

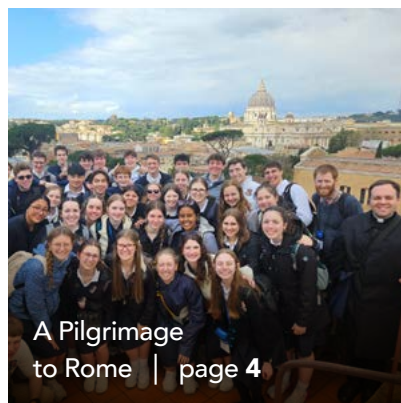
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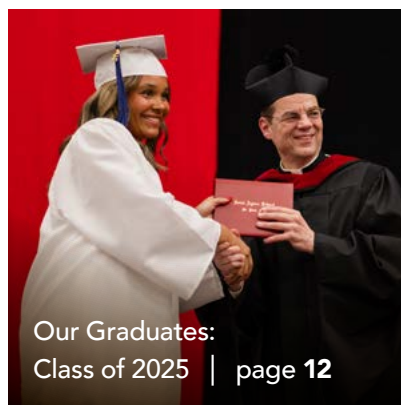
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PSALM 89:2

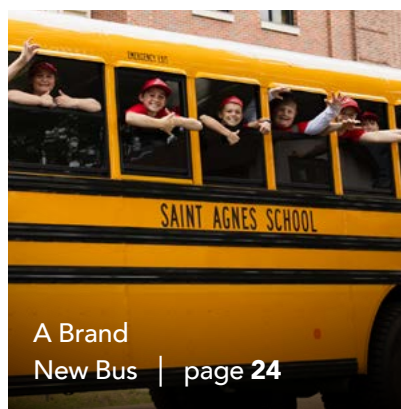
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Of Chimney Cams and Celebrating Among Friends

"Johnny, remember this. You must remember this." Just one month shy of my sixth birthday, I confess that I more vividly recall my mother saying those words than the actual moment (July 20, 1969) when **Apollo 11** landed on the moon, and Neil Armstrong exclaimed, "The Eagle has landed." Hours later, when he said, "One small step for man," I was tucked neatly in bed, sound asleep. At least I remember the landing!

I am convinced that our students (perhaps even Kindergartners) will remember the excitement beginning at 11:10 a.m. on May 8, 2025. It was Grandparents Day, and after offering Mass, students and their grandparents moved to the Gymnasium for refreshments and social time. When they began to transfer to the Auditorium for the program, one grandparent hurriedly approached me, her cell phone in hand, showing me a live feed and saying, "It's white smoke!" For an unknown reason, our "Chimney Cam" screen in the Commons screen had frozen...a student quickly refreshed the feed, and there it was!

I had been hoping that white smoke would appear in one of the late afternoon ballots in Rome, for any morning vote in Rome would take place well before our school day. I was not disappointed. I immediately phoned Food Service Director Kelly DiPietro, knowing that she and Amy McQuillan (Executive Asst. to the Headmaster) were already *en route* to the bakery. "Better hurry back, Kelly, it's white smoke!" Both were "rock stars" in procuring ten celebratory "Habemus Papam" sheet cakes! While I never predicted an American pope (who did?), I surmised an election would likely occur on Thursday or Friday. I'm glad we arranged a Thursday pickup! It was a picture perfect Spring day.



Psychologists assure us that teenagers place the highest priority on being with their friends. On that day, I too wanted to be with **my friends**. *Deo Gratias*, I was! I could not imagine a more **joyous** and **electric** atmosphere, nor wanting to be anywhere else but at Saint Agnes for this historic moment. We pivoted, told the students to eat lunch quickly and return to the auditorium to join their grandparents, many of whom remained. All other Aggies watched from their classrooms—everyone was together to witness history. From the back of the Helene Houle Auditorium, microphone in hand, as soon as the name was announced (in Latin, of course!) I shared, "Aggies, the Cardinals just elected the first American pope!" The excitement was palpable, even raucous, and it was 100% genuine.

I cannot imagine wanting to be anywhere else than here, celebrating with my new friends, an inspiring group of 800+ students and a wonderful and dedicated administration, faculty, and staff. I am grateful both for Dr. Ferdinandt's incredible leadership and Asst. Headmaster Karl Hendrickson's ability to pivot on a dime to facilitate our papal yellow and white cake celebration. Did we forfeit instructional time? Sure. Was it worth it? You better believe it—a capstone to an amazing year. Indeed, God is good!

Rev. John L. Ubel

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Superintendent

A Pilgrimage to

ROME



Forty-two junior and senior Aggies embarked on a week long pilgrimage to Rome this March, where they were immersed in one of the holiest cities in the world and given the opportunity to grow not only closer to our Lord and His Church, but with each other. The group crammed in as much exploring of the Eternal City as they could, celebrating Holy Mass each day along the way. Led by Aggie alumni John Paul Sonnen '97 of St. Charles Pilgrimages, the pilgrims visited locations that varied both geographically across the seven hills of Rome as well as in chronological significance over the course of millennia in the life and history of the Church.

Senior Gianna Regep did her best to take everything in. "I think my favorite part was being able to just walk down these random streets, and you open a door and it would be the most beautiful church ever," she said "Also, being with the group we were

with—we all bonded and grew so close in that week together."

While much of the trip entailed learning about each of the sites and spending time in prayer, plenty of fun memories were also made along the way. Senior Lydia Sekevitch recalled some early morning singing between her and junior roommate Tessa Trygstaad, in which they may have gotten a little swept up in the moment. "The windows where we were staying were beautiful—you could open them and see the cobblestone streets and everything," she recalls. "We were singing one of our favorite songs and forgot the windows were open. Then it sounded like the whole town was singing! We looked out the window, and Mr. Kemp was standing below and said, 'Guys, this is way too loud.' Apparently, we were waking people up. We apologized and told him we didn't realize the windows were open. But people were

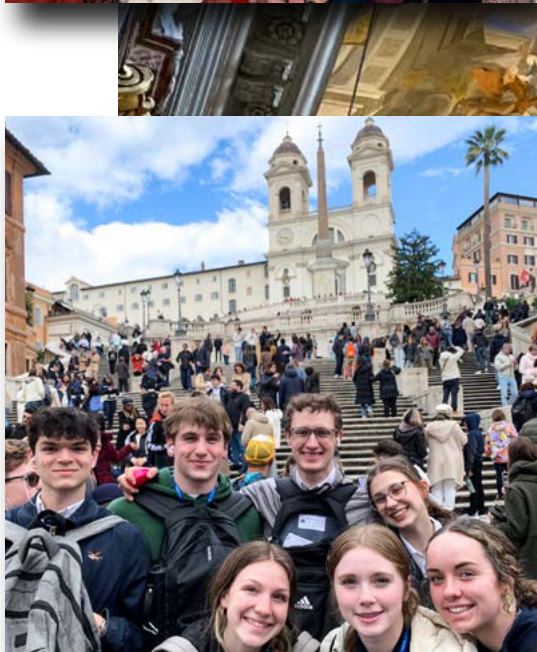
In my experience, going on pilgrimage acknowledges a sacramental worldview: that God who is outside of time and space nevertheless is present to humanity in time and place. A pilgrim goes to visit those places to give thanks for God's saving action. We had a great group of *pilgrims*.

Mr. Karl Hendrickson
Assistant Headmaster

sticking their heads out the windows from the whole building and singing with us, so it was really cool!"

One of the chaperones on the trip, Upper School History teacher Mrs. Lori Dumas, was particularly impressed by the mindset of the student pilgrims, especially given that plans needed to be shifted and adjusted because of the sickness of the Holy Father at that time. She shared that, "Our time in Italy during the Jubilee was incredibly profound and beyond expectations! This particular group of students was joyful, engaged, and eager to enter into pilgrimage. What a gift to travel with them! Every step of the way the Lord provided moments of awe, sacred experiences, and shared laughs." For Dumas, she witnessed the trip bring students together in ways only the environment of a pilgrimage can. "After touring and praying at sacred sites during the day, we spent our evenings together in fellowship and enjoyed gelato in our Trastevere neighborhood, filled with street performers and lots of dancing. One quite profound experience was progressing together on the Pilgrim's Walk to St. Peter's Basilica, where we ended in song at the tomb of St. Peter. As pilgrims, we soaked in the graces of our Church in Rome, appreciated the beauty of sacred sites, and grew together in fellowship. What a blessed trip!"

Despite some of the unpredictability that arose as a result of Pope Francis' declining health and hospital stay, Junior Kevin Le didn't mind the shift in plans and recalled a memorable night at St. Peter's Square. "One night we came back from the day, and we had some extra time because of the sickness of the pope," he shared. "Part of our group walked all the way to St. Peter's Basilica. Spending time there at around 10PM without a massive swarm of tourists... we got to see all the fountains, the obelisk, the pillars, the stars. You would think our day would have been ruined not being able to see the pope, but the opportunity to take





in the beauty of St. Peter's Square while hanging out with friends was incredible."

Mr. Karl Hendrickson, Assistant Headmaster, also chaperoned the pilgrimage and observed the intentionality with which the Aggies entered into it. "In my experience," he said, "going on pilgrimage acknowledges a sacramental worldview: that God who is outside of time and space nevertheless is present to humanity in time and place. A pilgrim goes to visit those places to give thanks for God's saving action. We had a great group of pilgrims. Our students relished taking in the many churches of Rome with their combination of relics, sacred art, and architecture."

Senior Mary Lennes found the witness of the group's chaperones to be impactful while on pilgrimage. She shared that, "One of the most important things was who we got to go with us—Fr. Baker going with us, the teachers. We all got to pray together. It was really special and powerful to pray with our teachers in such a beautiful place."

Fr. Paul Baker, our school's chaplain, enjoyed chaperoning his first pilgrimage with the Aggies. He shared that, "The whole pilgrimage was a series of highlights, but

there are a few that stand out. One was the level of both intellectual and spiritual engagement that our students had with many of the churches or other sites that we visited. In many cases, this was not your standard demonstration of attentive interest or time spent in prayer, but rather a sharing of authentic joy with others. At several sites we visited, with no prompting from anyone but themselves, our Aggies broke into song, demonstrating tremendous devotion and recognition of the holy places in which they stood. Perhaps the greatest evidence of the positive effect this had was when one of our local tour guides, an Italian woman named Rosana who has led many tours over the years, shared with us that our students' witness—especially their impromptu singing—had moved her in a way that few other groups of pilgrims or tourists ever had."

The pilgrimage also included a day trip excursion to Assisi, where the Aggies toured the Basilica of St. Clare, the Church of St. Mary Major, and the Basilica of St. Francis. Senior Zion Samuel was particularly struck by the stop at the Basilica of St. Francis, sharing that, "My favorite part about the trip was in Assisi—we saw the body of Blessed Carlo Acutis and that was very surreal. To see miracles and to learn about

them was very cool." Another special place that the pilgrims visited was the Church of Sant'Agnese fuori le mura, or Saint Agnes outside the walls, the site of our parish and schools' patroness Saint Agnes' tomb, where Fr. Baker said Holy Mass. "It was here that I was personally filled with a deep gratitude for the witness of our patroness," he said, "and indeed the many other martyrs of the early Church, which allowed us pilgrims, from a time and place Agnes never could have dreamed of, to know and love Jesus Christ and His Church, and be drawn to Rome to offer her homage and bid her prayers—that we would continue to be transformed by that same witness so as to carry it forth ourselves."

By the end of the pilgrimage, Lydia Sekevitch saw the connection between the universal Church and the education and formation she has received here at Saint Agnes clearly. "Being in Rome and seeing all the beautiful churches and scenery made me really appreciate Saint Agnes," she said. "Of course, it was all really profound and new, but there was also a sense of familiarity in seeing all these beautiful things because of Saint Agnes' beautiful church and all the things that we learn and are surrounded by here every day."



FROM THE HEADMASTER



So many visitors continue to marvel at what can happen, in the broader culture of the United States, when God blesses a school with really gifted people who believe and live according to the Church's teaching to the best of their ability! Such is the nature of Saint Agnes School at the end of the first 25 school years in the 2000s.



Dear Saint Agnes Alumni, Families, and Friends,

As we approach the end of another school year here, I am reminded of just how amazing this school's culture has grown and become—including for my own 2025 graduating senior! I'm so proud to see the growth of our students personally and spiritually.

This time of year, many people come up to me and ask me whether we are starting to wind down the school year. My comment back is often, "School years never wind down. They wind up, and then they stop! And then we clean up and prepare for another!" As we clean up from this school year and prepare the school building, grounds, and schedules for the next school year, you will begin to see several changes (among others). The hedge and curb in front of the 1939 Gruden building will be replaced with a fence that looks like that which is in front of the Church building. Moreover, we have invested in a new system internally that beefs up security in classrooms, offices, and hallways, and so you will see new small screens in every classroom that will be used in the unlikely occasion of an emergency. Additionally, you will see a new retaining wall and fence on the alley side of the parking lot.

The physical enhancements, however, will never compare to what has happened and continues to happen in the building during the school year! If you could have heard the speeches of so many of our seniors this spring, you would realize that Saint Agnes School is alive and well in the hearts of her graduates. In the second to last week of the school year, we heard from one of our students about "how important the culture of prayer" has been for him during his high school years here. Our student speakers in our 6th grade class spoke about how important continuing to live the virtues through prayer is for the students during the summer. Some people—faculty, staff, and parents—still show significant surprise every time they experience the ways in which our students demonstrate what this school espouses and achieves in the hearts of its students. I'm starting to tell people, "You don't need to be surprised anymore. The faculty and staff of this organization have been witnessing to the truths of the faith for years, and the students have internalized the culture of faith, reason, and virtue!" So many visitors continue to marvel at what can happen, in the broader culture of the United States, when God blesses a school with really gifted people who believe and live according to the Church's teaching to the best of their ability! Such is the nature of Saint Agnes School at the end of the first 25 school years in the 2000s.

And so, at the end of a decade as Headmaster of this wonderful school, I am pleased and proud to now wear my 10-year anniversary pin, which is a cherished sign of my time serving at this extraordinary institution with these lovely people. Please pray for this beautiful school. May God continue to bless Saint Agnes School through the intercession of Saint Agnes herself along with the prayers of our Blessed Mother!

Blessings to you and your family,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Ferdinandt".

Dr. Kevin Ferdinandt
Headmaster

Mr. Fred Blonigen



AWARDED PAPAL HONORS

Earlier this year, our late Holy Father Pope Francis bestowed papal honors upon four individuals within our archdiocese for their exceptional service to the Catholic Church—especially in Catholic education; the award came in conjunction with the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis. Receiving the **Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice** award from Saint Agnes School was our beloved Mr. Fred Blonigen. Blonigen

was nominated for his legacy of faithful Catholic service and fostering many fruitful vocations to the priesthood and religious life by the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis' Office for the Mission of Catholic Education.

In the early 1980s, Fred was working on a Ph.D. in English Literature at the U of MN. Not satisfied with writing on the transcendentalists, he went on a retreat with the great American catechist Fr. John Hardon, SJ, who—after hearing Fred's story—advised him personally to drop his Ph.D. and take a job teaching high school Theology at Saint Agnes (and thank God, Fred listened)! Fred recalled the story to us: "Fr. Hardon looked at me and said that he believed God

wanted me to teach the Catholic faith to youth. At that time in my life teaching the Catholic faith to youth was the farthest thing from my mind!" For 32 years, Fred

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commuted from St. Cloud to St. Paul, living in local parish rectories during the week.

Teaching Theology here at Saint Agnes School, Mr. Blonigen's classroom was one where students were encouraged to ask tough questions without fear of ridicule or embarrassment. Mr. Blonigen's insightful and honest answers inspired students to delve deeper into their beliefs and they learned how to defend the faith, for he was able to convey the truth in a clear, non-judgmental, respectful manner that appealed to Catholics, non-Catholics, and even those who came to Saint Agnes with very little understanding of Christianity. They felt comfortable asking questions and were attracted to the faith by his truthful answers and his daily example.

In a 2007 article he wrote and published on the website Catholic Parents Online entitled, "Transmitting the Catholic Faith" Blonigen wrote that, "Over the years, the teenage students to whom I have taught the Catholic faith have taught me many things. They have taught me that young people have a great hunger for the truth and that they are open to the beautiful truths taught by the Catholic Church. They have shown me that despite having lived their entire lives in a 'culture of death,' most young people have a profound reverence for the sanctity of human life and are courageous defenders of the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. Young people want to be challenged to live their Catholic faith. They have also demonstrated that they want to commit their lives to Someone who can give their lives permanent, indeed, eternal meaning. Most of all, these adolescents have shown me they want much more than "head knowledge" of Christ. They want to know Christ in the depths of their hearts. They seek the Face of God and find Him in the Face of Jesus."

In the same 2007 article, he shared what is at stake for the Catholic educator, and reflected on the importance of the mission he accepted all those years ago: "To teach



the Catholic faith, on any level, is a calling from God, a calling that requires our generous response. To teach the Catholic faith is also a tremendous privilege, for we are being asked to transmit to the students we teach the sublime truths revealed by God Himself, truths that define the very meaning of human life, truths that are necessary for man's salvation."

I have often told my high school religion students that it is my vocation to teach them what the Catholic Church teaches and that I will be held accountable before God if I fail to teach them the fullness of the truth. However, I tell them, while my responsibility is to teach them the

truth, they have the responsibility to live what they are taught. God will hold them responsible if, knowing the truth, they fail to live what they have received. The teacher of the Catholic faith must consistently teach the eternal truth of the gospel, and teach with love. The rest is in the hands of God."

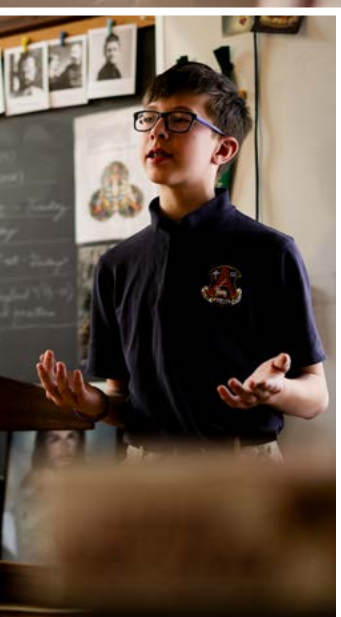
Mr. Blonigen continues to teach, offering lectures and catechesis all over the St. Cloud Diocese even in his "retirement." Please join us in congratulating Mr. Blonigen and thanking God for the gift of his joyful, faithful witness, and the mark that witness left on all of his students.



Office for the Mission of Catholic Education, Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis

Chess Club

Every week for an hour after school, Miss Emily Kling's 5th grade classroom is filled with young Aggies learning to play chess—a game they will be able to enjoy for the rest of their lives. Through both the guidance of their advisor and some 6th grade Aggie chess masters with strategy and knowledge of their own to share, our Aggies discover each piece's role on the board, moves they can execute, and the art and skill behind more complex sequences as they charitably clash in the Game of Kings.





**SAINT
AGNES
PRESCHOOL**



JOIN OUR PRESCHOOL!

Saint Agnes Preschool enrollment is open for the 2025-2026 school year, with 2-day full-day, and 3-day and 5-day half-day and full-day options available for our littlest Aggies! We are especially hoping for more friends to join our early learning Ladybug Room for 3-4-year-olds.



Program Highlights :

- ✓ Two Rooms:
 - 🐞 Early Learning "Ladybug" Room (3-4s)
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- ✓ Cognitive, Social, Emotional, & Spiritual Development
- ✓ Daily Prayer, Music, & Playtime

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CLASS OF 2025



Xavier Adkins
NHS, Magna Cum Laude

Bennett Bamsey
NHS, Summa Cum Laude

Monica Barrett
NHS, Magna Cum Laude

Benedict Berthiaume

Rosella Berthiaume
Magna Cum Laude

Ruby Bitzer
Magna Cum Laude

Nicholas Blommel
Cum Laude

Daniel Boeser

Nicholas Brownell
NHS, Magna Cum Laude

Clare Bustamante
Magna Cum Laude

Teddy Cao
Summa Cum Laude

Carolina Cardenas

Chloe Carnes
Magna Cum Laude

Charles Christensen

Samuel Clyde

Rhiannon Connolly
Cum Laude

Daniel Coyne
Cum Laude

Joshua Craemer
Cum Laude

Joseph Cummings

Christina Dahdah
Magna Cum Laude

Neala Dale

Nolan Davis
Magna Cum Laude

Madeline DeLay
Cum Laude

Margaret Dickerson
Magna Cum Laude

Nathan Dietz

Giana DiPietro
NHS, Magna Cum Laude

Margaret Dobie
NHS, Summa Cum Laude

Sophia Douglass
NHS, Summa Cum Laude

Mary Clare Draganowski
Summa Cum Laude

Robert Farrell

Eva Ferdinandt
Summa Cum Laude

Terese Fischer
Cum Laude

Lidia Girma
Cum Laude

Gianna Graff

James Grismer
NHS, Summa Cum Laude

Michael Gutzmann
Magna Cum Laude

Lydiana High

Mary Hintgen
Summa Cum Laude

Peter Hoppe
Magna Cum Laude

Brenna Johnson

Yulia Kofanova

Gabriela Kotchevar
NHS, Magna Cum Laude

Riley Kunz

William Kuwata
NHS, Magna Cum Laude



Ryan Lancette

Mary Lennes

Theodore Loehr
Cum Laude

Joshua Lopez
Magna Cum Laude

Joshua Macdonald
Cum Laude

Rita Maloney
Summa Cum Laude

Felicity Mortland
Magna Cum Laude

Eleanor Nelson
NHS, Magna Cum Laude

Anna Nordgren
Stephen Novak

Natalie O'Connell
Summa Cum Laude

Luke Ostrom

Gregory Patros
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Henry Pawl
NHS, Summa Cum Laude

Carolyn Peichel
Magna Cum Laude

Daniel Plamann
Magna Cum Laude

Gianna Regep
Michael Samec

Yonathan Samson
Zion Samuel
Cum Laude

Anna Satnik
Summa Cum Laude

Lydia Sekevitch
Jack Shrake
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Serenity Skidmore
Cum Laude

Frances Stariha
Summa Cum Laude

John Starr
Magna Cum Laude

James Steiner

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Joshua Thuente

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NHS, Summa Cum Laude

Mary Tichawa
Magna Cum Laude

Benedict Treacy
Summa Cum Laude

Clara True
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AnnMarie Vance
Magna Cum Laude

Evan Washenberger

Maximilian Wegner
Cum Laude

Mara Wells

John Wernet
NHS, Summa Cum Laude

Charles Witzel

Claira Wolf
Cum Laude

Mahalet Wosen
NHS, Magna Cum Laude

Nathaniel York
NHS, Summa Cum Laude

Peter York
NHS, Summa Cum Laude

On Friday, May 30, 2025 Saint Agnes celebrated its 84th Commencement Exercises in Msgr. Bandas Gymnasium.



As our senior class waited expectantly for their moment to cross the stage, they were addressed by administration, their classmates and by Archbishop Bernard Hebda, archbishop of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul & Minneapolis.

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. The award’s honorees - one young man and one young woman from the senior class- are selected by the faculty and are students who model all that which Saint Agnes School hopes for in each of its graduates. These seniors embody the best of our school; these young people are well rounded and have achieved excellence in virtually all areas: faith, academics, activities, athletics, character, virtue, leadership, friendship, and service. As the plaque itself states for both the male and female recipients: “This senior represents best the hopes and goals as expressed in the mission and vision of Saint Agnes School.” On behalf of the faculty, administration, and the entire student body, we are honored to announce that the

9th annual “Saint Agnes Palm Award” was presented to seniors Henry Douglas Pawl and Giana Rose DiPietro!

Giana DiPietro

PALM AWARD HONOREE

Palm Award Recipient Giana DiPietro is a parishioner of the Church of Saint Agnes and is the daughter of Dominic and Kelly (Pavlak) DiPietro ‘95. Giana—a 13-year Aggie—was president of the Student Council and a member of the National Honor Society. She was also vice president of the Spanish Club, receiving the Spanish Department Award. She was involved in the Pro-Life Club and Drama Club, acted in the Spring Musical, and played Basketball, Volleyball, and Softball. She will be attending St. Mary’s University of Minnesota in Winona and will be majoring in Elementary Education and Catholic Studies with a minor in Spanish.



At Commencement, Giana shared the two characteristics of her class that she believes they embody: community and authenticity. In terms of

community, Giana encouraged her classmates, saying, “Love those around you and create the type of bonds the Class of 2025 has created: bonds of love, care, and security. Having such a tight-knit community has allowed each of our individual aspects to flourish.”

DiPietro also emphasized the need for authentic witness in our world today—an attribute she emphasized that her class is well-equipped to bring into the next chapter of their lives. She remarked, “As I look out at 86 other seniors who are all so vastly different, I realize that this right here is what the world needs. It needs more people who are secure in themselves and who they are, but most of all, secure in something greater—God...You must learn to BE YOU. I think this is what we have learned these past 4 years. We learned that fitting in is not always the best option and being yourself is going to benefit you immensely. We learn here at Saint Agnes that saints do not look the same. They look incredibly different and if we are called to go out and become saints, we must be different. So, wherever you go next, BE YOU and, as St. Catherine Siena says, “Set the world on fire.”

Henry Pawl

PALM AWARD HONOREE & VALEDICTORIAN

Palm Award Recipient and Valedictorian Henry Pawl is a parishioner of the Church of St. Mark and is the son of Drs. Timothy & Faith Pawl. Henry is a National Merit Scholar and earned a perfect score on the National Latin Exam this spring. He was involved in many clubs and activities including the Spring Musical, National Honor Society, Latin Club, Quiz Bowl, Math Team, Altar Serving, Honors Jazz Band, and the Madrigal Singers, in addition to running Cross Country and Track and Field. Pawl received the Latin and Math Department Awards and will be attending the University of Notre Dame with a significant scholarship toward majoring



in music, with a focus on organ performance and another major to be determined.

Drawing on Homer's *Odyssey*, Pawl described the parallels

between the story of Odysseus and that of the Class of 2025. The *Odyssey*, of course, is a story of the hero Odysseus' journey to his home island, Ithaka, after fighting in the Trojan War. The book begins with Odysseus midway through his journey home, and as Pawl recalled, the title character has been, "Held captive on an island with no way to escape. Every day he sits on the island's shore, weeping with homesickness as he scans the horizon for a single glimpse of his homeland. By divine intervention he escapes and faces the many famous trials that separate him from his home, and the book ends (more or less) with him fulfilled and at peace, embracing his family back on Ithaka."

Addressing his classmates, Pawl continued: "Class of '25: this is where we find ourselves, midway through our own *Odyssey*. Tonight, our last night as students here, we cross this stage into the land of alumni; one fewer sea between us and Ithaka. I wouldn't call myself a captive in my years here, and I don't think I've wept every day this week, but sitting on Saint Agnes' shores, I have caught a few glimpses of our heavenly destination on the horizon, and it is glorious."

Further encouraging his peers, Pawl shared his confidence in the education he and his classmates received at Saint Agnes. He said, "Above all, it is divine will that is sending us onwards. Our *Odysseys* have begun here, and we are equipped with the virtues and graces we need for the voyage. We set our sails confident in the intercession of Saint Agnes, our patroness, and our mother Mary, Star of Sea."

As Valedictorian of the Class of 2025, Pawl also bid his classmates farewell, again reminding them that our home is not of this world, but that we are meant to pursue our ultimate home—heaven. He closed his remarks saying, "The world does not need 87 apprentices or 87 college students as badly as it needs 87 saints. And God is raising saints out of this class—that I know."

"Problems await us out on the open sea, but Saint Agnes has already given us the solution: peace in the Holy Spirit, hope in God's providence, and joy not of this world. We go forward with these graces filling our hearts and the image of God in our souls. Each of you reflects God into this world uniquely, and I must say: standing in front of you all, I get a pretty good look at Him. Now we set out onto our different paths, paths that may diverge now but will rejoin in Heaven, as Dostoevsky says, 'eternally so, our lives hand in hand!'"

Jack Shrake

SALUTATORIAN

2025 Salutatorian John "Jack" Shrake is a parishioner of the Church of Saint Mark in St. Paul and is the son of Patrick and Karen Shrake. Jack is a National Merit Scholar and a member of the National Honor Society. He was an Altar Server and received the Latin and Science Department Awards. He participated in Soccer, the Spring Musical, Math Team, Latin Club, Quiz Bowl, Militia Immaculata, Chess Club, Men's Group, and Concert Chorale. Shrake will be discerning the priesthood, entering postulancy with



Pro Ecclesia Sancta.

In his opening remarks, Shrake thanked his classmates for all they did for him. He remarked, "Sirach says, 'He

that has found a faithful friend has found a treasure,' and the Word of God doesn't lie. Good friendships make saints. Wherever you're headed after Saint Agnes, stay close to your friends; don't cut yourself off. God wants to bless you through your friends and to bless your friends, in a unique way, through you. You've all been a blessing for me...let's all be saints!"



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Archbishop Bernard Hebda

Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A product of Catholic schools, he went on to earn his bachelor's degree at Harvard and a law degree at Columbia. After working as a lawyer in Pittsburgh, he entered St. Paul Seminary in Pittsburgh. He was then sent to complete his theological studies and studies in canon law at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

He was ordained to the priesthood in Pittsburgh in July of 1989. As a priest, Fr. Hebda served his bishop's office, in the Diocesan tribunal, in team ministry at a newly merged parish, and as director of campus ministry at the Slippery Rock University Newman Center. In 1996, he was appointed to work at the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts in Rome, the office at the Vatican responsible for the interpretation of the Church's laws. He left

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students

Attending colleges/universities such as:

90%

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19

13-year Aggies

2

National Merit Scholars

3

National Merit Commended Scholars

University of St. Thomas • Benedictine College • University of Notre Dame • University of Dallas • Thomas Aquinas College • Franciscan University (Steubenville) • St. Mary's University (Winona) • University of Mary (Bismarck) • North Dakota State University • U of MN, Duluth • Winona State U • Loyola University (Chicago) • Hillsdale College • John Paul the Great Catholic University (CA) • Concordia University (St. Paul) • Providence College (RI) • University of Northwestern • Ave Maria University (FLA) • Catholic Institute of Technology, Italy • Dusquesne University • St. Paul College • Bethel University • Dunwoody Institute • Creighton University • Conservatory of Recording Arts & Sciences, AZ

Rome when he was named Fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord in Michigan on October 7, 2009, by Pope Benedict XVI.

In September of 2013, Pope Francis named him Coadjutor Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Newark and in June of 2015, named him Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, while continuing to serve in Newark. He was later named Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and was installed on May 13, 2016.

At Commencement, Archbishop Hebda reflected on the life, challenges, and vocation of Blessed Solanus Casey, a Capuchin friar who was confirmed in our archdiocese. He spoke extensively of the challenges that Casey faced: he was denied at first to seminary, then only ordained a "simplex" priest (no faculties to preach or hear confessions) due to academic struggles and was assigned to remedial tasks. Yet, as His Excellency noted, this holy man lived out his vocation and faced his struggles with the grace of God and obedience; it didn't take long for everyone to see Christ in him and be blessed by his presence and counsel. It is by following Casey's heroic and saintly example of humility and faithfulness that Archbishop Hebda encouraged the Class of 2025 to likewise place their trust in our Lord and His Divine Providence with complete confidence in Him in every aspect of their lives.

Department Awards

Band • Clara True, Sophia Douglass
Drama • Margaret Dickerson, Therese Fischer
English • John Paul Tibesar, Ruby Bitzer
History • Christina Dahdah, James Grismer
Latin • Henry Pawl, Jack Shrake
Math • Margaret Dobie, Henry Pawl
Physical Education • Daniel Plamann, Joshua Thuente
Science • Teddy Cao, Jack Shrake
Spanish • Giana DiPietro, Chloe Carnes
Studio Art • AnnMarie Vance, Mary Clare Draganowski
Theology • John Paul Tibesar, Rita Maloney
Vocal Music • Frances Stariha, Rita Maloney

Recognition of Service Awards

Student Council President and Vice President • Giana DiPietro, James Steiner
Senior Council Members • Chloe Carnes, Terese Fischer, Ella Nelson, Greg Patros, Joshua Thuente, Nathaniel York
Yearbook Senior Editors • Clara True, John Starr, Madison Marquardt

Honor Awards

St. Paul Chapter of the Sons & Daughters of the American Revolution • Theodore Loehr

2025-2026 Awards

Newly elected 2025-26 Student Council President and Vice President • Kevin Le, Edward Buss
All-State Choir • Jane Kuwata
Donna May Vocal Music Scholarship • Millicent Tibesar, James Alt

2025 JUNIOR HIGH AWARDS

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. Congratulations to these students for their excellent work!

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.
Maureen Alt, Charles Berthiaume

St. Barnabas Award: For showing kindness and forgiveness to classmates, including everyone, ensuring nobody feels forgotten or unwanted.
Samuel Ducote, Audrey Herbeck, & Michael Dahdah

St. Paul Award: For choosing to do what is right, even when it is a hard choice to make.
Christopher Hedrich, Louis Martin, Charles Graner, & Eli Miller

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

Dominic Lu, Josephine Adkins

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

Liesl Posteuca, Michael Dahdah

Academic Awards

National Latin Exam: Silver Medal Maxima Cum Laude, for their performance on the Latin exams.

Intro Exam: Sam Ducote, Nicolas Moreno, Gabriel West, Anyra Silva, and Faustina Brownell

Latin I: Nicholas Simpson, James Nelson, Zella Bratt, Elijah Miller, and Charles Blakely

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

Intro Exam: Maureen Alt, Dominique Levi, Dominic Lu, Sophia Posteuca, Martha Fisk, Amelia Gustafson, Liesl Posteuca, John Paul Moran, Camille Chandler, Elliot Haag, Levin Amundson, Selah Amundson, Christopher Hedrich, Louis St. Martin, and Elizabeth Walter

Latin I: Charles Berthiaume, Peter Draganowski, Ella Claire Millea, Lucy Spencer, Joseph Merabella, Phillip Kobbermann, Lucy Pedersen, Josephine Adkins, and Katherine Riles

Perfect Scores on the Latin Exam

Intro Exam: Grace Heider

Junior High Science Fair, Top Projects:

Grade 7: Faustina Brownell

Grade 8: Lucy Kemp

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

Grade 7:
Grace Heider, Dominic Lu

Grade 8:
Lucy Kemp, Peter Draganowski

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.

Grade 7:
Amelia Gustafson, Levin Amundson

Grade 8:
Catherine Loch, Charles Berthiaume

Dr. Ferdinandt bestows an Aggie Award.

Mr. Hendrickson presents an Academic Excellence Award.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

The halls were alive this spring as we saw *The Sound of Music* take the stage! Well over 170 Aggies sang and danced their way through all the classics from this beloved Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, whether as a member of the von Trapp family, a Benedictine sister of the Nonnberg Abbey, or an adorable children's chorus member. All three of our priests in residence also got to play a part in each performance, with Fr. Ubel and Fr. Baker both taking turns making cameo appearances during the wedding scene and Fr. McConville playing bassoon, clarinet, and oboe as a part of the orchestra. First-year director Christina Malloy remarked that the show's run was a "joyful adventure," especially highlighting the "magnificent talent" our students displayed from the first auditions to the final curtain call.





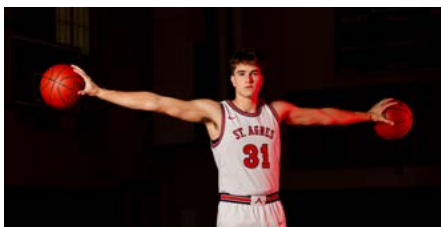
STATE CHAMP

Congratulations to Evonson Plamann—the 2025 MSHSL Class A State Champion in the 200m with a time of 21.96! He is the first state champion from Saint Agnes in any sport since 2012.



ATHLETICS

WINTER SPORTS



BOYS BASKETBALL

The Aggie boys basketball team had a strong campaign, finishing 10-6 in **Skyline Conference** play and staying in contention for the conference title through the final week of the regular season. Senior **Nolan Davis** earned **All-Conference**

honors and reached the **1,000-point** milestone on December 20 at Legacy Christian Academy. He concluded his career with 1,410 points, placing him fourth on the all-time scoring list at Saint Agnes. Seniors **Danny Plamann** and **Michael Gutzmann** received **Skyline Conference Honorable Mention** recognition.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

After achieving a **third-place** finish in the Skyline Conference and earning the **No. 4 seed** in **Section 4AA** last year, there were a lot of question marks heading into the 2024-2025 Saint Agnes Girls Basketball season. With only two starters returning, many in the conference viewed this year as a potential rebuilding year.

However, the Aggies chose to reload rather than rebuild. Facing one of the toughest schedules in recent years—including multiple top-ranked opponents—Saint Agnes still finished with a 15-11 record, marking the program's third consecutive winning season.



Once again, the Aggies claimed **third place** in the **Skyline Conference** and were awarded the **No.**

4 seed in Section 4AA. Saint Agnes had three players named to the **Skyline All-Conference First Team**—**Ma'Lon McCoy**, **Terese Fischer**, and **Veronica Damm**—tying conference champion Maranatha Christian Academy for the most first team selections.

Additionally, **Evelyn Kiehl** and **Elizabeth LeVesseur** earned **Honorable Mention All-Conference** honors.

With a strong core returning, the Aggies are excited to bring back a veteran group as they prepare to compete with some of the best teams in the state.



ALPINE SKI

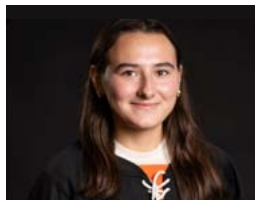
Saint Agnes athletes once again participated in Alpine Ski through a cooperative with St. Croix Prep and New Life Academy. The boys team narrowly missed qualifying for the state meet, while the girls team placed **19th** at the **section meet**. Representing Saint Agnes were junior **Bridget Muttonen**, sophomore **Tristan Schulte**, and freshman **Roxanne Muttonen**.

BOYS HOCKEY

Nine Saint Agnes student-athletes participated in the boy's hockey co-op program, hosted by St. Paul Academy and including Minnehaha Academy, Twin Cities Academy, Great River Academy, and Nova Classical Academy. The team finished with an 8-18 record. Senior captain **James Steiner** led the way, joined by fellow seniors **Peter Hoppe** and **Ben Berthiaume**. Additional Aggie participants included junior **Louie Berthiaume**, sophomores **Brody Manning** and **Thorin Anderson**, and freshmen **Peter Berthiaume**, **John Paul Gogala**, and **Alex York**.

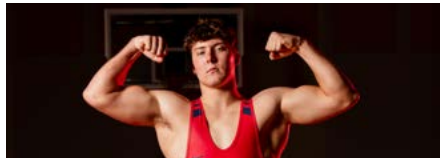
GIRLS HOCKEY

Saint Agnes partnered with a new cooperative program based in Osseo, which included Totino-Grace, Park Center, and Maranatha Christian Academy. The team posted a 7-16-3 record. Senior



Ella Berthiaume was named to the **Northwest Suburban All-Conference Team**, while

junior **Zoe Berthiaume** also had a standout season.



WRESTLING

Saint Agnes had another outstanding wrestling season, marking several significant achievements for the program. For the first time, the team was **seeded second** in the **section tournament** and advanced to the **final four teams**—a feat accomplished only once before in school history. Notably, Saint Agnes defeated the eventual section champions earlier in the season 36-31.

The team finished the season with a record of 13-21. Two wrestlers, **Joseph Cummings** and **Charlie Witzel**, reached a milestone by earning their **100th career wins**. Additionally, Saint Agnes was represented at the **state wrestling tournament** by two athletes: **Charlie Witzel** and **Daniel Hunt**. This was Charlie's second appearance at state, making him the first wrestler in school history to qualify for the state tournament twice. Daniel, a ninth grader, qualified for state in his first year of eligibility, showing strong potential for future success.

Looking ahead, Saint Agnes will be competing in **Class AA Section 4**. Expectations remain high as several returning wrestlers have a strong chance of qualifying for the state tournament. **Daniel Hunt**, **Peter Brownell**, and **Sam Hunt** are among those to watch. Both Peter and Sam placed third in sections this past season, narrowly missing state qualification, and are poised for breakout performances in the year to come.

SPRING SPORTS

TRACK & FIELD

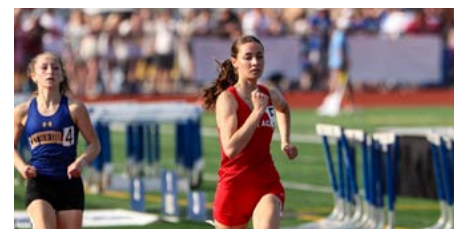
Evonson Plamann (100m & 200m) and **Faustina Adkins** (800m) qualified for the 2025 MSHSL



State Track & Field meet, marking the first time since 2014 that two Aggies competed at State and the first time since 2002 that athletes competed in three events. Plamann is the **2025 MSHSL**



Class A State Champion in the 200m with a time of 21.96! Faustina Adkins was **2nd** in the 800m with a time of 2:19.77! Plamann was also **7th** in the 100m with a time of 11.241, capping off a phenomenal year for Saint Agnes Track and Field.



The season began with two indoor meets, leading into a competitive April and championship season in May. The girls and boys teams finished an impressive **6th** of 20, respectively, at the **True Team Section Championship** at Howard Lake-Waverly. At the Skyline Conference Championship Meet the teams placed **6th** and were led by **Evons Plamann** who was **All-Conference** in the 100m and 200m. **All-Conference honorable mentions** were **Faustina Adkins** in the 800m, **Ma'Lon McCoy** in the Shot Put, **Mara Wells** in the 100m, 200m, and Long Jump, **John McGeehan** in the 3200m, and the Girls 4x8 Relay team of **Klara Ferdinandt**, **Amelia Seuntjens**, **Sophia Yevtikhov**, and **Faustina Adkins**. At the **Section Championship Meet**, **Mara Wells** narrowly missed qualifying for State in the 100 with a school record breaking time of 12.67.



BASEBALL

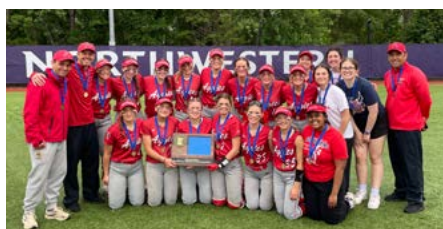
For the first time since 2019, the Aggie baseball team did not reach the Section 4AA finals. The Aggies finished the season with a 12-12 record and fell in the fourth round of the Section 4AA tournament, concluding what was still a strong and competitive season.

Led by a senior-heavy roster with 12 graduating players, Saint Agnes battled through a challenging schedule that featured several top-five ranked teams from both Class A and Class AA. The Aggies consistently proved their resilience, outscoring opponents 94-21 in the final two innings of games throughout the season.

Saint Agnes stood out in **Section 4AA** as the only team to complete all 20 regular season games and the only program to finish the regular season with double-digit wins.

Individual honors reflected the team's success. **Charlie Witzel**, **Josh Lopez**, **Daniel Plamann**, and **James Steiner** earned **All-Conference** recognition, while **Greg Patros** and **Louie Berthiaume** received **Honorable Mention**. Plamann and Berthiaume were also named to the **All-Section 4AA team**.

A milestone came on May 6, when Coach **Mike Streitz** secured his **300th career win** at Saint Agnes.



SOFTBALL

The Saint Agnes Softball team qualified for the **State Tournament** for the third straight season by defeating Visitation 5-3 in the **Section Championship** on May 29. The Aggies lost both of their state tournament games in Mankato, but finished the season with an impressive

record of 22-4. Saint Agnes also **won the Skyline Conference Championship** with a conference record of 7-1.

The Aggies were led by senior captains **Ella Berthiaume** and **Monica Barrett**, as well as junior captain and pitcher **Angela Proper**. Proper was selected **First-Team All-State** as well as **All-Conference**. She finished the season with **236 strikeouts** in **154 innings** pitched. Berthiaume and Barrett were also named **All-Conference**. Berthiaume led the team with 33 hits and a .429 batting average. Other **All-Conference selections** include junior **Emma Odenbrett** and freshman **Sienna Stefani**.

Head Coach **Dan Berthiaume** earned his **200th career victory** with a win over Concordia Academy on May 23. He was named **Section 4AA Coach of the Year** for the 5th time in 12 seasons.



BOYS GOLF

On the second day of the **Section 4AA High School Golf Tournament**, the Aggie golfers saw their season officially come to a close. With a chance to advance at the beginning of the round, **Michael Merabella** had an unusually difficult day on the course and fell short of advancing to State this year. **Joseph Merabella** had a solid showing in the tournament as well, especially for being in 8th grade and playing with mostly seniors and juniors. Both golfers and the entire Aggie golf team have a lot to be proud of this year. They represented our school well in the first year of this new program and showed that, though they are a small team, they are a young team and have the potential to compete at a very high level in the coming years.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Saint Agnes continued their lacrosse co-op with St. Paul Academy, Nova Classical Academy and St. Croix Lutheran. The team finished with a 6-8 record. Participants were senior captain **Mary**

Lenne and senior **Serenity Skidmore**. Other Aggies were **Tessa Trygstad**, **Mya Peters** and **Cecilia Junker**.

BOYS LACROSSE

The boy's lacrosse co-op was run by Minnehaha Academy and included Concordia Academy, DeLaSalle, New Life Academy, St. Croix Lutheran, St. Paul Academy and Unity High School. The team finished 2-11. Saint Agnes participants included **Isaac Sherf**, **Daniel Graff** and **Tony Graff**.



CAA BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to our 5th and 6th grade Baseball teams. Each won the **Catholic Athletic Association Championships** this spring. The 7th



grade baseball and 5th grade softball teams each finished **second** in the **CAA Championships**.

ATHENA AWARD WINNER

Senior **Terese Fischer**, along with other young women, representing St. Paul city and suburban public and private high schools, was recently selected to receive the **St. Paul Area Athena Award** for outstanding achievement in athletics



for the 2024-2025 school year. Terese, along with the other recipients, were celebrated at a private awards ceremony on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at Saint Paul RiverCentre.

2025

SAINT AGNES SCHOOL ANNUAL

RED & White

BENEFIT DINNER AND AUCTION

ADVANCEMENT OFFICE



Thank you and congratulations to our entire community for an incredibly successful Red & White Benefit! A multitude of alumni, as well as parents, benefactors, and friends gathered in the Ubel Activity Center and Bandas Gymnasium to visit, dine, and support Saint Agnes School. Through the immense generosity of our donors and guests, and the tireless work of the staff and volunteers, we are extremely pleased to report that the event raised \$460,000! The Red & White Benefit plays such an important part in providing our students and families with the tuition assistance they need to afford our school.

Of particular note was the tremendous response to our vision of ensuring that every child, whether excelling, average, or needing extra support, has the resources to thrive. "Our mission is to serve the whole family. About 15% of our students struggle to balance our rigorous academic programming, and many of our teachers possess neither the specialization nor have the time to devote to one-on-one tutoring to meet

specific academic needs," remarked Headmaster Dr. Ferdinandt. "We are using some of our Title funding from the federal government to serve them, but those funds are so strictly governed that we cannot achieve all that we'd like to. We've already invested in one support specialist, but it's not enough."



Sr. Gianna Marie then painted a vivid picture, "Each one of you have had the distinct and magical moment of teaching someone. Remember that moment when after so many trials of throwing the perfect spiral, or showing them how to knead the dough, or zip that zipper they get that 'AHA!' moment. They have that light bulb. We as teachers get to experience that on a regular basis. It's amazing to see that moment when students get it. On the flip side, you can imagine how difficult it is when you see frustration, when you see that they are not getting it. They are stuck. And as a professional you know that if they

just had one-on-one tutoring, if they just had a little more help, we would get them there.

It's rather ironic that the foundation of our school is on our littlest ones. If students don't learn how to read in kindergarten, and 1st and 2nd grade, they will continue to struggle, they will be set up for frustration and difficulty. So, I ask you to help us so these students, especially in the Lower School K-6, have a firm foundation."

A \$10,000 matching challenge was offered for gifts at a \$100 level and the room quickly filled with bidding paddles, allowing us to reach the \$10,000 goal and acquire the \$10,000 match. With these designated funds, we hired a part time Lower School specialist for the 2025-26 school year. We will continue to work towards our vision of establishing and staffing a full-fledged student resource center.



If you would like to help further this vision, please note **"student resource center"** on the enclosed envelope, donate online at **SaintAgnesSchool.org/support-us**, or scan the QR code.



A BRAND NEW BUS

Thank you to Mike Parizino for his lead gift and to the Class of 1978, as well as the other benefactors who contributed to this noble cause in support of our Aggies! Your names are now installed over each seat inside the bus!

Our new school bus arrived just in time for Christmas this past December! Bus #2 has already been put into service for half a school year now, and, along with Bus #1, it doubles our capabilities for transporting our students to and from field trips and extracurricular activities, as well as our athletes to and from competition.



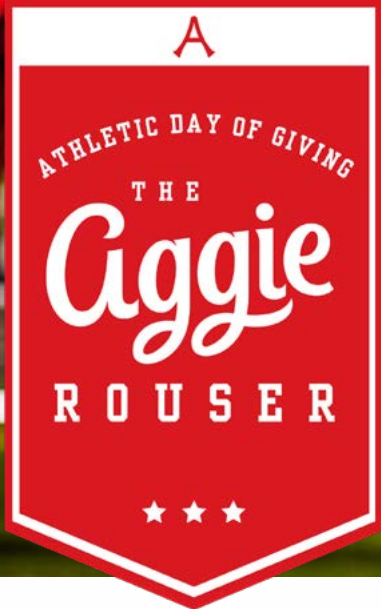
Mike Parizino
Class of 1978

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Donate to the Aggie Rouser Athletic Day of Giving OR

Join the Aggie Open Golf Tournament!

Aggie Athletics represents a proud tradition of teamwork, sportsmanship, dedication and the pursuit of excellence that permeates all aspects of life. Almost 75% of our students participate in a sport and 60% play on two or more teams. However, maintaining a competitive and robust athletic program costs \$500,000 a year. **The Aggie Rouser Athletic Day of Giving** is one way to help cover costs and allow all students a chance to participate regardless of ability to pay team fees.



TWO WAYS TO SUPPORT

Cash Donations - July 15 (or before!)

- Scan the QR code
- Venmo @SaintAgnesSchool – note Athletics
- Designate DAF funds or IRA distributions
- Gifts of stocks and securities
- Mail cash/check in the enclosed envelope and designate ATHLETICS



MATCHING FUNDS JUST ANNOUNCED!

Three former athletes have offered \$20,000 in matching funds for gifts to Aggie Athletics! Turn your \$50 into \$100 or your \$250 gift into \$500! All gifts matter and you can double your impact!

CAN WE COUNT ON YOU TO BE PART OF OUR AGGIE TEAM?





AGGIE ATHLETICS

Golf the Tournament

- \$125 per player - Includes golf, motorized cart, box lunch, course games, dinner, and prizes.
- \$45 dinner only
- We have reserved both Como and Phalen Golf Clubs to accommodate more golfers!
- 12:00 Noon shotgun start
- All return to Saint Agnes for social hour, dinner, and prizes.

Donate Prizes for the Aggie Open Raffle/Auction

- Sports memorabilia, tickets, gift cards, wines, and liquors are most popular.

Sponsor a Hole

- Have your class or team sponsor a hole for just \$300 and get class recognition on the course.

Bid on Auction Items

- A variety of sports memorabilia, sporting goods, designer purses and more
- Online bidding. Need not be present to win! Opens July 15.



JULY 21, 2025

REGISTER

Register by scanning the QR code or call 651-925-8720 for more information.

All proceeds from the Aggie Open and the Aggie Rouser Athletic Day of Giving support Aggie Athletics.



HONORING LEGACY GRADUATES



Brenna Johnson '25 Beth Linc '95



Benedict Berthiaume '25 Rebecca (Johnson) Berthiaume '00 Daniel Berthiaume '00



Joshua Thuente '25 Mike Thuente '98

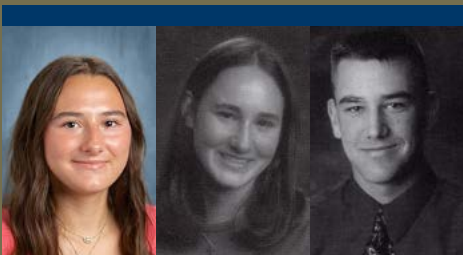


James Steiner '25 Julie (Hermes) Steiner '87 Christopher Steiner '85 William Hermes '49 Theodore Steiner, Sr. '31 grade school



Giana DiPietro '25 Kelly (Pavlak) DiPietro '95

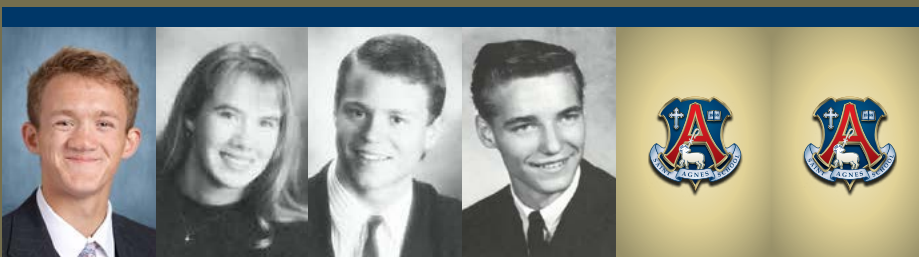
Carrying on
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Rosella Berthiaume '25 Michelle (Kroona) Berthiaume '99 Judd Berthiaume '98



Monica Barrett '25 Paul Barrett '02 Brigid (Foley) Barrett '02



John Paul Tibesar '25 Amy (Grau) Tibesar '93 Robert Tibesar '92 Rick Tibesar '65 Leo Tibesar 1925 Grade School Margaret (Gillen) Tibesar 1930 Commercial Class



Class of 2013

Kayla (Cylkowski) Kiolbasa is a Surgical Radiologic Technologist, working in the Operating Room at Twin Cities Orthopedics. She married Charlie Kiolbasa on October 19, 2024 and honeymooned in Italy where they had their marriage blessed by Pope Francis!



David Batsche, 1954 GS

David and his wife, Karen, were married at Saint Agnes on Feb 27, 1965 and recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. David gives much credit to the marriage vows "because when taken seriously, they make it possible to make it through the rough patches of life."

REUNIONS

Class of 1965 60-Year Reunion

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

11:30 AM-1:30 PM

River Boat Cruise leaving from Stillwater
- Lunch on the boat included

RSVP: [651-430-1234](tel:651-430-1234) to sign up for the cruise and lunch

For more information, contact Mari G at mari1016@comcast.net

Class of 1975 50-Year Reunion

Saturday, September 13, 2025
5:00-10:00 PM

Saint Agnes School Ubel Activity Center
- Attire: Casual
- Cost: \$30

RSVP: [Myevent.com/Aggies1975](https://myevent.com/Aggies1975)

Class of 1980 45-Year Reunion

Saturday, September 27, 2025
5:00-9:00 PM

The Dugout Bar - Mahtomedi, MN
- Live music at 8:30 PM
- No cover fee

If you haven't received your evite please contact Karen Bovee Sekevitch at karen.sek@gmail.com or 612-418-3525.

Class of 1985 40-Year Reunion

July 18-19, 2025

- Friday, July 18
- 4:00 PM Como Rings Gathering
- Saturday, July 19
- 4:00 PM Mass at St. Francis de Sales
Concelebrated by our own Fr. Jim Burns and Fr. Tim Norris
- 5:00 PM DeGidios Celebration

For more information, check our class [Facebook page](#) or contact Dana Faber 507-236-5647 or Raphael Dufresne-Harden rdharden@msn.com or via text only at 612-296-2606

Class of 1990 35-Year Reunion

A fall reunion is in the early stages of planning. Contact Angie (Johnson) Zgodova at azgodova@msn.com or 612-296-2475 for updates.

FREEWILL

August is National Make-A-Will Month

As we head into summer, we want to make sure you have had an opportunity to use this easy, free resource to plan for your future and to provide for yourself and those you love.

The idea of making a will can seem overwhelming, but the FreeWill tool makes the process simple. Fill in your information and wishes, print it out and sign it in the presence of witnesses. That's it! A legal will in about 20 minutes!

If you are so inclined, you can even include a gift to Saint Agnes School in your plan—an easy way to support our mission for generations to come that costs you nothing today!

Visit FreeWill.com/SaintAgnes to create your plan today!

In Memoriam

Gloria (Peterson) Iverson, 1946
Wallace Kaufer, 1949
Mary Jo (Lucker) Haggerty, 1949
Rita (Garvick) Devorak, 1952
Barbara (Lokowich) Kranz, 1952
Laverne (Wagner) Norby, 1952
Louis Seidl, 1953
Janet (Bantz) Pagel, 1954
Mark Mastel, 1954
Mary Ann (Tempel) Erler, 1954
Walter Widarski, 1951 GS
Elinor "Ellie" (Schmitt) Nicklawske, 1955
Thomas DeLisle, 1956
Catherine (Schierman) Southward, 1956
Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald, 1958
Gary Pastorius, 1958

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.

Martin P Rossini, 1958
Bonnie (Pelzer) Galush, 1959
Donald Spies, 1959
Hilary "Lary" Haupt, 1960
Mary Ellen (Schmidt) Wegner, 1960
James Dueber, 1961
Diane (Pelzer) Coleman, 1961
Edward Fashingbauer, 1962
Jean (Putz) Wiome, 1962
Catherine (Krath) Honer, 1963
William Tahnk, 1963
Claudia Fashingbauer, 1964
Mary Spies, 1964
Randy Brenhofer, 1966
Thomas Bilder, 1968
William Roberts, 1969

Thomas Holleran, 1972
Gerald "Jerry" McCarty, 1972
Maureen (Conway) Palmer, 1975
Robert "Joe" Erickson, 1975
Mark Burns, 1977
Steve Deutsch, 1977
Daniel Gormley, 1979
Linda Lasley, 1985
Gerald Coffey, 1987
Louis Lentsch, Past Parent
Dale Lotzer, Past Parent
Anthony Reiter, Past Parent
Virginia Schubert, Parish Member
Cathy Schultz, Parish Member

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

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OF THE PAST

HIGH SCHOOL CHESS CLUB

Our Lower School isn't alone in banding together a group of Aggies to challenge each other in chess matches over the years. If you crack open the 1971 and 1972 yearbooks, you'll catch the first glimpses of a few of our high schoolers who formed a chess club of their own! Though it appears the club went on hiatus for the remainder of that decade, several more iterations of Saint Agnes High's Chess Club popped up in the following

decades, with one still active to this day. One such noteworthy reassembly of Aggie chess enthusiasts can be found in the 1986 yearbook, which marked the return of the chess club, noting it as "new" to Saint Agnes, and that the team was "small," as well as offering this timeless description of the club: "Where can you find 'hot and complex action?' A fun and competitive game which requires fast thinking and analysis? A game for the serious student? The CHESS CLUB is the answer."



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