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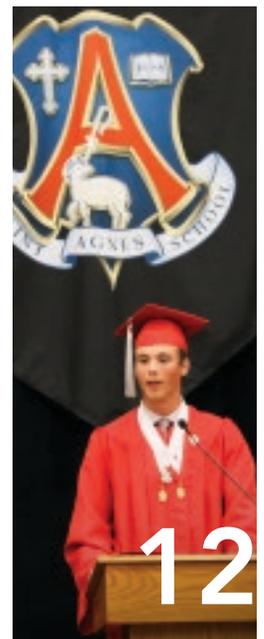
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# Welcome From the Headmaster



*“I do believe that God wants us to be good stewards of the gift that is Saint Agnes School that has educated so many generations of students –including my own!”*

## Dear Saint Agnes Families, Alumni, Alumni Families, and Donors,

I am excited to introduce to you this issue of the Aggie Archives. I am even more thrilled to announce that Saint Agnes School has remained in person for learning every day during the 2020-21 year, and our students have had a pretty normal second half of the year (January through May 2021)! We have asked the Blessed Mother throughout the school year for “unity, compassion, and protection,” and God has certainly granted us that grace.

Before I move into the specific content of this Archives issue, let me express my gratitude to all our parents, students, teachers, staff members, and donors who made this year possible through their generosity in time, talent, and treasure. We could not have accomplished it without the extraordinary team God has assembled in this institution or the generosity of our donors, who have given scholarship aid to those families whose jobs were impacted by the Coronavirus! Thank you to each of you for your contributions to the 2020-21 Academic year.

I also want to congratulate our graduating class of 2021. They have been tremendous leaders throughout the school year, making modifications and doing everything that has been asked of them with maturity, grace, and positive attitudes. I am so proud of the young men and women they have become and have no doubt they will make our world a better place.

In this issue of the Archives, you will read about some development initiatives that we are undertaking, with the simple goal of ensuring the existence of Saint Agnes for families of all socio-economic backgrounds for the next century. Although that may seem overly ambitious, I do believe that God wants us to be good stewards of the gift that is Saint Agnes School that has educated so many generations of students—including my own!

This year, we are kicking off a brand-new **Saint Agnes Legacy Society** for all those who wish to remember Saint Agnes with a planned gift. The Legacy Society offers parents, alumni, and donors the opportunity to support Saint Agnes School with a final act of stewardship through bequests, designated beneficiary gifts and more. In addition, we have partnered with **FreeWill** and, for a limited time, are offering you a simple, online tool to create a valid will completely free of charge. I encourage you to take advantage and create your first will or update a current one. As you provide for your loved ones, take a moment to prayerfully consider a charitable gift to Saint Agnes as well. Read more inside this issue.

Finally, we are in the process of adding to our Saint Agnes endowment for tuition scholarships, which was originally begun by Mr. John Nasseff in 2018. As many of you know, Saint Agnes School must raise over \$1.7 Million each year to help our socio-economically diverse students with tuition assistance. Many other Catholic high schools have endowments that fund that much of their yearly budget. Although we have just begun, we plan to enhance our outreach to donors so that we can meet the needs of all our families for the next hundred years. Stay tuned for more!

I am so proud to be the Headmaster of this institution. God has blessed us with so much through the intercession of Saint Agnes herself, and He wants this school to be successful. Thank you for all you’ve done to make our school’s extraordinary educational program and the Catholic faith available to so many!

Blessings on your Summer,

Kevin Ferdinandt  
Headmaster

# On the Path to Heaven

BY FR. MARK MORIARTY, PASTOR AND SUPERINTENDENT

In Scripture, Jesus is often depicted in a state of movement as he walks to various destinations, mostly to Jerusalem. On His way, many miracles and faith-filled encounters occur. For example, as Jesus leaves Jericho and stops for blind Bartimeus who had been calling out for Jesus to have mercy on him, Jesus says to him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." (Mark 10:52)

We are all called to be "on the way" to holiness and heaven with and through Jesus. Sacred Processions remind us of our life's direction and who will help us on that path. Last Fall our elementary students made a rosary procession around Saint Agnes Church and School. They publicly and beautifully gave



witness to their love of the Blessed Virgin Mary and asked for her intercession so they could become more like her Son, Jesus.



During this past Catholic Schools' Week, I had the tremendous honor of carrying our Eucharistic Lord from the church through a snowstorm into and throughout our school. Led by elementary altar boys who served as cross bearer, thurifer (incense), torch bearers and bell ringers, I brought Jesus into every room of our school. Jesus Himself blessed the students where they spend so much of their day!

Every year the parish celebration of Forty Hours Eucharistic Adoration begins at a school Mass. We process with our Lord around the inside of the church using the side aisles and back down the main aisle to solemnly enthrone the monstrance on the high altar. This symbolizes our path in following Jesus who provides Himself as the living food, the heavenly manna, to give us strength for the journey.

We never need to be alone in our life's journey. Jesus wants us to invite Him into

our duties, joys, and trials. In this manner, we can imitate Jesus in everything we do and to stay on the path to heaven.

"Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he [Jesus] spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32)



# ALL THAT IS, SEEN AND UNSEEN: Universality or ‘Catholicity’ in Catholic Education

BY MICHAEL ADKINS, DIRECTOR OF LOWER SCHOOL/ACADEMIC DEAN



When we recite the Creed each Sunday at Mass, we profess faith in the “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.” While many simply recognize “Catholic” as an adjective denoting the true Church of Christ, it has a much deeper meaning as one of the four marks of the Church. *Catholic* is a Greek word meaning “universal.” I was recently at a Lutheran funeral service for a relative, and during the ceremony we prayed the Apostle’s Creed. What I noticed was that in the Lutheran Creed, they offer a profession in the “one, holy, Christian, and apostolic” church; the footnote stated: “*Christian*: the ancient text reads “catholic,” meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.” I thought,



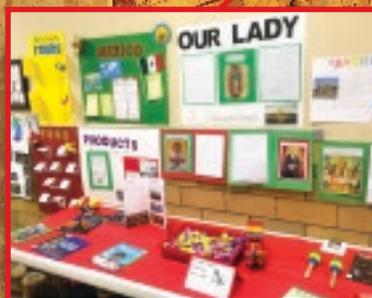
Amen! Ultimately, “catholic” connotes both the fullness of the Faith as revealed by the Apostles and also the *universality* of the Faith, spread throughout the world to all men and women.

The Catholic Church is a global faith; it has been so since 33 A.D. After Pentecost, the original Apostles spread to the ends of the known world, speaking in tongues of various nations and ethnicities (Acts 2:2-12).

*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.*

*<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the*

*crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?’ <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya*



belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power. <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’

backgrounds. Here, at Saint Agnes School, we are so proud of the rich diversity of the families we serve who are grounded in our faith in Jesus Christ.

This past year, the Lower School (grades Preschool-6th) found new ways to express both our diversity and our unity in faith. During Homecoming Week, students celebrated a dress-up theme called “Heritage Day.” Students came dressed in the traditional clothing of their ancestral heritage, sharing about family

Catholic education shares this beauty: that of unifying so many different ethnic and socio-economic



history, and even bringing in traditional foods to share. It’s such a joy to see the various backgrounds of our grinning students; from Polish, Irish, German, and French to Karen, Japanese, Mexican, and Ethiopian. In January, during Catholic Schools Week, each homeroom (14 total from K-6) studied the Church, Catholic traditions, and renowned saints from a different, far-away country; the goal is that students will have learned about the Church around the world by the end of their Lower School tenure. For example, Kindergarten studied Belgium/Spain, 1st grade Egypt/Vietnam, 2nd grade Greece/Uganda, 3rd grade Turkey/Hungary, 4th grade Peru/Poland, 5th grade Mexico/Australia, and 6th grade Japan/Philippines. On the last day of Catholic Schools Week, each class took a “tour” through the hallways, learning about all the different Christian traditions in various parts of the world as well as the saints who heroically represented Christ to their countrymen.





Faculty peruse the beautiful breakfast buffet in UAC Commons



Student council members create beautiful chalk art as a welcome to teachers

# THANK YOU

## In Appreciation: Parents Give Back

August 2020 marked the beginning of a school year that, by necessity, would need to be adaptable and creative, while not sacrificing the gift of a Saint Agnes education. This was a tremendous task for teachers, administrators, and staff alike as they planned lessons, organized athletic competitions, handled business affairs, and ramped up cleaning protocols in a year that was far from normal. Yet it was met head on and accomplished with grace and fortitude.

**“There was a lot of fear surrounding COVID-19 in regards to education, and most schools in the state of Minnesota were planning to shut down and go to distance-learning. In contrast, Saint Agnes faculty and staff bravely faced this fear and forged a**

**plan for in-person learning. Despite the many unknown factors and extra effort required, our faculty and staff showed up for work every day and provided our children with another outstanding school year complete with academics, fine arts, and athletics. As parents, we acknowledge this tremendous blessing for our children. We know that this successful school year cannot be taken for granted, and we wanted to express our gratitude. Thank you!”**

*- Bob Tibesar,  
parent and Headmaster's Council Member*

In an effort to show their gratitude, Saint Agnes parents coordinated with the Parent Liaison Group and Headmaster's Council to come up with a plan to show their appreciation for all who made it possible

for their children to be in the classroom all year despite the many challenges they faced.

On a sunny May morning, teachers and staff were welcomed by beautiful chalk art and balloons at the school entrance thanks to members of the student council. The parents then provided a beautiful breakfast buffet in the UAC Commons complete with pastries, fruits, juices, eggs, bagels and more. And of course, there was plenty of coffee! Faculty and staff were met with smiles and notes of gratitude from students and parents as they perused the breakfast table and made their selections.

**“The response from the parents in our Saint Agnes community was overwhelming. We had so many parents offer to volunteer their time and to bring food that I actually had to turn**



6th graders Lucy and Mac announced the winners from Mr. Adkins office



Dr. Chris Ganza excited about his Soft Bocce prize!



Senior Karlie Regep delivering Mrs. Dumas's mystery prize



Thank you wall full of cards from students and parents

people away. A great problem to have! I think this says a lot about how grateful we all are that the Saint Agnes staff has worked so hard all year keeping the students in school and not distance learning. Working together the entire staff made it possible to do what we all know was best for our kids. We are so incredibly thankful for their hard work and dedication! "

- Denise Koontz, Parent Liaison Group member

Not only was breakfast provided, but parents also donated prizes to be raffled off for members of the faculty and staff throughout the day. To keep the energy up, each hour students would announce ten winners, and then hand-deliver the gifts. Coffee tumblers, gift cards, yard games, Twins tickets, and more were just a few of the generous donations. Each

and every staff member went home with a prize.

"A senior dropped off my gift and, not wishing to interrupt the lesson, I casually asked her, 'What is in there?' She responded, 'A thermos and a card. Should I just open the card?' I told her to do so. She looked at me and said "Why, Mr. Sexton, there is a gift card here for some wine!" The entire class could see the smile on my face. It was a pretty fun moment."

Mr. Ted Sexton, English

"It was really touching to see how excited the students were for us when the prizes were announced! We were doubly appreciated!"

Sr. Teresa Christi, History & Theology

What a joyous occasion, celebrating the efforts of

our faculty and staff. They felt the appreciation of the parents and it was a thoughtful and fitting way to close out this school year.

"Yesterday was such a surprising and humbling experience; so unexpected and just plain fun! There was lots of chatter in the halls about what each person found in their bag. We felt like young kids as we waited to see what was next! The time and energy that went into this gracious and amazing gift shows, once again, the heart of this community. What a blessing to be so blessed. We thank God always for the gift of His children and their prayers that allow us to continue to do what we love doing."

- Nancy Johnson, Kindergarten



Senior Anna Walter delivers Mr. Hendrickson his winnings



Parents volunteered to make the day special



## CLASS OF 2021

Emma Lauren Bettencourt  
*Magna Cum Laude, NHS*

Kathryn Rose Bloomquist  
*Magna Cum Laude, NHS*

Catherine Grace Boeser  
*Cum Laude*

Linette Segal Yayie Bonghan

Brigid Kathryn Boyle  
*Cum Laude, NHS*

Tatiana Destinee Bradley

McKenna Grace Brown  
*Magna Cum Laude, NHS*

Nathaniel Kolbe Brownell  
*Magna Cum Laude, NHS*

Albert Karl Buss  
*Summa Cum Laude, NHS*

Emma Marlene Cain

Thomas Charles Calton  
*Cum Laude*

Sydney Patricia Campbell  
*Magna Cum Laude*

John Thomas Connolly

Anna Grace Damm

Audrey Clare Dimmel  
*Magna Cum Laude, NHS*

Paraskevi P. Dokos

Erika Kathryn Gansler

John Paul Gutzmann

Mary Therese Hafner  
*Magna Cum Laude, NHS*

Dominic William Heesch  
*Cum Laude*

Joseph Patrick Hobbs  
*Cum Laude*

Jevon Alexander Jones  
*Magna Cum Laude, NHS*

Terese Lillian Kaardal  
*Cum Laude, NHS*

Francesca Gianna Keating  
*Summa Cum Laude, NHS*

Monica Mary Knapp  
*Summa Cum Laude, NHS*

Griffin O'Neil Lennes

Andrew Bernard Loomis  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Rachel Marie Luke  
*Magna Cum Laude, NHS*

Theodore Baker March  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Olivia Jane Martin

David Jacob McLaughlin  
*Cum Laude, NHS*

Lauren Marie Moeller  
*Cum Laude*



Quinton Michael Moreau

Olivia Marie Most  
*Magna Cum Laude, NHS*

Connor Louis Nicolay  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Margaret Olivia Osterbauer  
*Magna Cum Laude, NHS*

Elijah Mitrophan Pentecost

Sarah Jeannette Pentecost  
*Cum Laude*

Madeline Maria Percic

Sophia Catherine Perrin  
*Cum Laude*

Susanna Rebeka Petric  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Agnes Paul Plamann  
*Cum Laude, NHS*

Julia Praska  
*Cum Laude, NHS*

Karlie Christine Regep  
*Magna Cum Laude, NHS*

Anna Marie Louise Reimer  
*Summa Cum Laude, NHS*

Rosa Maria Rota  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Sheila Maureen Ryan

Edmund Schmitz

Caitlin Veronica Soto  
*Cum Laude*

Eleanor Marie Stariha  
*Summa Cum Laude, NHS*

Francis Christopher Steiner

Sebastian Joseph Stoss  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Sean Patrick Thornton

Timothy Ryan Tibesar  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Grace Choi Torres  
*Cum Laude*

Vincent Vinh Sang Vu

Maura Bridget Walsh  
*Magna Cum Laude, NHS*

Anna Katherine Walter  
*Summa Cum Laude, NHS*

Patrick Richard Wanschura

Lee Michael Williams

Vaughn Hugo Wolf

Olivia Marie Yost



# COMMENCEMENT

## PALM HONOREES

"The Saint Agnes Palm Award" is a great honor that bears the name of the symbol of victory of our patroness, the palm branch. Selected by the faculty, the award honors one young man and young woman from the senior class who model all that which Saint Agnes School hopes for in each of its graduates. They are well rounded and have achieved excellence in virtually all areas: Faith, academics, activities, athletics, character, virtue, leadership, friendship, and service. As the plaque itself states: "these seniors represent best the hopes and goals as expressed in the mission and vision of Saint Agnes School." The 2021 Saint Agnes Palm Award was awarded to Timothy Tibesar and Anna Reimer.



**Anna Reimer**

Palm Award Honoree and Valedictorian

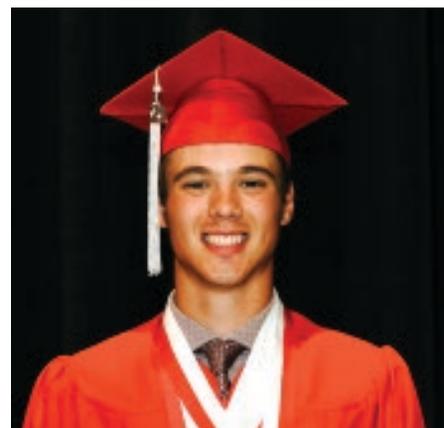
Anna is the very first student who has earned the title of Valedictorian of her class as well as our highest honor, the Palm Award.

Anna, a parishioner of St. Mark's in St. Paul, will attend the University of Mary where she earned the Saint John Henry Newman Academic Merit Scholarship and the Saint Thomas Aquinas Scholastic Achievement Award scholarship toward her future studies in Nursing. Anna graduated Summa Cum Laude and was involved in the following activities at Saint Agnes: National Honor Society (NHS), Student Council (President), Pro-Life Club, Quiz Bowl, Volleyball, and Softball. Outside of Saint Agnes Anna was involved in swimming, tutoring, praying outside Planned Parenthood, and volunteering at Feed My Starving Children. An impressive young woman, Anna spoke eloquently to those at the 80th Commencement Exercises. Here are a few quotes:

"Within the walls of Saint Agnes, I have been taught so much more than I could ever describe to you. For instance, in my Great Conversation class, I have learned to discuss a variety of topics ranging from nihilism, various conceptions of time, and ancient epic poetry to the value of a good lunch. That class truly brought out the best and the worst in me, from intellectual discussion to hysterical existential crises. But on a more serious note, one of the most profound lessons I have encountered, which is an on-going lesson, is the need for active love in our world today. I firmly believe that active love, with prayer, is the only way we will change the world."

"C.S. Lewis, in *The Weight of Glory*, described the potency of the human soul, saying "You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations – these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, marry, snub and exploit – immortal horrors or everlasting splendors." Can you imagine a world in which everyone saw each person in this way? It would change drastically for the better."

"I would like to quote Fyodor Dostoevsky in *The Brothers Karamazov*, a novel that reaches deeply into the darkest parts of the human soul, but also redeems it with a joyful solution for a painful world: to actively love. Dostoevsky writes, 'Try to love your neighbors actively and tirelessly. The more you succeed in loving, the more you'll be convinced of the existence of God and the immortality of your soul.' Seniors: if we walk out those doors tonight and actively love, I guarantee you that the fruits of our labors will echo throughout the world, and our lives will be the better for it."



**Timothy Tibesar**

Palm Award Honoree

Tim, a parishioner of the Church of Saint Agnes, is heading off to the University of St. Thomas for a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He received an Air Force ROTC scholarship and graduated Magna Cum Laude. Tim was captain of the football team, earning All District and All Section two years, Offensive Lineman of the Year and All State Academic honors. He was also captain of the hockey team and played baseball. Tim was involved in both concert and jazz bands and was an usher at school Masses.



An upstanding young man, Tim spoke articulately to his fellow classmates about specific moments that defined them as a class. One such memory was the first day of the 20-21 school year.

"The Administration made a firm resolve to open the school. To bring this to fruition, they established new rules and guidelines to provide a safe learning environment. Though one would perhaps find some of these rules quite tedious and cumbersome, they were none the less necessary. As students began to fill the school, things looked a little different. Everyone was a little tense. As new seniors, the student body looked to us for leadership and encouragement. Class of 2021, you made me proud. If someone looked down the senior hall, they would see big, bright, smiling eyes, laughter, excitement, and happiness. Instead of complaining about the circumstances of the year we were grateful for the gift of attending one of the few open schools in the nation. That gratefulness spread throughout the whole school body like wildfire and set a precedent for the rest of the year. Class of 2021, this was your first act of real leadership by example.

"Concerning memory, I also quote Fyodor Dostoyevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov* (it's a very good book, I recommend everyone read it): "You must know that there is nothing higher, or stronger, or sounder, or more useful afterwards in life, than some good memory... If a man stores up many such memories to take into life, then he is saved for his whole life." ... When I am facing difficulty in life, I will recall these memories as a testimony and reminder of the love and virtue humans are capable of."

His closing remarks to his classmates included, "I remind you that graduating from Saint Agnes is more of a beginning than an end. There is still a long, narrow road ahead of us. Saint Agnes, through the Grace of God, has equipped us well with faith and reason to use for the rest of our lives. Next, we will face a world full of people who want to do away with faith and reason, or perhaps just faith, but when faith fails, reason then fails. We will need the gifts Saint Agnes has given us more than ever. I encourage you to hold fast to your faith as you go out into the world. Various pleasures and attractions will be offered to you at the cost of your faith. Be strong, DO NOT LET GO OF YOUR FAITH. Remember what this school teaches, what the Church teaches, and what Christ teaches."



## SALUTATORIAN

### Albert Buss

Albert, a parishioner of St. Mary's Greek Orthodox in Minneapolis will attend the University of Minnesota where he earned a merit-based Iron Range Scholarship. He will pursue a major in Biochemistry with the hope of eventually teaching at the graduate or undergraduate levels. At Saint Agnes, Albert ran on the Track and Cross-Country teams and was involved in NHS, Student Council, French Club, and the Service Club. He also volunteered at the school's blood drives and after school tutoring program.

Reflecting upon Albert's amazing accomplishments, his parents, Dr. Dan and Christine Buss, shared that Albert was adopted from China as a 4th grader and his amazing transformation. His caretakers were

frustrated that he was failing many subjects and they coldly stated to the Buss family that they did not believe Albert would amount to much in life. It is amazing what the partnership of dedicated parents and a strong Christian environment with challenging academics can accomplish – Albert is the Salutatorian of the 80th graduating class!



## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

### Dr. Anika Prather

Faculty Professional Development

Our school was blessed to have Dr. Anika Prather speak at Commencement and work with faculty and administration during our professional development week. Dr. Prather is a renowned professor, educator, and founder/head of Living Water School in Maryland. Dr. Prather earned her B.A. from Howard University in Elementary Education. She has also earned several graduate degrees in education from New York University and Howard University; she holds a master's degree in Liberal Arts from St. John's College, Annapolis as well as a Ph.D. in English, Theatre and Literacy Education from the University of Maryland, College Park. She has served as a teacher, supervisor for student teachers, director of education, and now Head of School. In addition, she has taught in the Classics Department at Howard University and is the founder of The Living Water School, located in southern Maryland. The Living Water School is a unique Christian school for independent learners, based on the educational philosophies of Classical

Education and the Sudbury Model. Most recently, Dr. Prather has spoken and written extensively about the importance and universality of the Classics, both as a post-secondary department of study and as a model of education for all ages and levels. Her work has been a blessing to those who work for and promote Christian Liberal Arts studies, also known as Classical Education. She and her husband, Damon, have three young children, and they reside in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area.

During teacher workshops, Dr. Prather spoke eloquently about the importance of Liberal Arts (or Classical) education and its transformative and liberating effects on students. One of Dr. Prather's goals is to share the importance of Classical education for all students, even students of diverse backgrounds – a passion for her. As a Classics professor at Howard University, a historically black institution (HBCU), Dr. Prather shared about the misunderstanding of the Classics as merely “western” or a mode of education lacking relevance and value for students of color. Prather showed both the rich history of African Americans educated through the Classical model and how they benefitted personally and spiritually, bearing much fruit to, in her words, “help create a more perfect [American] union.” Figures such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, Robert Louis Gates, Justice Thurgood Marshall, Toni Morrison, and Frank Snowden drew



inspiration from classical studies, enabling them to make important contributions to our Republic. In addition, Dr. Prather spoke to the misunderstanding that the Classics (e.g., Classical education, the Liberal Arts, the Canon of the Great Books etc.) are simply western focused; Prather noted that the history and great works of Classical education span the known world, from Cairo to Venice to London and Jerusalem. Prather says, “Western education is



a misnomer. I prefer to refer to Classical education as human education.”

At Commencement, Dr. Prather offered inspiring words to parents and students alike:

“God has a plan. Why? Because we are all created in His image. It doesn't matter what we look like, what we've accomplished, none of those matters. All that matters is that you fulfill the purpose that God has for you.”

Dr. Prather told her story of her conversion, from a student who hated school and learning, to listening to God's plan in her life. After nearly dying in 11th grade from an illness unknown to doctors, she prayed to God to be merciful to her, was miraculously healed, and now wishes to use every moment to maximize her potential and glorify God with her life. Dr. Prather, an accomplished artist and singer, also serenaded students and guests with verses from the hymn Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Thomas Chisholm, 1866-1960).

Dr. Prather's message focused on Jeremiah 29:11, a message her mother shared with her whenever she struggled as a teenager:

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

She remarked, “On college campuses there are going to be temptations there that are so engaging, and to not do it is going to seem like you're missing out on something; maybe you felt that way in Christian school. But do you know something, you have the good thing. Remember the world doesn't have the good thing, you have the good thing. All the Great Books discussions you've had that infused you with the ability to see the world as bigger than yourself: you have the good thing. To be in a place [like Saint Agnes School] where someone is daily praying

over you: you have the good thing. No matter how tempting and fun it may seem: you have the good thing. And no matter how good it feels: remember God has a plan for you to prosper, to give you a future and a hope. At the end of it, if you push forward, despite all the temptations and distractions, you will be blessed. But the journey is not easy.”

Dr. Prather then shared the poem by Robert Frost, *The Road Not Taken*; a poem which inspired her amidst the protests against her research and writing which promoted Classical education and the Great Books to African American students.

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;*

*Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,*

*And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.*

*I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.*

•Robert Frost (1915)



## DEPARTMENT AWARDS

**Band:** Timothy Tibesar & Albert Buss

**English:** Anna Reimer & Audrey Dimmel

**History:** Connor Nicolay & Francesca Keating

**Latin:** Olivia Most & Connor Nicolay

**Mathematics:** Timothy Tibesar & Susanna Petric

**Physical Education:** Edmund Schmitz & Jevon Jones

**Science:** Anna Walter & Albert Buss

**Spanish:** Anna Reimer & Caitlin Soto

**Studio Art:** Jevon Jones & Eleanor Stariha

**Theology:** Monica Knapp & Anna Reimer

**Vocal Music:** McKenna Brown & Olivia Most

## SELECTED AWARDS

**Sr. Adrienne Award**

**& Amy Hansmann Memorial Scholarship**

**Kathryn Bloomquist & Nathaniel Brown**

*“Education is the kindling of a flame,  
not the filling of a vessel.” - Plato*

# JUNIOR HIGH AWARDS



Kevin Ferdinandt presents the Aggie Award to Teresa Patros, Joseph Pepin, John Paul Tibesar, and Clara True

Students and faculty gathered for the Annual Junior High Awards Ceremony to honor the many gifts and talents of our junior high students. First recognizing the service of altar servers, ushers, and Junior High Student Council, the junior high faculty and administration proceeded to acknowledge the following individual accomplishments:

## STUDENT AWARDS

Nominated by Classmates

**St. Thérèse of Lisieux Award:** For doing small things with great love, being helpful and thoughtful, showing kindness to classmates.

**Eleanor Walter '26 & Riley Kunz '25**

**St. Barnabas Award:** For showing kindness and forgiveness to classmates, including everyone, ensuring nobody feels forgotten or unwanted.

**Faustina Adkins '26 & Mary Hintgen '25**

**St. Paul Award:** For choosing to do what is right, even when it is a hard choice to make.

**Edward Buss '26 & John Paul Tibesar '25**

**St. Thomas Aquinas Award:** For displaying a love of learning and a desire to know the truth.

**Kevin Le '26 & John Paul Tibesar '25**

**St. Philip Neri Award:** For exuding joy and cheerfulness, uplifting those around them to see God's love.

**Teresa Patros '26 & Margaret Dickerson '25**

## ACADEMIC AWARDS

**National Latin Exam: Silver medal maxima cum laude,** for their performance on the Latin exams.

Intro Exam: **Teresa Patros, Madeline Doran, Faustina Adkins, Cecilia Grant, Annika Yevtkhov, Evelyn Kiehl, Brian Brennan, Glenn Schmitz, Jovi Nelson, & Samantha Kunz.**

Latin I: **Teddy Cao, John Wernet, John Starr, JP Tibesar, Frances Stariha, & Eva Ferdinandt.**

**Gold Medal Summa Cum Laude honors** for their top scores of 38 out of 40.

Intro Exam: **Hannah Starr, Eleanor Walter, Joe Pepin, Eden Sitko, Jonathan Muehleck, & Noah Jansen.**

Latin I: **Vincent Deavel, Sophia Douglass, Daniel Coyne, & Jack Shrake.**

**Perfect scores on the Latin Exam**

**Zoe Berthiaume '26 & Mary Mantel '26**

**Junior High Science Fair, Top 2 Projects:** For representing Saint Agnes at the finals of the Big Bang Catholic STEM Fair.

**Zoe Berthiaume '26 & Andrew Most '25**

**Academic Excellence Award:** Given to a male and female student from each grade who display academic excellence in all subjects throughout the year.

**Zoe Berthiaume '26, Kevin Le '26, Sophia Douglass '25, & Jack Shrake '25**

**Junior High Aggie Award:** Presented to a male and female from each grade who represent the goals of a Saint Agnes education and exhibits all-around excellence. Qualities considered include: excellence in faith, academics, activities, athletics, virtue, leadership, service, and school spirit.

**Teresa Patros '26, Joseph Pepin '26, Clara True '25, & John Paul Tibesar '25**

Congratulations to these students for their excellent work!

# ATHLETICS



Congratulations to **Davey McLaughlin and Eddie Schmitz** on qualifying for the Minnesota State High School Wrestling Tournament. McLaughlin, a senior, wrestled at 152 lbs. and finished with a 18-9 record. Senior Eddie Schmitz wrestled at 170 lbs. and finished the season 15-12.



Sophomore **Sophia Muttonen** became the first Aggie to qualify for the Minnesota State High School Alpine Ski Meet.



Congratulations to seniors **Agnes Plamann and Jevon Jones** on being name Winfield Award Honorees for 2021. Each will receive scholarship from the David Winfield Foundation to help with college tuition.

## SPRING ATHLETICS GRADES 5-8

Aggie grade school and junior high spring sports season wrapped up in May. With all the challenges of this year and the cancellation of the spring season last year, it was a tremendous success to have a spring season and provide the Aggies an opportunity to compete together on the diamond. It was also a tremendous success as Saint Agnes

welcomed home several Aggie alumni, who gave back to the school as they stepped into various coaching positions:

**Katie (King '95) Flood** – Head 6th grade softball coach

**Dennis King '66** – Assistant 6th grade softball coach

**Bridget Macdonald '18** – Head 7th grade softball coach

**Matt Tibesar '17** – Head 7th grade baseball coach

**JP Zimmerman '18** – Assistant 8th grade baseball coach



While all our teams experienced rewarding seasons, we give a special shoutout to the 6th grade softball team. Coached by Katie Flood and Dennis King, the girls completed an undefeated season and won a CAA Championship!

## CHRIS PIERCE '98 NAMED HEAD BOYS' BASKETBALL COACH



**Chris Pierce**, a former four-year basketball and baseball student-athlete at Saint Agnes, is taking over as the Aggies new head boys' basketball coach. "I want to provide kids with an opportunity to love

basketball the way I loved it when I was a student here," Pierce said. "I believe that by creating a culture and climate grounded in honor, accountability, communication, and trust as core values, athletes can thrive both on and off the court."

Pierce has been involved in coaching basketball for more than a decade. After graduating from

Stillman College with a BS in Elementary Education in 2008, Pierce started coaching eighth graders in Duncanville, Alabama. When he returned to the Twin Cities five years later, he worked with the Minnesota Future Stars AAU program. He later spent years as an assistant coach at Washington Magnet in St. Paul before joining the Aggie staff in 2018 as assistant Varsity and head C-team coach.

## AGGIE SENIORS CONTINUE THEIR ATHLETIC CAREERS



**Brigid Boyle** will continue her basketball career at Wayne State College. Brigid scored 1439 career points at Saint Agnes and was the 2021 Athena Award

winner. She will play basketball for the Wild Cats while earning her degree in pre-physical therapy. Her 1439 points places her second on the all-time scorer's list for Saint Agnes Girls Basketball.



**Griffin Lennes** will play hockey with the Wassau Cyclones of the North American 3 Hockey League which is one of the top sanctioned USA Hockey Junior Leagues.

Griffin was a forward on our co-op partner St. Paul Academy Hockey Team.



**Karlie Regep** has signed to play softball with Ave Maria University in Ave Maria, FL where she will study Marine Biology. Karlie has been catcher for

the Aggie softball team since her sophomore year. In her senior year alone, Karlie has 27 hits in 18 games, including 8 doubles, 3 triples, and 2 homeruns. She is batting .482 on the season.



## A Different Learning Experience for Aggie John Patros

As he has done for many years, John Patros is spending the spring of 2021 on a baseball field. The Saint Agnes junior dutifully shows up at West Minnehaha playground for practice and games for coach Mike Streitz's baseball team. After missing the 2020 season due to COVID issues, Patros is happy to be outside again.

This spring, however, is different than the other springs Patros has spent in uniform. This year, Patros can only watch his teammates play ball.

The 17-year-old observes games from the bench in a back brace

that looks like an old-fashioned corset. He is still in the recovery stage from a stress fracture to his back last summer. Reduced to the role of bystander this spring, Patros is seeing the sport he loves to play from a very different perspective.

"It's very frustrating because I have a passion for baseball," Patros said. "It's hard and humbling at times. But I have learned a lot of stuff."

In 2019, as a sophomore, athletic life was very good for Patros. He was the star running back for an excellent Aggie football team, rushing for over 1200 yards, and making tackles on defense. He was excited for baseball the following spring but COVID got in the way, amputating the season.

No matter. There was summer ball. Patros batted leadoff and played shortstop for the Aggies' summer team. He had a good season at the plate and in the field. "I thought I was hot stuff," he admitted.

Late last summer, Patros was at a friend's house when he decided to do a double back flip and landed



on his back. It hurt a bit, but he shrugged it off. In the final baseball game of the summer, Patros was on base and got the steal sign and hit the dirt as he neared second base. "I went in head-first," he recalled. "The worst part was I was out."

As he sat on the bench, Patros' back began to cramp up. He didn't say anything and finished the game. Things took a dark turn quickly and he needed help walking to the car. "I knew then something was wrong," he said.

The injury was first diagnosed as a muscle issue. The prescription was a simple one. Patros simply needed rest.

Rest alone, however, didn't help and eventually, a MRI was ordered. Patros had more than a sore back. His L5 and L3 vertebrae needed more time to heal. Dr. Dan Buss, an orthopedic surgeon, explained,

"This is actually a common injury. Most of the time, this will heal in about three months. The goal is to eventually get the athlete to full activities."

Surgery was not ordered but it did require something even harder for Patros to deal with. The guy who had always been a whirling dervish now could not take part in gym class. He had to restrict himself at home to doing homework. "It drove me crazy," he said. "I'm an active guy. I took up drawing to keep busy."

Playing football last fall was out of the question. By November, however, Patros' back had healed enough that he could do some light exercise. By March, he was itching to play. He increased his light workouts, and things went well until later in the month he hurt the back while lifting.

Now he went to see Dr. Chris Alcala, a renowned physician at Twin Cities Spine Center who gave a succinct verdict: He told Patros you only get one back. There is no such thing as L5 and L3 transplant surgery. If Patros wanted full use of

his back to ever be active again, he needed to put on a brace for several weeks. It could come off at night but, for now, that's it.

Bummed about not being able to play baseball, Patros found himself in Streitz's office. "He assured me that I could be a big part of the team – even from the bench. We both had a short cry, vowed it would be the last and that we would move forward," Patros said.

"He is my bench coach," Streitz said. Quickly, Patros started seeing things he had never noticed before on a diamond. In addition to keeping teammates' spirits up, Patros is now watching the game intently on the bench.

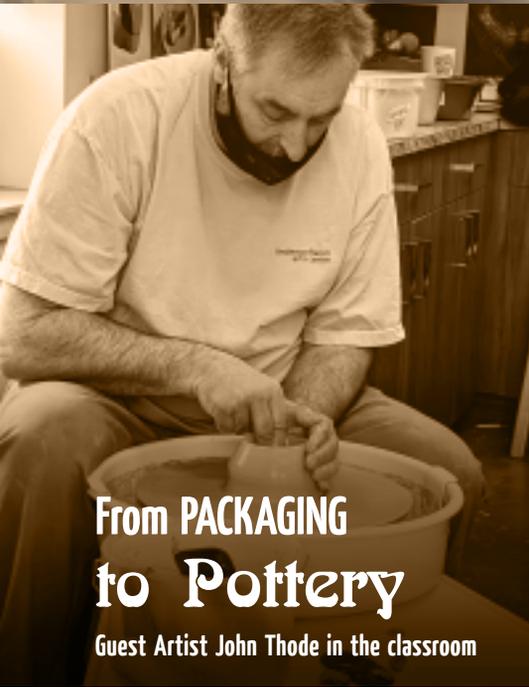


"I'm learning a lot," he said. "I think I can help the guys."

He also discovered some things about himself in the process. "I know now I am not such hot stuff – just one part of an elaborate formula," he said.

Like a lot of juniors, Patros is thinking ahead to his senior year at Saint Agnes. If healthy, he wants to hit the ground running for football this fall. He is thinking of going out for wrestling and then playing baseball in the spring of 2022.

"I love playing so much," he said. "But I now know how much more goes into it. Hopefully, it will make me a better, smarter player." Patros has learned some lessons that simply cannot be taught in a schoolbook. "It's been challenging to sit out and watch," he reflected. "The hardest part is to not even swing the bat or throw the ball at least once. This injury has taught me self-control. Every day I make the choice not to sulk but to move on with a smile and know that I am helping my team in other ways."



## From PACKAGING to Pottery

Guest Artist John Thode in the classroom

After retiring from his job at UPS, John Thode went back to school to pursue his passion for art. During his time of study, he wanted to explore and share his knowledge, and thus an interest in teaching surfaced. During this school year, his teaching skills were put into practice as Upper School art teachers Jennifer Soriano and Bridget Richtsmeier welcomed Thode as a guest artist in the Upper School art classes.



During his one-month visit, Thode focused on sculpture and wheel throwing, which found him working with Jennifer Soriano's class. As a part of his teaching, he performed hands on demonstrations for the students. He also generously donated tools to aid in his instruction and give Saint Agnes students a comprehensive lesson. The students

took to him immediately, and his zeal for art helped foster a sense of wonder in the students. Art student Emma Cain mentioned that Thode's teaching "opened a lot of doors for students in learning new material".

He encouraged the students to expand their knowledge base and constructed a project to reinforce this idea of branching out and trying new techniques. He wanted the students to create something that was sentimental, and student AJ chose to create a project for his grandfather who was in the Marines. Art student JP said "He made us actually think about what we were going to do for the project, we started with 10 ideas, then narrowed it down to one." The

students all commented on Thode's emphasis on conveying your unique message to the world. They also spoke of his patience and support for each student's message.

Thode also assisted in wheel demonstrations and helped the students with their paintings in Jennifer Soriano's course. Not only did Thode's background in art help fine tune the students' technique, but he was an additional source of encouragement. During his time at Saint Agnes, he was impressed by the strong sense of culture at the school, as well as the talented students that inhabit it.

Living just north of Duluth, Thode stayed in the cities during the week and returned home on

the weekends. He made this trek for a month because he believed so strongly in contributing to the students' knowledge base. One of his approaches involved inviting his own guest artist: Dr. Ferdinandt! At the end of his month with Saint Agnes, Thode invited the Headmaster to share his own art and show photographs of his woodworking with the students.



Part of the idea in having Dr. Ferdinandt come to class was to ask the students *What is this artist's message? What is his goal?* He was trying to give them a thorough experience of the importance of sharing one's own art, and then experiencing a new form of art on the wheel. It is easy to stick with what you know, especially when it highlights one's talent. The difficult part comes with venturing to something new, but with each endeavor, we pray that our work glorifies God.

John was excited to return to Saint Agnes to see the students' final products.



# THE RENAISSANCE MAN



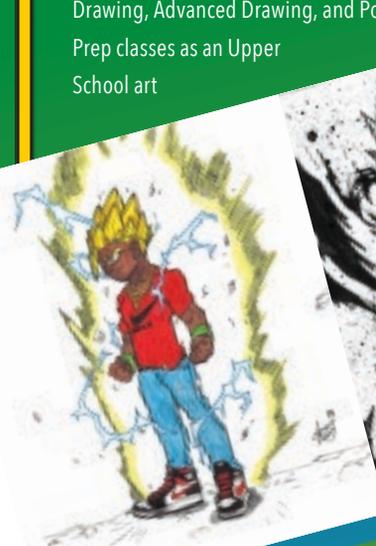
For Senior Jevon Jones, his passion for art began in fourth grade, reading comic books. Anime, a style of Japanese film and television animation, was a source of inspiration for Jones, encouraging him to be himself. Fast forward to his senior year, Jones is enrolled in Ms. Soriano's Advanced Drawing course, and for him, not only is art his talent, but it is a means to communicate a larger message to the world.

Jones is so thankful for Ms. Soriano and her support of his love of art, as well as expanding his talent through other mediums. Jones has taken Drawing, Advanced Drawing, and Portfolio Prep classes as an Upper School art

I am always impressed with his work ethic and how he manages so many talents and groups he is involved in. He has been a constant presence in art, always asking good questions and striving not just to get better in his artistic skill set but to create art that has meaning and inspiration for people."

Another task in formulating Jones as an artist was the creation of his name as an artist, something that conveyed this different aspect of his life. As a young child, his parents nicknamed him "The Renaissance Man,"

his desire to pursue art throughout his life burns brightly. He is grateful for the opportunities at Saint Agnes, and he is especially grateful for the witness and encouragement of art teacher Jennifer Soriano. She feels likewise toward Jevon, as she says "He is also an exceptionally kind and thoughtful person. I am sad to lose him as a student but very happy and



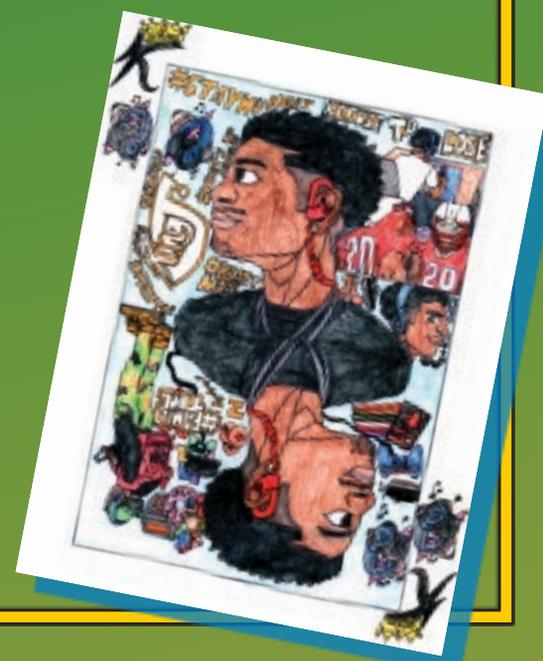
student. His main interests lie in inking and drawing, but Soriano encouraged him to venture to the uncharted waters of watercolor. Even though this endeavor was challenging, Jones welcomed the opportunity, and he created a watercolor piece for his brother's 20th birthday. One of the beautiful effects of art is it is naturally communal. The artist's work is not kept to themselves, but instead shared with other individuals, be that stranger or friend. In this way, Jones's enthusiasm for sharing his own unique message continues to thrive.

As Jones's teacher, Soriano reflects that "It has been a pleasure teaching Jevon the past 4 years.

due to his various interests including saxophone and involvement in plays. This idea found its way into Jones's artist name: Senojnovej. Ms. Soriano shares his parents thought process, and adds "He is like a heartbeat, always working, always creating something new". She was instrumental in helping Jones fuse this memory into his name as an artist, meaning "man of mysterious talents and ways". This name encapsulates the message Jones's wants to convey in his art, allowing the onlooker to see their own message in his art.

After graduation, Jones plans to attend Hamline for Digital Media Arts, with an eventual goal of a career in graphic design. When asked about his long-term goals, he said "I want to create my own characters and send a message to the world to be yourself". Because of the impact of art in Jones's own life,

excited at the same time, he is heading towards a truly creative and exciting time ahead in his life. He is going to accomplish so much and change the people around him. I feel privileged to have had a small part in that journey."

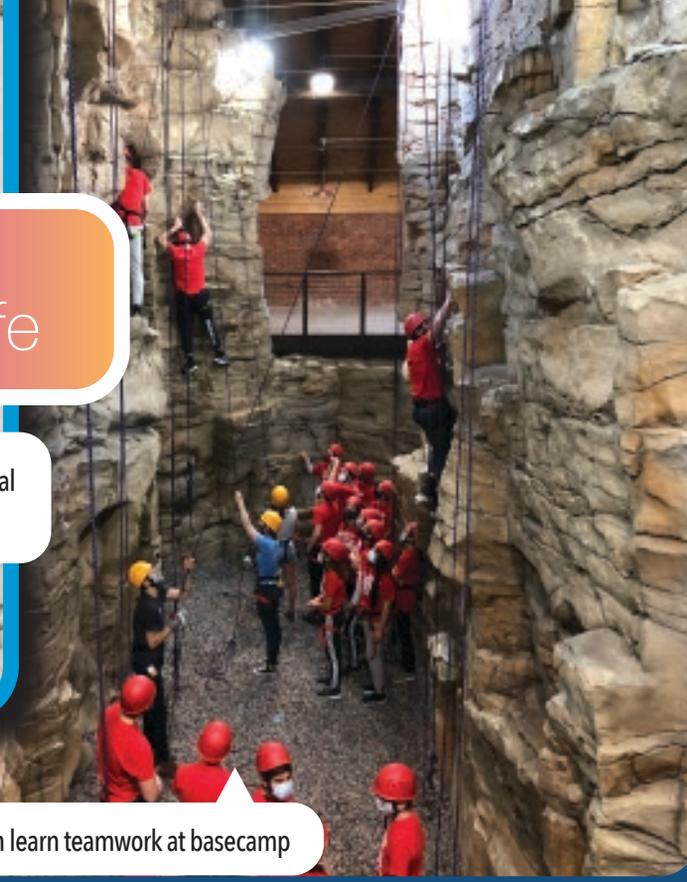


# AROUND CAMPUS: Upper School Life

Sophomores head to the Cathedral of Saint Paul for their class retreat



Freshman learn teamwork at basecamp



Themed dress days are always enjoyed during Snow Days



Seniors on the lake at their class retreat



Seniors celebrate their friendships at Prom



Students showcase their talents at Art Night



The Service Club's Bi-Annual blood drives helps save lives



Seniors on the lake at their class retreat

Junior High Pro-Life Club meets regularly

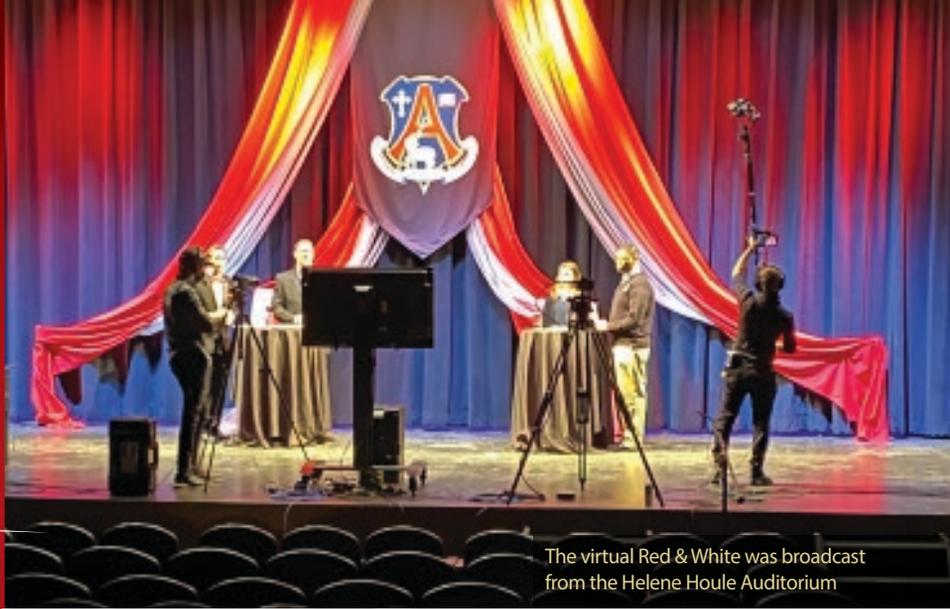


Junior High students explain their hypotheses at the Science Fair



# 2021

## SAINT AGNES SCHOOL ANNUAL RED & White VIRTUAL BENEFIT



The virtual Red & White was broadcast from the Helene Houle Auditorium



Producer Chris White managed the many elements of the show from backstage



Helene Houle hosted a watch party from her living room

Here at Saint Agnes we are blessed with a loyal community, one who has helped us in times of need, and one who continues to support us 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. Though we were unable to host a normal, in-person dinner and auction this year, the Saint Agnes community stepped up and assisted the students of Saint Agnes by participating in the 2021 Virtual Red & White Benefit.

Who would have thought that a virtual event could be so successful? The Saint Agnes community took time from their busy schedules and tuned in to the live stream show, shopped the online auction, and gave freely in support of tuition assistance. What a testament to what it means to be an "Aggie". The individuals, businesses, and advertisers who renewed their sponsorships, and the alumni, parents, faculty, parishioners, and

friends who tuned in all played a part in helping many students receive the benefits of a Saint Agnes education.

We are extremely pleased to report that the Red & White raised over \$340,000. What a blessing to all our families, especially the 70% who require some level of financial assistance to provide their children with



Even the youngest Aggies were able to participate from the comforts of home



Students Francesca and Devon co-hosted the show



### A NEW CAR!

Congratulations to Mr. Yevgeniy Yevtikhov for winning the 2020 Ford Explorer. Yev and Mary (Rosenthal '99) Yevtikhov have three daughters attending Saint Agnes and were driving a car with 300,000 miles on it! They were delighted to drive home in their new SUV the following week!

the quality Catholic education offered at Saint Agnes. Of course, God's grace is to be recognized and thanked above all else for our continued success.

We miss you and we look forward to welcoming you all back on campus on **February 12, 2022** for next year's Red & White Benefit. Be sure to save the date and plan on attending! We can't wait to see you again!

# Create a Legacy. Pass on the Faith. Benefit Future Aggies.



The newly formed Saint Agnes Legacy Society has been established to recognize and encourage planned gifts to Saint Agnes School. Through planned giving, donors can ensure that their gift will create a lasting legacy for future generations.

“As the Headmaster of this school for the past 6 years, I have grown to understand and appreciate the value of this institution to not only the Saint Agnes community, but to the Archdiocese, City of St. Paul and Frogtown. Thus, my wife and I chose to ensure its future success by including Saint Agnes School in my estate planning, and I encourage others to do the same.”

**Kevin Ferdinandt**

## Making an Estate Gift is Simple

There are many creative ways to structure your estate plan that may allow you to make a gift to Saint Agnes while also providing for your loved ones. In many cases, an estate gift provides you with the opportunity to make a more significant gift than might have been possible in the present.

*“As trustee of the estate for a very good friend and classmate, I was inspired to include Saint Agnes School in my will, as he had done. I would never be able to give that much money out of my pocket right now. My annual gift is all that I can do. When I am no longer on this earth, a more significant financial gift can be made that will last forever.”* **Aggie Alumnus**

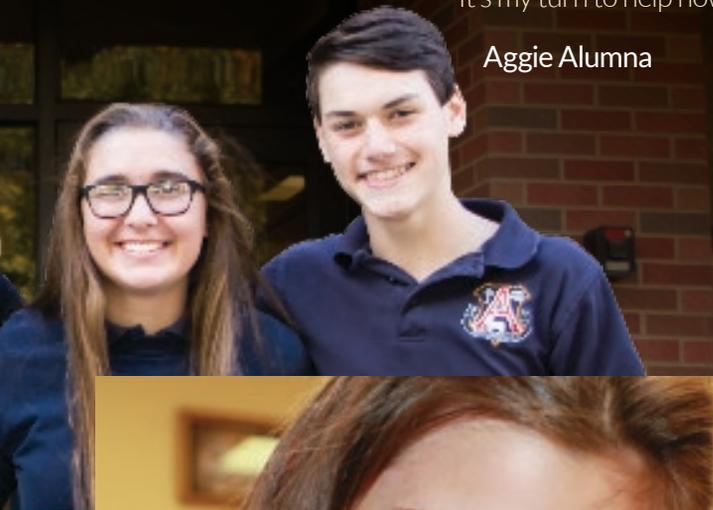
**With the guidance of an advisor, an estate gift to Saint Agnes School can be accomplished through a variety of means:**

- Include a gift of a specific dollar amount or percentage of your estate through your will (use the newly offered FreeWill tool!)
- Designate Saint Agnes School as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or qualified retirement plan
- Establish a charitable gift annuity for the school
- Create a charitable trust with Saint Agnes School as the beneficiary

“ When I see the students at Mass it brings tears to my eyes (I attended the Alumni Memorial Mass & Breakfast two years ago), I can't imagine a world where there was no Saint Agnes School, with students learning about our faith every single day. I am an alumna and cherish all that Saint Agnes has provided for me.

It's my turn to help now. ”

Aggie Alumna



If you are interested in leaving a legacy at Saint Agnes School, would like to make a gift now to the Endowment fund, or have questions, please contact us at [651-925-8811](tel:651-925-8811) or [Advancement@saintagnesschool.org](mailto:Advancement@saintagnesschool.org)



The Saint Agnes Legacy Society recognizes those who have included Saint Agnes School in their estate plans. Together, these donors are helping Saint Agnes School build the endowment it needs to support students today and well into the future. With deep gratitude, all members of the Saint Agnes Legacy Society will be remembered in prayer and Masses at Saint Agnes. Members will also receive a custom Saint Agnes Legacy Society pin, invitations to special events and, with permission, members will receive special recognition in Saint Agnes School communications.

By joining the Saint Agnes Legacy Society, you will be forever bound to our mission of forming Catholic hearts and minds in faith, reason, and virtue. For more information on the Saint Agnes Legacy Society, please contact us at **651-925-8811** or [advancement@saintagnesschool.org](mailto:advancement@saintagnesschool.org)

**FREEWILL** 

### **Make your smartest impact yet!**

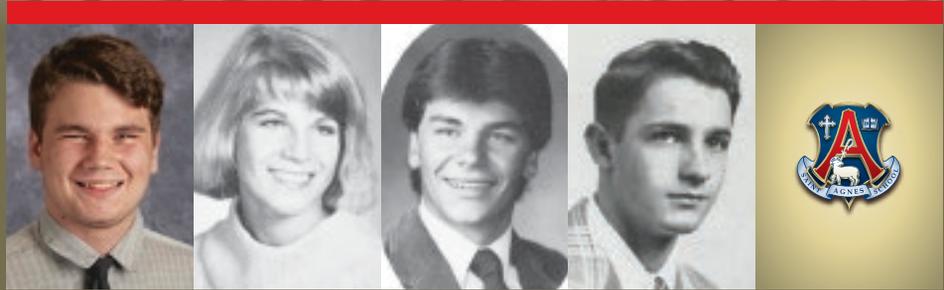
Did you know you can help secure a thriving future for Saint Agnes – without paying a dime today? By including a planned gift in your will, you will ensure our long-term ability to provide a transformative education, give tuition assistance where needed, and maintain our culture of faith! Best of all, it's free of cost today, and we have partnered with FreeWill to help you get started.

Create your free will and legacy gift online today at [FreeWill.com/SaintAgnes](https://FreeWill.com/SaintAgnes)

# HONORING LEGACY GRADUATES



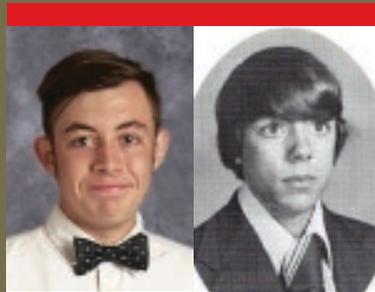
Kathryn Bloomquist '21  
Therese (Reak) Bloomquist '98



Francis Steiner '21 Julie (Hermes) Steiner '87 Christopher Steiner '85 William Hermes '49 Theodore Steiner, Sr. '31 grade school



Sydney Campbell '21  
Christine (Gartner) Campbell '91



John Connolly '21 Robert Connolly '79



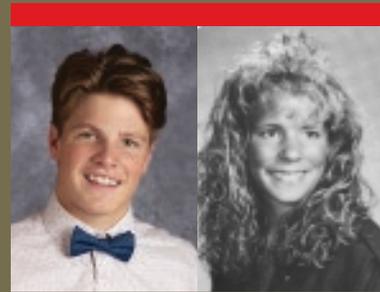
Joseph Hobbs Mark Hobbs '92



Monica Knapp '21  
Julianne (Ewald) Knapp '83



Olivia Martin '21  
Barbara (Berglund) Martin '83



Edmund Schmitz '21  
Jolene (Rosenthal) Schmitz '91



Timothy Tibesar '21 Amy (Grau) Tibesar '93 Robert Tibesar '92 Rick Tibesar '66



Leo Tibesar '26 grade school Margaret (Gillen) Tibesar '30 Commercial Class

carrying on the tradition  
of excellence at Saint Agnes School.

## Class Reunions

### Class of 1961 – 60-Year Reunion

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

### Class of 1964

75th Birthday Party scheduled for October 19 at the Pool & Yacht Club in Lilydale. Contact Bill Dunn at [dunn7074@comcast.net](mailto:dunn7074@comcast.net) with questions.

### Class of 1965 – 55-Year Reunion

"Save the Date" for September 25, 2021 at Hamel VFW. We had postponed our September 2020

reunion—again—and will keep a watch on what's happening as time gets closer.

### Class of 1970 50-Year Reunion

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

Our 50th high school class reunion, originally scheduled for November 2020, has been rescheduled for September 4, 2021, Labor Day Weekend!

Join us at this casual, private event at The Mermaid's Atlantis Ballroom which will include music, food, cash bar, and other surprises. Invitations/registrations will be sent out early this summer. Stay

safe and healthy and we will see you this fall for our GRAND CELEBRATION!

Questions can be directed to Terry Tschida [terrytsch65@gmail.com](mailto:terrytsch65@gmail.com)

### Class of 1971 50-Year Reunion

So excited to reconnect this fall to celebrate 50 years since graduation! Join us on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at Gabe's by the Park. Party runs from 6:00 – 11:00 PM (or later!)

We have been unable to locate the following classmates. If you have contact information please send to Terry McLaughlin at [thekiss05@gmail.com](mailto:thekiss05@gmail.com). Thank you!

Tim Hanratty, James Hubert, Gary Juneski, Darlene Lang, Dave Mansfield, Helen McMahon, Mark Mikel, John Stewart, Barb Thole, Mary Thury, Rose Marie Voerding, and Mark Weyandt.

### Class of 1976 – 45-Year Reunion

45-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct 9th at 6:00 at Gabe's By The Park. Contact Ritz (Sunder) Zitterman with questions. [ritazitterman@san.rr.com](mailto:ritazitterman@san.rr.com)

### Class of 2001 – 20-Year Reunion

We are planning a class reunion for Saturday, October 16th at Saint Agnes School. More details to follow. Questions? Contact Mike Kroona, [mrkroona@gmail.com](mailto:mrkroona@gmail.com) or Heidi (Dusbiber) Morrow, [tags\\_301@yahoo.com](mailto:tags_301@yahoo.com).

## Alumni News

### Class of 1949

Joan (Zaspel) Jungkunz sends a family update, "My seventh great-grandchild, Julian Becker, is walking and number six, Reagan, has a special name for me, "Gee, Gee!" Another one, Adalie is in TX. I hope to visit her in 2022! I don't want to quarantine if I go for Easter. She'll make her 1st Communion then."

### Class of 1954

Richard Racine announces, "My friend and classmate Bernie Hesse '54 died this year. His daughter started



## A Girls Club Solidified Over the Years

### 1958 alumnae share life through gatherings for 60+ years

After marriages and babies in the early 1960's, time together quickly became a necessity for all things motherhood and marriage, as this group of nine Aggie ladies started having families. Meeting every month over dessert or lunch to share life's celebrations and sorrows, these women found a sisterhood in one another, appropriately named Girls Club.

As their families changed and careers morphed, all that life put in front of them was held up and supported by these bonds of sacred friendship. "I could not have done life without them. The women in Girls Club mean so much to me," Zona (Och) Ivory

With only a couple of years missed due to job transfers and the like, 60+ years of gatherings and love have proven the importance of a

support system throughout life. This is what makes being an Aggie so special!

### Fun facts:

- All grew up in the St. Paul area
- Joan, Joanne and Zona all were married in 1962 to a Jack!
- Carol P., Barb and Zona all married classmates
- Carol K. also married an Aggie
- Big birthday celebrations are in order this year as they turn 81 in 2021!



Standing – Irene (Rubbelke) O’Ryan, Barbara (Lattin) Connolly, Alice (Litkenhaus) Robinson, Carol (Pagel) Keller, Joan (Krois) McGrath  
Sitting – Darlene (Selby) Pothsen and Zona (Och) Ivory. With us in spirit – Carol (Jackson) Kufner and Joanne (Pizzella) Allen



# Alumni News

a scholarship fund in his name. I would encourage our classmates to contribute to it."

Laurene Weiers (Sister M Thomas Aquinas) writes, "I am a former faculty member as Sr. MTA, SSND. I have many fond days at Saint Agnes from many years ago."

### Class of 1955

Alice (Kunz) Christiansen writes, "Sadly, we missed our 65th class reunion in 2020. I am a 12-year Aggie, and I thank God for the many blessings I have received."

### Class of 1965

Marianna (Loipersbeck) Guardini shares news, "We have two daughters and four grandkids. Truly a blessing. Just got back from a driving trip out to Oakland, CA to visit the youngest daughter and family. Our oldest daughter and family line in Albert Lea, MN. I am enjoying retirement!"

### Class of 1968

Mary Langlois calls out to her class, "Join the Facebook group 'Aggies 68' to stay informed! It is a private

group, and we'd love to connect with you! Our next lunch is scheduled for September 8th, 2021."

### Class of 1975

Larry Persico announces, "Two years from retirement! My wife Sandra and I just bought a cabin in WY and will spend summers there and winters in TX. We are expecting our 6th grandchild in May!"

Jennifer (Drapinski) Phillips is pleased to announce the birth of her first grandchild! She continues to enjoy Florida after almost 30 years!

### Class of 1982

Stephanie (Keenan) Thesing writes, "I was able to retire from a 34-year career as a Pediatric Lab Tec. It was a good change for me, but I miss the kids so much! Also, I am thrilled to announce that I will soon (finally) be a Grandma for the first time. Words cannot describe how excited I am!"

Carline (Jackson) Bengtsson is the founder of Dine4Dinners. After over 26 years at Medtronic, Carline started a new chapter in life. A self-taught

chef, she combined her passion for cooking and for helping others into a business plan. She caters private meals and donates a portion of the proceeds to hunger relief organizations. She was featured in the StarTribune Inspired section on March 6th.



### Class of 2014

Nick Vance is a seminarian studying for the Archdiocese of St Paul & Minneapolis. He is pictured with his brother Chris and parents Leila and Chris, Saint Agnes teacher and Technology Director.

### Class of 2018

Samantha (Trusty) La Fond announces her marriage to Anthony on August 1, 2020 at the Church of Saint Anne's in Hamel, MN. The couple resides in Bismarck, ND.

## 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*

- Georgine (Bielke) Misukanis, 1947
- Joseph Bilder, 1970
- Renee (Booth) Eisenhower, 1978
- James Clemens, Spouse of Marguerite (Kight) '73
- Jessie (Cook) Goff, 1948
- Tom Costello, past parent
- Jeffrey Daniels, 1973
- John (Jack) Daniels, 1968
- Almer Doerr, Grandparent
- Annella Dossdall, Friend
- Linda (Durand) Fuerst, 1973
- Harvey Fraber, 1947 GS
- George Frey, 1934 GS
- Mary Ann (Gau) Stickney, 1952
- Ed Grieman, 1953
- Lois Harringer, past parent
- Gretchen Healy, past parent
- Thomas Hermes, 1961

- Kathryn Hilpisch, past parent
- Annette (Hogen) Nyman, 1965
- Sr. Claudette Hudalla, SSND, 1943
- Josephine (Huss) Dyer, 1949
- Brian Jachymowski, 1991
- Richard Jarosz, 1939 GS
- Mary (Keller) Leslie, 1960
- Mary Ann (Koller) Houck, 1947
- Richard Kennedy, Spouse of Elaine (Brodman) '53
- Marjorie Kight, 1942
- Wayne Laschinger, 1959
- Rosemary (Lindquist) Calva, 1949
- Jerold Logan, 1993
- Ralph McDonough, 1950
- Beatrice McLaughlin, past parent
- Sr. Mary Donald Miller, SSND, 1945
- James Millette, 1964
- Pauline (Monzel) Spott, 1954

- William Netwal, 1958
- Margaet (O'Hair) Boardman, 1952
- Jerome Painter, 1957
- Gail (Pazdernik) Law, 1964
- Robert Peterson, Friend
- Andrew Piccione, Spouse of Cynthia (Syrstad) '75
- Joanne (Pizzella) Allen, 1958
- Barbara (Roberts) Roth, 1961
- Patricia St. Martin, Spouse of John '64
- Charlotte St. Martin, past parent
- Mary Ann (Tahnk) Broos, 1959
- Ignatius Theisen, Spouse of Sharon (Lavell) '58
- Charlotte (Weber) Menasco, 1963
- Ann Wilken, past parent
- Matthew S Williams, 1998
- Leonard Wistrill, 1962
- Frank Ziskovsky, 1961

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

# Whispers OF THE PAST

## MAY CROWNING 1950



### To Jesus Through Mary

During the religious exercises of May Day at St. Agnes, the Sodalists are reminded of the fact that they are called to **live** the Rosary by forming a Living Rosary, reciting aloud the prayers and picturing mentally the lives of Jesus and Mary.

The climax to the joy-full day is the crowning of Mary as "Queen of all the Aggies"— a privilege given to Rosemary Keran and her attendants, Joanne Casserly and Lorraine House.

*Saint Agnes students continue the tradition of crowning Mary during the month of May*



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# 2021 AGGIE OPEN

GOLF SCRAMBLE & DINNER

**Monday, July 19, 2021**

**Golf is SOLD OUT but we'd love to have you join us for dinner!**

Gather your friends or classmates and enjoy a delicious dinner 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.

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

Visit [SaintAgnesSchool.org](http://SaintAgnesSchool.org) for more information and to register for dinner.

# SAVE THE DATE

# HOMECOMING WEEK 2021

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

## Alumni Memorial Mass And Brunch

**Thursday, October 7, 2021**

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 8, 2021**

Klas Field - Hamline University

Grab a complimentary hot dog or cheese quesadilla before cheering on the Aggies as they take on Breck.

## Congratulations 2021 Sate Tournament Team!

The Aggies rallied for a 7-5 victory over St. Croix Prep in the Section 4AA championship game, June 10 at Barnes Field. As a result, the Aggies made their seventh appearance in the MSHSL Sate baseball tournament. The Aggies fell to top ranked Glencoe-Silverlake in the first round.

### Aggie Baseball State Tournament Appearances

1998 / 2001 (Champions) /  
2005 (3rd) / 2006 (4th) / 2012  
(Champions) / 2013 (4th) / 2021

