

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Awarded to seniors who have exhibited a true love of learning and an infectious zeal for the subject matter

Band: Timmy Rosno & Luke Wallisch

Drama: Andrew Tarnowski & Grace Karadza

English: Sara Foote & Gabrielle Knecht

History: Sophia Graner & Thomas Stokman

Latin: Sara Foote & Emma Taggart

Mathematics: Sara Foote & Rose Birkey

Physical Education: George Stark & Kelsey Miller

Science: Sara Foote & Shelagh Steffes

Spanish: Bridget Hill & Sandra Lopez-Moran

Studio Art: William Doerr & Raquel Laforce

Theology: Bridget Hill & Elizabeth Dickerson

Vocal Music: Emma Taggart & Timmy Rosno

CAMWS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CLASSICAL STUDIES

Timothy Rosno & Clare Shrake



SONS & DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AWARD

A graduating senior who displays great character, service, leadership and has a keen appreciation of patriotism: Nathaniel Bennett

SR. ADRIENNE AWARD/ AMY HANSMANN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Emma Taggart

Awarded to a graduating senior for exemplary, yet quiet, faith and character:

Matthew Hansmann

Angela Koontz

Angela Norris

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

President: Andrew Tarnowski

Vice President: Jena Marcolina

Senior representatives:

Bri Knecht

Libby Korby

Jonathan Sherf

Maggie Thibault

Phillip True

YEARBOOK SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

In recognition of the senior editors

Julia Hamlin & Angela Norris

MASS, CONFESSIONS AND DEVOTIONS During the Pandemic

BY FR. MARK MORIARTY, PASTOR AND SUPERINTENDENT

The first "Drive-in Mass" was held on Easter Sunday



The faithful are aware of and can sense the presence of God in our churches, especially the presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ in our Catholic Tabernacles. For over 40 days Saint Agnes Church and School have been eerily empty. Not hearing the pitter-pat of footsteps in the hallways is very unsettling when these buildings should be a hive of activity. To be separated from our sacred places and from our fellow worshipers, and most of all, to be separated from the true presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist has been a unique loss and challenge.

Yet, just as learning is occurring at a distance, so is worship. And a new kind of presence is becoming more common place, the virtual presence of the faithful attending Mass via livestream. I am grateful for the many employees and parish volunteers who immediately stepped forward to offer their knowledge and equipment to make livestreaming of

Masses a possibility. We used different devices and techniques of transmitting audio and various web-based platforms in order to offer our at-home families a better picture and clearer audio. Interestingly, now people from all over the nation can see what is happening in a beautiful Tyrolean Baroque church in Frogtown!

Both Deacon Nathan Allen and I recorded audio only podcasts of St. Alphonse Liguori's Stations of the Cross. Individuals can pray along with us in their cars or families can join us in their homes, which was especially well received during the Lenten season. As expected, Deacon's version is more popular than mine! I've always said I have a face made for radio and a voice made for silent pictures.

In April, we began livestreaming an all-school Mass on Wednesday mornings so our students could continue the routine of weekly school Masses and make a spiritual communion along with their classmates. By Easter, church and local civil

authorities allowed outdoor Masses while still requiring precautionary regulations, the most significant of which was not being able to distribute Holy Communion. The north terrace of Saint Agnes church has provided a beautiful backdrop for Holy Mass, albeit more exposed to the weather. At least the distance between the flock and the Good Shepherd has been reduced!

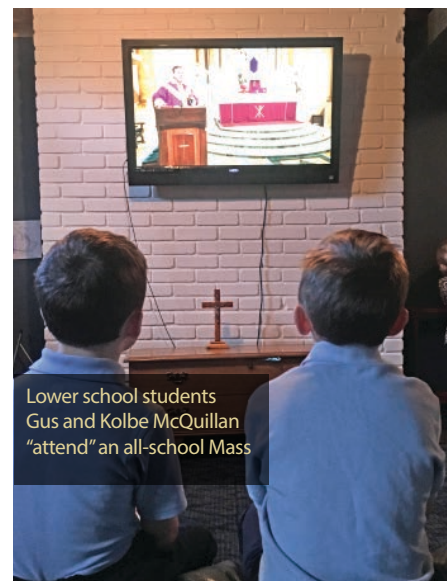
A special weekday "drive-in" Mass was offered for our senior class in mid-May. Our seniors have had their last year of

high school upended like none other. Being able to gather in prayer in their cars alongside their classmates, while the rest of the school tuned in from home, gave them a small sense of community and spiritual belonging.



In these unprecedented times, human creativity and technical know-how has reduced to some extent the separation caused by the precautions. But to be clear, Christ wants us to personally encounter Him in the sacraments. Most Holy Communion cannot be received in a virtual manner. Hopefully, this time has allowed people not to take the sacraments for granted and help them hunger more for the graces obtained from the mysteries of the Faith.

The old proverb will undoubtedly hold true, distance makes the heart grow fonder.



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BRIGID BOYLE JOINS 1,000 POINT CLUB

Junior Brigid Boyle scored her 1,000th basketball career point on February 7th during an away game at Cristo Rey. Boyle entered the game with 18 points remaining to secure a milestone

that only five other female Aggie athletes have attained. The Aggies were down by 12 points with 1:15 seconds remaining in the game. Sophomore Elena Hughes passed the ball to Boyle, who took a shot from behind the arc and secured her name in Saint Agnes history. Unfortunately, the Aggies couldn't secure the win that evening, but it was a night the team will remember!

All Time Girls Scorers	Class of	Points
K'Lynn Lewis	2018	1482
Adaya Sandifer	2018	1326
Maria Tibesar	2015	1159
Brigid Boyle	2021	1092
Mary Butler	2010	1050
Sara Tibesar	1995	1005

JOSH HERNANDEZ EARNS 100TH VICTORY

Senior wrestler Josh Hernandez earned his 100th career victory February 7th during the conference wrestling tournament. Josh led the Aggie wrestling team this season with 86 takedowns and 12 reversals.

He finished his career with a school high 347 takedowns, over twice that of the next closest wrestler. His single match

takedown total was 14 versus St. Thomas Academy and he also leads Saint Agnes with 65 career 2-point nearfalls.



BOYS BASKETBALL SECTION 4AA ACADEMIC CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the boys' basketball team earning the section 4AA Academic Championship with a cumulative 3.29 GPA.

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL EARN GOLD STATUS IN ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Baseball earned a team GPA of 3.70 while softball earned a team GPA of 3.90. The Minnesota State High School Coaches Association (MSHSCA) annually recognizes teams that earn GPA's of 3.50 and above, and even though the 2020 spring season was cancelled, they were still able to award academic honors.

Additionally, softball seniors Kelsey Miller, Maggie Thibault, Elizabeth Dickerson, and Aspen Layer earned Academic All-State honors, maintaining a GPA of 3.75 or higher while playing varsity softball.

WINFIELD AWARDS

RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING STUDENT ATHLETES OF COLOR

Congratulations to **Andrew Brownell** and **Raquel Laforce** being named Winfield Award scholarship winners for 2020.

Andrew plays football, basketball and track, and Raquel is a softball player.

Each will receive \$300.00 from the Winfield Awards Committee to further their education.

The award is named in honor of David Winfield who grew up in the Summit-University community in St. Paul. He graduated from Central High School, attended the University of Minnesota and then went on to have an outstanding career in professional baseball. In 1995, he retired from baseball and in 2001 he was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Graduating seniors of color who have competed in varsity athletics during the 2019-20 school year, who live in St. Paul or attend a school in St. Paul, and who have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better are eligible for the Award.



2020 ATHENA AWARD

Saint Agnes is proud to announce that **Elizabeth Dickerson** has been selected as our 2020 Athena Award winner. The St. Paul Athena Awards honors outstanding female high school senior student-athletes for their athletic achievements. Dickerson's accomplishments include multiple letters in volleyball, softball, and weightlifting.



1000-POINT CLUB

D2 BOUND

BRIGID BOYLE '21

Junior Brigid Boyle has joined an elite list of female basketball players at Saint Agnes, the 1000-point club. And she still has one more season to play. I called Brigid on the phone, since we're social distancing these days, and asked her about her experiences as a student-athlete.

The first organized sports team Brigid played on was soccer in kindergarten with the Eagan Athletic Association, because everyone plays soccer in Eagan! "The following year I joined the basketball program, and boy, was I terrible. But I enjoyed the sport and basketball became my passion."

From 4th-7th grade she played basketball for both Eagan traveling and Saint Agnes. It was not an easy schedule, but she loved the game and wanted to play as much as she could. The summer before 8th grade the varsity coach saw potential in this wiry teen and decided to pull her up to the varsity squad, where she has played the last 4 years. Once the winter season ends in early March, she's lacing back up a few weeks later to start her AAU Club season, which goes through July. She has played AAU basketball for four years with the Minnesota Stars out of Bloomington, MN. Girls on her team are from all over the state and they travel to tournaments around the country to play the best of the best. This has been a difficult spring, as many of the tournaments have been cancelled and there are no team practices being held. She tells me, "I miss my teammates and coaches, and this will be my last season to play club ball. But I have been working out at home, running, lifting weights, and of course, shooting hoops in the driveway with my sisters."

After playing four years of varsity basketball, Boyle tells me this season has been filled with rebuilding and rewarding experiences. "It has been both my most exciting and my most challenging season thus far. I hadn't realized I was so close to making 1,000 points when we were playing Cristo Rey. I wasn't feeling well that day at school, even as game time approached, and my focus was on winning. So, it surprised me when my teammates and the fans jumped up and cheered and surrounded me on the court after I made the shot. When the feelings sank in, and I had time to reflect, I realized that if you put in the time and work hard, you can accomplish great things. The hard work on my driveway, being pushed and encouraged by my Dad, it was paying off."

Though hitting 1,000 was very exciting, it was a challenging season for the team. They struggled with a young and inexperienced roster and the number of players was significantly down. Those two factors led to difficult games as the girls continued to be plagued with illnesses and injuries. Brigid, herself, had to push through with ankle problems and knee issues. But even in disappointment, there were things learned. "Failures don't change who you are but give you a chance to appreciate the good moments even more. I realized I can only control what I am able to, and I still need to give 100% and put forth my best effort to be the best version of myself."

It was during middle school that Brigid first dreamed of playing in college, like her mom, who played at St. Ben's. She attended Ruth Sinn's Tommie Pride basketball camp at the University of St. Thomas and had so much fun interacting with the college coaches and players. "I saw what great people they were and how

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much they loved basketball and just being with one another. I could see myself in their shoes and it pushed me to improve my game and strive to play in college.”

“Playing in the AAU circuit has exposed me to college recruiters, and I was approached this past fall by Wayne State College in Wayne, NE. I liked the size of the school and the Biology program, but what impressed me the most was how the small city rallies around the school’s sports and the support they give their student-athletes. When visiting campus, I went out to lunch with some of the players at the local diner and the waitstaff knew the players by name and welcomed me as “the new girl”. They have great attendance at games and the basketball team has maintained a high GPA the last couple of years. I was looking for an academic challenge, as I am interested in

becoming a physical therapist. It checked off many boxes in what I am looking for in a school and program.”



“I also liked the fact that Wayne State is just far away enough away without being too far. They play in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference. Every game will be a challenge and I am excited to play at a higher level. Many of the teams in our conference are in MN so family and friends can still see me play. I plan to sign my letter of intent this upcoming fall.”

When asked about her experiences as a student-athlete, Brigid remarks, “Sports have taught me a lot of valuable life lessons such as perseverance, discipline, and leadership. It has forced me out of my comfort zone and given me confidence. But most of all, I love the relationships I have built with my coaches and teammates throughout the years. I have met so many great people in the basketball community and I will cherish those friendships forever!”

From a shy, wiry 8th grade player to a college-bound confident athlete, Brigid has great things ahead in her future. A strong work ethic, passion, high academic expectations, and drive to succeed will reap her many rewards. Lucky for us, we get to see her play one more year as an Aggie before she leaves to become a Wildcat.



SAINT AGNES COMPLETES FIRST YEAR IN NEW SKYLINE CONFERENCE

Saint Agnes left the Tri-Metro Conference where it has been a member since 1988. “It was sad to leave the Tri Metro Conference” said AD Mike Streitz, “We have built great relationships and rivalries with the student

bodies and administrations of those schools but this is a move we needed and were excited to make given the current direction of the Tri Metro Conference.”

Why Change Conferences? For years, the Tri Metro was a perfect fit for Saint Agnes until the schools that had similar enrollments- Blake, Breck, Minnehaha Academy, Mounds Park Academy, St. Paul Academy and Providence Academy- left to join the Independent Metro Athletic Conference (IMAC) leaving Saint Agnes and Concordia Academy as the two smallest schools in the conference.

Current Tri Metro Conference schools average 328 more students than Saint Agnes and Concordia Academy. “The move to the new conference was in the best interest for our school and its students and will provide a place where our students can succeed and be challenged in a conference with other similarly-sized schools,” said Streitz.

What will stay the same? Post season play did not change. Those assignments are governed by the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL). Football continues with District play. Districts replaced conferences 3 years ago to place schools with similar enrollments in the same group. Wrestling continues to participate as an associate member of the Tri Metro Conference. The boys and girls swimming co-ops and the boys and girls hockey co-ops will remain as is.

The eight schools in the new conference are Concordia Academy and Saint Agnes from the Tri Metro Conference, Maranatha, St. Croix Prep, New Life Academy and Trinity at River Ridge from the Minnesota Christian Athletic Association, and Cristo Rey Jesuit and Nova Classical Academy from the Twin Cities Athletic Conference.

WE'RE WITH THE BAND

Mr. Rick Peters and the upper school band

This year's high school band has something special to brag about. They have earned a superior rating for the 4th consecutive year at the MN State High School League's Region 4A Large Group music contest this past February.

Led by Mr. Rick Peters, members of the band have been preparing pieces from the list of required music put out by the MSHSL to perform before a panel of three judges. Judges are professional musicians and music educators who have been trained and tested in order to qualify as a judge. The band is judged on eight categories: tone, technique, intonation, articulations, interpretation, choice of music for the group, emotional involvement and other factors. With five possible points per category, a band must score at least 35 points from two judges in order to receive a superior rating. Not only did they record over 35 points from two judges this year, but the last three years they scored over 35 from all three judges! Saint Agnes was one of only four schools in region 4A to receive a superior rating.

Besides competing in the large group contest, the Saint Agnes band presents two major concerts each year and plays at homecoming and pep assemblies. They also hold concerts at local elementary schools and are looking to organize a band trip next spring. Though winning awards and public performances are highlights of being in the band, the intangible perks are just as important. In addition to learning to read music and play an instrument, life lessons such as learning to work as a team and understanding you are a part of a greater whole are important to discover. Students need patience and stamina to stay with the piece until it is perfected, and, of course, they make life-long friends.

Mr. Peters pointed out that there are unique complexities for a band director. "I generally have 35-40 students in the high

school band. The characteristics, strengths and weaknesses of each group changes from year to year. Being able to pick the right music that works well and at the same time challenges an entire group, that often has many different levels of ability, takes time and creativity. Think of it as being a coach. Do I put in a system for my basketball team that is more of a running game or ball control game? Small ball in baseball or wait for the big home run because you have a lot of sluggers? It depends on the personnel and talents. Do I highlight the woodwinds or brass or percussion? Which section is stronger?"

Mr. Peters must be doing something right. As a young Hamline College grad, one of his first band director positions was right here at Saint Agnes from 1979-1981. It was in 1981 that the band won its last superior rating. (Keep in mind the band was defunct for a number of years.) Mr. Peters pursued his profession on the east coast before returning to Saint Agnes in 2015. One year later, the band began its four-year run of superior ratings. Coincidence? Perhaps. But Saint Agnes is happy to have him back for the latter part of his career.

"I love being at Saint Agnes and teaching such great students. Working with an administration, faculty and staff that I have the utmost respect for has been a joy and I couldn't have picked a better place to end my career... whenever that occurs."

A special shout to the seniors who became the first Aggie four-year band students to receive four consecutive superior ratings as members of our Saint Agnes band: Julia Hamlin, Kelsey Miller, Andrew Brownell, Timmy Rosno, Danielle McLaughlin, Jacob Coyne, Kelly Gomez, and Luke Wallisch.

Timothy Rosno

ALL-STATE TROMBONIST

All-State Band is an audition-based band that selects the top players for each instrument from students throughout the state. Saint Agnes' Timmy Rosno, class of 2020, has been selected to play trombone in this elite All-State band for the second year in a row. He played with the All-State Orchestra as a junior and received high honors again this year as a member of the All-State Symphonic Band.

Timmy first started playing the piano at a young age and would often pick up his older siblings' instruments just for fun. Thinking the trombone was "cooler" than the other instruments the family had, he started learning to play it in fourth grade. By sixth grade, he was ready to audition into the Minnesota Band Directors Association 6-8 honor band. He successfully returned to the program through 10th grade. During his sophomore year, he sent in his audition for All-State, and was accepted into the Orchestra. His junior year, he did the same, and was accepted into the Symphonic Band. This was no easy feat and it took much effort and practice to get him to that level of performance.

Timmy first joined the Saint Agnes band as a freshman under the direction of Mr. Rick Peters. "Band is great! I've made a lot of friends and am so grateful to have played under the direction of Mr. Peters. Brass quartet rehearsals were some of my favorites, as they were always fun!", remarked Timmy. "I'm just so disappointed that we didn't get to perform our spring concert, especially since this is my senior year."

Timmy will be attending Benedictine College pursuing a double major in Physics and Computer Science. He will also join the college's marching band, concert band, choir and other music ensembles.

"Music is very important to me. I have learned that I express myself best through performance and competition. Playing instruments has allowed me to do just that," says Timmy. He plays both trombone and bass trombone.





Harrison James Eckberg

- Harrison James is named after my husband (Daniel Harrison) and his grandpa, Jim. So I guess you could say it's a family name.
- Parents: Mary & Dan Eckberg
- DOB: 8/23/2019
- Weight and Length: 9lbs 8oz; 22.5 in
- Siblings: Genesieve (2 yrs)



Mrs. Eckberg, Grade 1

Hendrick Joseph May

- Hendrick is named after his great-great-grandfather. He is also the third generation to have Joseph for a middle name - along with honoring St. Joseph. What we didn't realize is that his namesake was born on the feast of St. Agnes (January 21) and died on our Hendrick's birthday (November 8). It seems he was meant to have his name!
- Parents: April & Zach May
- DOB: 11/8/2019
- Weight and Length: 8 lbs. 12 oz.; 21 inches
- Siblings: None



Mrs. May, Grade 3

Mrs. DeMarais, Administrative Assistant



Judah John DeMarais

- We wanted a biblical name and landed on Judah because it means "praise" and the tribe of Judah is one of the greatest of the tribes of Israel, with King David and Jesus as descendants. John is his middle name because he was born on the feast of the beheading of St. John the Baptist.
- Parents: Becca (Shrake '09) & Peter DeMarais
- DOB: 8/29/2019
- Weight and Length: 8 lbs 2 oz; 20 in
- Siblings: Silas (2.5 yrs)

Peter James McQuillan

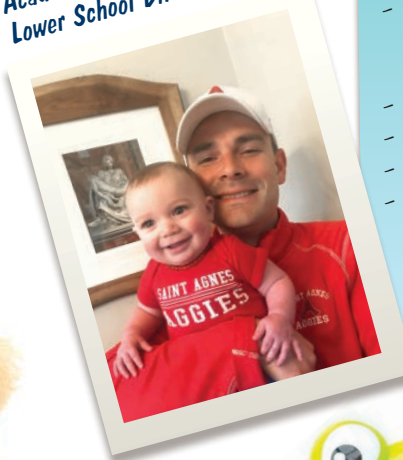
- Peter goes by "Rocky" after his grandfather AND the "Rock" of the Church, St. Peter.
- Parents: Amy & Matt McQuillan
- DOB: 11/19/2019
- Weight and Length: 8 lbs 13 oz; 21.5 in
- Siblings: Augustine (1st grade), Kolbe (K), Lucia (3 yrs), Azalea (2 yrs)



Mrs. McQuillan, Executive Assistant to the Headmaster



Mr. Adkins, Academic Dean, Lower School Director



Maximilian Octavius Adkins

- He is named after St. Maximilian Kolbe and born on the Feast (EF) of St. Octavius (which means "eighth born")
- Parents: Michael & Cynthia Adkins
- DOB: 11/20/19
- Weight and Length: 7 lbs 15 oz; 18 in
- Siblings: Siblings: Faustina (6th grade), Jude (4th grade), Benedict (2nd grade), Agatha (1st grade), Veronica (5 yrs), Leonidas (3 yrs), John Paul (2 yrs)





Mrs. Loch, Grade 1

Thomas Lindemar Loch

- Thomas was born the day before St. Thomas Aquinas's feast day and it's his dad's middle name. Lindemar is after his Brazilian great-grandfather, Lindemar meaning beautiful sea in Portuguese.
- Parents: Jenny + Erich Loch
- DOB: 1/27/2020
- Weight and Length: 9lbs 3oz; 22 inches
- Siblings: Catherine (3rd grade), Margaret (1st grade), Andrew (K) and James (3.5 yrs)

Cora Marie Magdalene Hendrickson

- Cora Marie Magdalene was chosen because we hope that, like Mary, she ponders the works of the Lord in her heart, and that, like Mary Magdalene, she gives witness to the truth of our Lord's resurrection.
- Parents: Karl and Renee Hendrickson
- DOB: 5/23/2020
- Weight and Length: 6lbs 15oz; 21 3/4"
- Siblings: Andre (5 yrs), Stella (3 yrs)

Mr. Hendrickson, Assistant Headmaster



Gabriel Joseph Duppler

- We chose Gabriel because his due date was 3/27, close to the Annunciation, and I was hoping to deliver on 3/25. We chose Joseph because Saint Joseph is one of Andy's patrons and Andy and I met in Saint Joseph, MN.
- Parents: Ashley + Andy Duppler
- DOB: 3/4/2020
- Weight and Length: 7lbs 14 oz; 21.5"

Mrs. Duppler, Kindergarten



Grace Marie Pedersen

- Grace Marie was chosen because May is the month of Mary, the Mediatrix of all Grace. Marie is the middle name of both Angie's mom and my sister Ellen (103). And my father, Deacon Pedersen, was a lover of all things French and thus the French form of Mary. Most importantly, however, is that Angie and I have struggled having children and we feel so grateful and blessed by God's Grace.
- Parents: Karl and Angela Pedersen
- DOB: 5/19/2020
- Weight and Length: 6lbs 10z, 19"
- Siblings: Lucy (3rd grade,

Mr. Pedersen, Latin, Logic, Theology



Matthias Paul Gockowski

- We chose Matthias Paul because they were both great Apostles, and missionaries. They were the last Apostles chosen, yet were on fire with Divine love. The name Matthew is common in both of our families, Paul is also David's middle name.
- Parents: David and Bernadette Gockowski
- DOB: 4/7/2020
- Weight and Length: 9 lbs 8 oz; 19 inches
- Siblings: Leo (4 yrs) and Ida (2 yrs)

Mr. Gockowski, Grade 4



Dominic Bona

- We love the name and both Saints Dominic, but particularly the founder of the Dominican order! We want our son to live up to the meaning of the name as one "belonging to God" first and above all else!
- Parents: Claire and Henry Bona
- DOB -Due June 2 - waiting for his arrival!
- Weight and length: TBD
- Siblings: None

Mrs. Bona, Grade 6



It's Time to Give Back



Michael Parizino

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Mike Parizino never imagined he'd find himself where he is today. A State Champion hurdler and finalist in the MN State High School Track Tournament in both his junior and senior year, as well as a 4-year football and basketball player at Saint Agnes, the first memories that come to his mind when looking back on his Aggie days were the camaraderie of the football team, the mental toughness taught by Coach John Heller and the homecoming festivities. He also fondly remembers the head cheerleader from St. Bernard's! Dating someone from the arch-rival school could get a boy in serious trouble with his friends, and though he kept the relationship hidden as long as possible, he couldn't deny his feelings and the Bulldog cheerleader eventually became his wife. With four grown children and a successful business, Mike and Mary Parizino decided it was time to give back.

One of Mike's favorite teachers in high school was Mr. Joe Silvia. Not only was Mr. Silvia a good teacher, but he found the senior year business class material very interesting. It was also the first investment Mike ever made. Each member of the class brought in \$10 and researched companies in which they could invest. Though Mr. Silvia had always helped the students make profitable choices, the market didn't cooperate that year and the stock the class had purchased saw a loss in value. Feeling badly, Mr. Silvia bought the stock from the kids and took the hit himself. The sign of a dedicated teacher.

After graduation, Mike earned his bachelor's degree in business and finance from St. Thomas University and quickly landed a job with St. Paul Companies writing surety bonds for contractors. A few years later he moved to Philadelphia, attended the master's program at Villanova and was employed by Cigna Insurance Co. A relocation landed him in California where he has lived since 1990. He eventually left the insurance side and became a broker, writing policies for large contractors such as major hospitals, bridge projects (Stillwater bridge and I-35W bridge), and sports stadiums. He became a partner in a private equity company about nine years ago.

As his career and investments improved and his children grew into adulthood, he realized it was time to give back to those who helped him get to where he is today. He credits Saint

Agnes School, its teachers, and the life-long friends he made there, to be at the top of the list. He and his wife proceeded to set up a donor advised charitable giving account.

It was both his love for athletics and his high-school friendships that steered him toward investing in the athletic department at Saint Agnes. He had been gathering his buddies to play in the Aggie Open golf tournament for a number of years and invited them to relive the glory days at his Wisconsin cabin. When reminiscing about the number of talented athletes Saint Agnes produced in the late 70s and 80s, and the lack of equipment and enviable uniforms, Mike decided that is where he would like to show his support. He vividly remembers showing up at the State high school track meet, along with the Saint Agnes relay team, in baggy gray sweatpants. Looking around at the other big schools with their matching track jacket and pant sets, bags, and footwear made him conscious of just how little

the Saint Agnes athletes had. By race time, all the schools ended up stripping down to similar shorts and t-shirts, but the image of those fancy track suits made an impression.

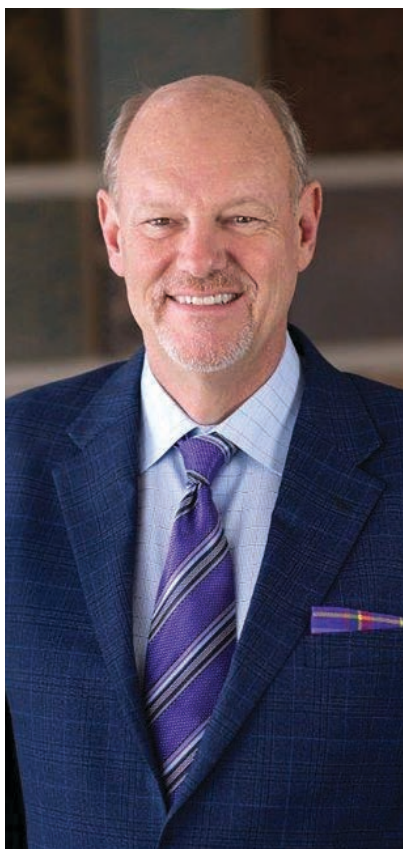
Mike has great respect for Saint Agnes Athletic Director Mike Streitz and the work he has done over the last 15 years and wanted to support those efforts. He has made a \$250,000 commitment, paid over 10 years, to be the major sponsor of the Aggie Open Golf Tournament in support of Aggie athletics and is directing those funds to be used for uniform upgrades, specialty equipment, and other items that may be outside the athletic budget.

"I have no plans to retire any time soon and I am thankful for the success I have obtained. It's time for me to give back," says Mike. "And I am looking forward to the 2020 Aggie Open!"

The Aggie Open Has a New Logo!



As a result of his **\$250,000** commitment to the Athletic Department, Mike Parizino '78 has become the major sponsor of the Aggie Open Golf Tournament. Our heartfelt gratitude to the Mike Parizino family.



THE TIME IS NOW

Saint Agnes has been so very good to our family...We are thankful for Saint Agnes and the education that our children received. We could not have sent our girls to a private, Catholic school without the assistance that we received. We are forever grateful!

- Comment from a donor while contributing to the Saint Agnes Coronavirus Fund.

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

A caring Foundation has offered us a **Dollar-for-Dollar** match to help with these needs! As we go to print in early June, the matching dollar amount has not been finalized. Please visit our website to find how much this generous organization will assist the Saint Agnes community! The time is now for you to make a difference. Please consider donating to the Saint Agnes Coronavirus Assistance Fund and getting your donation matched.

WAYS TO GIVE

- Return Cash or Check in the enclosed envelope
- Give online at saintagnesschool.org/support-us and click Make a Gift
- Text to Give - text to #844-975-2437 your dollar amount \$X
- Stock or IRA Distribution - contact 651-925-8880 for information

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THANK YOU

We have received over \$70,000 for the Saint Agnes Coronavirus Assistance Fund. This is a testament to the supportive community of Aggies we know as alumni, friends, and families. You are here and are present for the students at Saint Agnes who need you now more than ever.

On top of COVID-19 making a worldwide impact, the civil unrest and peaceful protesting in the aftermath of the unjust death of George Floyd has directly affected our nation and communities. Over 135 Saint Agnes students in PreK-12 live in the Frogtown, Midway, and Lake Street neighborhoods. These families experienced significant looting, rioting, and property damage in their own and neighboring communities. Saint Agnes was the first call for help by a family living just blocks from Lake Street in Minneapolis. Terrified, shaken, and fearing for their safety, we found this family temporary housing until the area regained control. Knowing that many of our

school families had experienced circumstances like none other, we began calling all families living in the 55104 and 55105 zip codes. Tearfully, another mother told us she lost her job due to COVID-19 and now her local grocery store had been vandalized. With her limited resources, she agonized about how she would provide food for her family and was concerned about her ability to keep her high school son at Saint Agnes. We were able to deliver groceries and gift cards and assured her that we would do all that we could to keep him in our building. Not just these families, but so many lives have been changed forever.

Lives changed forever, needing YOU now more than ever. The Saint Agnes Coronavirus Assistance Fund will be extended to assist families who seek tuition assistance for the upcoming school year, groceries, or other basic needs due to the ongoing pandemic and associated economic fallout in their neighborhoods and businesses.

Saint Agnes, pray for us!

2020

SAINT AGNES SCHOOL ANNUAL

RED & White

BENEFIT DINNER AND AUCTION



Aggie alumni gathered for a photo. It wasn't long before an impromptu "Aggie Rouser" burst forth from their lips and hearts.

Saint Agnes has been blessed with many dedicated and hardworking people who have all played their parts in not only helping us continue to exist but to thrive in our mission of forming Catholic hearts and minds in faith, reason, and virtue. In fact, nearly one-third of the money needed to keep us operating within a balanced budget comes from community support. And community support was nowhere more evident than at this year's Red & White Benefit.

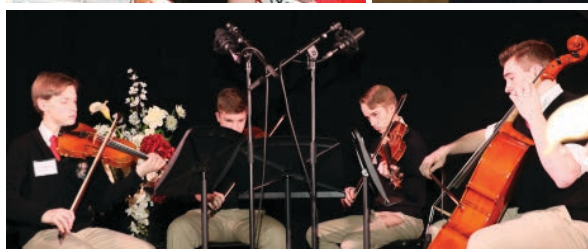
The outpouring of care and sense of community displayed that night was a testament to the kind of people who call themselves "Aggies." The many student and parent volunteers who gave of their time and talents, the multitude of alumni who took an interest in their alma mater, the individuals, businesses and advertisers who sponsored the event, and the parents, faculty, parishioners, and friends who chose to attend, all experienced the uplifting spirit of this wonderful community. Many walked away with exciting winnings and everyone departed satisfied that they helped many students afford the benefits of a Saint Agnes education.

We are extremely pleased to report that the event raised over \$415,000. What a

blessing to all our families, especially the 70% who require some level of financial assistance in order to provide their children with the quality of Catholic education offered at Saint Agnes. Of course, God's grace is to be recognized and thanked above all else for our continued success.

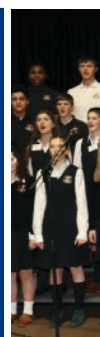
Be sure to save the date for next year's Red & White Benefit: February 6, 2021.

An entertaining and inspiring event that you won't want to miss!



A NEW CAR!

Congratulations to Mr. William McGregor for winning the 2019 Ford Explorer. Mr. McGregor is a parishioner of Saint Agnes and was attending the Red & White Benefit in support of the school.





Aggie alumni showed strong support. As one commented later, "Everyone felt welcomed and appreciated. The whole evening was fantastic and one I will add to my every year events. I take great pride in being a Saint Agnes graduate."



Mrs. Vicki Kueppers produced a very entertaining alumni "virtual choir" featuring over 50 of Mrs. May's former students. View the video at saintagnesschool.org/support-us/red-white-benefit-dinner.

Miss Minnesota Honors Mrs. Donna May

We had the great pleasure of recognizing Mrs. Donna May as the 2020 Red & White honoree.

Mrs. May served as elementary religion and music teacher at Saint Agnes from 1994-1998, and junior and senior high choral director from 2002-2017. She took our choral program to new heights and traveled around the world with our students—singing everywhere from Carnegie Hall to the Vatican. She directed our Children's Choir, continues to direct our parish Chamber Choir, has worked with our spring musical leads, and has built a well-reputed choral program during the course of her tenure.

Father Moriarty and Kathryn Kueppers, 2016 and the reigning Miss Minnesota, put together a few words to "sing" the praises of Mrs. May. Here are a few excerpts:

- Over 20 years of dedicated service to our church and school are evident. She gave so many young people the opportunity to be united with some of the deepest mysteries of the Faith.
- I knew that every day when I walked in her room, I could look at my sheet music and not necessarily

study religion, but I could feel it and follow the notes and words wherever they took me. When you're at that formative age, religion can be one of the hardest things to conceptualize. So, when it is put into the context of notes, and sounds, and tone, and diction, we start to feel it, believe it.

- We felt safe in Mrs. May's class. Safe to mess up that one note, safe to express ourselves, and most notably for me, safe to explore my faith. And as we

were learning all of this deep, metaphorical stuff about ourselves, we had fun while doing it!

- Mrs. May exemplified an amazing ability of helping her students give of their very best. She encouraged; challenged; remonstrated; cajoled; demanded; bribed and, in the spirit of her Sicilian heritage, even

occasionally made them "an offer they couldn't refuse!"

- Mrs. May made us feel capable of greatness. She challenged us to be better versions of ourselves every day.

Mrs. May inspired students to express their gifts through sacred and secular music, instilling in them an ever-increasing interest in giving glory to God through music. Her powerful personality and unwavering commitment to the Catholic Faith endure in the tradition of Sacred Music that has made such a joyful noise here at Saint Agnes.



Alumni Spotlight



Kathryn Kueppers, '16

Speaker. Social Advocate. Jazz Vocalist. Culinarian.
Future Educator. Miss America Enthusiast.

This past June, Kathryn Rose Kueppers, class of 2016, was crowned Miss Minnesota 2019.

Kathryn is the daughter of Vicki (Plaster) Kueppers, who was crowned Miss Minnesota in 1983. They became only the 11th mother/daughter pair in the 99-year history of the Miss America Organization to have both won their state titles. Though her mother never pushed her into competition, she did help open her eyes to outstanding opportunities. Kathryn was 14 years old when she first started competing in the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Program for the chance at scholarships, occasions to sing and cultivate her voice, and improve her public speaking.



Image left:
Photo by Paula Preston Photographer
Hair by James Peterson
Makeup by Penny Wells

Image top: Photo by Emily Stock,
Tiger Lily Photography

The experience paid off. Kathryn used her talent as a jazz vocalist and became a double preliminary winner, capturing both the talent award and the evening wear/social impact statement award. These honors contributed to over \$29,000 in educational scholarships she has won since her first competition in 2017.

Since being crowned in June, Kathryn has travelled across the state and beyond representing the Minnesota brand of Miss America through speaking engagements, appearances, and community service. She volunteers at a multitude of public events such as parades, festivals, charity walks, and many other community activities. In a word, Miss Minnesota is the ultimate volunteer. She is especially grateful for the time she has spent visiting sick children at Gillette Hospital, a Children's Miracle Network Hospital. She even raises funds for Children's Miracle Network by selling her own line of hand-crafted earrings and candle votives.

She also has used the year to promote her social impact initiative, *The Invisible Crown*. *The Invisible Crown* highlights all of the women who participate in the pageant and make a difference in their communities long after giving up their title. She markets and promotes the Miss America Organization, and is a mentor and role model, inspiring young women to get involved, do service, and make a difference.

Kathryn credits habits learned at Saint Agnes with keeping her grounded. She starts each morning in a quiet place and offers the day up to the Lord. Much like starting each class with prayer, she prays before every appearance. She also relies on the self-discipline she learned in choir with Mrs. May and the great work ethic instilled by Mr. Whalen. "His was the most challenging and rewarding class I ever had. Yes, he was teaching us history, but so many life lessons were taught right alongside. I learned that being well-rounded is just as important as being smart."

Though the last few months of her reign had been disrupted with the coronavirus outbreak, Kathryn had been busy filming, writing, and preparing for the next young lady to be crowned Miss Minnesota. However, an announcement in mid-May that Miss America 2020 would be postponed until 2021 gives Kathryn another year as Miss Minnesota and more opportunities to volunteer, meet people, and promote *The Invisible Crown*. She is grateful for the experiences she has had, the scholarship money she has won, and the people she has met along the way. Even with the additional year, Kathryn will resume her studies this fall at Minnesota State University-Mankato, pursuing her degree in Family and Consumer Science Education to add to her Culinary Arts degree. She hopes to work in the area of food education and literacy, teaching life skills to students while continuing to inspire others to give back to their community.

Miss Minnesota is one of 51 licensed state organizations making up the Miss America Organization. The Miss America Organization works to empower young women through education and service. Miss America candidates contribute tens of thousands of community service hours annually and have raised more than \$17 million for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and Miss America scholarships since 2007.

To learn more about Kathryn and *The Invisible Crown*, visit www.theinvisiblecrown.org.



Whispers OF THE PAST

Taken from the first Palm yearbook, published by Saint Agnes School in 1949, we take a glimpse at the audio-visual and camera club students.

My, how photo-taking and processing has changed in over 70 years!

AUDIO-VISUAL STUDENT OPERATORS



AVSO: Bernard Mollner, Walter Matczynski, Jerome Joswick, Richard Schwinghamer.

Fifteen students of St. Agnes High School organized the A.V.S.O., which serves the school by promoting audio-visual education. Other members of the club are Gerald Mulcahy, Patrick Cullen, Bernard Wind, Richard Toussaint, John Cich, Lowell Franklin, Richard St. Germain, Howard Schmitz, Edward Kurkowski, William Gale, Russell Bovee.

"Click"! Another picture taken and a St. Agnes memory will live because a "Shutterbug" was there. The Camera Club began as a fascinating and useful hobby for its members. Practically all the pictures in the yearbook are the work of the club's camera, and some of them are the results of the work of the club members themselves.

CAMERA CLUB

At the enlarger is John Barry, and Joan Zaspel is working at the printer.





Alumni News

Class of 84 reunion

Our apologies – we have been notified of a couple of omission for the St. Paul Winter Carnival article in the Fall 2019 Aggie Archives. More Aggie Royalty!



Dorothyann Wegscheider, Class of 1959, was the Queen candidate representing the Northern Pacific Railroad and went on to become Princess of the North Wind for 1962 proudly representing us at hundreds of gatherings. She too was one of the proud Ambassador of our Aggie tradition! Pictured here with West Wind Prince Harold Shapiro.

Jeff Morin, Class of 1992, served as Prince of the West Wind, as part of the Junior Royalty in 1991. A fun year for the family to be sure.

Class of 1951

Betty (Pitzen) Hermes writes, "On the shores of Lake Pokegama we are enjoying 65 years together. We rest more, keep warm, play cribbage, watch tv, and try to keep up with our grand and great-grandchildren. An impossible but enjoyable attempt. May 2020 be a good year!"

Class of 1957 & 1958

John and Jean (Meuwissen) Charpentier say, "Great-grand kids number eight, it's just great!"



Class of 1984

Mary (Borkan) Kosel writes, "It was so great to see and reconnect with so many 1984 grads at our reunion in December! Kevin and I have a close-knit group of fellow Aggies that we still

get together with on a regular basis; even our kids are very close friends. Blessed to have three adult children, along with 5 grandchildren, we love to spend time together with family and friends, both at home and the cabin. I recently discovered that Sister Ursula Foley celebrated her 75th Jubilee in 2018! It prompted me to look her up and I discovered that she is at Carondelet Village in St. Paul. I have enjoyed a few visits with her; she turned 98 in December. I was so glad to be able to tell her that Kevin and I loved having her as our Latin teacher for four years at St. Agnes. I'm not sure she remembers specifics, but it was a pleasure to see her again!

Past Faculty

Fr. Martin Siebenaler taught junior class religion from 1965-1972. "Teaching juniors kept me young in spirit and I gained a few grey hairs. And lost some, too! I remember Pat Doyle who served in Vietnam, RIP, as well as Mike Maurer."

Class Reunions

Class of 1984

The Class of 1984 spent an incredible evening together on Saturday, December 7 at Crooked Pint to celebrate 35 years since graduation. Forty-five classmates attended, as well as spouses and friends. Stories were told, laughter and memories were shared, prizes were awarded to those able to answer 1984-themed yearbook trivia, and contact info was exchanged. Graduates traveled from both coasts, and places in between, to attend. What a wonderful night for everyone! Plans were made to meet annually on the first Saturday of December. We'll see everyone on December 5, 2020 at Ol' Mexico!

Upcoming Reunions

Class of 1961

"Save the Date" for September 2021 for the **60-year reunion!** Sucker Creek Park will be reserved and the date and details will be forthcoming! Stay tuned!

Class of 1970 50 Year Reunion

Save the Date for our GRAND CELEBRATION

We are all in this Coronavirus pandemic together. Not knowing exactly where things will be come this fall as far as large gatherings go, and with respect for the health and safety of our classmates, our 50th high school class reunion, originally scheduled on Nov. 7, 2020, has been rescheduled for September 4, 2021.

Mark your calendars now for a
GRAND CELEBRATION,
Labor Day Weekend, 2021!

Join us at this casual, private event @ The Mermaid's Atlantis Ballroom which will include music, food, cash bar, and other surprises.

- Friday, September 3, 2021: School Tour
- Saturday, September 4, 2021: Reunion Celebration
- Sunday, September 5, 2021, Mass & Breakfast

Invitations/registrations will be sent out early next summer, 2021. Stay safe and healthy and we'll see you in 2021 for our GRAND CELEBRATION!

Questions or comments: terrytsc65@gmail.com

Class of 1980

The Class of '80 has Saved the Date of Saturday evening, October 3rd to celebrate our 40-year class reunion! We are planning on celebrating at Gabe's by the Park. Of course, plans may change, but as of now, that is the plan. We will do our best to keep you posted. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to Karen Bovee Sekevitch at karen.sek@gmail.com.

Class of 1985

Class of 1985 will hold a 40-year reunion in 2025 - stay healthy and see you in 5 years!

Class of 1990

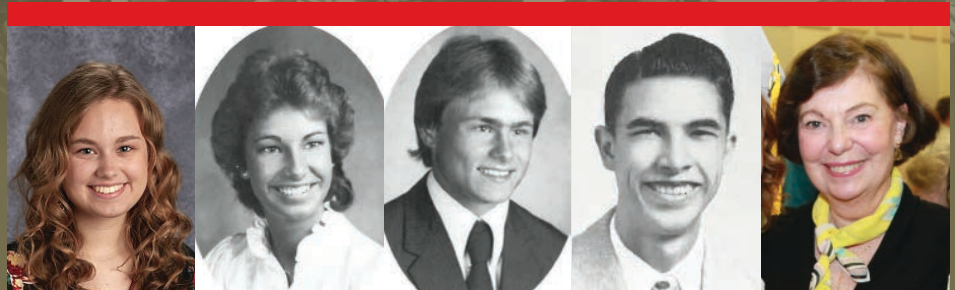
Class of 1990 will be postponing their 30-year Reunion to 2021. Stay tuned for more information!

HONORING LEGACY GRADUATES



Jenna Hobbs '20

Matthew Hobbs '89



Bridget Hill '20

Mary (Maslow) Hill '85

Thomas Hill '85

Daniel Maslow '52

Patricia (Burke)
Maslow '48GS



Kyle Kilduff '20

Kathy (Hobbs) Kilduff '84



Angela Koontz '20

Denise (Adrian)
Koontz '92



Chris Nowicki '20

Jennifer (Green)
Nowicki '80



Joshua Hernandez '20

Colleen (Egan)
Hernandez '84

Michael Hernandez '83



Emma Taggart '20

Teresa (Foht) Taggart '97

carrying on
the tradition
of excellence at
Saint Agnes School.

In Memoriam

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Paul Baldwin, 1976
Armond Borocki, 1949
Helen Dorn LaBelle, 1949
James Franczok, 1953
Ashley Frederick, Current Parent
Linda (Gegen) Rokusek, 1968
Richard Hageman, 1947
Peter Hassell, 1948
Joan (Hedervare) Caulfield, 1948 GS
Mildred (Hermes) Moder, 1939 CC
Marcus Johnson, 2018
Carol (Keintz) Muellner, 1960
Patricia (Keis) Gardner, 1952

James Klobe, Past Parent
Lucille (Koller) Roby, 1949
Joseph Kuelbs, spouse of Lenore (Zinschlag) '46GS
Rosemary Larson, Past Parent
Eugene Mallinger, 1934 GS
William Mangan, 1966
Donald Matysik, 1946
Patrick McGill Past Parent
Mary (Meko) Hinze, 1939
Robert Moder, 1938 GS
Gerald Mulcahy, 1950
Alan Nelson, spouse of Carol (Hackl) '60
Mary Jean (O'Boyle) Landstrom, 1957

Wesley Oglesbee, Parish Member
Sharon (Pike) Coulter, 1961
Frances (Poeschl) Wallraff, 1945
Philip Reilly, 1947
Javier SanMiguel, Current Parent
Richard P Seeger, 1946
Mary Jane (Tomsche) Corbey, 1952
James Toner, 1935 GS
Tracy Udoh, Current Parent
Robert Ullman, 1945 GS
Carol (Young) Mulcahy, 1949
Margaret (Zemke) Quinn, 1938 GS

*GS=grade school alumni *CC=commercial class alumni

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2020 AGGIE OPEN

GOLF SCRAMBLE

Monday, July 20 2020

Como Golf Course & Bandas Gymnasium
Shotgun Start at 12PM, Dinner to follow

*We will have protocols
in place to provide a safe
environment for our golfers,
staff, and volunteers.*

The Aggie Open is the only fundraiser for the Athletic Department.
Support Aggie Athletics!

Dinner (with cash bar) in the air-conditioned Ubel Activity Center at Saint Agnes School. Socialize with friends in Bandas Gymnasium, join in raffle drawings, bid on auction items, and tour the campus!

Register Today! Registration includes 18 holes of golf, use of a motorized cart, box lunch, dinner and gifts, eligibility in course contests, and tournament prizes!

Not a golfer? Gather your friends or classmates and join us for dinner! Enjoy a delicious buffet catered by Tinucci's and the chance to win raffle prizes and silent auction gifts.

Unable to attend? Please consider a donation to the Saint Agnes Athletic Department. Donations are tax deductible and used for equipment upgrades, uniforms, field rentals, etc.

Visit SaintAgnesSchool.org for more information and to register.

SAVE THE DATE HOMECOMING WEEK 2020



Saint Agnes Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony

Saturday, September 26, 2020

At the Saint Agnes School Campus

Join us for an afternoon induction ceremony and banquet honoring Mike Fitzgerald, '61, John Ernster '61, and Larry King, '88. New this year! Ceremony and banquet will be held on campus! Come see our Hall of Fame wall!

Alumni Memorial Mass And Brunch

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Church of Saint Agnes and Gruden Gymnasium

Remember our departed alumni and classmates at morning Mass, followed by a complimentary brunch.

Homecoming Football Game & Tailgate Party

Friday, October 2, 2020

Seafoam Stadium-Concordia University - New venue this year!

Grab a hot dog or cheese quesadilla before cheering on the Aggies as they take on Highland Park High School.

Check the school's website for updates and further details.