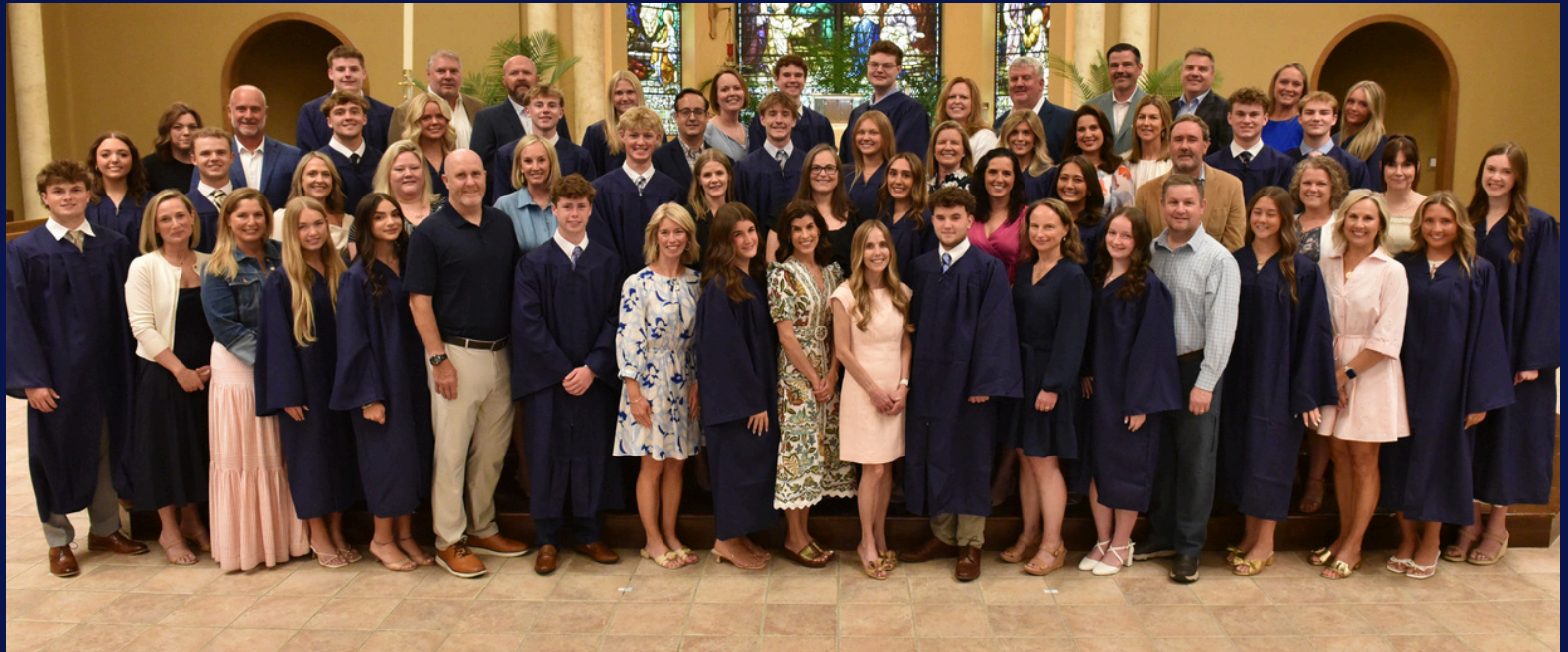


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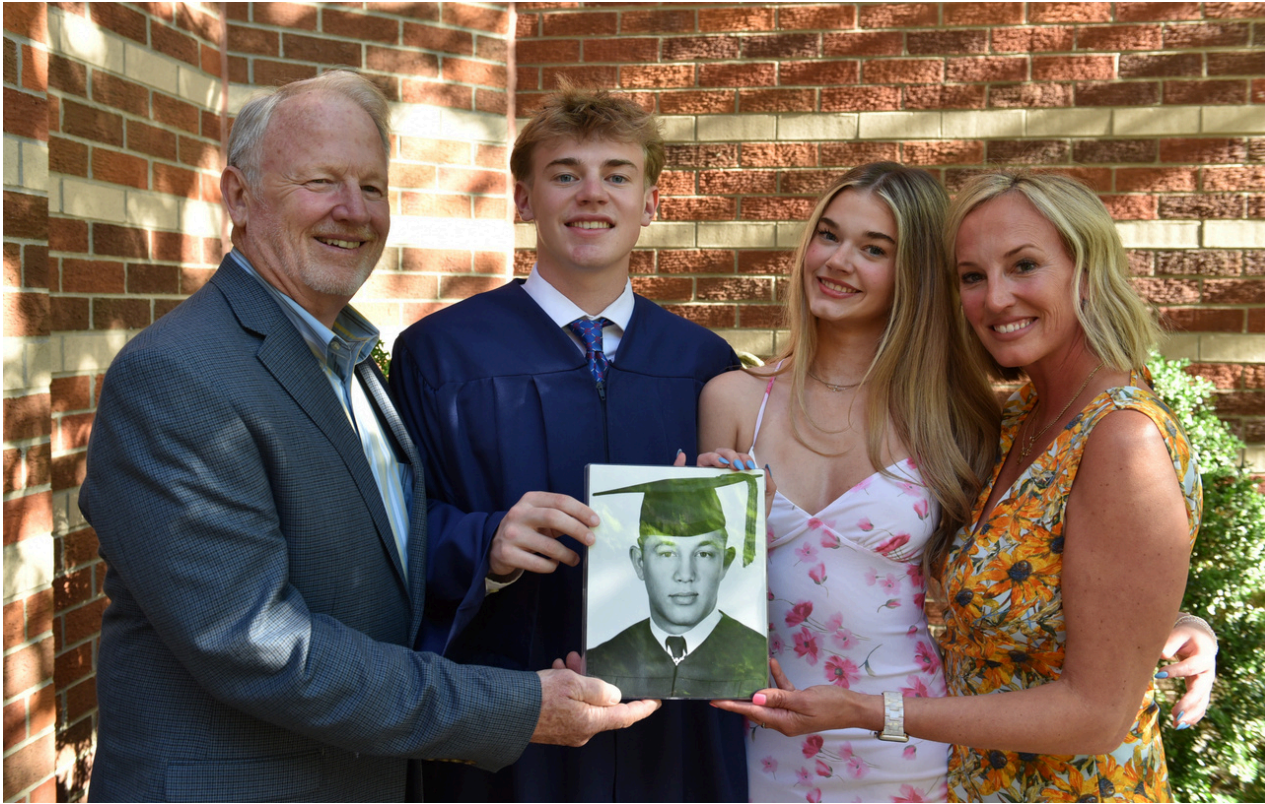


The Legacy Lives On: 36 Alumni Parents

For 36 alumni parents, this graduation carries a meaning that reaches far beyond the present moment. Years ago, they sat in these same seats, walked these same halls, wore the same colors, and celebrated the same milestone as members of the Saint Thomas Aquinas family. Now, with hearts full of pride and gratitude, they watch their own children cross the stage where their own stories once began.

The memories of friendships, faith, traditions, and moments that shaped them come rushing back, now seen through the eyes of the next generation. What once felt like their chapter has become part of something even greater, a legacy continued. It is a powerful reminder that the Saint experience does not end at graduation. It lives on through families, through generations, and through the enduring spirit of what it means to be a Saint.

Four generations. Countless memories. One beautiful legacy.



William Nachbar, '47, and Bill Nachbar, '75, once walked the halls of St. Joe before its doors closed and a new chapter began with the founding of Saint Thomas Aquinas. Years later, Darcie Nachbar Bertholf, '00, and now her son, Will Bertholf, '26, would walk the halls of Aquinas carrying that same family legacy forward. Will's sister, Ellie, '28, is pictured alongside mom and grandpa!

While the buildings may have changed, the heart behind them never did. The values, the faith, the friendships, and the sense of family that shaped generations of Streaks and Saints continue to live on through the Nachbar family story.

There is something incredibly meaningful about seeing four generations connected through one shared experience. Different schools. Different eras. Yet the same spirit remains. A spirit rooted in tradition, community, and a love for the place so many proudly call home.

This is what Saint Thomas Aquinas is all about. A legacy that continues long after graduation and continues to bring generations together.

Pink Out: Kate Maese



What a beautiful day of witnessing God's love in action.

The Saints community rallied together in support of the Maese family, raising over \$25,000 to support their Catholic education at Holy Spirit. What began as a Pink Out became so much more, a powerful reminder of what happens when a community comes together with faith, compassion, and love at the center.

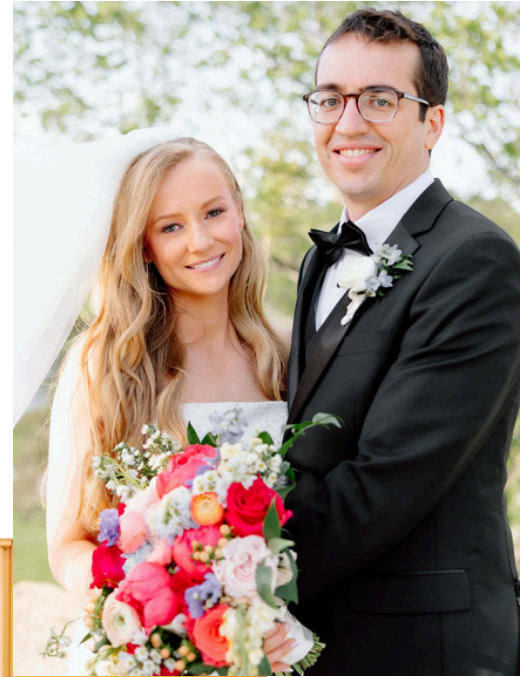
Every athlete walked side by side playing for someone they know and love who has battled cancer. Behind every jersey was a story, a loved one, a fight, and a reason to play with purpose.

A special moment of the day came as Kate was joined by her brother *Scott Cornell and his wife Jean Owens Cornell, Class of 2000*, standing with her in support as they watched their nephew and nieces throw out the first pitch for each game. It was a powerful reminder of family, legacy, and presence in the moments that matter most.

The day was filled with joy, support, prayer, and countless moments that reminded us what it truly means to be Saints. We are endlessly grateful to everyone who donated, showed up, wore pink, prayed, and stood beside the Maese family.

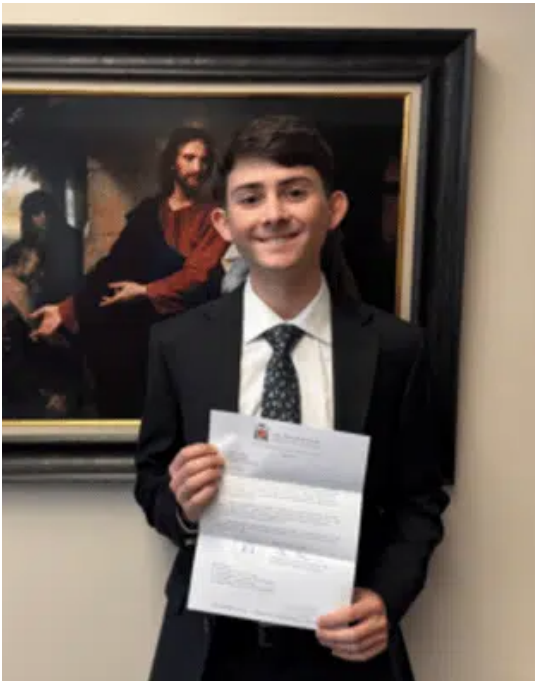
Together, we witnessed the strength of community and the power of love.

Alumni Marrying Alumni



What began years ago in the halls of Saint Thomas Aquinas came full circle this spring as Joe Andrews '12 and Mallory Johnson '12 were married at Ascension Catholic Church with Fr. Colm serving as celebrant. Though the two spent four years together in Mr. Farnan's STA Period and even traveled on the senior pilgrimage to Rome, they did not truly connect until reuniting in the fall of 2023. Their wedding marked a joyful milestone as the first marriage in the Andrews family, celebrated alongside a community filled with fellow Saints, Ravens, and Wildcats.

Saints enter the Seminary



Matthew Fortino, '25, has been accepted by Archbishop McKnight as a seminarian for the archdiocese. He will be applying to Conception Seminary College in Conception, Missouri, to begin formation this August. Be proud of Matthew and his openness to God's plan for his life.

Please support Matthew with your words of encouragement and prayers. It is important for us to show our enthusiasm for our new seminarians, while asking God to always give them interior freedom to know His will.



Matthew Garcia, '26, was given a blessing by Father Colm as he will go into the Seminary after High School.

Support the Saints Community Fund



Supporting the Saints Community Fund helps provide students with a truly whole experience rooted in faith, learning, service, athletics, and community. Every gift creates opportunities that allow students to grow both inside and outside the classroom through academics, fine arts, campus ministry, athletics, and student life. Your support helps ensure every Saint has the chance to discover their gifts, build lasting relationships, and experience all that makes our community so special.

As an added opportunity, donors will have the chance to win tickets to the FIFA Quarterfinal. These exclusive FIFA VIP seats were generously donated by KC Region Venue Medical Director, Kirk McCullough, '97.

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