

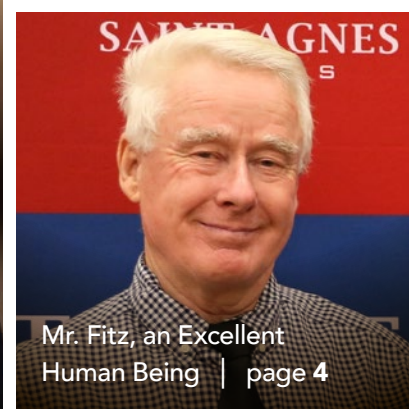


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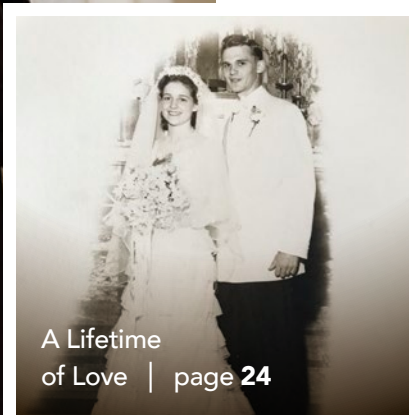
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Dear Saint Agnes Alumni,
Families, and Friends,

Thank you for taking the time to peruse this issue of the *Aggie Archives*. I am excited to announce that Saint Agnes School has continued to teach students in-person every day this year (even without having to require masks), and our students have had an extraordinarily fun fall that is as close to normal as we have seen since the fall of 2019! It has been great to see our student body attending sporting events and activities in droves, and we even hosted our annual Lower School Grandparent's Day this October! Thanks to the return of these annual events and others – such as homecoming celebrations and Upper School Field Day – our school spirit is extremely positive. I am especially proud of how our senior class has led the student body throughout the fall.

In this issue of the *Archives*, we want to focus especially on sharing with you our efforts to form Catholic hearts and minds in faith, reason, and virtue—in fact, to form Saints! In no time compared to the present have we needed Saints in the Church and world more than today. Supporting this mission is our active liturgical life, which you will see is back on full display. We held our first all-school Mass in over 18 months on All Saints Day. We welcomed a new mother superior – Mother Amata Veritas – to our Dominican sisters' apostolate, as well as two newly-minted “baby” priest chaplains – Father David Hottinger and Father Joe Barron – to serve our students and faculty by leading them in Mass, Confessions, and classrooms visits. In these pages, we also feature a tribute to our beloved Mr. Mike Fitzgerald – who passed away earlier this fall and taught and formed so many of our Aggies over the years – and profile two Aggie couples who are faithfully living out their vocational calls to marriage.

We continue to be committed to educational excellence and programmatic improvement, partnering with the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education (read “Liberal” as from the Latin “libertas”—meaning freeing). Through our relationship with this organization, we are able to collaborate with other educators and schools from across the country: sharing resources, ideas, and approaches to further expand the education that Saint Agnes School is able to offer. Several members of our faculty and administration both presented and attended their national conference in St. Paul this summer. Additionally, our Philosophy of Education document has continued to be an essential tool for us as we onboard new staff and continue to reflect together on our vision for a Catholic education that is rooted in the classical liberal arts and sciences. In fact, it has also become a model document for other members of the Institution, having been shared and adapted at other member schools across the United States.

Saint Agnes School is alive and well: 822 students strong. With wait lists in Preschool, Kindergarten, 5th and 6th grades, and 9th grade, we continue to grow. Please enjoy reading about just some of the wonderful things that have been happening in Aggie-land in recent months and continue to pray for and support our mission however you are able. Our families and I thank God that Saint Agnes School is answering that charge to form the next generation of saints, by the grace of God and through the intercession of Saint Agnes, St. Pio, and our Blessed Mother.

Blessings on your Winter months,

Kevin Ferdinand
Headmaster

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Mr. Fitz

An Excellent Human Being

There are not many teachers in this world that make a lasting impression on you and the person you turn out to be. Mr. Fitz was absolutely an AMAZING teacher, coach, and human being. He loved every single one of his students. Raphael Dufresne-Harden '85

These sentiments were echoed over and over when news spread of the passing of Mr. Mike Fitzgerald this past August. A 1961 Saint Agnes alumnus, beloved teacher, and coach for over four decades, Mr. Fitzgerald (Mr. Fitz) was a true gentleman, an excellent role model, and he was truly loved by all who knew him. Many of the comments listed here were taken from our social media page from former students and colleagues.

Mr. Fitz was a passionate and committed coach. He coached football, boys and girls hockey, baseball, and boys and girls tennis and though very competitive, he was always in control. He had faith in his players and always pushed them to be better - a better athlete, a better student, a better person. Players remember his encouragement no matter what their skill level. To illustrate, Coach Bob Ercolani relayed a story about how Coach Fitz patiently worked over and

over with a football player who was struggling to catch passes. Near the end of the season, Fitz put him in the game at a crucial moment. The player was crushed on the field but completed the catch. The smile Coach Ercolani saw on that boy's face when he came off the field made the whole season worth it. It was that kind of patience and belief that Mr. Fitz had in his players that gave them the confidence to succeed.

I made one nice play at shortstop on his JV baseball team and he nick-named me "The Vacuum." Nice sentiment but not totally appropriate based on my skill level. Mr. Fitz always made us feel like a million bucks.

Joseph Olson '03

While tennis was probably not his favorite, his enthusiasm for teaching made me feel like tennis was his most favorite sport. I was

not a particularly good high school tennis player. After one of my many singles losses, Coach Fitz was reviewing my match with me. He said..."Well, there were flashes of brilliance and flashes of not so brilliance..." He had a way of making you feel good even when you had just gotten blown of the court.

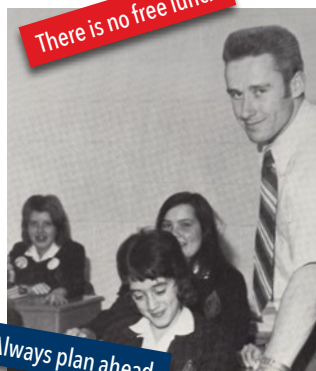
John Weber '80



Don't let anyone be your crutch

Mr. Fitz also had an unbelievable memory. Years later, when running into a former student-athlete, the conversation would eventually turn to reminiscing about competitions from long ago. He could recall the play, who was on the field, and how it influenced the outcome of the game. He never forgot a face; he never forgot a name.

Though he was a revered coach, it was in the classroom that Mr. Fitz really made an impression. He is remembered for his calm manner, his one-liners, his athletic



analogies, and his patience. Every student felt loved and cared for. Sentiments such as, "He genuinely cared," "He was straightforward," "He took true interest in my education," "He pulled me out of a rut," and, "He encouraged me to speak up in class," were just some of the reasons that when the

final bell rang at the end of the day, instead of bolting for the exits, one would find students in his classroom getting extra help on homework or advice on life.

With his quiet manner, he expected excellence from his students. Disappointing Mr. Fitz was like disappointing your father - you just didn't do it. And he expected the students to respect each other as well. Tim Hilpisch '79 remembers mispronouncing a word in English. As the class began to snicker, Mr. Fitz quickly put an end to it and said "Mr. Hilpisch, I want you to look up the word in the dictionary, study it, and come back tomorrow and try it again." He had a way of correcting you without making you feel embarrassed or ashamed.

Mr. Fitz radiated to each student that he cared about them. What a strong attribute of a coach and teacher: one who conveys the truth about each person's God-given dignity. The students, in turn, responded with the same respect he showed them. Classroom management came down to many well-timed one-liners:

Silence is Golden in Room 321

Timeout!

Your ship is sinking.

Sit like and "L" not like an "S."

Plan ahead.

We don't want excuses, we want results.

I have four aces, what's in your hand?

I'm the quarterback, you're in the huddle.

With his career spanning nearly four decades, Mr. Fitz touched the lives of so many people, including students, athletes, classmates, and colleagues. The following quotes speak for the many who knew him and were greatly influenced by him:

Driver's Ed: If the sunflower seeds go flying, you've turned too fast

Don't celebrate in the end zone it will look like you've never been there



Can't say WE if you're not wearing the C or A

Mr. Fitz encouraged people to use their talents rather than settling for something average and allowed students to question aspects of religion while offering amazing answers. *Lori (Hammink) Peterson '79*

He had a unique way of inspiring others and making each of us go well beyond what we thought was possible. *Terri (Glass) and Frank McQuillan '74*

I met Mike in 1969 and we taught and coached together at Saint Agnes over the next 15 years. Mike is possibly the kindest person I have ever met. Like most people, Mike had some unfair times in his life, but I never heard him say a bad word about another person. *Mr. John Heller, Teacher/Coach*



If you don't know who to cover, cover someone

It's hard to find words for such a man. He taught honesty, integrity, thoughtfulness, humility, and maybe most of all, common sense, which is not so common. He lived his faith and strengthened the faith of those he met, including me. His influence began long before I met him and went on long after. *Danny Kieffer '96*

Mike was a great father, teacher, coach, athlete, classmate, and role model to

everyone. You could always count on him to give you 100% of whatever he had to give. His enthusiasm for athletics was unequalled and he supported his family in whatever endeavor they chose. I recall the time when Mike and I volunteered to man the yard marker chains for a Saint Agnes high school football game when his son was playing. His son broke free with the ball directly in front of us and Mike dropped the yard marker and ran with his son down the sidelines to the endzone. They both scored! I would penalize Mike for being "offside" in leaving his position with us too soon and for "illegal procedure" for devising a play that took him directly to the end zone (Heaven).

John Ernster '61 Classmate

Mr. Fitz left lots of great words of wisdom, but I'll never forget he taught me that if I'm in a class or a workplace or somewhere that I don't like - ask "What have I done to make it better?" Instead of just complaining, what steps and effort have I made to try and improve it? That has stuck with me my whole life and I try to pass on that mindset.

JJ Williams '01 GS

Mr. Fitz was one of the most genuine, kind, and, yes, quotable teachers I've ever had. The man coached every possible school sport during his lengthy career, taught driver's education during the summer, and bridged the gap between Aggies and Bulldogs by being one of the few to teach at both rival schools. Like many others, I have many fond memories of him as a student, and those stories will continue to be told for years to come, but perhaps the most memorable Mr. Fitz moments came after I graduated - after he was retired, in fact - when he was still substitute teaching at local Catholic schools. Early in my teaching career, Mr. Fitz was actually MY substitute teacher on a number of occasions, and I will never forget the lengthy "sub notes" he would write to summarize the day - filled with sports analogies, drawings, life advice,

nicknames, and even some history of the former Don Bosco Football Conference.

Steven Broszko, Current Faculty

Mr. Fitz was one of the best teachers I had. He taught me a lot and helped mold me into the man I am today. He impacted so many lives and will be greatly missed. *Randy Graff '01*

Mr. Fitz passed away peacefully on August 16th with his family by his side. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Yvonne '64, his children: Brian '92 (Jennessa), Karen '93 (Joe) Nusbaum, Andy '96 (Alyssa) and Becky '99 (Josh '98) Moore; ten grandchildren; and his brother, Fr. Tom Fitzgerald '58.

"My favorite teacher...best teacher ever... phenomenal teacher...great man...true gentleman...blessed to have him as a teacher...a true gem...an excellent human being" - no truer words have been spoken. Mr. Fitz will be missed but never forgotten. May we all remember his words and his example and continually strive to make ourselves and our world just a little bit better. May he rest in peace.

It's not the dog in the fight but the fight in the dog



These woods are lovely,
dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep.
And miles to go before I sleep.
And miles to go before I sleep.

Robert Frost

Called
to be
SAINTS

Fr. Mark Moriarty

Throughout history, humans have enjoyed reading or listening to myths and legends, fantasies, and fairy tales. The Greek hero Hercules performed several superhuman tasks such as cleaning out the Augean stables by diverting the flow of a river. Prometheus stole fire from the pagan gods. Rumpelstiltskin spun straw into gold. A princess kissed a frog which changed into a prince. But these are all fictional, creations of the imagination!

We are blessed to have saints as real-life heroes and heroines! Saints, such as Paul of Tarsus, whose soul was washed clean in the waters of Baptism and by the mercy of God in the Sacrament of Penance. Saints, such as the apostles, who invited the Holy Spirit to enlighten them with the fire of His truth. Saints, such as Agnes, who was able to transform suffering and temptation into holiness by the power of God's grace. Some, such as Augustine or Mary Magdalen, converted from being great sinners by asking for God's mercy and love. These are not myths! These saints give us much hope that where they have succeeded, so can we!

Saint Agnes School recently celebrated the Feast of All Saints on November 1st with an all-school Mass where many elementary students dressed as their favorite saints: the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Nicholas, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, St. Rose of Lima, St. Martin of Tours, St. Michael the Archangel. This is more than an excuse to dress up like a saintly princess or a soldier. Students are expected to learn more about the lives of the saints, the virtues they practiced, and the struggles or sacrifices they endured with the help of God's grace. Ultimately, every one of us is called to be a saint. This is no easy task, but God wants everyone of us to give ourselves to Him and His plan for our happiness and holiness.

Forming Catholic hearts and minds in Faith, Reason and Virtue is really all about forming Saints!



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Welcome MOTHER AMATA VERITAS, OP

On Monday, October 25th we welcomed Mother Amata Veritas, OP, to Saint Agnes School. Mother is the new prioress general for the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, and among her first priorities was to visit all the apostolates that her sisters currently serve at. Saint Agnes was blessed to be the first stop on her journey, and we welcomed her with Upper and Lower School assemblies, classroom visits, and tours of all our facilities. Father Moriarty and Dr. Ferdinandt even got to enjoy some afternoon tea with our special guest!

Mother Amata Veritas succeeds Mother Assumpta Longa, who governed the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist since the Community's creation in 1997 and who also was responsible for sending religious sisters from their community to Saint Agnes to serve. During her visit to our school, Mother Amata expressed that she hopes to continue to support her community's mission here in St. Paul, as she is, herself, an educator. Being one of the first Sisters to join the new Dominican community in 2001 and making her final vows in 2009, Mother Amata taught middle school and high school for a number of years both before entering the convent and after answering the call to religious life.

Hailing from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Mother Amata noted that she has a special fondness in her heart for the Midwest. She did remark, however, that



there will be some adjustments needed now--having spent the last few years in Houston, Texas, she will need to get reacclimated to cold winters again as she settles into the Sisters' Motherhouse in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Nevertheless, the warmth and joy that Mother exuded as she interacted with our students and faculty while on campus at Saint Agnes School was undeniable.

She shared many of her favorite memories from her years as an educator with our faculty and students, explaining her admiration for the work that the Sisters are doing here at Saint Agnes, especially in emphasizing virtue in the lives of their students. Standing before the students at the assemblies, she encouraged them to be assured of her prayers for them as they continue to learn, grow, and mature under the protection of our Blessed Mother, Saint Dominic, and our patroness, Saint Agnes.

Students resoundingly thanked Mother for providing four sisters to serve our school. Our Upper School students remarked that the sisters have taught

them how to pray better and more faithfully, and how to live every day joyfully. The Lower School students showed off, one-by-one stepping up to the podium to thank Mother Amata for providing us with religious sisters to serve us. First graders shared that they have learned what working "independently" means (queue singing "All By Myself"), second graders recited the Our Father in Latin, and our fifth graders (taught by Sr. M. Philomena) demonstrated their knowledge of microorganisms through the use of a video microscope.

As Mother watched and listened intently throughout the day, our students consistently modeled for her what it means to be an Aggie—to be formed in faith, reason, and virtue. We pray in thanksgiving for Mother Amata Veritas—for her witness to living out her call to spiritual motherhood—and we pray for continued growth for the community of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, for the success of their mission here at our school, and for the hearts and minds of our students to continue to be transformed through their witness and teaching.



Strategic Partnerships in Catholic Education: The Institute for Catholic Liberal Education

Michael Adkins

Saint Agnes School is always working to improve and fine-tune its thriving Catholic culture, academic programming, and co-curricular athletics and activities. In the constant pursuit of excellence, the school has developed strategic partnerships with several key organizations that share a similar mission and vision. One relatively new but increasingly important relationship is with *The Institute for Catholic Liberal Education*, or ICLE. The organization's name was chosen to emphasize the true end or goal of Catholic education: a truly free individual (from the

Latin word *libertas*) with the knowledge and skills to live a life of faith, virtue, and wisdom. ICLE was founded in 1999 by a few dedicated educators with a vision of supporting the reform of Catholic education by renewing an authentic vision of Catholic identity and curriculum. ICLE's humble beginning has grown tremendously over the last two decades, coinciding with a national movement of Catholic school growth and reform through a renewed commitment to a Liberal Arts (or Classical) model of curriculum.

ICLE now boasts 16 employees and has consulted and partnered with over 250 schools across the US and three other continents. This includes over 150 member schools (an increase of over 50% joining just this year), as well as participation of superintendents and staff from 40 different dioceses in monthly forums and an annual Summit. The summer 2021 Conference hosted over 330 participants on the UST campus, and an additional 1500 streaming licenses for teachers around the world, serving the needs of both teachers and administrators.

Saint Agnes School first partnered with ICLE in 2019, inviting ICLE staff to offer a two-day workshop on the teaching method known as "mimetic instruction," an engaging and didactic approach to presenting new material to students at every level and subject. Since then, administration and faculty have been in contact with ICLE on various initiatives and projects not only for Saint Agnes but also for the general benefit of Catholic education across the country. ICLE's Executive Director, Elisabeth Sullivan, offered the following remarks about our strategic partnership:



"The Institute for Catholic Liberal Education has valued its increasing collaboration with Saint Agnes School in recent years. From our first visit in

2019 to give a workshop for the dynamic and faith-filled faculty, through their presentations at our 2021 National Conference at the University of St. Thomas, we have seen Saint Agnes as a partner in the renewal of Catholic education. Recently, we tapped third grade teacher, Rose Coleman, to co-lead one of our monthly online meetings with teachers. In fact, part of what prompted the decision to bring our National Conference to St. Paul was the presence of strong, mission-driven partners in the area—from the Office for the Mission of Catholic Education (OMCE), to University of St. Thomas' Center for Catholic Studies, to Saint Agnes School. Their existing relationships and shared vision are helping to fuel a local renaissance in Catholic education. We look forward to further projects together."

At this summer's National Conference, nine Saint Agnes School faculty members presented on various topics in Catholic education ranging from school leadership, teaching Homer, designing assessments (i.e. quizzes, tests, etc.), to Latin instruction, early childhood reading, and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Saint Agnes School's faculty and administration is committed to continuing to pursue excellence to serve its students and families effectively while also working for the betterment of Catholic education locally and nationally. The names of each presentation and a brief description can be found on the next two pages:

The greatest challenge to Catholic education in the United States today, and the greatest contribution that authentically Catholic education can make to American culture, is to restore to that culture the conviction that human beings can grasp the truth of things, and, in grasping that truth, can know their duties to God, to themselves and their neighbors.

Pope St. John Paul II, Ad Limina visit of the Bishops of Chicago, Indianapolis, and Milwaukee, 1998

VARIOUS TALKS BY SAINT AGNES SCHOOL FACULTY/ADMINISTRATION

Michael Adkins

Academic Dean & Director of
Lower School

IMPLERE PRIUS: LATIN'S PERENNIAL VALUE



"Implere Prius"—This Latin maxim of St. Bernard of Clairvaux succinctly summarizes the importance of Latin in education: "Fill [yourself] first." By filling oneself first with the foundational stages of grammar, logic, and rhetoric through the study of Latin, students and teachers alike will be more prepared to engage deeper intellectual work. Latin is the "weight room" of the academy! This presentation will consider the practical importance and value of Latin study, review example lessons, and offer some teaching tips as well.

Kevin Ferdinandt

Headmaster & Theology Teacher

INTRODUCING NEW FACULTY TO A LIBERAL ARTS SCHOOL USING A STRONG PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION



While we sometimes wish we had better candidates for our job openings, one of the best ways to help your school articulate and inculcate a coherent vision is to establish a philosophy of education that is written, published, and routinely utilized. We will walk through the process of drafting and introducing a well-written, fully baked philosophy of education and then discuss how best to use that document to ensure that faculty members are onboarded and continually reminded of our vision for a Catholic Liberal Arts education. We will use the Saint Agnes School Philosophy of Education document as well as our approach to helping new teachers buy in to our school's vision and mission for education.

Meggie Langlois

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Coordinator and Formation Leader

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



This presentation will offer an overview of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program—a Montessori-based model of catechesis—its various age levels, sample lessons, and how to implement CGS in a Catholic school setting. The presentation will also feature physical examples of student workstations within the program.

The Institute for Catholic Liberal Education inspires and equips Catholic educators to renew today's Catholic schools by drawing on the Church's tradition of education, which frees teachers and students for the joyful pursuit of faith, wisdom, and virtue.

THE INSTITUTE PROPOSES TO FULFILL ITS MISSION BY:

1. Reflecting on Church teachings and historical approaches to guide today's lived experience of education
2. Recovering and adapting the classical tradition of liberal education as embraced and developed by the Church
3. Supporting Catholic educators through conferences, teacher development programs, in-service workshops, consultation, and publications
4. Advancing this vision among schools, colleges, dioceses, and other individuals and institutions involved in Catholic education



Ms. Caroline Nelson, Lower School Strings Instructor, serenaded participants on the first evening during the outdoor wine and cheese reception at UST with her impressive violin playing.



Leila Vance
2nd Grade Teacher

FROM OBSCURITY TO CLARITY: READING, WRITING, AND SPEAKING



As a teacher and a mom, I have been captivated with awe and wonder as I witness children blossom as readers, writers, and speakers. Brain research reveals that as parents and teachers, we must not miss the window of opportunity. How can we orchestrate the gifts of reading, writing, and speaking to enrapture the minds of our students?

With God-given grace, we sit poised to guide children in the liberating experience of expressing the overflow of the heart and soul.

Karl Hendrickson
Director of Upper School & Physics Teacher

POINTLESS TESTS: USING PROFICIENCY SCALES TO GET AT WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT



How one teacher got tired of giving partial credit on individual test questions hoping that the numbers worked out to give defensible grades. Blending concepts from Sayers, Marzano, and others, here is proposed a method of unit and assessment design that seeks to articulate to students what is truly important and to assess them on mastery of the material.

Scott Pentecost
Upper School English/Literature Teacher

OBSTACLES ON THE JOURNEY HOME: HOMER'S ODYSSEY 5



After four books that present an absent Odysseus, we first encounter the man as a captive on Kalypso's island, Ogygia, in Odyssey 5. Arriving with Hermes, we encounter the man's narratively first but chronologically last major obstacle before he returns home. As we consider this moment, we see the first obstacle on Odysseus' journey home,

but also get to ponder the nature of home itself and the obstacles that keep us from the goal of home.

EXPORTING ICLE

Rose Coleman, a third-grade teacher at Saint Agnes, attended ICLE's Spirit and Craft of Teaching workshop in 2019. This year, ICLE invited Ms. Coleman to help lead a Shared Wisdom Community for third through fifth grade teachers who live around the United States in four different time zones. This Professional Learning Community meets online once a month to share tips, strategies, lessons, and inspiration. Teachers discuss how their classroom practice can best align with the principles of Catholic liberal education. They develop working friendships as they share classroom procedures, unit and lesson plans, and resources.

Ms. Rose Coleman, 3rd Grade Teacher, leads a "Shared Wisdom Community" Zoom session with fellow elementary educators from across the country.



UPPER SCHOOL LIFE





FALL 2021

It's been a busy fall for the students of Saint Agnes! Enrollment has increased again this year as we welcomed 822 students to class at the end of August, the 15th consecutive year of increased enrollment. With capacity reached at the PreK, K, 5, 6, 9 and 12th grades, we are bursting with school spirit and Aggie pride! Here are just a few examples of student life around the upper school campus!



Freshmen gather for a welcome picnic in early August to meet their classmates and prepare for high school.

The freshman class learns both team building and survival skills at Base Camp.



Student Council prepared to welcome student to campus on the first day.



The annual field day is one of fierce competition at West Mini playground with Houses pitted against one another in a multitude of games of skill such as Ultimate Frisbee, three-legged races, tug-o-war, and kick ball.



Upper school students help out in the preschool.



Seniors take advantage of homecoming theme days to be the real "seniors" of the school.



Faculty and Upper school students go all out in the annual dodgeball tournament.

Senior students visit with alumni guests at the Alumni Memorial Mass and Brunch and delight in stories of those who have paved the way before them.



The homecoming pep rally involves both Upper and Lower School students as one spirited student body.



Nearly 1000 fans pack the stadium at Hamline's Klas field to cheer on the Aggies, no doubt inspiring the win over Breck!



Josie Ziernicki and Erick Yang are named the 2021 Homecoming Queen and King.

Over 250 students pack the gym for the Homecoming dance and to learn who the King and Queen will be.



The Service Club organizes a bi-annual blood drive and encourages student and faculty to help save lives.



FINE ARTS

Rosemary '23, Victoria '11, Margaret '18, and Oliver '14 Blackstone. A family of very talented musicians.



A FAMILY TRADITION

Many families have traditions. It can be something as simple as a type of meal they have on a holiday, or it can be a more elaborate celebration. Perhaps it is a tradition where all the siblings practice the same vocation. It seems that three siblings who are former - or current - Saint Agnes students have established their own unique family tradition.

Over the last several years, Oliver, Margaret, and Rosemary Blackstone have all been accepted into a Minnesota All-State Band. Having one family member become an All-State musician is admirable but to have three siblings make it into three separate All-State Bands is a notable accomplishment.

Being accepted into an All-State music ensemble is a difficult task. There is an arduous audition process, and each audition is scrutinized by a panel of professional musicians and music educators to decide which students will be accepted. Students that are accepted are among the best high school musicians in the state. They are rewarded by attending a week of band camp where they rehearse with the other members and perform a concert after camp has concluded. In February, their final performance is in front of thousands of Minnesota music educators at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis. How's that for a tough audience? The concert is the

concluding event for the annual music educator's yearly convention. Being able to rehearse, perform, and get to know other outstanding high school musicians from around the state is an amazing experience that the students will never forget.

Oliver '14, who plays tuba, was the first Blackstone sibling to make it into All-State in 2014. Based on available records it appears that he may also have been the first Saint Agnes band member to be accepted into an All-State Band. After graduating from Saint Agnes, he attended Loyola University, New Orleans where he graduated with a degree in Music Education. He was a member of the Air Force ROTC and is currently stationed at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City with his wife and their newborn son.

Margaret '18 was the second Blackstone to attain All-State Band member status by playing the French horn. She was chosen as an alternate in 2017 and was accepted into the primary group in 2018. Margaret was a Saint Agnes Palm Award winner in 2018 and she is currently attending Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Illinois. She will be graduating this December with a Music and Business Degree.

Current Saint Agnes junior Rosemary Blackstone is the third sibling to receive an All-State honor. Rosemary's road to All-State took a bit of a different turn when she

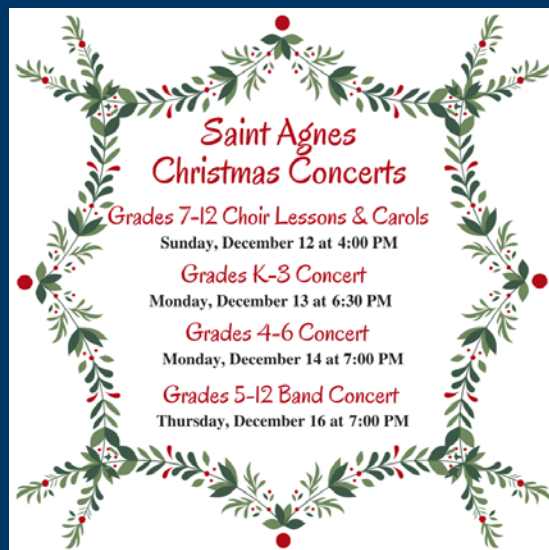
changed from playing the trumpet to the tuba in the 7th grade. That was a good decision. She may also be able to "one up" her older siblings - since she is a junior, she is eligible to become a two-time member of the All-State Band this year. That would give her bragging rights and make for some interesting discussions at holiday dinners.



It should be mentioned that there is an older Blackstone sister - Victoria - who, due to high school league rules at the time, was ineligible to take part in an All-State group because Saint Agnes did not have an established orchestra program. Those rules

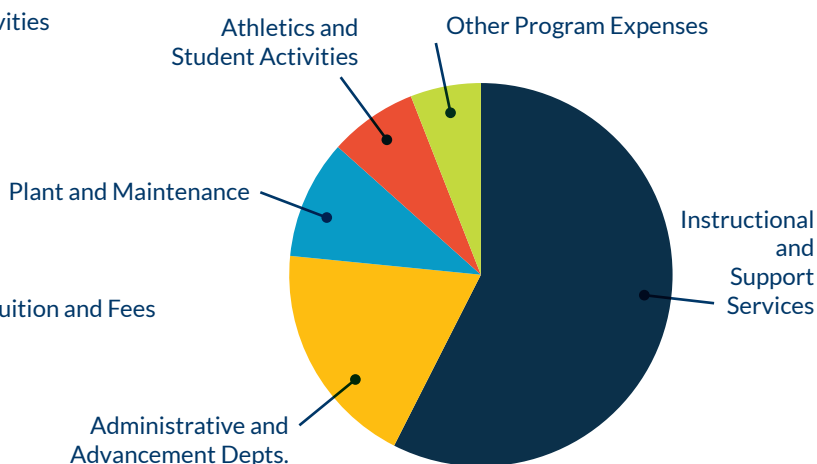
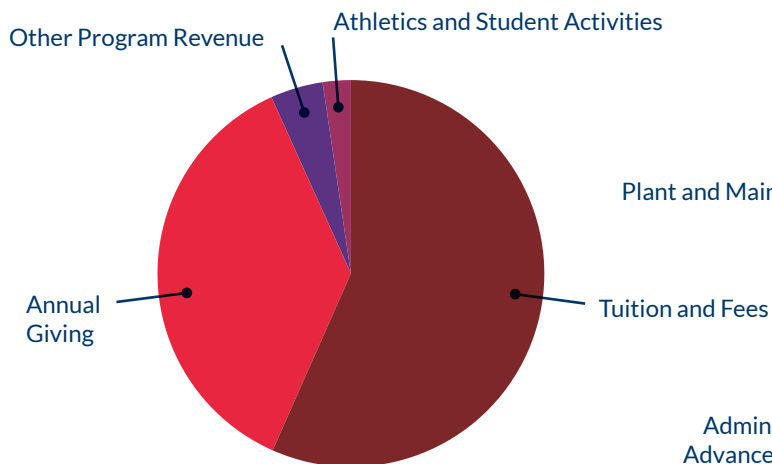
have since changed. Victoria is also an accomplished musician and graduated from Saint Agnes in 2011. She was in the concert choir and was a member of the renowned Greater Twins Cities Youth Orchestra as a string bass player.

When asked about the Blackstone siblings, the current band director, Mr. Rick Peters, replied, "I hope they will send their kids to Saint Agnes!"





SAINT AGNES SCHOOL Annual Financial Report 2020-2021



Revenue

Tuition and Fees	6,705,000
Grants and Aid	(3,173,500)
Net Tuition and Fees	\$3,531,500 57%

Annual Giving

Unrestricted Gifts	430,242
External Foundations	530,887
Restricted Scholarships	412,131
Fundraising	610,278
Parish Support	300,000
Total Annual Giving	\$2,283,538 37%

Other Revenue

Athletics and Activities	146,079 2%
Other Program Rev	274,631 4%
Total Other Rev	420,710 6%

Total All Revenue \$6,235,748

Expenses

Instructional & Support	3,584,169 57%
Admin & Advancement	1,190,560 19%
Plant & Maintenance	625,776 10%
Athletics and Activities	464,223 7%
Other Program Expenses	371,020 6%

Total Expenses \$6,235,748

This report reflects the operating revenue and expenses for Saint Agnes School from July 1 2020-June 30, 2021. Capital projects (including the Faith & Tradition Campaign), unrealized gains, and the PPP Loan/forgiveness are not included in this report.

To view the 2020-2021 annual report, please visit saintagnesschool.org/support-us

Help SA continue to grow

- ▶ Tell one person about SA this year
- ▶ Send us a note about how SA has impacted your life
- ▶ Consider a first time financial gift or an increase in your giving this year

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DAY**
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Make an Impact!

\$172,085 Dollars raised so far!

321 donors are making an impact!

Saint Agnes held its Annual Aggie Give Day on November 17. With an aggressive goal of \$200,000, we are well on our way but we're not there yet! You can make a difference!

With a gift to Aggie Give Day...



YOU PROVIDE TUITION ASSISTANCE!

We distribute over \$1,000,000 EVERY year in scholarships and financial aid to our students. This is only possible with your continued generosity and that of the greater Aggie community.



YOU SUPPORT ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES!

Over 95% of Saint Agnes students participating in at least one co-curricular activity, creating an involved and committed student body. With a broad range of activities to choose from, many students make time for more than one activity or sport at a time.



YOU ENSURE A CULTURE OF FAITH!

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

Missed Aggie Give Day?

It's not too late! Gifts received from now until the end of the year can still be counted toward our goals!

Saint Agnes students need YOU now, more than ever, to make an IMPACT!

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

ATHLETICS



FOOTBALL

The 9-2 Aggie football team had another great season, falling one game short of a state tournament berth for the fourth straight year, losing to Minneapolis North in the Section 4AA championship game. Saint Agnes also finished 5-1 in the Twin Cities Blue District, just behind district champion Providence Academy (6-0).

The program saw a record number of players with 45 in the Varsity/JV program and another 30 on the freshman team. The JV team finished undefeated at 4-0, and the C team finished 3-4.

Seniors Isaac Schmidt, John Patros, Caleb Flood, Ray Tibesar, Dominic Smith, and junior Henry Tibesar were named to the All-District Team. Seniors Sam Lopez, Tommy Fischer and juniors Andrew Chlebeck and Aidan Walsh were named district honorable mentions.

Isaac Schmidt was District Defensive Co-MVP while Dominic Smith was selected as District Offensive Lineman of the Year.

CROSS COUNTRY

Boys and Girls Cross Country wrapped up their seasons at the Section 4A meet at Highland Golf Course. Top to bottom, the team finished the season strong with nearly every runner running their best time of the season.

The girls finished 8th, matching their best finish as a team at the Section 4A meet.

The girls had a strong pack in the middle of the race composed of Sarah Lehnert (25th; 22:13), Ave Wolf (27th; 22:16), Rita Maloney (35th; 22:44), Cecilia Grant (36th; 22:44), and Klara Ferdinandt (59th; 23:52).

The boys finished 6th as a team, far outpacing their best finish at the Section 4A meet.

The boys were led by Andrew Lehnert (27th; 18:04), Jonah Honerman (32nd; 18:12), Joseph Draganowski (36th; 18:25), Henry Kaardal (38th; 18:33), and Ethan Bettencourt (48th;

19:09). Between the Varsity and JV races, nine boys finished under 20:00 in the 5K race.

The girls and boys both hope to continue building on these strong finishes and grow into next season.

Junior Henry Kaardal was named to the boys' All-Conference Team. Sophomore Ave Wolf, 7th grader Sarah Lehnert and 8th grader Cecilia Grant earned girls' All-Conference honors.

BOYS SOCCER

The Aggies finished 6-9-2 this season and are continuing to build a strong program.



They scored almost five times as many goals this season as they did last season, with senior captains McKenna Evans and Vinny Hernandez leading the team in scoring. Senior captain John Fink anchored the defense, and junior captain Paul Plasch was outstanding in the nets. The team allowed twelve fewer goals to their opponents compared to last year, and the Aggies' defense kept games close even in defeat, losing five games by only one goal.

Junior Paul Plasch and Senior McKenna Evans were named to the all-conference team.

GIRLS SOCCER

The girls' soccer team finished 7-9 this season. Junior Isabelle Most and eighth grader Ryann Voight were selected All-Conference. Seniors Audrey Steffes and Sophia Muttonen took home honorable mention honors.

VOLLEYBALL

The Aggies rebounded from their single-win season in 2020 with 10 wins this season and a great playoff run—advancing to the Section 4AA quarterfinals. Senior Morgan McCann and junior Maria DiPietro were selected Skyline Conference honorable

mentions. The volleyball team earned Team State Academic Honors for the second straight year with a team GPA of 3.7

GRADE SCHOOL/JUNIOR HIGH SPORTS

Congratulations to the 8th grade volleyball team on winning the CAA Championship by defeating St. Elizabeth Ann Seton of Hastings in two sets.

The 5th and 7th grade volleyball teams finished second in the CAA Championships.

An Aggie Welcome to Our SCHOOL CHAPLAINS



Entering the fifteenth consecutive year of growth at Saint Agnes School, pastor and superintendent Father Mark Moriarty knew the task of caring for the spiritual needs of his students—along with shepherding the people of the Church of Saint Agnes and the Church of Saint Bernard (as he is temporarily also assigned as their Parochial Administrator) was one that he could not neglect. “With Fr. McConville (priest in residence) returning to the Tribunal,” Father says, “I asked the archdiocese if I could have chaplains like all of the other high schools. This is the only high school in the archdiocese run by a parish. At Saint Agnes, the associate along with the pastor would normally take on the responsibility of chaplain—they’d both work in that capacity. Without an associate and with the growth of the school, I really felt it was necessary to have a chaplain.”

Purely from a logistical, ministerial standpoint, the need for additional priests to serve our growing school community was clear. When the final bells rang last school year and students were released for the summer, Father was already looking ahead to the upcoming school year and knew that if he desired to continue the tradition of hearing confessions for both the Lower and Upper Schools on a regular basis, he would need help. “We hear between 250-300+ confessions for the Upper School on First Fridays...and that means having at least two priests every single academic hour from 8AM to 2:30PM,” he notes. “Then, on Thursdays, we have confessions during Mass. Receiving Holy Communion in a state of grace is very important because we want to be able to welcome our Lord into a heart that isn’t embracing deadly sin.”

After reaching out to the archdiocese, it was Bishop Cozzens who provided the answer that Father was looking for. Father recalls that, “Bishop Cozzens recommended, ‘Why not the two newly-ordained priests from St. Mark’s?’ and I said, ‘Yes!’”



Fr. Joe Barron

Enter Father David Hottinger and Father Joe Barron. Both young priests originally hail from the Twin Cities metro area and attended Catholic schools throughout their lives. Priests of the Pro Ecclesia Sancta order stationed at Saint Mark’s, our chaplains came to Saint Agnes School a mere three months after their ordination. Father David and Father Joe are Pro Ecclesia Sancta’s first U.S. vocations, and being so freshly ordained and representing a unique priestly charism, Father Moriarty knows that one of their greatest qualities will be their ability to be spiritual mentors for students as they grow, mature, and navigate life’s big questions. “They’re going to be able to provide more opportunities,” he says, “to meet individually with students to offer spiritual direction for those who have spiritual questions or are discerning a vocation.”

Residing in community at Saint Mark’s during many of their years of formation and study for the priesthood, both Father David

and Father Joe are no strangers to working with young people and ministering to their needs. Father Joe was heavily involved with youth ministry at Saint Mark’s, high school chaplaincy at Chesterton Academy, and college ministry at St. Thomas during his seminary years, and Father David currently serves Saint Mark’s by concentrating on formation and ministry at the parish.

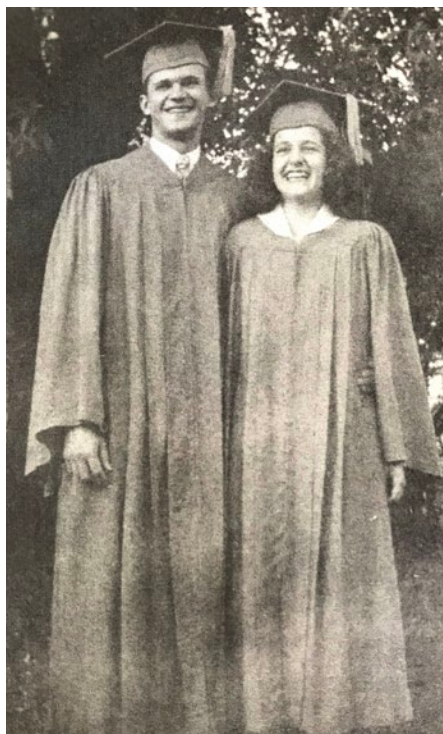


Cracking a wide grin, Father Moriarty also knows another strength that our chaplains undoubtedly bring to the table. “The other thing is, obviously they are younger,” he laughs. “They will assist me by being closer in age to all of the students. They’re offering a different and fresh perspective.”

Next time that you attend a school Mass with your child or you see Father Joe or Father David around Saint Agnes, be sure to introduce yourself and thank them for their ministries to our community!



Fr. David Hottinger



Both Jack and Mary grew up as children during the Great Depression and World War II. They look back at that time of their life with great respect. They attended different Catholic grade schools in St. Paul: Blessed Sacrament and Sacred Heart. Mary was the second oldest of four children. She and her older sister cleaned, cooked, and kept up the house while her mother was out working during the day sewing uniforms for service members. Her father was in Greenland as a contractor building airfields for the service. Jack is the oldest of three boys and remembers how difficult it was in the 1930's after the stock market crash. His parents were keenly aware of the need to care for their family. His dad was an automobile painter, and his mother did house cleaning and developed a business making dinner for the wealthy on Summit Avenue. Susie Krings became a well-known caterer on the East Side of St. Paul.



Jack was the new man on campus! But something was special between these two. Mary remembers, "When my mother found out he was Catholic, mom encouraged me to date him!" Jack's mother liked that Mary helped out with the dishes when she came to visit. It's the small things - or big ones - that make an impression. By the time

A Lifetime of LOVE

75 years of love that began at
Saint Agnes

THE EARLY DAYS

Couples have their own unique way of showing love toward each other. Some couples have a silent, solid presence, others hold hands or share closeness affectionately, and then some seem to never have left that enamored, endearing, innocent love of their youth. Jack and Mary (Niles) Krings, Class of 1947, are both 92 years old, and still have that youthful love for one another. Married on June 14, 1949, the two celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary this summer. What a delightful couple who began their life's journey together at Saint Agnes School almost 75 years ago!

LOVE BLOSSOMS

One thing that Jack and Mary have in common is that they both transferred to Saint Agnes from different high schools. Mary came to Saint Agnes her junior year from St. Francis de Sales and Jack from preparatory seminary—St. Joseph's College—just west of Chicago. He discerned a calling to the priesthood but returned to St. Paul after three years. His parents wanted him to finish high school at a Catholic school and Mother Superior, Sister Alphonse, kindly welcomed him to be an Aggie to finish his senior year. Jack remembers how gracious and kind she was to him. Little did Jack know that another transfer student—who rode the streetcar every day with him and was also in his homeroom class—would one day become his wife. Consistent time together every day allowed the two high school sweethearts a chance to get to know one another.

Mary recalls there were not many boys in the senior class and that all the girls would be excited with the arrival of any new boy to school. That was no different when





prom rolled around in the spring, these two were definitely interested in one another. A relationship blossomed, and they became prom dates for life!

A shared love for music—Mary in the choir and Jack in Glee Club—continues to this day. Looking back on her time at Saint Agnes, Mary recalls, “It was the most wonderful education where everyone was so happy all of the time. We appreciate the education we received so many years ago.”

ADVICE

When asked about the key to living a long life and successful marriage, their answers were no surprise. Jack provides the perfect gentleman’s response, giving credit where credit is due: “Mary did a marvelous job raising our children. I respected the work Mary did in caring for them and admire her greatly in how she raised our family.” Working as an insurance adjuster for

GMAC, Jack was on the road quite a bit, relying on Mary to manage their home.

The Krings also emphasize the importance of staying physically active and involved. They have been active in their parish choir, volunteer as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and are members of the Jacksonville Symphony and Opera chorus, all in addition to a half-hour of daily physical exercise. And, one can’t deny the importance of a close marital bond. “Our relationship is very close, and I have a wonderful, wonderful husband sitting right across the table from me,” Mary affectionately adds.

“Talk about the important things. Have a game plan. How many children? What work will each spouse take care of? And, most importantly, practice your faith. There will be difficult times in life, financially or emotionally, and the help you receive will come from our Lord and His Mother. They are always there to help. Always keep your faith a big part of your family... live it out!” Many blessings have been bestowed on the Krings family, including



eight children, nineteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren!

“You have a better memory than me, honeybun!” giggles Mary. Yes, Jack and Mary still have the same youthful love for one another today that they did when they were twenty years old on their wedding day. We wish them many more blessed wedding anniversaries to share together!





HAPPINESS IN SIMPLICITY

Mollie (Johnson) and Gus Lentsch enjoy the simple things in life; spending time with family, camping, being outdoors, even grocery shopping. Their love story started in high school, and they celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary this past January.

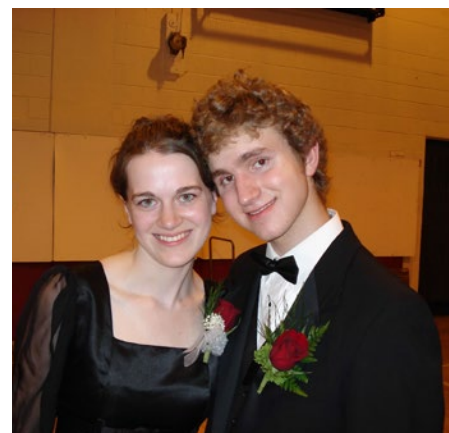
Mollie grew up in Roseville, the fifth of six children in the David '57 and Nancy Johnson family. A family that loves to spend time together, she followed in her older siblings' footsteps and enrolled at Saint Agnes School her freshman year. Gus, on the other hand, grew up in Maplewood - the oldest of three boys. He has a love for the outdoors which stems from family trips to Wyoming where viewing the mountains amidst the sweeping plains brought him warm feelings of a simpler time. Gus' parents, Lou and Jean Lentsch, looked for a parish and school for their boys that would foster an appreciation

for tradition and reverence, and they found that at Saint Agnes. Gus enrolled at Saint Agnes his 8th grade year along with his younger brothers.

In school, Gus and Mollie had several classes together and shared the same group of close friends. Fond memories include taking a team sports class together, being in choir and the musicals, the Pro-Life Club, and a rather magical snow day when school was cancelled. The two gathered with their group of friends at a nearby park for sledding. It was just a simple day, but the smiles the memory invoke are a treasure. It may possibly be senior English class with Mrs. Beth Carle, however, that was most important. They both loved Mrs. Carle and her class and one particular assignment paired the two up to learn a new dance - the jitterbug - and then demonstrate it to the class. It was during this assignment

that Gus and Mollie started looking at each other a little differently.

It did take Gus a little pressure to finally ask Mollie on an official date, though. The two had spent much time together the spring of their senior year. Many hours were spent together rehearsing for the spring musical, *Beauty and the Beast*, and they even attended the prom together. Everything would have seemed to indicate that they were dating, but

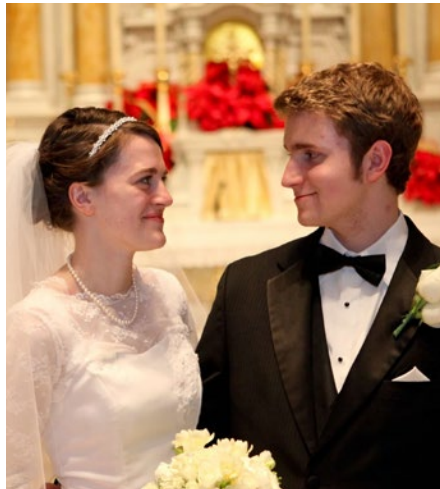


they had both considered the time together to have been spent as good friends. It wasn't until the day after graduation when Gus realized that with school being over and both heading off to college, never seeing Mollie again was a very real possibility. He asked her to accompany him to the Mall of America to walk around. Mollie, having been pretty nervous, hadn't eaten dinner and on the ride home her stomach started to growl. Gus picked up on it and pulled into a Burger King. A simple move, but one that made an impression on her.

The "moment" for Gus came when the two were hanging out with another couple who suggested they all go to a movie. Gus and Mollie weren't interested in the movie and told the others to go along without them. Instead, they walked through the only place that was open - a grocery store. Enjoying the simplicity of that event was a great preview of marriage and brought the focus of the relationship to that end. Since then, they have been through many more grocery stores than movies, and Gus still hangs on to that special feeling.



After graduation in 2007, both Mollie and Gus went off to college. Mollie attended Hamline University and majored in Math and Education and taught junior high math for a couple of years. Gus earned his degree in Electrical Engineering at the University of Minnesota and currently works in medical device manufacturing at Abbott Laboratories.

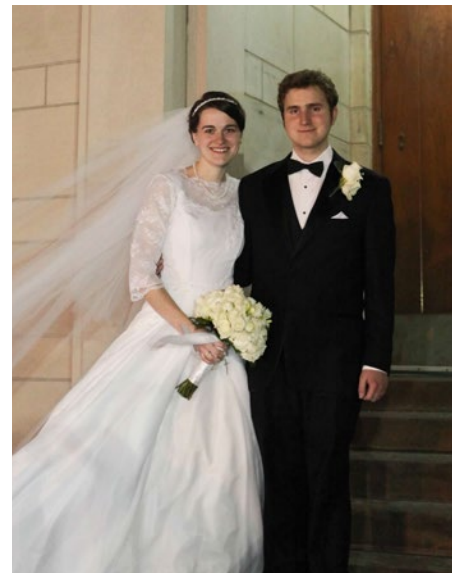


The Lentschs were married in January of 2012 at Saint Agnes and are now the proud parents of Mary (8), Helen (7), Alice (5), Thomas (2), and Joseph (1). They are passing on their love of the simple pleasures by slowly making their way through the Minnesota State Park campgrounds, opting for tents, pop-ups, or camper cabins. Eventually, they hope to make road trips further west to introduce their children to the majestic sites Gus experienced as a child.

Though they have been married only ten years, Mollie and Gus have learned some important tips for a happy marriage. Number one: pray together. Praying with the kids is more natural, "Ok, everyone, time to pray, then let's get ready for bed!" Praying before you have kids when the nighttime routine isn't there can be downright awkward. But it's so necessary to make prayer a focus of the relationship. Number two: talk about the part of your life you each want to prioritize - you are two people living as one now. And, most importantly: love is about sacrificing for each other more than feelings. And, Gus adds, "Have a sense of humor. The down-turns in life are more bearable when you can find a way to laugh about them - and at yourself!"

Mollie and Gus have a primary focus now, and that is to raise holy little people. They are thankful for the supporting role Saint Agnes has played in striving for that goal. They love the traditions of weekly Masses, assemblies, and St. Blaise Day throat

blessings, and they are excited for new traditions like the Virtue program, religious sisters in the classroom, and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. "Having a parish, school, and community of Catholic families has continually encouraged us to grow in our faith and meet the challenges of the secular world. Saint Agnes has become part of who we are - it is where we met, where we were married, our parish, and now our school (again)! We couldn't imagine where we would be without Saint Agnes!"



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GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents smiled and waved down their little ones, who hastily made their way through the sanctuary into their arms for a warm embrace.

On a brisk fall day in October, we welcomed back our Lower School students' grandparents and senior friends to Grandparents Day for the first time in two years.

Grandparents shuffled in as sunlight slowly began to flood the sanctuary of the Church of Saint Agnes. Many took this opportunity to kneel and pray quietly, clutching tightly to rosaries and entrusting their special students to the care and intercession of our Blessed Mother. It wasn't long before the sound of hushed whispers and the pitter-patter of their grandchildren and young friends could be heard as classes began to file into the church.

Rising from their pews, grandparents smiled and waved down their little ones, who hastily made their way through the sanctuary into their arms for a warm embrace. More and more students began to stream in, and the smiles and anticipation for a beautiful day ahead grew into the first hymn as Holy Mass began. Sharing hymnals and joining together in song, our grandparents and senior friends were greeted warmly by our pastor and superintendent, Father Moriarty, and proceeded through a beautiful liturgy.



After receiving the final blessing and concluding the celebration of Holy Mass, the morning continued as students led their grandparents over to the school for craft time and the remainder of the morning's activities. Excited first graders showed off their artwork in the hallway. Fifth graders marched up the stairs to give their grandparents a tour of the convent chapel and spend a few more minutes in prayer before the Lord. Kindergartners traced their hands—which formed the outline of an owl—as their grandparents cut out and pasted the birds above the craft's caption that read, "Owl always love you."



As craft time came to a close, students and their senior friends made their way to the Helene Houle Auditorium where Dr. Ferdinandt introduced each class and their teachers. One by one each grade level made their way onto the stage to showcase a special performance, with some classes singing songs, others sharing what they love about their grandparents, and another reciting poetry from memory. Grandparents were thrilled to see what our students have been learning so far this school year, and joy radiated from their faces as they beamed up at the children from their seats.



The festivities for the day drew to a close at the conclusion of the program, and grandparents said goodbye to their students—with only a few tears being shed. As so much distance has been between us over the last two years as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, it was a tremendous blessing to once again gather together some of the most meaningful people in our students' lives. Thank you to all grandparents and senior friends who joined us, all who wished to join us but couldn't for various reasons, and all who support our students from afar: your support and example to your grandchildren and young friends is meaningful beyond measure!



Annual Young Alumni Christmas Social!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29
BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT GAME 7PM

Receive **free** admission to the
game, soda, popcorn, and a
chance to win prizes!

Class of 1951

Laverne (Devaney) Gleason sends news, "My husband Tom died in Oct of 2020. I lived with my daughter Bernadette and her family in New Hope. I am adjusting to the new house."



to Mason City, IA in January of '21. It's a nice central location off I-35 to visit my kids and eleven grandchildren."

Kenneth Jarosch sends an update. "After 36+ years, I retired in 1996 from the City of Saint Paul Engineering Department. Kathy and I have been married for 42 years and our kids, Paul '82 and Theresa '87 are both Aggie alumni. I enjoy hunting, fishing, travel, rocketry, computers and long-term investing."



Class of 1975

Bob Steigauf writes, "I was just blessed with my 4th grandchild born to son John, who is a trial attorney in Chicago. Hello to all '74 classmates. Looking forward to the 50th reunion. Please send me your ideas!"

Class of 1987

Aaron Benner notes, "I purchased these fabulous items last fall and my daughter Georgina can finally fit into her beautiful Saint Agnes hoodie. I'm a 1987 graduate and I pray Georgina will be a 2038 Saint Agnes graduate! Baby #2 is arriving in January!"

Class of 1955

Alice (Kunz) Christiansen is delighted to see herself in an old photo at the brunch following the Alumni Memorial Mass in October.

Class of 1960

Carole (Hackl) Nelson says, "After 23 years, I sold my Palm Desert, CA home and moved

Class of 1977

Vaughn Klingenberg has had his most recent essay, "The Holocaust: Big Zionist Jews vs Little Jews," published on-line on July 4th, 2021, in *Veterans Today*. It is also being re-printed in the September/October 2021 edition of *The Barnes Review*.



REUNIONS

Class of 1961 celebrated their 60-year class reunion on September 11 at Sucker Creek Park in Vadnais Heights. Don and his team prepared a simple picnic lunch of “shore lunch” fish tacos with all the trimmings.



Class of 1964 celebrated a class 75th birthday party on October 19 at the Pool & Yacht Club in Lilydale with 40 people attending. It was a wonderful time and the perfect location!



Class of 1965 held their 55-year class reunion on October 16 at the Hamel VFW in Plymouth. The band the “Arcades” provided entertainment and the event went off without a hitch. It was so nice and relaxing with good food and even better company! Our class gives many thanks to Jim Heimerl. He did a wonderful job arranging the hall and everything else that made the evening be such a success. We are all so glad that we were finally able to make our reunion happen!

Class of 1970 finally celebrated their 50th high school class reunion on September 4. The class made a weekend of it with school



tours on Friday, party on Saturday, and Mass and breakfast on Sunday. “It was a great party with lots of fun and lots of laughs. Our class raised over \$7,500 for Saint Agnes School, which includes a matching gift from an anonymous person. Wow!!”



Class of 1971 celebrated 50 years since graduation on Saturday, October 2 at Gabe’s by the Park. A great time was had by all with over 70 classmates attending.



Class of 1976 held a 45-year reunion on Saturday, Oct 9 at Gabe’s By The Park! We had a good turn out and actually had more men than women attend! People were already asking about our 50th!



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Many of our alumni have made the generous choice to plan a gift to Saint Agnes School in their estate plans, to ensure that future Aggies have access to the same transformative education they did. If you too feel that Saint Agnes School has played an important role in shaping your community, their faith, and your life, it only takes a few easy minutes to establish your legacy with Saint Agnes School through our partners at **FreeWill**.

Here’s how **FreeWill**’s online estate planning can benefit you:

- It helps you protect your loved ones and assets through your plan
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Create a legacy that passes on the faith, benefits future Aggies, and protects your loved ones in the process. **Get started for free at FreeWill.com/SaintAgnes**



The class of 1980 held a “re-reunion” since the 40th reunion was postponed due to Covid. They met at Gabe’s by the Park on Saturday, October 9. It was a small but fun group. Glad we could make it happen!



The class of 1981 held a 40th reunion at Gabe’s by the Park on October 16. We didn’t have a large turnout but it was great catching up with those that attended. Hopefully we can get more classmates to the 45th reunion!

The Class of 1990 held its 30-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Lake Monster Brewing Company. It was a small but mighty group! Looking forward to the next one!



Class of 1991 gathered for a 30th reunion on October 8-9. Classmates gathered at the Saint Agnes Homecoming tailgate party,

then reunited at Flaherty’s Arden Bowl on Saturday. It was a great turnout of classmates on both evenings, and all enjoyed catching up with one another! We, as a class, raised over \$8,000 for the Kubista Endowed Scholarship. If you are interested in giving, you still can!! Reach out to Ray Lesnar for the details.



Class of 2001 held a 20th reunion on Saturday, October 16 at Saint Agnes School. Everyone really enjoyed being together and the tour of school!

In Memoriam

MaryAnn (Achartz) Niles, 1953
Irene (Baierl) Kern, 1938GS
James Bannick, 1961
Robert Batsche, 1970
Beverly (Burke) Rieder, 1959
Robert Dueber, 1957
Richard Everson, Past Parent
Donna (Fischbeck) Gessner, 1955
Michael Fitzgerald, 1961, Past Faculty
Margaret (Franklin) Medina, 1950
Alice (Frischmon) Hamilton, 1956
Earl Furchner, 1971
Mary (Girmscheid) Haugen, 1968
Tom Gleason, spouse of LaVerne (Devaney) '51
Shirley (Goeltl) Heilman, 1948
Linda Green, Parish Member
David Hadden, Former student
Mark Harringer, 1973
Donald Hofschulte, 1949

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

Richard Irwin, Parish Member
Lawrence Jansen, 1968
Jeffrey Jefferson, 1989
Donald Joseph, Past Faculty
Jerome Joswick, 1949
Dorothy (Keis) LeClair, 1938GS
Thomas Kieger, 1971
William Kritta, Past Parent
Sr. M Arthur Kunz, SSND, 1943GS
Patrick LaGrandeur, 1972
Philip LaGrandeur, past parent
Loretta Rauscher Langer, past parent
Marie (Laqua) Opsdahl, 1955
Patrick McLaughlin, Sr., past parent
Geraldine (Michaels) Mandel, 1947
Shirley (Michlitsch) Saxby, 1970
Clyde Millerbernd, past parent
Amy Moore, past parent
Betty Newstrom, Parish Member

Stanley Petranek, 1961
George Petrich, 1961
Bernice (Piringer) Maloney, 1943GS
Ronald Plumbo, spouse of Marlene (Grewe), 64
Brian Prokosch, spouse of Wendy (Plankers), 85
Richard Reuteler, 1959
Valerie (Schneider) Sobaski, 1947
Roger Schoenecker, 1952
Elizabeth (Schuebel) Clark, 1991
Ann Marie (Schuweiler) Armstrong, 1946GS
Theodore Steiner, Past Parent
Richard Tousignant, 1952
Tikeia Tucker, 2002
Cleorie (Webber) Johnson, 1950
Matthew Wernet, current parent
Robert Westgard, 1961
Michael Wodarz, 1968

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



AGGIE OPEN

A RECORD DAY

Aggie golfers were excited to play! Never has the Aggie Open Golf tournament filled so quickly. Sadly, we had to turn golfers away before we even had a chance to advertise! A good problem to have, but one we are trying to creatively solve for next year!

After a full day of golf under a beautiful, sun-filled sky, guests were happy to enjoy a bit of air conditioning back at Bandas Gym. Student-athletes served up Tinucci's famous chicken and fixings to the guests, raffle prizes were selected, and hole contest winners were announced. Spirits were high as classmates and old friends had time to visit and enjoy one another's company while score cards were tallied. Coming out on top were Josh Moore '98, Rod Rankin '98, Bill Mauer, and Jack Hannahan, earning bragging rights to the Msgr. Bandas Cup.



Welcome to new golfers from the class of 1976, Jean (Parizino) Metz, Mary Kaye (Schwartzbauer) Maleitzke, Rita (Sunder) Zitterman and friend Peggy Warner



Aggie coaches welcome golfers to the tournament



Student-athletes were on hand to help with clubs, organize games, spot for balls and help where needed on the course



Loyal golfers from the class of 1966 continue to support Aggie athletics year after year



Joe Harrington '16 joins forces with the class of 2014's Joe Kleve, Alex Kleve and Nick Turch to place 2nd in the tournament.

Not one, but two anonymous supporters offered to match all donations up \$5000 that evening. With those matches and with the generosity of donors and sponsors we were able to raise over \$50,000 for Aggie Athletics! What a tremendous boost to our athletic programs! A special thank you to tournament sponsor Mike Parizino '78 for his continued commitment and to all our golfers, donors, and sponsors.

Be sure to save the date of Monday, July 18, 2022 for next year's Aggie Open to get in on the fun!

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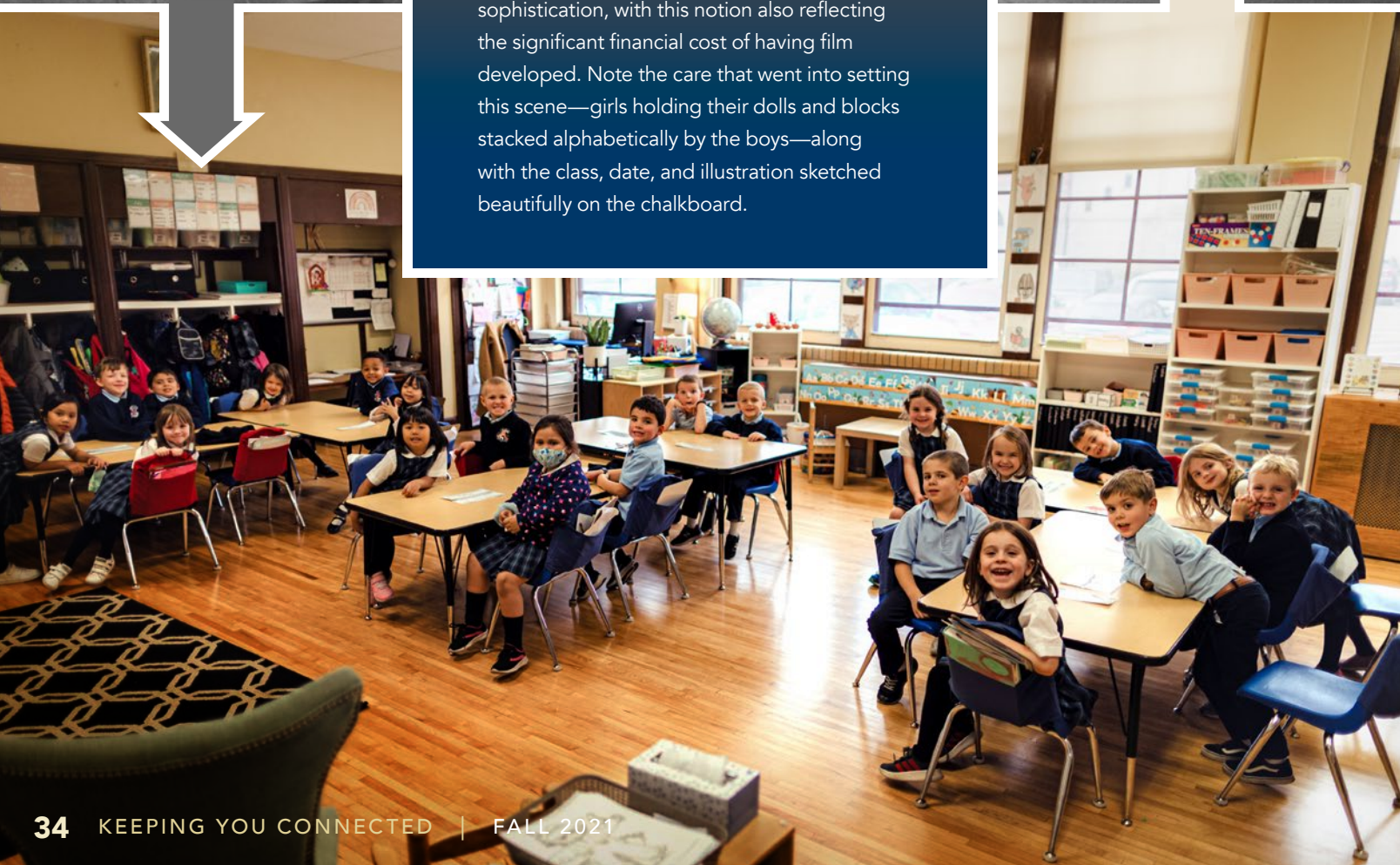
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Our Kindergarten classroom and students might look a little bit different today than it did in 1912, but the same cuteness remains! In the early 1900s, many photographers continued the tradition inherited from portraiture of staging staid, stoic poses to convey elegance and sophistication, with this notion also reflecting the significant financial cost of having film developed. Note the care that went into setting this scene—girls holding their dolls and blocks stacked alphabetically by the boys—along with the class, date, and illustration sketched beautifully on the chalkboard.



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