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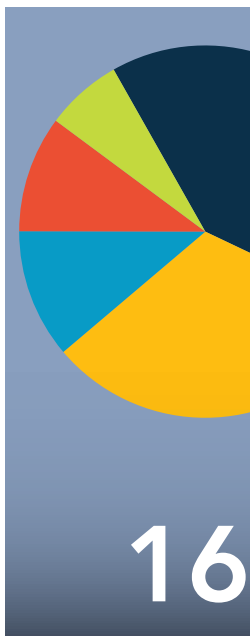
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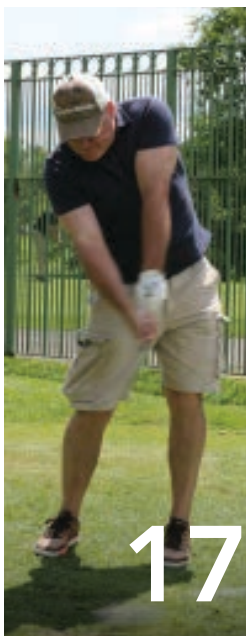
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Welcome From the Superintendent



*“So we are
ambassadors for
Christ, as if God
were appealing
through us. We
implore you on
behalf of Christ, be
reconciled to God.”*

(2 Corinthians 5:20)

Dear Aggies,

When we think of ambassadors, what often comes to mind first is a man or woman usually gifted with language skills, cognizant of differing cultural norms, especially able to learn and adhere to local customs and protocols. In other words, these individuals are sophisticated and cultured who have been selected to represent their own country in a foreign land due to their notoriety and political connections.

St. Paul, in his second letter to the Corinthians [quoted to the side], reminds us that the most important aspect of ambassadorship is WHO we represent. The last Sunday of Ordinary Time is dedicated to Christ the King. My brothers and sisters, as Christians we have a tremendous honor and duty to bring Christ to others. In a sense, to introduce others to the most wise and generous King that ever existed. We may not be suave, we may not be charming, we may not even be very convincing, but we represent our Lord!

We are blessed to have many students at Saint Agnes who we call upon to represent the school to new students and families. Just recently at a school showcase event, I was able to witness these young people speak clearly and confidently to visiting families about all the good things happening at Saint Agnes. It wasn't that our student ambassadors were great salespeople—which they are. No, they loved what God was doing for them and their friends at Saint Agnes; you might say they were invested in the company! Without the grace of God and the love and truth of Christ, Saint Agnes School is nothing. As the pastor and a teacher, I see God working great wonders in the lives of many. These same young people see it too and want to share what they have

been given! In this way, current students help future students respond to God's guidance and encourage their growth and learning at Saint Agnes.

I invite our alumni, friends, and families to reflect on how they are being Ambassadors for Christ. Are we so amazed at our Lord's goodness that we can't wait to share Him with others? We might not be influential in worldly ways, but our bringing Christ to others will undoubtedly transform this world and assist many in finding true happiness.

Please pray for Saint Agnes Church and School, that we might always help our young people allow God to appeal and work through them!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rev. Mark Moriarty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Rev. Mark Moriarty
Pastor/Superintendent

Well-Rounded Aggies

Saint Agnes is in the business of forming the whole person—body and soul. Our well-rounded student body is involved and committed to their school. 95% of Saint Agnes students participate in at least one co-curricular activity, and many students are involved in multiple sports, clubs, and organizations. We are excited to celebrate the Aggie Spirit infused in our school culture by taking a closer look at the experiences of a few Aggie Ambassadors:



Elizabeth Dickerson, '20

Volleyball, Weightlifting, Softball, Musical, Choir, Drama Club, Service Club, Respect Life Club, Prayer Group

Being involved at Saint Agnes has formed me to be a better woman because all the activities I have been a part of have helped me become stronger in body, mind, and soul. Activities also keep me busy, so I am practicing different hobbies instead of constantly

focusing on schoolwork, which helps me disconnect from stress and enjoy the fellowship in the activity.

For example, I started lifting in the summer and loved it! In the off season, Mr. Thompson even asked me to compete. When I was younger, I loved watching my brother in the musical, and since then, I knew I wanted to be a part of that. I love to act. Sometimes improv is out of my comfort zone, but I still participate in Drama Club.

I also love giving back, and Service Club is a great outlet for that. I am proud to be Pro-Life and proud to go to a Pro-Life school to give a voice to the voiceless. Most importantly, I set a designated time aside for personal prayer. I sometimes make it to morning Prayer Group, and I always go for 15 minutes at lunch.

When I am on the court, stage or field, I try to make a difference with my positive attitude.

I love to cheer because cheering helps encourage others. I always work on getting better for myself and for my team.

Dominic Adkins '23

Choir, Altar Server, Football, Swim, Baseball

I encourage any new student to join a fall sport so you can meet people and make friends before school starts. I joined football and it's fun to be part of a group of guys who play for each other unselfishly.

When playing baseball, sometimes a guy needs encouragement. I try to help guys have faith in themselves and believe they can do it.

I play to win. But I also strive for excellence on the altar in order to honor God. I am grateful that, as a class, we pray, serve on the altar, and go to Mass together and I hope my presence on the altar encourages younger boys to serve at Mass when they are high schoolers.



Agnes Plamann '21

Soccer, Basketball, Student Council, National Honor Society

I take part in these activities because it is a great way to make new friends and get out of my comfort zone. Being involved has made me a more confident student because I can make a difference on the field and the court by being a strong leader and hopefully a good role model to underclassmen. Joining clubs or sports is the best way to find your hidden talents!





Isaac Schmidt '22

Football, Wrestling, Baseball, Respect Life Club, Quiz Bowl, Altar Server

I like having to push myself and sports help teach me to overcome adversity. I am part of the Respect Life club because I wanted to find a way to serve and get involved with something I felt strongly about other than sports. I joined Quiz Bowl as a fun way to learn and continue to branch out and I became an Altar Server to help during Mass and grow closer to God.

On the field, my goal is to bring a positive attitude and a strong work ethic to my teammates and friends. In clubs, I try to make a difference by forming relationships with a broader spectrum of people. Being involved at Saint Agnes has helped me make many new friends with people of different personalities and interests.



Maggie Thibault '20

Volleyball, Softball, Wrestling Manager, Basketball, Spring Musical, Choir, Madrigals, National Honors Society, Student Council, Drama Club, Quiz Bowl, President of Respect Life Club, President of Service Club

I love being a part of something higher than myself, and it feels good to know I am serving a greater purpose. Sports have the capacity to toughen up an individual, not only physically, but mentally, and of course, it feels good to be in shape! Most importantly, your team becomes your family. Outside of your actual family, it is good to be a part of something where your teammates have your back and will always support you and provide you with the constructive criticism that you need. It is an opportunity to learn your own strengths and weaknesses and support others in theirs.

Activities teach commitment, time management, and reveal what is most important to you. I feel required to defend innocent life with all my strength. My zeal for this movement grew especially through the adoption of my first sibling with Down syndrome. In a country where over 70% of babies with Down syndrome are aborted, I have always wanted to spread the word about Down syndrome and the positive effect my younger siblings have had on my life.

As the world around us seems to become more self-absorbed and less desiring of faith, goodness, and selfless service, I want to do my part to have a substantial impact. True service is helping others when it does not benefit you, whether that be serving your school community or serving people whom you have never met. I hope that someday, Christ can say to me, "well done my good and faithful servant."

Teedo Vang '20

Baseball, Engineering Club, Altar Serving

Being involved in extracurricular activities requires me to improve my time management between school, family time, working, and hobbies. Based on what I have experienced, you never know if you'll enjoy an activity until you try it out. I know that my voice is small, but alongside my friends and teammates, our voices together can be heard.



"By getting involved, we not only improve to be the best version of ourselves, but we make Saint Agnes what it is and what it aspires to be. We, students, make up our school and make it what we desire it to be by influencing the culture through participation in activities. Each of us can make a difference."

- Maggie Thibault



Have You Listened to "The Saint Agnes Podcast" Yet?

It's never been more difficult to raise young people of faith, reason, and virtue than it is today. That's why we're on a mission to support parents as the primary educators of their children.

From "12 Reasons to Choose a Liberal Arts Education" to a "Reflection in Honor of the Canonization of John Henry Newman," our podcast is becoming a hub for many Aggie-inspired topics. Check out the news column on our website to see the latest episode, and stay tuned for more messages throughout the year from our administration, faculty, and community members!

Lower School Life

Education in Virtue

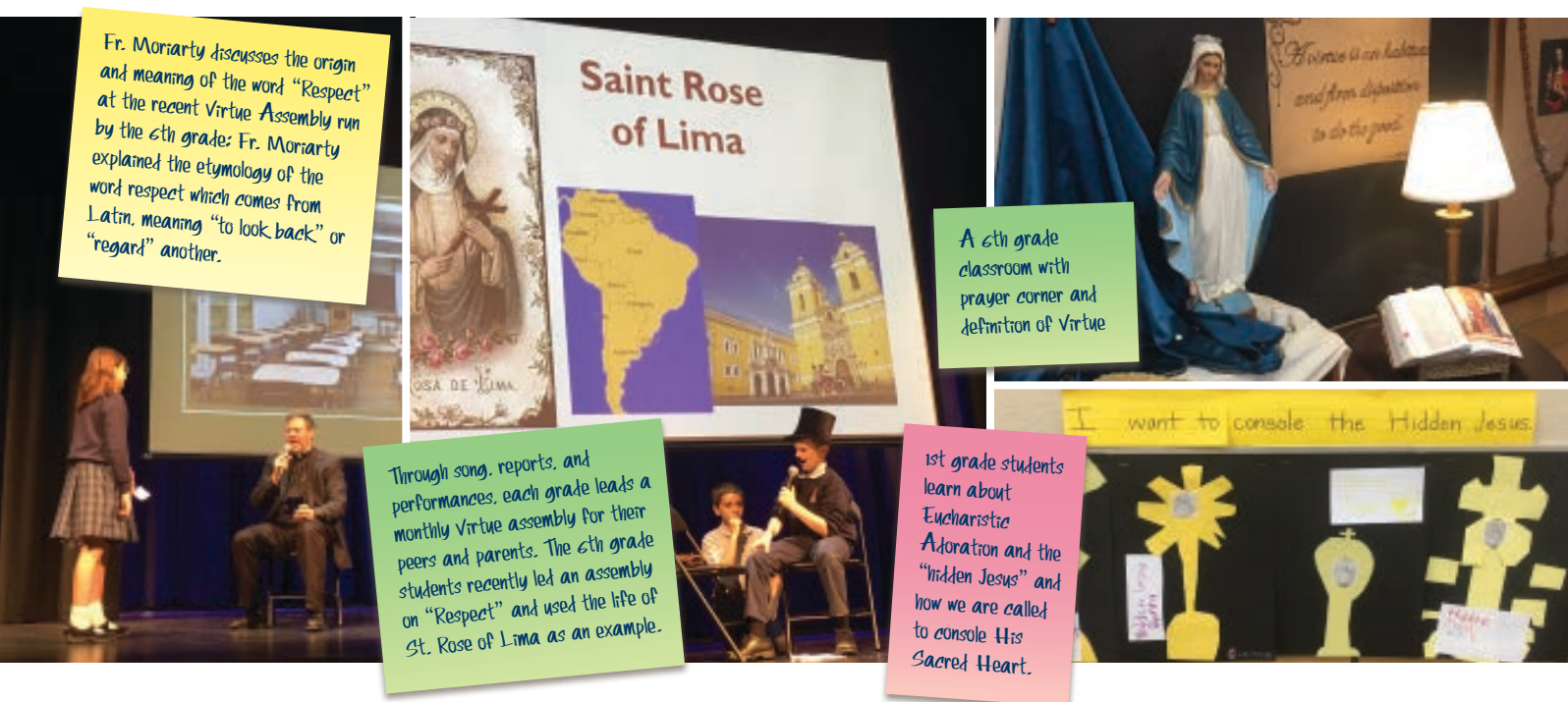
BY MICHAEL ADKINS

Education in Virtue (EIV) is a wonderful new program that we've adopted for our K-6 students. The program is content-rich and ennobles students' vocabulary and understanding of the virtues beyond abstract ideas. Learning at age-appropriate levels what each virtue looks like and sounds like, students can identify their strengths and where they need to grow in virtue. Virtue boards are found in our hallways and each

classroom, listing all the virtues and highlighting the virtue of the week by:

- Defining the virtue and under which of the four Cardinal Virtues it falls;
- Showing a picture of the virtue in action;
- Explaining what it "looks like" and "sounds like;"
- Offering a prayer to ask Jesus for help growing in the virtue;
- Providing a Scriptural reference for that virtue;
- Celebrating the witness and example of a Saint who exemplifies the virtue well.

This program is woven into the very fabric of our Lower School life. The life of virtue—thanks to the phenomenal resources developed by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist—is referenced and cultivated by teachers throughout the day and in every subject. In addition, EIV builds in Lectio Divina to help students develop a life of prayer and relationship with God. The EIV program encourages teachers to create a prayer corner or sacred space in their classroom where children can engage the Word of God in Scripture and reflect on their life with Christ.



Reflections from teachers

As a teacher, I really enjoy how Education in Virtue echoes our Responsive Classroom methods in asking the students "What does it sound like?" and "What does it look like?" to be practicing a certain virtue. I frequently remind students who the Saint of the day or week is by saying "St. _____" as students respond, "Pray for us!" and then ask if anyone remembers how they practice the virtue we

are studying. Students love to converse about the Saints and their virtues!



The students have developed a real grasp of the virtues and are trying to put them into practice outside of school as well. For example, our kindergarten son told his 3-year-old brother, "You should really be trying to practice the virtue of patience right now," as his brother waited very impatiently to have a turn on the new swing!



As a teacher of 1st graders, I have found it both enjoyable and challenging to incorporate some of the more uncommon terms/virtues into our day (e.g. docility, circumspection, affability). We never stop learning!

Mrs. Loch, 1st grade teacher and parent



The EIV program provides me with a true method of responding to the human pursuit of happiness. "Be good" just doesn't cut it for a 4th grader. Through this program, the child recognizes goodness on his or her

From the Dominican Sisters' website:



The Disciple of Christ, Education in Virtue® product lineup is a Christian curriculum structured on the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas regarding the virtues and gifts of the Holy Spirit. It aims to provide a consistent structure for instruction on the virtues to guide in the development of habits necessary to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. By understanding the meaning of the virtues and gifts, one is better equipped to respond to God's love and grace. Cultivating a life of virtue gives one the ability to break the pattern of sin. This curriculum emphasizes Christian discipleship as indispensable toward human flourishing and the quest for joy found only in living a virtuous life free from sin. It has been developed in response to the call for a New

Evangelization, firmly conveying the reality that happiness is found in a life of holiness.

In the school setting, the call to discipleship is extended not only to the students but also to their parents, the faculty, the staff, and the administration. It is the fruit of a personal encounter with Christ which affects one's intellectual, spiritual, physical, and social life. "The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it" (CCC,1816).

To learn more about the Education in Virtue curriculum, visit <https://tinyurl.com/wq6dyog>



own, what it looks and sounds like. They recognize this goodness not just in themselves but in others, in the Saints, and most profoundly, in the life of Christ.



The greatest response I have seen in my students is in their prayer. Through its emphasis on Lectio Divina, EIV provides the opportunity for students to meditate on Christ's words and actions. Because of this silent focus on Jesus, the students have an awareness of and a hope in His presence as they battle for virtue. The day-in, day-out battle to choose the good is not

"because I said so," but because they love Jesus and they know He loves them.



EIV organizes the virtues under the four cardinal virtues, just as Thomas Aquinas does in *The Summa*. Each cardinal virtue heals and strengthens either our mind, will, or heart so that we can fully answer God's call to become a Saint. Each week, the students and I have a discussion where we define and give examples of a new virtue using the virtue cards. Throughout the day, I use the language of virtue to correct and

encourage my students. Because of this, I can address behavior in a way that reminds students of their vocation to sanctity.

Sr. Mary Consolata, 4th grade teacher



Students have a healthy competition about them and are racing toward the goal of excellence. They want to be virtuous, they are excited to learn about a new virtue, and are anxious to be caught practicing these virtues. Overall, I have seen an increase in zeal.

Mr. David Gockowski, 4th grade teacher

Faculty Highlights

Kudos and Congratulations to Saint Agnes Faculty & Administration

SCHOLARS

Leila Vance



Leila Vance (Grade 2) graduated in May from the University of St. Thomas with a M.A. in Educational Studies with a

Concentration in Reading. She also earned certification in the Orton-Gillingham method, which seeks to help students struggling with reading or dyslexia.

Agnes King

In addition to her M.A. in Political Strategy and Communications, Agnes King (Montessori Assistant Guide) recently completed

her M.A. in Catholic Studies at the University of St. Thomas, complementing her work with the youngest Aggies in our Preschool.



Chris Ganza



Chris Ganza (Vocal Music) recently earned his Ph.D. in Organ Performance with a dissertation on Aggie alumnus and composer Richard Proulx '55.

Chris was recently hired as the choir director and chief organist at the Cathedral of St. Paul and also attended the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education conference this past summer.

David Gockowski

David Gockowski (Grade 4) entered the Catholic School Leadership program at the Saint Paul Seminaries this summer in addition to pursuing his Master's in Education.



EDUCATORS

Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist



At the Catholic Schools Center of Excellence (CSCOE) "Summit of

Excellence" this fall, Sr. Mary

Philomena (Grade 6), Sr. Gabriella

(Grade 1), and Sr. Mary Consolata (Grade 4) presented the Education in Virtue program developed by their order of Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. Sr. Mary Consolata also began training for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd this past summer.

Kevin Ferdinandt

Kevin Ferdinandt (Headmaster) taught a course on school finance at the University of St.

Thomas this summer. To further the overall vision for Catholic education, he consults regularly with the Office for the Mission of Catholic Education.



Dr. Kathleen Kirsch



Kathleen Kirsch graduated this spring from the Catholic University of America with her Ph.D. in Greek and Latin.

She also delivered papers at the

Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, Germany and at the Classical Association of the Middle West and South in Lincoln, Nebraska (where she serves on the committee.) Her first article accepted by the academic Journal of Late Antiquity will be published in 2020.

ENTREPRENEURS

Rose Coleman

Rose Coleman (Grade 3) walks the hallways of Saint Agnes as a newly published author! She helped publish a children's book on virtue in coordination with Blessed



Is She, a Catholic women's community committed to deepening a life of prayer through devotionals and sisterhood. Additionally, Rose launched her own website and podcast for Catholic pilgrims called Catholic Passport. Learn more at catholicpassport.com.

Brandon Wanless

Brandon Wanless (Theology) helped launch The Sacra Doctrina Project, a group devoted to the study of theology and preservation of the sacra doctrina of the Catholic Church through their journal *Lux Veritatis*, podcasts, conferences, and website. Brandon published an essay on St. Thomas Aquinas at the Project's Thomistica.net and recently presented papers at the Aquinas the Biblical Theologian Conference (Ave Maria University) and the 54th International Congress on Medieval Studies (Western Michigan University).



Michael Adkins



Michael Adkins (Lower School Director) attended the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education (ICLE) National Conference in Washington, D.C. this summer.

He participates in a Subcommittee Study for the Archdiocese's Office for the Mission of Education to further the success of Catholic education throughout the Archdiocese. Michael is also helping produce our Saint Agnes Podcast.

Jenny Soriano

Jenny Soriano (Studio Art) completed her Master of Fine Arts in Illustration, a terminal degree in studio art. She was also commissioned by the Ramsey County Historical Society (RCHS) to create a portrait of Nellie Griswold Francis for an upcoming Women's Suffrage Exhibition in August at the Landmark Center. Her drawing will become part of RCHS's permanent collection.





Art work by Raquel LaForce '20

STUDIO ART: PREPARING A PORTFOLIO by Mrs. Bridget Richtsmeier

Portfolio Preparation is our senior level course reserved for students who have already proven their artistic abilities and are hoping to continue advanced studio art study in various media, to build a portfolio of their work, or to accomplish both. Prospective students must obtain the instructor's written approval to enter this course with the expectation that they have completed at least one of our Advanced Studio classes.

At the beginning of this course, our students compile their portfolio of their best work from their years of training here at Saint Agnes. They are taking their finest pieces and creating both a digital and hard copy portfolio that will be used to help them apply for colleges, train them for

interviews, and gear them in the right direction of any fine art career they seek. Once that portfolio has been completed and reviewed by several advisers, they make modifications providing them the best opportunities. Each student will then compose an artist's statement and—with the help of the instructor—develop a college letter of intent and submit their embodiment of work for a final critique.

As educators, our goals are to make sure we physically and mentally prepare each student and equip them with the tools they need to be successful in any career path they choose. Devoted to the Fine Arts, this course allows us to motivate those students who have developed their artistic talents and seek to pursue art in their life.

Upcoming Fine Arts Calendar

Tuesday, December 10 | Choir Concert

Grades 4-6 | 6:30 PM Helene Houle Auditorium

Thursday, December 12 | Band Concert

Grades 5-12 | 7:00 PM Helene Houle Auditorium

Sunday, December 15 | Advent Lessons & Carols

Grades 7-12 | 4:30 PM Church of Saint Agnes

Monday, December 16 | Advent Concert

Grades K-3 | 6:30 PM Helene Houle Auditorium



ATHLETICS

The Saint Agnes Cross Country program is proud to boast a total of four seasons in recent Aggie history. Started under the direction of Coach Joan Williams in 2016, this team is young but far from unaccomplished. Cross country success was especially led this 2019 season by two runners and one name: Wolf.

Vaughn Wolf '21 joined cross country as a freshman, thinking 5Ks could be fun but unaware of his running talent. After winning a few races his freshman track and field season, he realized he might actually be good at running. That summer, Vaughn put his legs to work and ran over 200 miles.

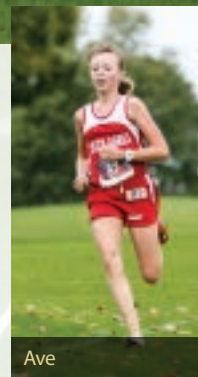


Vaughn

His sophomore season bore the fruit of those miles as he set the Saint Agnes school record in the 5K at 17:29 and earned All-

Conference honors. All-Conference and a new school record were not enough for Vaughn as he began the 2019 season with over 400 summer miles on his legs. He never lost this strength (and speed) as he three times broke his own personal record (and school record), won the boys race in Farmington, and took 3rd place in the Skyline Conference. Still, Vaughn's success was just beginning. Knowing he had to place in the top eight runners at the Section 4A Meet, Vaughn not only came in 5th place but he also set a new boys 5K school record of 16:51, making him the first Saint Agnes cross country runner to qualify for the State Meet. In his first State appearance, Vaughn ran a strong race and placed 54th in a field of all Minnesota Class A boys. When asked his goals for his upcoming senior cross country season, Vaughn said, "I want to come back to the State Meet and do well, and I think my sister Ave could go to State too."

The other Wolf is Vaughn's 8th grade sister, Ave Wolf '24. Never without a smile on her face, Ave followed her brother into cross country as a 7th grader mostly because she wanted to run with her friends. While her 7th grade season proved she did have fast legs like her brother, it wasn't until the 2019



Ave

season that Ave began to realize her potential. Not to be outdone by Vaughn, Ave approached her coach and asked about the girls' school record set by

Anna Wilgenbusch in 2017. With her eyes on this record, Ave began to bring down her 5K time, breaking this school record in the rain at the Dakota County race in Farmington, then breaking her own time again at the Section 4A Meet with a time of 20:33. Inspired by her brother Vaughn's winning moment at Farmington, Ave became the first Saint Agnes cross country runner to win the Conference Meet. Ave came close to following her brother to the State Meet in 2019, and there is no doubt a State appearance is in her future.



WINTER SPORTS SEASON OPENERS

Girls Basketball | Friday, November 22, 7:00 PM Home

Boys Basketball | Tuesday, December 3, 7:00 PM Home

Boys Wrestling | Saturday, December 7, 9:00 AM Home

Boys Swimming | Thursday, December 12, 6:00 PM Richfield

Boys Hockey | Thursday, November 21, 7:00 PM St. Louis Park

Girls Hockey | Thursday, November 7, 7:00 PM Armstrong



While the Wolf siblings have certainly stolen the running spotlight this fall, there is a significant crew of Aggie runners who are eager to follow in their footsteps. Almost every runner on the team set a personal record during the 2019 season, and the girls team brought in a 2nd place overall finish at the Skyline Conference Meet. Hard work and desire are undoubtedly the key ingredients to success, and aided by the Wolf's success and example, Saint Agnes' running future is looking bright.

were selected Honorable Mention. First-year Head Coach Daniel Killen mentioned how pleased he was with the season and hopes to continue to build on the winning tradition of our girls soccer program. Coach Killen was named Minnesota's Mr. Soccer in 2008.

BOYS SOCCER

Participation numbers for boys soccer continues to rise and has a solid nucleus returning to help set the course for upcoming years. The team suffered six losses by only one goal. A high point in the season was earning a big section playoff win by defeating St. Paul Johnson 3-1.

HISTORIC YEAR FOR FOOTBALL

The Aggie football team enjoyed one of their best seasons ever, finishing 9-2 and winning a share of the Twins Cities Rivers District Football Championship title. They also made a return trip to the Section 4AA Championship game before falling to Minneapolis North. This season, 53 high school players suited up for the Aggies. Another 51 athletes came out

for grade school and junior high football. Several Aggies received post-season awards. Junior Jevon Jones was named District Defensive Player of the Year while Junior Tim Tibesar was named District Co-Offensive Lineman of the Year. Head Coach Tom Flood earned District Coach of the Year honors. All-District players are Seniors Andrew Brownell and George Stark, juniors Tim Tibesar and Jevon Jones, and sophomores John Patros and Caleb Flood. District Honorable Mentions went to Seniors Jacob Brezny, Phillip True, Matt Jurek, and sophomore Isaac Schmidt.

VOLLEYBALL REBUILDS

Despite losing six seniors, the Aggie volleyball team still recorded 10 wins this season. The team had several close contests, especially the final game of the year in section playoffs, losing a thrilling five-set match at St. Paul Johnson. The freshmen crop is extremely talented and will provide support to both the Varsity and JV programs next year. All-Conference awards went to senior Kelsey Miller and junior Brigid Boyle. Juniors Eleanor Stariha and Erika Gansler were named Honorable Mentions.

GIRLS SOCCER

The girls soccer team won the first ever Skyline Conference Championship, finishing 6-0 in conference play. Seniors Maria Galush, Carolyn Plasch, Lucy Reinart, and junior Emma Bettencourt were named to the All-Conference Team. Seniors Rebecca Fabozzi, Shelagh Steffes, and junior Agnes Plamann



Advancing the Mission WHY SAINT AGNES?

APPRECIATING THE GIFT OF a Faithfully Catholic School

[...] If no decent school were available, I would find a way to homeschool. I care about my kids' education. From the time our first son was born, though, what I really wanted was a school that could provide a high-quality education for our children, within a faithfully Catholic community. St. Agnes Catholic school has fit that description very well. My eldest three boys are all current students there; our fourth will reach kindergarten next year.

St. Agnes has contributed immeasurably to the life of our family. It's such a blessing to be immersed in a community that values our Catholic faith the way we do. Liturgical seasons, feast days, and saint's days are observed at school as well as at home. The kids come home bearing seasonally-appropriate crafts and singing seasonal songs. In the fall, the whole family looks forward to attending the Homecoming game. In the spring, the boys eagerly anticipate their annual celebration of an ancient culture (from first through third grade, they study ancient Egypt, ancient Greece, and finally ancient Rome), along with the school musical, and the Holy Week Passion Play. Catholic Schools Week is always an exciting time, and in winter the Mini Matmen wrestling camp provides an outlet for surplus energy. All of these events have become part of the regular rhythm of our family life.

School Masses at St. Agnes are beautiful and celebrated with great

reverence. There are no tambourines or guitar bands. Children are taught to see Mass as worship, not an opportunity to perform. My husband and I stress good Mass behavior from an early age, but I've still found that each child's Mass behavior improves after starting school. This seems to be a case in which peer pressure is actually good.

For me as a convert, it's amazing to watch my children's sensibilities being shaped within a Catholic world. They see the world through lenses that I have never possessed. To them, nuns in habit are not a head-turning oddity, but a natural part of day-to-day life. Why wouldn't icons, crucifixes, and Marian statues be present in normal places of business? Few things could be more precious than helping your kids rehearse for a "virtue assembly," or having your seven-year-old climb into the back seat announcing casually that "Father told us at Mass today that we're never too young for holiness."

These beautiful details point toward something larger. The best thing about Catholic school is the way that it forms children's expectations of community life, within a Catholic context. It would be possible to achieve this good in other ways, through sustained involvement in parish life, or through immersion in an extended Catholic family. The fact remains, though, that robust, family-oriented Catholic communities are in short supply nowadays. We can't afford to take them for granted. If we want to reach young Catholics while their sensibilities are still being formed, a school is the obvious answer.

Education is a thorny topic among Catholic parents, for good reasons. Financially, Catholic school isn't always feasible for single-income families, and in our time, many people are understandably wary of institutions. I have great respect for parents who make the necessary sacrifices to homeschool, and I have no doubt many are doing well by their children. Each summer, when the

kids are at home, I reflect on some of the positives of having a unique family life, ordered almost entirely around our own needs and interests. I do

understand the appeal. It can be beautiful to hold your children close to your heart for a while, cherishing their youth while it still lasts.

All things have their proper season, however. In considering our educational options, we shouldn't lose sight of the tremendous resource that a school can represent, for our children, as well as their families and communities. When circumstances permit, we should feel proud and grateful to participate in a faithfully Catholic school. If we care for them properly, these institutions can be a resource for future generations as well.

I'm always relieved when autumn rolls around, opening a few precious hours each day when I can accomplish adult tasks. Raising a family is hard work, and it's a relief to accept a bit of help. That relief, though, is a trivial thing compared to the immense gratitude I feel for a faithfully Catholic community, where teachers and other parents are supportive of my efforts to raise boys into honorable Catholic men. It takes a parish to raise a child. It helps to have a parish family.

Dr. Rachel Lu, a Catholic convert who earned her Ph.D. in philosophy from Cornell University. She and her husband, Mathew, have five children and live in St. Paul.

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"I couldn't have asked for a better place to spend the last four years of my life. Saint Agnes will always feel like home to me."

- Alumnus '14



SAINT AGNES SCHOOL
Forming Catholics
in Faith, Reason, and Love



ONS TO CHOOSE
ARTS EDUCATION

2. GROW IN VIRTUE
AND CHARACTER
Education that cultivates
the heart and mind.

4. READ THE
GREAT BOOKS

Engage Shakespeare, Aquinas, Plato
and other timeless writers and works to
enter into the Great Conversation.

6. LEARN [ACTUAL] HISTORY
No hidden agendas: Just learn about
the people, geography, events, and
ideas that shaped our age.

UPGRADE YOUR
INTELLECTUAL PROCESSOR!
Acquire skills, and understand
of law, the sciences,
Catholic Church.



EVERY GIFT MATTERS!

We reached our goal of \$150,000 but still have nearly \$8,000 in matching funds to use!

Missed Aggie Give Day? It's not too late! Gifts received from now until the end of the year can still be counted!

Haven't given before? Your gift will be matched!

Can give a little more this year? Your gift will be matched!

Don't leave money on the table!
Let's keep going and help more kids!

AGGIE GIVE DAY

NOV 13
2019

FUN FACTS

Total Givers 284

- Alumni Givers 150
- Parent Givers 64

Donors who increased their Donation from Prior Year:

- 2018 \$14,760
- 2019 \$19,211

New Donors

- 101 for \$25,540

Your gift to the annual fund will:

PROVIDE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Over 70% of Saint Agnes families receive scholarships and financial aid, thanks largely to the generosity of people like you and other members of the Aggie community.

Use the enclosed envelope or go to SaintAgnesSchool.org/GiveDay and support Saint Agnes School today!

SUPPORT ATHLETICS AND FINE ARTS

95% of Saint Agnes students participate in at least one co-curricular activity, making for an involved and committed student body. With a broad range of activities to choose from, many students participate in several activities at once.

CREATE OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN FAITH

We offer our students an array of opportunities to deepen their Catholic faith through weekly Mass, First Friday confessions, promoting a culture of life, and daily interactions with religious vocations.



A third-grader gathered \$6.47 of her own money and asked that it be put toward the lower school music program. Yes, we can do that! And we are grateful for gifts of all sizes!



EVERY GIFT COUNTS

Your Impact

Dear Aggie Alumni
and Friends,

Thank you for
supporting me!

Your donations
provide financial

aid that allows me to go to this school. I am
an only child and live with my mother. She
does everything in her power to make sure I
have a good education. She works two jobs,
takes care of me, and she also has time for
family: She's my hero!

When I toured Saint Agnes in 7th grade,
the first person I saw greeted me with a
cheerful "Hello!" I just knew this was the
school for me. It felt like home and home is
where I wanted to be.



There are three things I love about Saint Agnes.

First, this really is home. You can be
yourself and you know people love you
for who you are. No one judges you by the
cover; they find out who you are on the
inside, and that is what matters the most.

Second, at Saint Agnes you do not need to
be shy or scared of your faith. My teachers
and fellow students have impressed me, not
only in the way they treat me but the way
they treat themselves and the way they look
at life. It has made me grow as a person, and
I am not scared to say, **"I am Catholic"**.

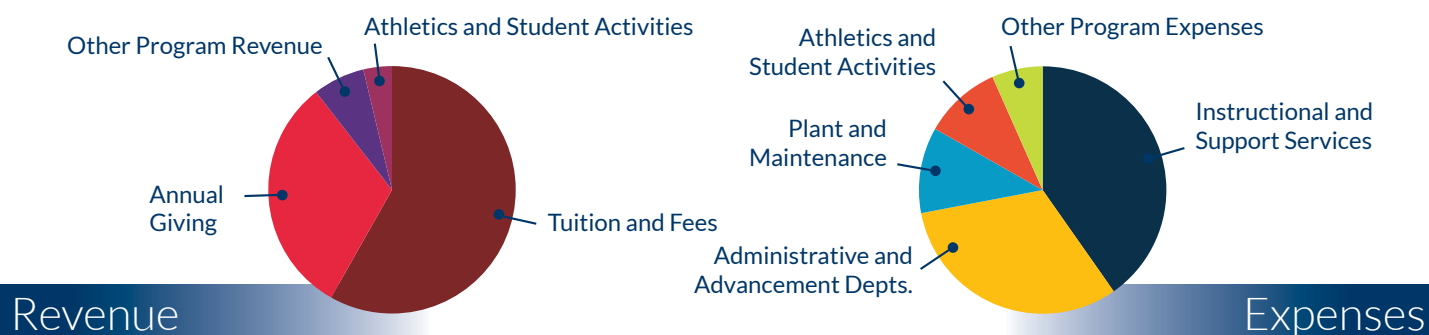
Finally, Saint Agnes supports me and my
dreams. After witnessing first responders
and firefighters on the scene of a fire, I have
been inspired to help people. I plan to get my

firefighter and EMT certification, allowing
me to pursue a career as a paramedic.

Here at Saint Agnes, I have not only grown
in my faith, but also in the way I see the
world and the way I see myself - a strong
individual with a solid faith who is getting
ready to leave "home" and follow my
dreams. This would not have been possible
without my mother's support, the friends I
have made, the teachers who have believed
in me, and, more importantly, your support
of financial aid. You have helped many
students pursue their goals and made their
dreams come true... just like me.

Thank you so much.
Jocelyn '19

SAINT AGNES SCHOOL Annual Financial Report 2018-2019



Tuition and Fees	6,156,838
Grants and Aid	(2,606,420)
Net Tuition and Fees	\$3,550,418
Annual Giving	
Unrestricted Gifts	441,766
External Foundations	422,462
Restricted Scholarships	118,445
Fundraising	549,880
Parish Support	275,000
Other Gifts	102,819
Total Annual Giving	\$1,910,373

Other Revenue

Athletics and Activities	227,514
Other Program Rev	414,326
Total Other Rev	641,841

Total All Revenue

\$6,102,632

Instructional & Support	2,456,695
Admin & Advancement	1,937,523
Plant & Maintenance	684,756
Athletics and Activities	618,019
Other Program Expenses	405,639

Total Expenses

\$6,102,631

This report reflects the operating revenue and expenses for Saint Agnes School from July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019.
Capital projects including the Faith & Tradition campaign are not included in these reports.

To view the 2018-2019 annual report please visit
saintagnesschool.org/support-us/annual-report

2019



AGGIE OPEN

ON PAR FOR RAISING FUNDS

Our 2019 Aggie Open was a great success! We sold out Como Golf Course with 150 golfers, brought 170 Aggie supporters back to Bandas Gymnasium for dinner, and raised over \$31,000 for Aggie Athletics! These funds will be a tremendous boost for our athletic programs! Already, we have been able to purchase a football passing machine, enhance the use of technology for all sports, and install our Athletic Hall of Fame mural in the entrance area of Bandas Gym.



Congratulations to Josh Moore and Rod Rankin from the class of 1998—along with teammates Bill Mauer and Jack Hannahan—for shooting 14 under par and capturing the Monsignor Bandas Cup!



The Tschida's in their first Aggie Open: Don '71, Bill '69, Jean '67, Alan '83



Chris Hennessey '03, Paul Barrett '02, Dave Berthiaume '03, Steve O'Hern '04



THE PARTICIPANTS: RUSS BOVEE • BEVERLY OSIECKI • TOM OSIECKI • JACK WEYANDT • TONY HUBER • JOHN KOEGEL • RICHARD SCHMIT • KEVIN KIPKA • JOSEPH HAUBENHOFER • JOHN KRAMLINGER • GREG STEPHANIE • TOM NIESZNER • MARY BOYD • BOB BROBERG • PETE CONNORS • DALE OTTO • TOM STANGL • MARGARET REIF • JEAN POOCH • AL STANGL • DAN COLLINS • JAY MONOGUE • JOE STANGL • BILL TSCHIDA • ROSE DUDECK • JERRY PITZL • MIKE DOOLE • DON TSCHIDA • GARY KIMLINGER • MARK NOVAK • MARK MISUKANIS • TOM COLLINS • MIKE FARRELL • STEVE BELDE • JOHN HAMBURGER • TOM MAHOWALD • LENNY LEMANSKI • SUE QUINN • STEVE HAMBURGER • KENNETH GROSINGER • BOB PATE • CHRIS SEMLAK • BILL FELLING • TOM MOONEY • BOB ZACHER • MARK DELAFOREST • MIKE FLEISCHHACKER • JOE HUSS • BOB KUSTERMAN • JEFF COLLINS • MARK KIMLINGER • WILLIAM KUSTERMAN • MARK BROWN • GREG KIMLINGER • JOHN HILPISCH • DALE BALLMAN • TIM COLLINS • TERRY GREELEY • ALAN TSCHIDA • BRIAN MARTIN • DAN BURNS • DOUG SCHMITZ • TOM KUSTERMAN • SAM GAGLIARDI • BRIAN BOVEE • JEFF WEYANDT • FR. HAUGAN • FR. PEDERSEN • JOHN WEYANDT • JIM WEYANDT • JOSHUA MOORE • ROD RANKIN • PAUL BARRETT • JOSEPH OLSON • DAVE BERTHIAUME • CHRIS HENNESSEY • STEVE O'HERN • MATT FOSSAND • MITCH KNIPPENBERG • CHARLIE TURCH • EVAN MOREHEAD • JACK FOSSAND • JOE KLEVE • NICK TURCH • ALEX KLEVE • JOEY HARRINGTON • JOHN ERICKSON • MARK HELLERMANN • KEITH NOGGLE • BRIAN SULLIVAN • GREG GOOSSENS • CLARK DAHL • ANDY DAHLSTROM • CLARK FOSSAND • MIKE DAHLSTROM • DARYL HATHAWAY • GARY RADEMACHER • BILL HAFNER • JIM MACDONALD • BILL MAUER • JACK HANNAHAN • FR. MORIARTY • TIM MASEK • BOB COLLETT • DANA KELLY • JIM MOREHEAD • RICK SCHNOBRICH • TOM GAGLIARDI • BRITIAN BRAITHWAITE • DAN REIF • MARK REID • ERIC STEVENS • BYRON WILLIAMS • PETER DAHDAH • JOE WALSH • JAMES KINSMAN • BRAD POESCHL • ADAM SIEVE • JASON ADKINS • JOE DORAN • JARED TAGGART • MARK COURTNEY • ROB WALRATH • STEVE APPEL • BRYAN BAXTER • MICK HILPISCH • NICK HILPISCH • SEAN HILPISCH • JOE HILPISCH • MACKY MCHALE • KYLE PUNTON • ANDY DUPPLER • GREG DUPPLER • TOM FLOOD • MARK MCKASY • MIKE WESLEY • ED STARK • WENDY STARK • TERA BREZNY • CHRIS BREZNY • GREG SCHMIDT • DAVID ZIMMERMAN • BERNIE BECKMAN

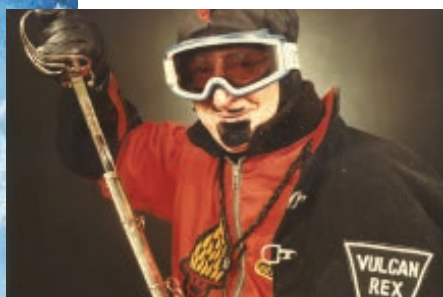
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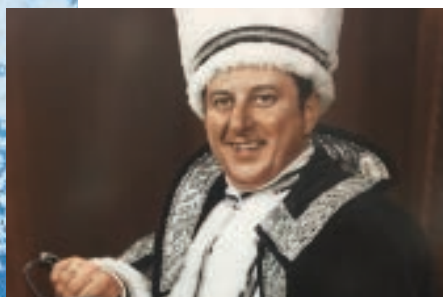
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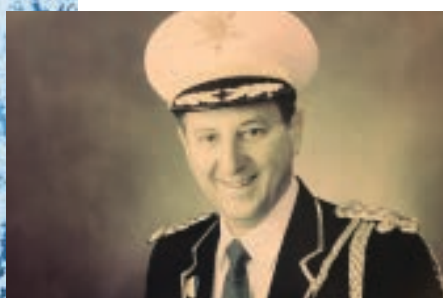
Red Roberts+ GS '43 as
Vulcanus Rex XLIII (1980)



Dan Olson '63 as Prime Minister (1980)



Ted Steichen '52 as
Prince of the North Wind (1984)



Ted Steichen '52 as King Boreas LI (1987)

Saint Agnes, Saint Paul, and the Saint Paul Winter Carnival share a deep history of well over 100 years. The St. Paul Winter Carnival is the oldest winter festival in the United States, beginning in 1886. Saint Agnes Church and School began shortly after in 1887 and 1888, as many German speaking immigrants settled in Frogtown and worked at the expanding Great Northern Railway and emerging shops on Dale Street. With many immigrants arriving in St. Paul who spoke different languages—Polish, Irish, German—it seems only fitting that they (and the greater St. Paul community) desired to find something in common and a reason to connect—a reason to celebrate in the midst of long, cold winters. Thanks to area businessmen just before the turn of the century, the St. Paul Winter Carnival was created.

That same feeling of connectedness continues today as we anticipate the first snowfall every year. Those snowflakes connect us to the Minnesota winters which bring about our annual tradition of the St. Paul Winter Carnival. Numerous Saint Agnes alumni have volunteered for the St. Paul Winter Carnival organization, forever connecting our school with this beloved St. Paul tradition. Becca Moos '08 and Randy Graff '01 are currently representing the Royal court as the South Wind Princess, and as Zephyrus, West Wind Prince. Not only are these two Aggies involved, but well over 20+ Saint Agnes alumni have given their time and talent over the past 40 years to a city that is special to them: A city that is home to our dear Saint Agnes school, which formed these ambassadors in character, virtue, and a duty to do the right thing and give back to the community.

A playful legend about winter and the anticipation of spring, the St. Paul Winter Carnival is an organization whose ambassadors are proud to

The Royal Lineage of Aggies I

Richard "Red" Roberts+ GS '43

- Vulcan Krewe: Duke of Klinker (1973)
- Vulcan Krewe: Fire King, Vulcanus Rex XLIII (1980)

Ted Steichen '52

- Titan, Prince of North Wind (1984)
- King Boreas Rex LI (1987)

Gerald Berthiaume '52

- Vulcan Krewe: Grand Duke Fertilius (1975)

Pat Ryan '54

- Senior Royalty: Lady in Waiting (2005)

Lou Collette + '55

- King Boreas Rex LIV (1990)

represent the amazing city of St. Paul. They manage a daunting schedule of well over 400 appearances in a year, including visits to nursing homes, schools, children in hospitals, serving meals to families in need, and attending the celebrations for cities across Minnesota, Wisconsin,

Randy Graff '01: "The Winter Carnival and Saint Agnes have a longstanding tradition in our community. I think my faith has taught me to represent myself well and treat others with compassion and respect. I really enjoy giving back to my community, and being involved in Winter Carnival allows me to give back. My motto I like to refer to is 'Serving and Giving.'"

South Dakota, Illinois Florida, Texas, Georgia, and Winnipeg, Canada. Their gift of time is returned ten-fold to each one of them through the heartfelt gratitude of meeting new people, service toward others, and the gift of bonds that will last a lifetime.

Margaret Mary Anfang '60

• Senior Royalty: Queen of the Northlands (2010)

Dan Olson '63

• King Boreas Rex LXI (1997)

Pat O'Day '67

• Vulcan Krewe: General Flameous (1998)

Shirely Muelken '68

• Senior Royalty: Prime Minister (2018)

Wally Rossini '69

• Vulcan Krewe: Prince of Soot (1981)

• Vulcan Krewe: Fire King, Vulcanus Rex LXI (1998)

We recently gathered a group to talk about the St. Paul Winter Carnival, Saint Agnes School, and the connection between these two longstanding traditions of St. Paul. It is apparent that both have made lasting impacts in the lives of these alumni.

Saint Agnes' Impact & Influence

School days can sometimes seem long and daunting; however, many of our graduates look back at their time in the classroom or school hallways with appreciation. Appreciation for their community of Aggies and the importance of giving back. Megan Erickson '08 shares, "My education and experiences at Saint Agnes school greatly impacted and prepared me for becoming a volunteer and a character of the St. Paul Winter Carnival. At Saint Agnes, I learned and practiced leadership and public speaking skills. I was educated on the importance of volunteerism and giving back to others in need. I learned the true meaning of community, friendship, and family. All this knowledge and experience has made me the person I am today and the person that was confident and fully prepared to become an ambassador for the city of St. Paul." Shirley Muelken '68 reflects that "Being a graduate of Saint Agnes is like being part of a family for me. Being part of the Winter Carnival is also like being part of a family. My family and extended families are such a huge part of who I am. I am so proud to have grown up in St. Paul, to be a "Frog-towner," an Aggie, and a part of the Senior Royalty of Winter Carnival. Family and community give me a sense of belonging to a bigger group. Being a part

Wally Rossini '69: "What was instilled in me at Saint Agnes, I found in the Winter Carnival too, as it is all about traditions and longevity. We are proud to represent St. Paul as well as being Aggie alumni!"



Dan Olson '63 as King Boreas LXI (1997)



Pat O'Day '67 as General Flameous of the Vulcan Krewe (1998)



Wally Rossini '69 as Vulcanus Rex LXI (1998)

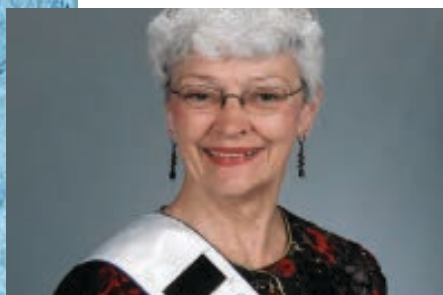


Michael Rossini '70 as Grand Duke Fertiliuous of the Vulcan Krewe (1999)

Alumni Ambassadors:



Neal Frantzen '02 as Count Embrious of the Vulcan Krewe (2015)



Pat Ryan '54 as Lady in Waiting (2005)



Margaret Mary Anfang '60 as Queen of the Northlands, Senior Royalty (2010) visiting her old Aggie kindergarten room



Megan Erickson '08 as South Wind Princess (2013)

Liz Lambrecht '77: "The notions of community and giving back are part of the culture of Saint Agnes now, just as it was 40 years ago. I think that is true of many parish schools; we felt fortunate to be getting a good education, and part of that education is the obligation to give back. Because of this, volunteering has always been a big part of my life."

of something bigger than myself gives me a great deal of satisfaction. In retirement, I am so blessed to be able to give back to the town, the school, and the community that contributed to who I am today."

Pillars of Tradition in the City

Saint Agnes and the Winter Carnival are landmarks of St. Paul, MN and reflect the values that our great city was built upon such as leadership, community, and volunteerism. Both Saint Agnes and the Winter Carnival have stood strong through hardships for over 130 years, not only because of their strong institutions but also because of the people they bring together and impact. "Go into almost any business in St. Paul and it won't take long to find Aggie alumni – we have gone out into many areas of commerce, and it doesn't take long to find an Aggie-owned business providing sponsorship for an event or team. This is also true for the Winter Carnival folks: We give back to the community



and support each other's businesses. No wonder I feel so at home!" explains Liz

The Royal Lineage of Aggies II

Michael Rossini '70

• Vulcan Krewe: Grand Duke Fertiliious (1999)

Erv Carlson '71

• Vulcan Krewe: Count of Ashes (1990)

Liz Lambrecht '77

• Treasurer of St. Paul Heritage and Festival Foundation (current)

Chris Meyer '90

• Vulcan Krewe: Count Embrious (2000)

Randy Graff '01

• Zephyrus, Prince of the West Wind (2019)
• Vulcan Krewe: Duke of Klinker (2016)

Lambrecht '77, Treasurer of the St. Paul Heritage and Festival Foundation. Both Saint Agnes and the Winter Carnival foster love of thy neighbor and love of community. Both spread good news and create a sense of belonging and joy. Both have helped shape the history of our beloved city and

History

OF THE WINTER CARNIVAL

Since 1886, the Saint Paul Winter Carnival continues to bring family-friendly events and community pride to Saint Paul and the Twin Cities metro area.

The start of the Winter Carnival began when several Eastern newspaper correspondents visited Saint Paul in the fall of 1885. Upon their return home, they reported that Minnesota was another Siberia, unfit for human habitation.

A group of business owners, led by James J. Hill, decided to retaliate by creating a wintertime festival which would showcase all the beauty of Minnesota winters. They worked with the City of Montreal, which already had a winter carnival in place. As with the concept of the Montreal Festival, our legend was created, and other activities were also adapted. Montreal had an Ice King that was accompanied by Queen Aurora. The Saint Paul characters in turn became King Boreas and the Queen of the Snows. The mischievous Vulcan and his red-caped Krewe were created from the Germanic tradition of the energy and disruption which springtime brings to the final days of winter.

Today, King Boreas and the Queen of the Snows rule over approximately 21 members of the Royal Family including Boreas' four brothers—Titan (North Wind), Euros (East Wind), Zephyrus (West Wind), and Notos (South Wind)—along with their four princesses, the Prime Minister, and up to ten Royal Guards. The culmination of the Winter Carnival is the dethroning of Boreas by the Vulcan Krewe.

These goodwill ambassadors are chosen through an application process and coronation event.

Organized by the St. Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation, the Winter Carnival organization is multifaceted and offers opportunities for all types of volunteers based on your talents. If you would like to find more about the volunteer opportunities or meet a few participants, you can attend an Ambassadors of the St. Paul Winter Carnival open social. The Ambassadors are a group of people who have not necessarily been a character in SPWC but who have a dedication to volunteerism and are at the heart of the festival. Visit www.wintercarnival.com for more information.

will continue to thrive as pillars in our community for years to come.

Saint Agnes is proud to have alumni who were formed with a spirit of giving back to their community. As goodwill ambassadors, these alumni continue to give back to a community who made them who they are today and



Randy, Megan, Neal at Vulcan Christmas Party



Randy Graff '01 as Duke of Klinker for the Vulcan Krewe (2016)



Becca Moos being crown as South Wind Princess (2019)



Reigning Royalty Randy Graf and Becca Moos

Neal Frantzen '02

- Vulcan Krewe: Count Embrious (2015)

Becca Moos '08

- South Wind Princess (2019)

Megan Erickson '08

- Junior Royalty - Lady in Waiting (2005)
- South Wind Princess (2013)

Sim Franco '11

- Junior Royalty: King Frost (2009)

Aly Vogel '12

- Junior Royalty: Princess (2009)

foster a deep appreciation to make our city a better place for all. So, as winter knocks on our doorstep, don't be afraid to step out into the cold and strengthen your community connections, or form new ones, as a family of St. Paulites and a family of Aggies!



HOMECOMING 2019



Several hundred alumni, families, and faculty gathered for a pre-game tailgate party before packing the stands in support of the Aggies on the field. A tough fought defensive battle, the Aggies came up a little short and were defeated by Concordia 9-7.



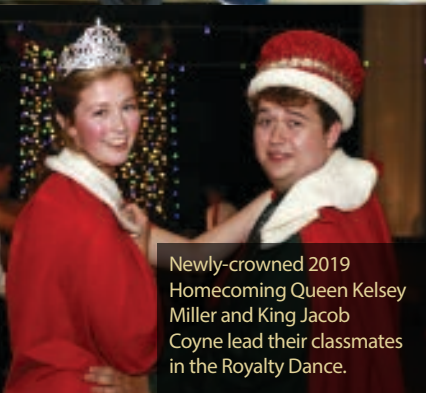
Nothing beats the excitement of the younger students as K-12 all participate in Homecoming Pep Fest activities with the upperclassmen! The Student Council does a phenomenal job creating fun for all ages.



Just under 100 alumni gathered in Gruden Gym for conversation and a complimentary brunch following the Alumni Memorial Mass.



Alumni and families gathered at Mass to pray for their deceased classmates and family members during the Alumni Memorial Mass.



Newly-crowned 2019 Homecoming Queen Kelsey Miller and King Jacob Coyne lead their classmates in the Royalty Dance.



A 5-generation Aggie family proudly shows off their spirit wear: Louise (Juelich) Walker '47, aunt of Nina (Dwyer) Munn '66, grandmother of Lucas Munn-LaRoche '26, son of Molly Munn '00, great-niece of Rhoda (Juelich) Norsten '49. Anna (Hoeller) Juelich, deceased matriarch of the family, attended Saint Agnes grade school in the early 1900s. Her daughter Ann (Juelich) Dwyer '39GS was mother to Nina.



High school students and faculty pull out all the stops for ultimate frisbee, three-legged races, kickball, and a variety of other competitions between Houses during Homecoming Week field day.



NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Char Davis, Michael Fortin, Aaron Holmen, Lester Jackson, Stephen Kubista, Michael Launderville, David LaValle, Kamani Lloyd, Marlon McCoy, Jahmai Phipps, Juan Taylor, Craig Vaughn, Assistant Coaches George Quinn, Tom Flood, Saladine Wright, Head Coach Dick Ghizoni

1994 State Champion Basketball Team

September 21, 2019 was a special day as Saint Agnes School honored a TEAM of Aggies—coaches and players alike. Congratulations to the 1994 State Championship Basketball Team, who were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame that afternoon. Though the days and years go by, nothing can take away the magical experience this team had in winning a State Title. With hard work, passion, discipline, and

a special mix of talented athletes and coaches, this team accomplished a feat of which many athletes and coaches can only dream.

Team Captain Marlon McCoy fondly recalled that though things may have gotten heated at times, they learned to leave egos behind and win as a team. They had too much love for the game and nothing was going to stop them.

Coach Ghizoni recounted the steps leading up to the final game and how each player had an important role to play, and they played it well, whether that meant driving inside, shooting

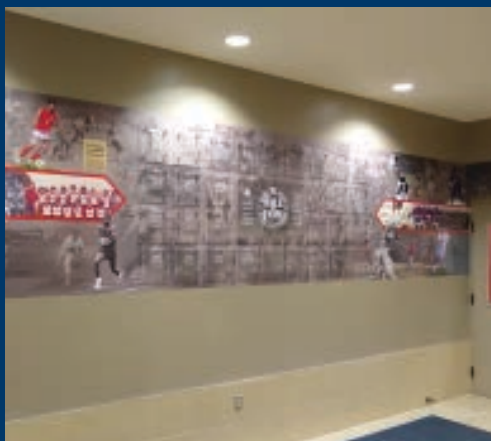


free throws in a clutch situation, or supporting from the bench. He even marveled at Aaron Holmen, who literally offered up his shorts to a teammate so he could stay in the game. It is that kind of teamwork, selflessness, and love for the game that makes a championship team.

The memory of their journey is one that is cherished not only by the players and coaches, but by classmates, teachers, and alumni as well, as the growing excitement of the season was felt near and far. Coming through the tunnel at the St. Paul Civic Center that night, the team heard a sound they had never heard before. It was the roar of the Aggies behind them who came out to support their school. All were proud Aggies as the final buzzer rang, ending an amazing season as the 1994 Saint Agnes Basketball team earned the title MN Class A State Champions.



NEW HALL OF FAME DISPLAY



Be sure to stop in to see the new Athletic Hall of Fame display! In addition to our Hall of Fame inductee plaques, athletes from throughout the years now adorn the walls surrounding the entrance to Bandas Gym, representing the rich heritage of sports at Saint Agnes. You never know who you might find!



Whispers of our Past

Every fall brings a new school year followed shortly by Homecoming festivities. We pulled this article from the November 1958 Hi-Times school newspaper. The setting is Midway Stadium.

Do you remember?

Thursday, Nov. 6, 1958

ST. AGNES HI-TIMES

Queen Mary and King Don Reign Over Successful '58 Homecoming



WAITING FOR THE CROWN: Left to right: Queen Mary Adam, J. Kubiak, S. Kasper, M. Ehrler, C. Kurkowski, T. Dunleavy.

By MICHAEL LAMEY, '59

Homecoming excitement reached its pitch during the halftime ceremonies of the St. Agnes-St. Michael football game when senior candidate Mary Adam was crowned queen.

The sophomores had gathered 9,907 points for their aspiring queen Carol Kurkowski. The juniors mustered 12,738 points which enabled their nominee Sandy Kasper to take second place. The senior total of 17,958

points placed Mary definitely in first place.

Don Spies, Homecoming king, received his crown at the bonfire on the Friday evening preceding Sunday's game. Don plays guard on the team and was chosen by the team members from among eleven senior players.

The Ags resumed the game after the coronation with a 12-0 lead. They went for three additional TD's while giving up two in the second half. The game ended with a 32-12 victory.

Tom Roberts scored on three occasions with plunges of two, three and four yards. Tom Sullivan picked up a blocked punt and run 13 yards for six more points. Fans witnessed the most spectacular play of the season when Tom Roberts rifled a perfect pass to end Pat Marty. Pat lateraled to Ed Hiber who ran the remaining distance for a TD. The play covered 75 yards in all. John Nieszner and Tom Spies made one point after TD each.



Alumni News

Class of 1952

Marlene (Mueller) Braun says, "My dad, Herman J. Mueller, was one of the construction workers when Saint Agnes High School was built in 1939. I was five years old at the time, and in 1948, I entered Saint Agnes. I am in the proud class of 1952. My dad said I was going to Saint Agnes High School no matter how far away we lived. Being from the Holy Spirit parish, there was lots of street car riding! I loved my four years at Saint Agnes!"

Class of 1953

Bill Lacore sends greetings to his classmates: "Hi all you OLD Aggies of 1953. I know a few of us are still not getting our mail from a ground hog. Hi, Al and Father Pat. Give me a buzz if you can still hold a phone. SEV."

Class of 1958

Jules Loipersbeck and his wife Darlene celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 10! Happy Golden Anniversary to the Loipersbecks!

Class of 1969

Kathryn (Morin) Berthiaume sends a message "My husband, Don, and I traveled from Denver to Shoreview to attend my 50th high school reunion, organized by Rita (Martin) Olsen. We had a blast visiting with so many of my old classmates! Thanks to Rita for all the hard work and thanks to all my classmates who were able to attend!"

Class of 1972 Grade School

Mary Chris Gallo writes, "I'm excited to report that my antique store, Behind the Moon Antiques (Waverly, MN), celebrated its 5th Anniversary on May 1, 2019. I'm blessed to be living my dream in the glow of rich historic treasures that bring joy to so many

(some of which have been featured in Aggie spring musicals.)"

Class of 2000

Wesley (Rufenacht) Habedank and his wife Kate now have four children: Adelin, Micah, Daniel, and Thomas. They live in Carlton, Minnesota.

Class of 2006

Julie (Rufenacht) and her husband Ian Stautz purchased their first home in Fall Creek, Wisconsin and love living in a small town.

Class of 1997

Mary Jane Melendez is executive director of General Mills Foundation. She champions issues regarding hunger relief, sustainable agriculture, and food waste reduction. She also encourages all General Mills employees to give back through volunteerism. She was interviewed by Forbes for building a career on paying it forward. Read the full article at <https://tinyurl.com/wwb9ag8>

Class of 2011

Victoria (Blackstone) Kieser married LTJG Thaddeus Kieser in December of 2016. Their first daughter Cecilia Joy was born February 5, 2019. The Kaisers move often with the military: Mississippi, Virginia, South Carolina. Victoria works and volunteers with parish youth ministry.

Class of 2014

Nick Turch spent seven weeks in Amman, Jordan, as part of the University of St. Thomas School of Engineering's inaugural Global Summers Senior Design program. He and his teammates started work on creating a dehydrator specifically for jameed, a dried yogurt that serves as the main ingredient of the popular Jordanian dish, mansaf. The goal was to find a way to dry jameed faster so the women's cooperative could output more and work year-round, potentially empowering

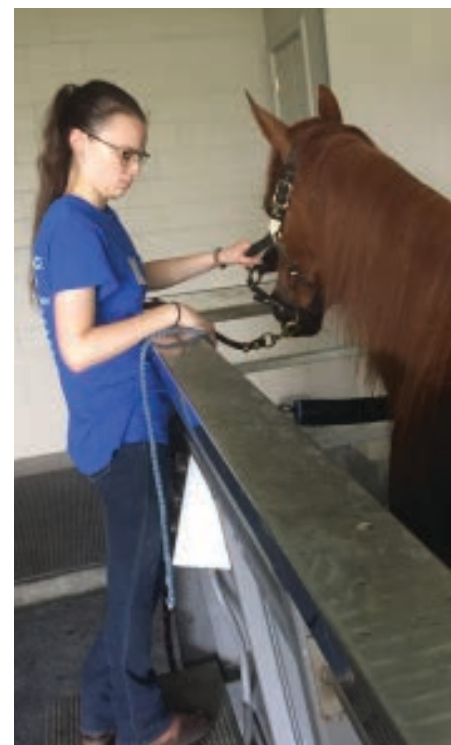
then and getting them out of poverty.

The team completed its work in Jordan, then returned to St. Thomas for a critical design review followed by building a prototype and testing the dehydrator. In February, it was sent to Jordan to be tested.

"There are going to be several iterations where future design teams will come in, but ideally, within a couple of years, there will be many women within the cooperative who will have a dehydrator based on our design, and they'll be able to dry jameed in their households year-round," Turch said. "We would be the pioneers of that. It would be pretty awesome."

Class of 2017

Rose Dittman is attending the University of Minnesota-Crookston, majoring in Equine Science with a Pre-Vet emphasis. This past summer she had the opportunity to intern at the Equine Performance Center in Ocala, FL where she worked with veterinarians to provide care and rehab therapy to race and show horses.



Reunions



Class of 1957

Gals from the class of 1957 gathered to celebrate their 80th birthdays!

Class of 1969 50-year Reunion

Saint Agnes Class of '69 recently celebrated our 50th class reunion. There were close to 70 classmates and guests from both grade and high school in attendance traveling from as far as San Diego. Good food and beverages



were consumed and music was enjoyed. Fifty years were erased with a hug, a smile and good conversation of "the good old days." To paraphrase our banner, "Just like fine wine, we get better with age—Class of '69."

Class of 1979



Celebrated our 40-year reunion at B-Dale Club on Friday, Oct. 25th with about 50 in attendance. Played "Get To Know You BINGO" and learned a lot about our classmates and caught up with many memories of 40 years after Saint Agnes! There were so many laughs and good times shared by all! Great food! Great times! Great folks!

Class of 1989

Our 30-year reunion was a great night! With almost 50 of our classmates in attendance, it was fun to visit and catch up. We had a toast for three



of our friends who have passed on and enjoyed looking at the yearbook. We had our class picture blown up and it was a HIT! Honestly, our hair was bigger than we remembered – they had to crop our images to fit on the photo board. Ha ha! We loved the 80's!

Class of 1999

Eight Aggie alumni and a few spouses met at Bad Weather Brewery in late July. Our graduating class was just over 40 students, so we knew each other well. No one missed a beat. We picked up where we left off with hilarious memories, shared life journeys and just enjoyed one another. Class of '99, see you in 2029!



In Memoriam



Joseph Abbott, 1966
Louise (Achartz) Lorenz, 1937 GS
Joanne (Beskar) Christenson, 1954
Ruby Bougie, Past Parent
Henry Brunner, 1946
Thomas Connolly, 1956
Jack Cota, spouse of Jeanne (Schierman) Cota '61
Thomas Dueber, 1964
Michael Dyer, 1974
Edward Dyrda, Past Parent
Sr. Eileen Feltz, SSND, Past Faculty
Nancy Fugere, Past Parent
Arthur Hoff, 1935 GS
Susan (Loney) Rupp, 1965

Mary Ethel (Keller) Leslie, 1960
Kathlyn (Kroenig) Clemens, 1958
Jo Ann (Kirby) LaMotte, 1952
Rosemary (Legel) Hildman, 1946
Barbara (Lisowski) Mastel, 1954
John Longbehn, 1946
Gary Lunzer, 1959
Thomas Lyons, Past Parent
Paul Maloney, Past Faculty
Joseph Morin, 1961
Barry Nelson, 1977
Patricia Osberg, Grandparent
Jerry Osiecki, 1956
David Pence, Past Parent

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

Charlene (Radant) Sullivan, 1967
Kathleen Retter, 1984
Shirley (Ruppert) Tschida, 1944
Marilyn (Schultz) Quinlan, 1965
Fr. Earl Simonson, Friend
Donald Southward, spouse of Catherine (Schierman) '56
Beverly Spencer, Grandparent
Anthony Thury, 1970
Audrey (Tschida) Van Wambeke, 1957
Rita (Wandrei) Kline, 1954
James Warner, Past Parent
Carol (Wojcik) Westgard, 1961

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

Grandparents' Day

More than 200 grandparents joined our K-6 students for our 2019 Grandparents' & Special Friends' Day on October 15! Grandparents and grandchildren were all smiles as they visited classrooms, attended Mass, created art projects, and wrote poems together. The students were also proud to present songs, petitions, and memorized scripture selections for their grandparents. What a grand morning together!

Save the date for our 7-12 Upper School Grandparents Day: Thursday, April 16, 2020.



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