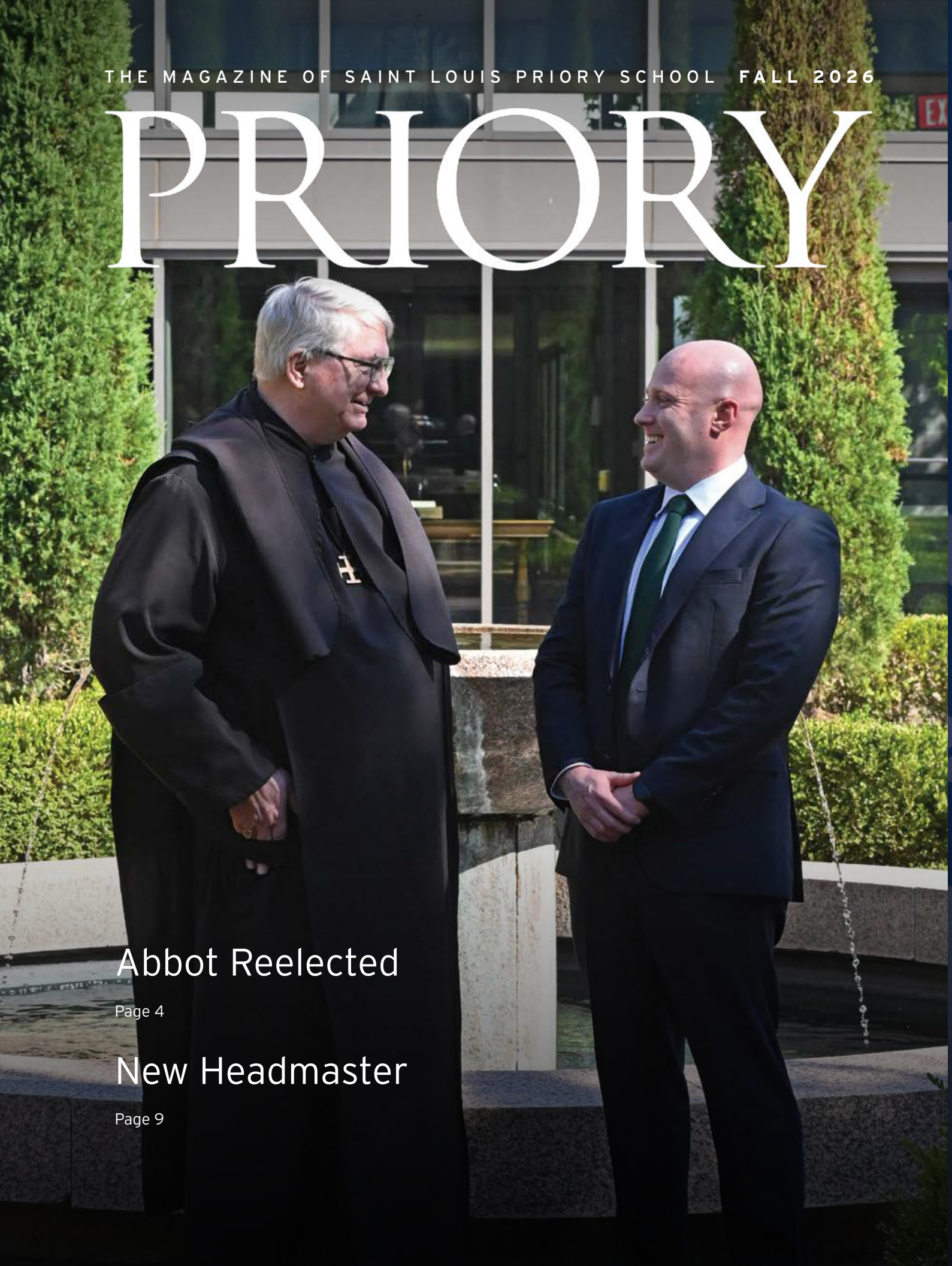
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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Friends of Priory,

We have started another year at Priory, and the campus has come alive again. We welcome more than 80 new students including a full class of Form A (sixth grade) students in just our second year for the program. We also have a great group of new Form I and Form III students and a few in Form II and Form V joining our Priory family as well.

The summer brought exciting news that Mr. Josh Dixon was selected as our next Headmaster and Abbot Gregory was reelected as Abbot. The excitement and energy is palpable as I walk around campus. Great things are happening at Priory and the Abbey, and you'll learn about some of them as you read this issue of *Priory Magazine*.

During this fall term, Mr. Dixon and I are working closely together to ensure a smooth transition to his role as Headmaster. He will take over at the beginning of the Winter term in early November.

I have greatly enjoyed my time as Headmaster, and I am amazed at the strong community that the Priory family shares. As I've had a chance to spend time with our students, parents, alumni, and other friends of Priory, it's clear the impact Priory and the Abbey have on people's lives. Your commitment to our community deepens our connections and ensures our great tradition continues.

I hope that in the coming year, you find new ways of staying in touch with us. You are always welcome at athletic events, theater productions, vocal music concerts, and other school events. If you live away from St. Louis and find yourself back in town, we look forward to having you visit campus.

We've also worked hard over the last couple of years to use our social media to give you more of a glimpse into day-to-day life at the school and monastery. Please share your stories of the impact Priory has had on you. We love celebrating your successes and achievements!

Thank you again for everything you do for our school, and thank you for being a part of our community.

Laus Tibi Domine,

Dr. Scott Welz
Headmaster



Monks Reelect **Abbot Gregory** to Second Term

A Renewed Commitment to Benedictine Leadership

The joyous pealing of the five large bells stationed in the central tower of the iconic Saint Louis Abbey Church on June 8, 2026, was a counterpoint to the dreary skies, persistent morning rain, and occasional rumbles of thunder.

Beginning at 10:18 a.m. and continuing for several minutes, the bell ringing signaled to all within earshot that the monastic community of Saint Louis Abbey had elected an abbot, and that a public prayer service was about to begin.



^ Abbot Gregory teaching

Eight years prior, the community's solemnly professed monks had chosen then-Father Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B., '76, to serve as the monastery's third abbot. Now, on a rainy late spring Monday morning, the monks had reelected him to a second eight-year term of leadership.

The weather was much the same 50 years and 10 days earlier—on May 29, 1976—when Mohrman and 40 of his classmates graduated from Saint Louis Priory School. Because of rain, that day's planned outdoor commencement ceremony was moved inside what was then known as the Priory Church.

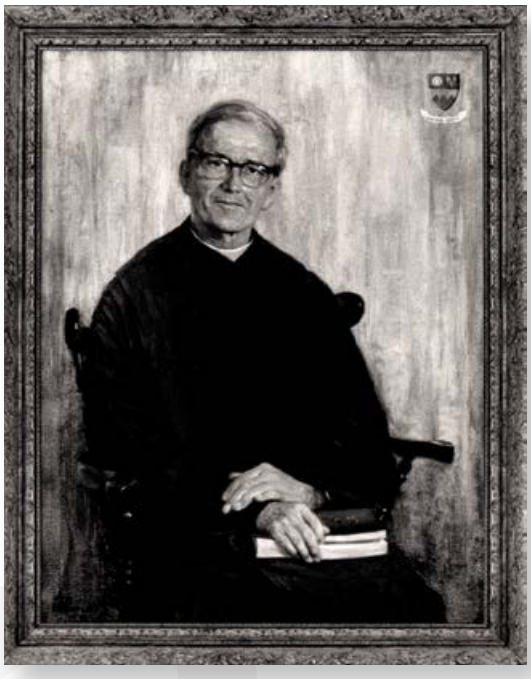
"I Would Not Have Believed You"

"Fifty years ago," Abbot Gregory says today, "if you had told me I was going to be abbot of the monastery, I would not have believed you."

Even so, his family's connection to the English Benedictine community in St. Louis had begun when the future abbot was just a young child. By the time of his Priory graduation, Mohrman already had made the decision to enter the monastic life.

First, however, he kept a promise to his father by matriculating at the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned an English degree.

He officially joined the monks of then-Saint Louis Priory in 1979.



< Abbot Luke Rigby, O.S.B., portrait

The 1970s were "a very different world than 2026," reflects Abbot Gregory, who will turn 69 in October. "But through it all, the thing that stays the same is the monastic life, and that's what I was attracted to."

"It's gone by very quickly," he says, and then he smiles. "But old people always say that."

Influence of Abbot Luke

As a young monk, Abbot Gregory was especially influenced by the late Abbot Luke Rigby, O.S.B., "because my formation occurred under his direction," he says.

In 1955, then-Father Luke was one of the three founding monks who traveled from Ampleforth Abbey in North Yorkshire, England, to establish a priory with a school.

Rigby was appointed the St. Louis monastery's prior in 1967. When Saint Louis Priory was granted its independence from Ampleforth in 1973, the local monastic community elected him to continue in the role. Then, when the priory was elevated to abbey status in 1989, the monks chose Rigby to be their first abbot. He served as the monastery's abbot until 1995 and died in 2012.

Citing Abbot Luke's pastoral nature with his monks, Abbot Gregory says he finds his own ministry similarly directed.

"The Rule of St. Benedict identifies the abbot's primary role as the father of the monastery,"

Abbot Gregory says, "to teach the monks in the sense of helping them grow spiritually in their monastic life: in faith, in the contemplative life of prayer, and in fraternal unity."

He says Abbot Luke likewise "deeply embraced his mission and ministry to the Abbey family pastorally."

"I often catch myself seeing what I'm doing as in Abbot Luke's footsteps, very much so," Abbot Gregory says.

The Joy of Teaching

Just as during the first term of his abbacy, Abbot Gregory plans to continue teaching theology to Priory's Form VI seniors during the 2026-27 academic year.

"I always had a desire to be a teacher," the abbot says. "The fact that I've been able to be a teacher all these years has been a great joy for me."

"I love it, and I have fun doing it," he says. "Next to saying Mass and praying the Divine Office, to be in the classroom and teach is the greatest joy of my day. It's just personally very gratifying and enjoyable."

Though busy in his abbatial role, Abbot Gregory says teaching "keeps me connected to the school."

"I think it's a good thing for the students in the school to see the abbot in the classroom, teaching," he says.



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– **Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B., '76**

Prayer for Vocations

While Saint Louis Abbey recently accepted a monastic novice, Abbot Gregory recognizes that the overall number of monks in the monastery has been in decline.

"We've had some significant deaths in the community," he says, noting the passing since 2020 of Father Dominic Lenk, O.S.B., Brother Symeon Gillette, O.S.B., Brother Mark Kammerer, O.S.B., and Father Paul Kidner, O.S.B.

Three more local monks transferred their monastic allegiance to Portsmouth Abbey in Rhode Island in 2021 as part of a sustainability partnership between Portsmouth and Saint Louis Abbey. Portsmouth's Abbot Michael Brunner, O.S.B., is a former monk of Saint Louis Abbey.

"Our numbers are down, and that's a concern," Abbot Gregory affirms. "Moving forward, it's important for me to try to support each of the monks as best I can in their individual search for God and pursuing the monastic life, when particularly there's a challenge of our reduced numbers but the same demands of external work. How do we balance those two things?"

The abbot encourages the Abbey family to pray for vocations to the priesthood and monastic life.

"Praying is the most important thing," he says. "The community prays for vocations every Sunday from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. before the Blessed Sacrament in the Abbey Church."

Members of the Abbey family are welcome to pray with the monks each week, the abbot says. "Showing up not only shows your support for our efforts toward vocations, but the presence of people praying together for that intention is powerful."

Abbot Gregory says an updated monastic website more focused on vocations is drawing attention from prospective candidates.

"If people know young men—or even not-so-young men—who seem to be searching for something like our way of life, encourage them to get in touch with us," he says.

Vision for the Future

When then-Father Gregory was first elected abbot in 2018, he already had served as monastic prior and school headmaster for lengthy periods of time.

> Abbot Gregory celebrating Mass





"Coming into the abbacy," Abbot Gregory says, "my focus was to foster the Benedictine character of the school and to find ways for the school to enter more deeply into Benedictine spirituality."

Priory has seen significant developments over the last few years, the abbot observes.

In addition to substantial building renovations, he says, "We renovated our governance structure. We added a sixth grade. We entered into this period where, for the first time, we have non-monks as headmasters."

As abbot, he says, "My main goal is to support the school going forward – particularly with the lay headmaster, to help him as much as I can, focused on formation in Benedictine spirituality and ethos."

Perhaps more than most, Abbot Gregory understands the critical importance of that continuing formation – and how closely it aligns with Priory's mission.

"God founded this place in 1955 through the agency of a group of men and women here in St. Louis and the monks of Ampleforth Abbey," the abbot says. "God's spirit animated them to come together to form a partnership that would create this place."

"That partnership has continued over all these years and developed in different ways depending on the circumstances of the world as we find it," he notes. "But it remains today as the fundamental characteristic of this place – one that is distinctive, if not unique, among Benedictine monasteries that I'm aware of because it was, from its very beginning, a partnership between laypeople and monks."

"Because I've lived it my entire life," Abbot Gregory continues, "I feel that I have a wonderful internalization of what that's about and what it's meant to be for the people who are part of the Abbey family, whether they are students, alums, parents, past parents, or monks."

"What I'm called to do in these next few years as abbot is to foster that partnership for the good of both the monastic community and the Abbey family," he says, "by helping all of us to renew our experience of, and faith in, that fundamental original vision."



∧ The founding monks of Priory who came from Ampleforth Abbey, Father Timothy Horner, O.S.B., Father Columba Cary-Elwes, O.S.B., and Abbot Luke Rigby, O.S.B.

"PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"

THE ABBATIAL ELECTION PROCESS



^ The monks of Saint Louis Abbey after Abbot Gregory was reelected

Every eight years the monastic community of Saint Louis Abbey elects its new abbot. This year, the solemnly professed monks engaged in a six-month process of discernment and scrutiny before ultimately casting their votes on June 8.

Beginning in January, the community participated in a series of meetings facilitated by a priest from outside the monastery. To encourage free and open conversation among the participants, Abbot Gregory did not attend these sessions.

On Sunday, June 7, the monks gathered to "scrutinize" abbatial candidates. Like a papal conclave, the entire election process is strictly private and confidential.

Following the community's celebration of Mass for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi that morning, Abbot Gregory submitted his resignation as abbot to visiting Abbot-President Christopher Jamison, O.S.B., the head of the English Benedictine Congregation of which Saint Louis Abbey is a member. As Abbot Gregory handed him his abbot's ring and pectoral cross, the abbot-president temporarily became the superior of the community for the duration of the election.

Next, the voting monks gathered – again without Abbot Gregory – to submit names for scrutiny. Nominated candidates could be from outside Saint Louis Abbey, but Congregation rules require them to be a monk-priest in solemn vows for at least 10 years.

For each nominee from Saint Louis Abbey, the candidate — who had to consent to his own nomination — was asked to leave the room so the remaining monks could discuss his qualities, strengths, and suitability based on the community's needs. Congregation rules do not permit nominated candidates to campaign or speak to the broader group about themselves.

"I think people feel a presence of the Holy Spirit in the process," Abbot Gregory says. "The idea is that you're trying to discern what God wants; it's not really about your preference."

Following Monday morning Mass, the election was held by secret ballot with no further discussion. Nominated candidates could not vote for themselves. The solemnly professed monks of Saint Louis Abbey placed their ballots into a decades-old, gray-painted Maxwell House coffee can that dates to the days of Abbot Luke.

After all voting concluded, three monks and the Abbot President counted the ballots. For the first five voting rounds, a two-thirds majority is required to elect an abbot; after that, the abbot is chosen by simple majority.

Upon tabulating the ballots, the Abbot President announced that Abbot Gregory was elected and asked him if he accepted. Abbot Gregory indicated his acceptance and received back his pectoral cross and abbot's ring.

Shortly thereafter, as the Abbey Church's bells rang out, the entire monastic community processed into the church for a short prayer service, during which each monk kissed Abbot Gregory's ring and embraced him. Immediately following the prayer service, the community prayed before an image of the Blessed Mother.

Monastic Leaders

Prior Columba Cary-Elwes, O.S.B.	1955-1967
Prior Luke Rigby, O.S.B.	1967-1989
Abbot Luke Rigby, O.S.B.	1989-1995
Abbot Thomas Frerking, O.S.B.	1995-2018
Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B., '76	2018-2034 (anticipated)

Joshua Dixon Named Next Headmaster of Saint Louis Priory School



Josh Dixon will become Headmaster of Saint Louis Priory School on November 9, following his selection by the monks of Saint Louis Abbey and the Board of Governors after what Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B., '76 described as a "thoughtful and prayerful discernment process."

Dixon has been a member of the Priory community since 2022 and currently serves as Director of the Lower Forms. During his time at Priory, he has earned the respect of students, faculty, and families through his commitment to the school's Benedictine mission and his leadership in both academics and student formation.

"Josh has distinguished himself not only as an exceptional educator and administrator, but also as a man deeply committed to the mission and values that define Priory," Abbot Gregory said in announcing the appointment. "His leadership has reflected a genuine love for our students, a respect for our Benedictine tradition, and a clear understanding of the unique formation that a Priory education provides."

Before joining Priory, Dixon followed a distinctive path in Catholic education. He attended St. Benet's Hall, Oxford, run by the monks of Ampleforth, reading theology and excelling in his studies.

After Oxford, Dixon entered the seminary for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, undertaking pastoral ministry for one year prior. He also studied at the Venerable English College in Rome where he earned his bachelor of arts degree in philosophy. Having discerned the call to lay ministry, Dixon served in several leadership roles at a Catholic school in Liverpool, England.

His experience includes teaching theology, philosophy, and history. He also contributed to the broader life of the school community as a counselor, helping students gain places at Oxford, Cambridge, and other elite higher education institutions in his role as director of the school's Honors Program. Simultaneously, Dixon served in political life, being elected as a local Councillor for the Borough of Warrington, where he served on several committees and took an active lead in community life.

Since arriving at Priory, Dixon has held several key leadership positions in the school. He began as Form Master for Form II before becoming Director of the Lower Forms, where he helped strengthen the school's transition program for younger students while fostering stronger connections between upper and lower forms.

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>
> – **Josh Dixon**, Incoming Headmaster

He has been very active in forming the boys, mentoring them in mind, body, and spirit such as coaching them in both soccer and cross country.

Beyond the classroom, Dixon established the popular Summer Language Courses for Adults, the student spring break Rome trip, attends retreats regularly, and successfully relaunched the school's summer camp, now known as Abbey Oaks. Additionally, Dixon oversaw a renewal of Priory's distinguished Mock Trial Program, which now regularly competes at State and fielded a record four teams in 2025–26.



"The mission and the most important work we do at Priory is helping the boys flourish, develop, and reach their full potential as children of God, whatever their unique personalities and talents," says Dixon. "This has been my core driver since joining our extraordinary school. I will always keep this as my guiding principle in my time as Headmaster. It is a true honor, privilege, and humbling gift to have been chosen as the first lay Headmaster for such a special and beloved school, so rich in history and clear in its mission."

He continued, "I very much look forward to the adventure ahead and leading Priory in a spirit of joy, creativity, and authentic service. I want to personally thank Abbot Gregory, the monastic community, and the Board of Governors for putting their trust in me at this significant moment for Priory."

Dixon holds bachelor's and master's degrees in theology from the University of Oxford and a degree in philosophy from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. In his spare time, he enjoys running, traveling, and all things Italian. As Dixon prepares for his new role, the Priory community looks forward to a fresh chapter of leadership rooted in the school's enduring Benedictine tradition and commitment to educating young men in faith, scholarship, and lifelong service.

BEYOND THE GAME

David Sadasivam '22 on Athletics, Academics, and Faith

From Priory to two Division I lacrosse programs, Sadasivam learned that the pursuit of excellence requires discipline. But true success means keeping athletics and academics in their proper place.

Playing a sport at the collegiate level is a special accomplishment, whether Division I, II, III, NAIA or junior college. But for the small percentage of high school athletes who reach Division I, the experience can be especially demanding. David Sadasivam '22 knows that firsthand, having played lacrosse at two Division I universities: Hampton University and Villanova University.

At Priory, Sadasivam participated in cross country, wrestling, hockey, lacrosse, and football during his junior school years. Once he entered high school, he focused primarily on football and lacrosse.

"I am not sure I would have played lacrosse without the 100% athletic participation," Sadasivam says. "One of the benefits of the 100% requirement is that I did not feel self-conscious about my lack of experience because many of my classmates were also new to the sport."

Coach Tyler Orf helped Sadasivam develop the fundamentals, particularly at goalie, a position that did not come naturally.

"I remember at one point it seemed every pass I was throwing was going straight into the ground," Sadasivam reflected. "Coach Orf told me to look into the sky and pick a cloud to aim for. I am not sure if this led to more completions on my part, but it certainly solved the issue of throwing into the ground."



> Sadasivam at Villanova University

"Oftentimes obsession is necessary to reach the pinnacle of earthly success, **but we should not be obsessed with anything but God.**"

– **David Sadasivam '22**

While lacrosse demanded significant time and effort, Sadasivam never lost sight of academics. He was named a USA Lacrosse Academic All-American, a 2022 St. Louis Post-Dispatch Scholar Athlete, and a National Merit Finalist. He credits his father with establishing a strong academic foundation and says the discipline required for lacrosse ultimately helped him in the classroom.

"My drive to practice lacrosse helped me academically because it forced me to stay on top of my assignments and finish them efficiently so I would have time to practice," he says. "A lot of it also came down to my pride and the expectations I set for myself. I would not allow myself to get a B, and the work or effort it took to get the grade I desired did not matter."



< David Sadasivam '22 senior portrait

Sadasivam also found that lacrosse taught him something academics had not.

"Lacrosse did not come easy to me at all," he says. "In fact, what drew me to lacrosse, and the goalie position in particular, was the difficulty of it. How unnatural it could feel at times."

He eventually committed to Hampton University as a preferred walk-on, where he studied electrical engineering. After seeing limited action as a freshman, Sadasivam started 13 games in goal as a sophomore, recording 151 saves in 593:24 minutes.

"I knew I put in the work to compete at the Division I level, so starting was my expectation," he says.

After two years at Hampton, however, Sadasivam began to feel that he was sacrificing too much academically for lacrosse. He decided to transfer, ultimately choosing Villanova because it offered the academic rigor he wanted while allowing him to remain part of a Division I program.

"I wanted a school where I would have the opportunity to play lacrosse, and I chose Villanova because I would be happy there even if I did not play," he says. "The ability to be a part of the lacrosse program was a huge bonus and great experience."

Although he played in just one game during his two years at Villanova, Sadasivam embraced his role as a contributor in practice and was named Scout Team Defensive Player of the Year as a senior.

"I am glad I was able to recognize my role as more of a team guy and practice contributor and give my all in this role to help the team win," he says.

His experiences at Hampton and Villanova pushed him athletically, academically, and spiritually. Competing daily against some of the best players in the country challenged him to grow as an athlete, while his Priory education provided a strong academic foundation.

"At Priory, academics are the main focus, yet in college, athletics becomes a job of its own," he says. "Priory was more rigorous academically for me than college. At Priory, the days were longer, the coursework heavier, and the students



I was competing with were much smarter, which encouraged me to aim for higher marks."

His spiritual growth took a different path. At Villanova, Sadasivam appreciated the opportunity to attend student Mass, regular confession and weekly adoration, as well as theology courses that were part of the core curriculum.

Looking back, Sadasivam says his greatest lessons came not from winning or losing, but from understanding what should ultimately guide his pursuits.

His advice to younger Priory students who aspire to compete at the Division I level is straightforward: Where am I now? Where do I want to be? What am I willing to do to get there?

"If you aren't willing to do what it takes to get to where you want to be, forget your goal and do not act upset when somebody else achieves it," he says. "If you are willing, make a plan to achieve your goal and stick to it until you accomplish it."

But he offers an even more important piece of advice: never neglect your spiritual life.

"Athletics and academics are good, but they are not The Good," Sadasivam says. "I would certainly say in my athletic career, I created an idol out of athletic success and would push myself to great lengths in this area while putting forth minimal effort in my relationship with God."

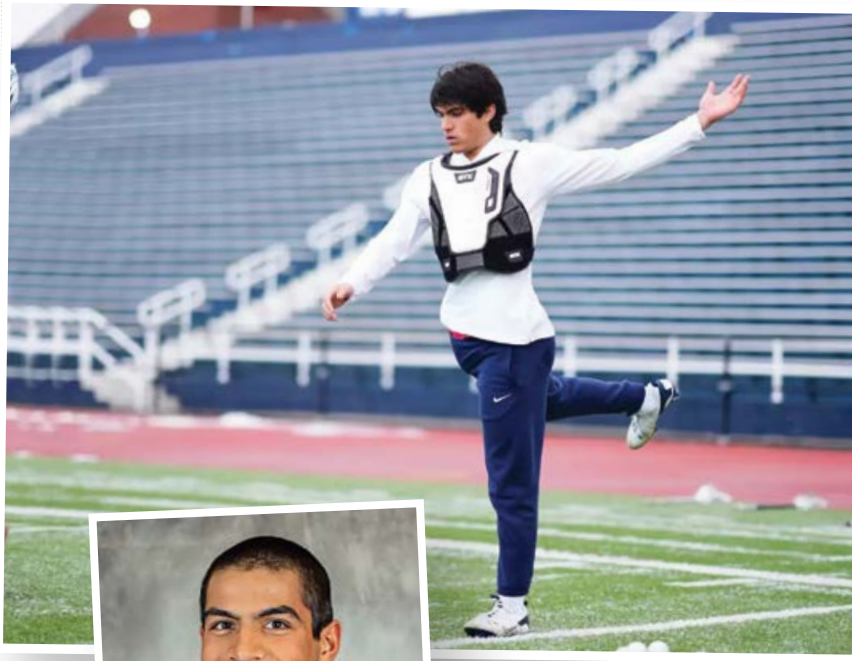
Today, he sees his accomplishments differently.

"It is good to pursue excellence in these areas, but it should be done with the intention of pleasing God by using the gifts he has given us," he says. "Instead of waking up early to practice, wake up early to pray; don't just watch film, read the lives of Saints."

His final lesson may be the most important one of all:

"Oftentimes obsession is necessary to reach the pinnacle of earthly success, but we should not be obsessed with anything but God."

That perspective may ultimately be Sadasivam's greatest accomplishment: not simply reaching the Division I level but learning where that achievement belongs in a life well lived.





Sadasivam at Hampton University

WELCOME
STUDENTS

81

New students

101

Different feeder schools from all forms

17

Scholarships awarded across three forms

49

ZIP codes represented from all forms

25%

Students from all forms have an alumnus connection (sibling, father, grandfather, or uncle)



Form A students with Headmaster Dr. Scott Welz



Form I new students with Headmaster Dr. Scott Welz



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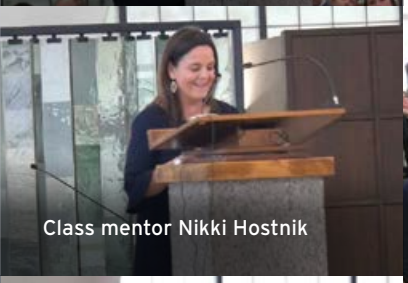
Priory's Class of 2026 celebrated graduation on May 17 in the Saint Louis Abbey Church. Students, their families, faculty, and staff enjoyed the beautiful sunny day as 42 students became graduates and a part of a robust alumni group.

Speakers included faculty member and Class Mentor **Nikki Hostnik** and valedictorian **Samuel Palka**. Palka is a freshman at Boston College as a Gabelli Scholar, awarded to only 18 students globally. **Ryan Willard**, who is attending Creighton University, addressed the crowd as the recipient of the Claude I. Bakewell Jr. '61 Memorial Award.

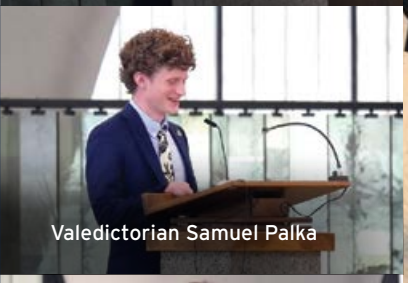
Headmaster Dr. Scott Welz, along with **Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B., '76**, handed out diplomas to the graduates.



Headmaster Dr. Scott Welz



Class mentor Nikki Hostnik



Valedictorian Samuel Palka



Ryan Willard, Claude I. Bakewell, Jr. '61 Memorial Award winner



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Honoree: Director of College Counseling **Nikki Hostnik**

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Tony Finan,
Nikki Hostnik,
John Mohrmann,
and Jan Poth



Matriculation List

The 42 members of the Class of 2026 are attending the following schools as freshmen for their 2026-27 school year:

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Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Clemson University*
College of William and Mary
Columbia University
Creighton University*
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Georgia Institute of Technology
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Chilean exchange students with Headmaster Dr. Scott Welz

Priory Welcomes Chilean Exchange Students

For the fourth consecutive year, the Priory community welcomed students from Chile who joined the Form IV class as exchange students for the fall trimester.



Tony Finan pictured with his grandson and Ondray Wells Jr. '85 at his retirement party

Thank You

Thank you, Tony Finan, for your 44 years of service to Priory.

New Faculty and Staff



Daphne Benzaquen is Priory's new campus merchandise manager. She is an entrepreneur, brand strategist, and merchandising professional with more than 15 years of experience. Previously, she started her own consumer brand, advised businesses on branding and product strategy, and mentored entrepreneurs through innovation programs. She is passionate about creating memorable retail experiences that build school pride and strengthen community.

Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her husband and young son, playing tennis, and tackling creative projects, from crafting personalized gifts to designing memorable celebrations. She earned her master's degree from the Olin Business School at Washington University in St. Louis.



Chris Boemler is Priory's new vocal music teacher. He brings 14 years of combined experience teaching choir, applied voice, music theory, and piano in the Jackson R-2 and Festus R-6 school districts, the St. Louis Children's Choirs, Meramec College, and Southwestern Illinois College. He is also a sought-after collaborative pianist and vocalist, regularly performing with the No-Name Chorale of Belleville and Continuum Vocal Ensemble.

Boemler earned degrees in vocal and instrumental music education from Missouri State University and a master's degree in music education from VanderCook School of Music in Chicago. He lives in South St. Louis County with his wife, Laura, and their two children, Nora and Brooks.



Leah Chartrand joins Priory as a science teacher with 15 years of experience in education. Before coming to Priory, she taught high school science for 10 years before serving as the director of education for a local nonprofit. She is excited to be part of the Priory community and to share her passion for science with her students.

Outside of teaching, Chartrand enjoys reading, traveling, playing and coaching sports, watching sports, and spending time with her husband and two sons.



Dan Dorsey joins Priory as a math teacher with 30 years of teaching in public schools, including the past seven years at Clayton High School and 23 years at Lindbergh Schools. He spent 21 summers teaching mathematics through St. Louis University High School's Upward Bound 8 program. He enjoys the challenge of making mathematics interesting and engaging for students and looks forward to growing in his relationship with the Lord alongside the Priory community.

Outside of school, Dorsey enjoys exercising, reading, and spending time with his wife, Angie, and their seven children. He earned a bachelor's degree in applied mathematics and a master's degree in education administration from the University of Missouri–St. Louis.



Carmen Gruchalla joins Priory as a French teacher with 19 years of teaching and leadership experience in independent and higher education, most recently at Chaminade and Saint Louis University. She is passionate about fostering a love of the French language and culture while supporting each student's pursuit of excellence.

Outside of school, Gruchalla enjoys traveling, cooking, spending time with family and friends, and cheering on the St. Louis Cardinals and St. Louis Blues. She earned a bachelor's degree in French studies from Truman State University and a master's degree in French language and literature from Saint Louis University.



Austin Hillebrandt '18 joins Priory as a Python, social studies, and theology teacher. He is no stranger to Priory, having graduated in 2018. After college, Hillebrandt worked for The Aerospace Corporation, completing contracts for the United States Space Force and briefing senior U.S. officials. He is excited to return to Priory and share his knowledge of foreign policy, history, and government with students. He will also serve as a mentor for the robotics team and help coach wrestling.

Hillebrandt earned a bachelor's degree in government and religious studies from William & Mary and a master's degree in international affairs.



Brady Lisec joins Priory full time as our athletic trainer employed through Mercy Hospital. He recently graduated from Truman State University, earning a master's degree in athletic training in May 2026 after completing a bachelor's degree in exercise science in 2024. He is excited to work with Priory's student-athletes and coaches to prevent, identify, and treat injuries while supporting the health and well-being of our athletes.

Originally from Kansas City, Lisec enjoys running, baking, and finding good places to eat.



Sofia Mora joins Priory as a math teacher from St. Cecilia Catholic Middle School, where she taught math and science. Prior to teaching at St. Cecilia, she worked with City Year as an AmeriCorps member, where she helped observe and coach teachers.

Mora earned her master's degree through the Billiken Teacher Corps at Saint Louis University. She is excited to bring her experience and passion for education to the Priory community.



Dr. Pamela Skinner joins Priory as a part-time Latin teacher. She taught at the university level before spending nearly 20 years teaching in the Clayton School District, where she retired in June 2024. Since then, she has continued substitute teaching at Clayton and John Burroughs School.

Outside of teaching, Dr. Skinner enjoys taking a variety of classes at the gym and has maintained a 2,500-day streak on Duolingo. She is also a member of reading groups focused on Latin, ancient Greek, and Old English.



Jennifer Swift joins Priory as a math teacher with 32 years of experience, including the past 10 years at Clayton High School. Her experience includes teaching a wide range of mathematics courses, including Algebra I, Geometry, AP Calculus, AP Statistics, and AP Computer Science.

Outside of school, Swift enjoys playing volleyball and pickleball. She and her husband, Matt, have two children who are currently in college.



Chris Welling joins Priory as a social studies teacher. He began his teaching career in 2004 as an adjunct professor at DePaul University and has spent the past 14 years teaching in Jesuit secondary education. His teaching is anchored in the study of history, with an emphasis on American history, political development, institutions, and constitutional thought.

Before entering education, Welling practiced law and worked in regulatory and governmental affairs in Chicago and Washington, D.C. He earned a bachelor's degree, graduating summa cum laude and as a member of Phi Beta Kappa, from Saint Louis University. He received his Juris Doctor from the Saint Louis University School of Law, where he served as managing editor of the Saint Louis University Law Journal, and later earned a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from DePaul University College of Law.



Brian Youngberg joins Priory as assistant athletic director, bringing with him a long history with the school. He's served as an assistant basketball coach at Priory since 2015. He earned his bachelor's degree in sports management from Lindenwood University. Before joining Priory full time, he worked in the UMSL Athletics Department.

He looks forward to becoming even more involved in the Priory community. Outside of work, Youngberg enjoys attending sporting events, country concerts, and playing golf.

PRIORY FACULTY MEMBER ORDAINED

TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The Priory community is celebrating a significant milestone in the life of Deacon Stephen Zaegel, a Priory theology teacher who was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate for the Archdiocese of St. Louis on June 6, 2026.

Since joining Priory in the fall of 2017, Zaegel has become a familiar and valued presence on campus. In addition to teaching theology, he serves as a faculty advisor, coached both baseball and cross country, and moderated the high school Winter Soccer Program.

His dedication to students extends well beyond the classroom, where he is known for building meaningful relationships rooted in faith, encouragement, and service. For the 2026-27 school year, he takes on the role as Form Master for eighth graders.

Zaegel has been a parishioner at St. Joseph-Manchester Catholic Church since 2012 and will now serve there as a permanent deacon. The permanent diaconate is a distinct vocation of ordained ministry within the Catholic Church, focused on serving God's people through the ministries of Word, Liturgy, and Charity.

As a deacon, he will assist the priest during the celebration of Mass, proclaim the Gospel and preach, celebrate baptisms, witness marriages, preside at funeral and burial services outside of Mass, and minister to those in need through a variety of pastoral works. His ministry will also include supporting the bishops and priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis in serving the faithful.

Ordination to the diaconate follows an extensive five-year formation program that combines rigorous academic study with hands-on pastoral experience. Alongside the other members of his cohort, Zaegel studied Sacred Scripture, biblical theology, Church history, Catholic morality, canon law, and the Catechism.

He also received practical formation in preaching, sacramental ministry, pastoral care, and outreach through ministries such as hospital and prison visitation. Throughout the process, the candidates were challenged not only to deepen their theological knowledge, but also to grow spiritually, strengthen their family life, and develop hearts for servant leadership.



ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

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Reflecting on his journey, Zaegel expressed heartfelt gratitude for the many people who supported him along the way. "I have been overjoyed by the outpouring of encouragement from members of the Priory family during the Diaconate formation program. My colleagues, the students, and their families have blessed me with messages of support throughout my time in formation, which I greatly appreciate."

He also shared his appreciation for the steadfast support of his wife and family, the parishioners of St. Joseph-Manchester, and the monks, faculty, staff, students, and parents who prayed for him throughout the formation process.

Director of Lower Forms and Priory's incoming Headmaster Josh Dixon says it's been a privilege working with Zaegel for four years in the Theology Department. "I've witnessed his lived expression of a deep and sincere faith, and I enjoy his humor, kindness, and profound sincerity. He brings a passion for ministry, a deep sense of reverence, and a steady presence to the community. His devotion to the Lord and our Benedictine spirituality helps advance the mission at Priory."

For the Priory community, Zaegel's ordination is a fitting reflection of the school's Benedictine tradition of faith, service, and lifelong learning. Students have had the unique opportunity to witness one of their own teachers discerning and embracing a vocation of service while continuing his daily work of educating young men.

Additionally, Zaegel has spent considerable time serving in the Kairos ministry, offering support and guidance to those in prison. "This vital Christian work lives out Jesus' command to visit those in prison by offering hope and redemption," says Dixon. "I look forward to Stephen's continued thriving at Priory as he enriches our community with his preaching, teaching, coaching, and community presence."

Looking ahead, Zaegel hopes to serve God's people for many years to come and is especially excited about the opportunity to assist at Priory school Masses, bringing together his ministries as both educator and ordained deacon.

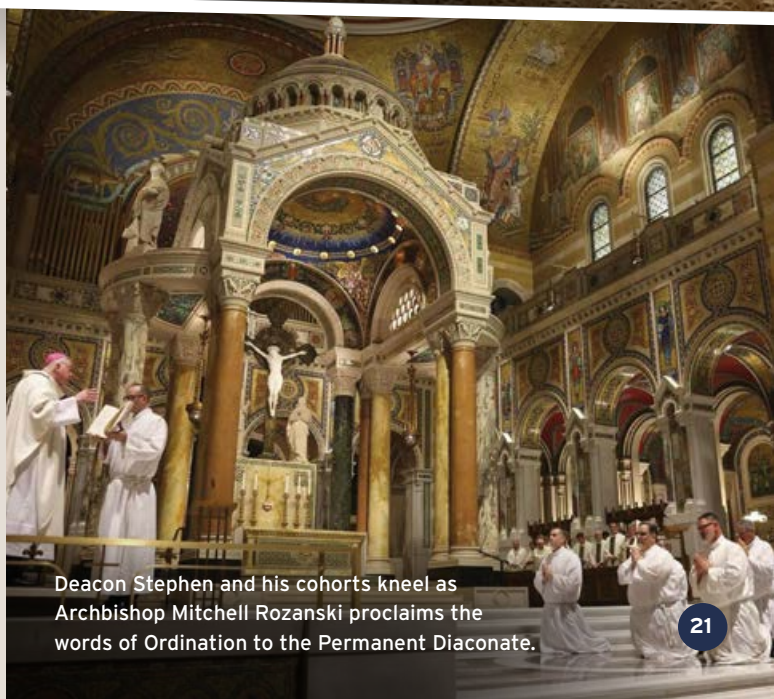
The Priory community congratulates Deacon Stephen on this joyful achievement and asks God's continued blessings on his ministry as he serves both the Church and the students entrusted to his care.



Deacon Stephen kneels before Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski, professing his Promise of Obedience to the Archbishop and his successors.



Deacon Stephen raises the chalice during the Eucharistic Prayer.



Deacon Stephen and his cohorts kneel as Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski proclaims the words of Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate.

From **Passion** to **Purpose**

Jake Drysdale '16 Is Working to Change the Future of Energy

As Mark Twain famously said, "Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." For Jake Drysdale '16, doing something about the environment has been a passion since childhood.

By age 8, while hiking on a family trip in Glacier National Park, he learned that the park's glaciers were expected to disappear within decades. Determined to understand why, he conducted a grade-school science project that included field research, ice experiments, and independent study of renewable energy technologies.

Years later, while living with his family in London, he watched scientists spray a nanotechnology-based solution onto a concrete wall to reduce pollution from car exhaust. The idea stayed with him and eventually became the foundation for his work at Priory.

"As a Catholic and Priory student, my worldview was very much informed by our faith, especially the New Commandment, and reinforced by the powerful daily example of our beloved monks," says Drysdale.

While at Priory, Drysdale founded Nanotech Smart Signs, a company that uses nanotechnology to coat vinyl signs and reduce air pollution through a chemical reaction involving sunlight, oxygen, and moisture. Priory became the company's first customer. After winning a St. Louis-wide entrepreneurial competition, Drysdale used the prize money to purchase equipment and supplies, and Abbot Gregory, O.S.B., '76, who was Headmaster at the time, commissioned him to nanocoat more than a dozen campus signs.



His senior thesis, appropriately titled "Is It Too Late to Act on Climate Change?" explored whether technological advances could mitigate the most severe effects of climate change. His conclusion: It wasn't too late.

Drysdale didn't stop at writing about solutions.

He attended the University of Notre Dame where he studied perovskite solar cells, a class of materials with a unique crystal structure that makes them highly effective at absorbing sunlight and converting it into electricity.

Drysdale spent a month in Kathmandu working with Nepal-based Gham Power to bring solar-powered water pumps to small farmers. The experience inspired him to co-found YeTI Photovoltaic with his father, helping farmers access Gham Power's solar technology.

"While working in Nepal, I experienced in a personal and profound way the power of solar to improve lives," Drysdale says.

Today, YeTI continues that mission. The organization has helped provide solar water pumps to micro-farmers in Nepal, increasing crop yields and family incomes. More recently, YeTI helped fund a community solar array in Montana to offset energy costs for income-qualifying families.

Drysdale's work bridges two goals: using existing solar technology to improve lives today while developing next-generation technologies that could expand access to clean, affordable energy tomorrow.

From a young boy fascinated by melting glaciers to an entrepreneur working to make renewable energy more accessible, Drysdale continues to do more than talk about the future. He's working to build it.

SAINT LOUIS ABBEY JOURNAL

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

As I write this, we just celebrated our opening Mass at Priory, the Red Mass, asking the Holy Spirit to bless all that we do this school year. It is a joyous occasion to welcome back all our returning students, and to welcome for the first time those newcomers to our community.

As I look back on the past year, I am most struck by the impact of Father Dominic Lenk's illness and death. His quiet yet persevering manner was deceptive: I am regularly confronted with some task that he routinely accomplished which now I have to 'cover' with someone else! But obviously, his passing is so much more than simply an inconvenience in workload.

The death of a monk is probably the most significant event in the life of a monastery. In many ways, the whole point of our lives is to die, to enter everlasting life. Even though it's the whole point to our lives, what we aspire to can never be fully accomplished in this life. And so, Father Dominic's passing is really a cause for celebration, and the presence of so many of the Abbey family at his funeral was a beautiful tribute to his many years of quiet yet faithful service to us all.

The death of a monk prompts reflection on our ultimate purpose in being here. The pastoral work that we do is very worthwhile, yet without its spiritual foundation, it becomes empty and fruitless. When a monk dies, we enter a time of deep communion with the Lord, which shows us our deep purpose and our ultimate goal. Thank you to so many of you who entered that experience with us.

As we look forward to this coming year, it is filled with promise and hope for the future. We welcome a new Headmaster and prepare to celebrate Priory's accomplishments in the ISACS accreditation process and visit. In the monastery, God willing, we will celebrate a Simple Profession later this year!

As always, be assured of the monks' continued prayers for you and all your families. May we be for one another the true presence of Christ in this world.

As ever yours in the Lord,

Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B.

Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B., '76



SAINT ANSELM PARISH NEWS

Dear Abbey Family,

Since our last edition of *Priory Magazine*, our parish has enjoyed another active and grace-filled summer. Alongside our regular seasonal activities, we celebrated several exciting initiatives that reflect the faith, generosity, and commitment of our remarkable parish community. We have much to be grateful for and even more to celebrate.

As they do every summer, the youth of our parish inspired us with their enthusiasm for growing in faith. This year, many of our young people participated in camps and conferences that offered opportunities for spiritual growth, fellowship, and fun. The summer began with the **Life Teen Leadership Conference** at Benedictine College for rising juniors and seniors. In July, our high school students traveled to the beautiful mountains of Georgia for **Camp Hidden Lake**, where they encountered Christ through prayer, community, and adventure.

Later in the summer, our middle school students attended the inaugural **Camp Cana** in nearby Ste. Genevieve. In the fall of 2025, Life Teen purchased the property formerly known as Chaumette Winery to address the growing need for Catholic retreat centers in our region.

Saint Anselm Parish also remains steadfast in our commitment to promoting the dignity and sanctity of every human life. We are grateful to share our support for the **Safe Haven Baby Shelter** initiative, which provides a compassionate, life-affirming option for families facing difficult circumstances.



This initiative was made possible through a partnership between our parish and the Northeast Ambulance and Fire Protection District of St. Louis. Safe Haven Baby Shelters are installed within participating fire stations and are specially designed to provide a safe, secure environment for newborns while ensuring they receive immediate care. This collaboration reflects our shared mission to offer hope, protection, and practical assistance while fostering a culture of compassion within our community.

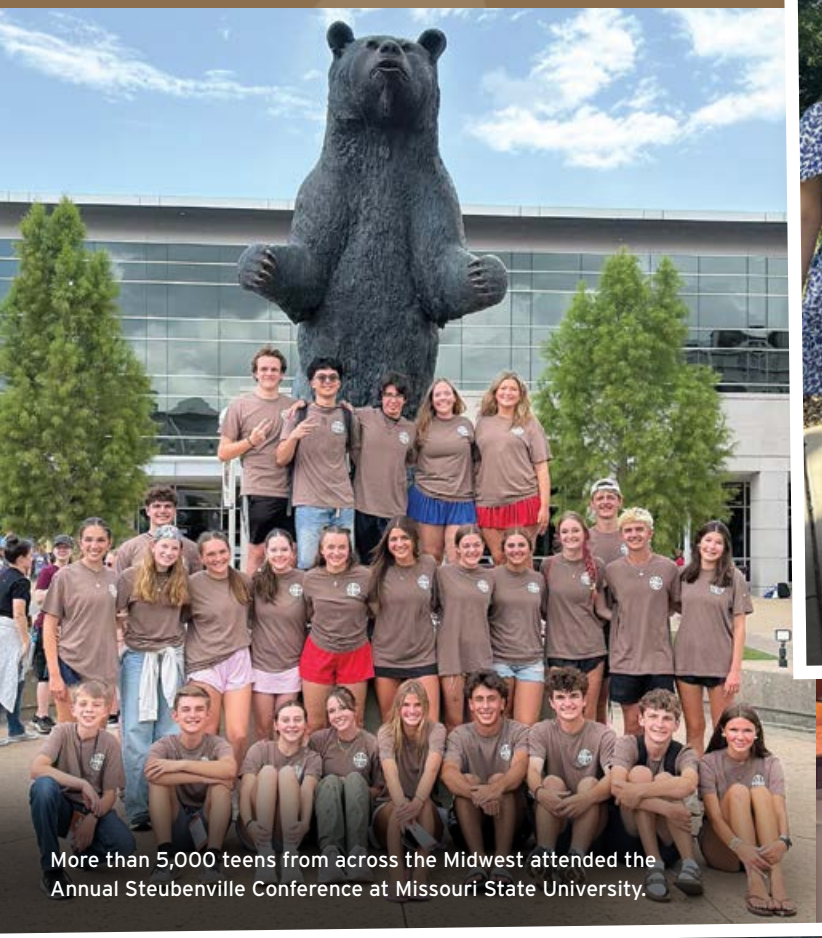
We are also pleased to announce the completion of the **Parish House** renovations. These improvements have created a more welcoming, functional, and comfortable space that will better serve our parish and school communities, as well as the many guests who visit throughout the year. The renovations enhance both the beauty and functionality of the Parish House, ensuring it remains an inviting place for pastoral ministry, meetings, hospitality, and parish and school gatherings for years to come.

As we enter fall, we look forward to another season of faith formation, ministry, fellowship, and outreach. We are also hopeful to begin the next phase of capital improvements for our Parish Center, continuing our commitment to caring for the spaces that support our mission.

Thank you for your continued generosity, faith, and unwavering commitment to our parish family. Every ministry you serve, every project you support, and every act of kindness you offer strengthens our mission to proclaim the Gospel and share Christ's love with all.

May God continue to bless you and your families,

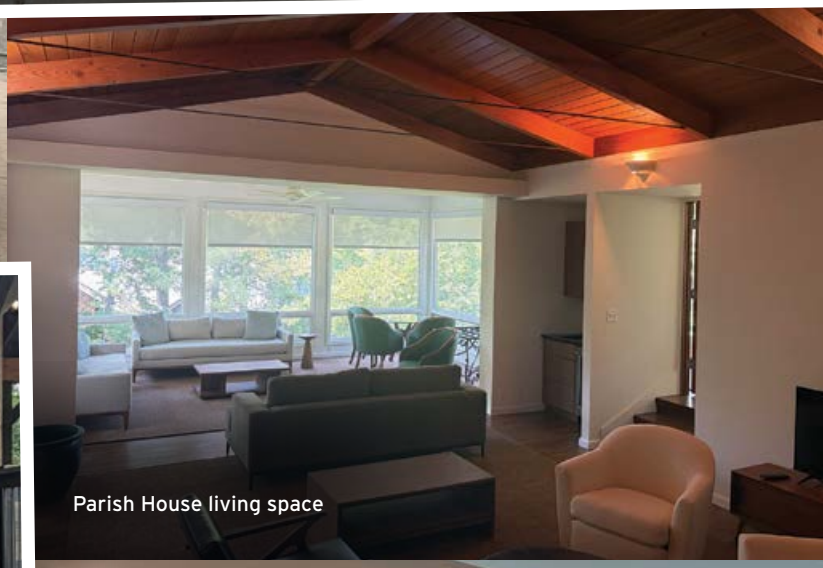
Father Aidan McDermott, O.S.B.



More than 5,000 teens from across the Midwest attended the Annual Steubenville Conference at Missouri State University.



Rising juniors and seniors attended the Life Teen Leadership conference at Benedictine College for a time of formation and relationship building.



Parish House living space



Camp Hidden Lake



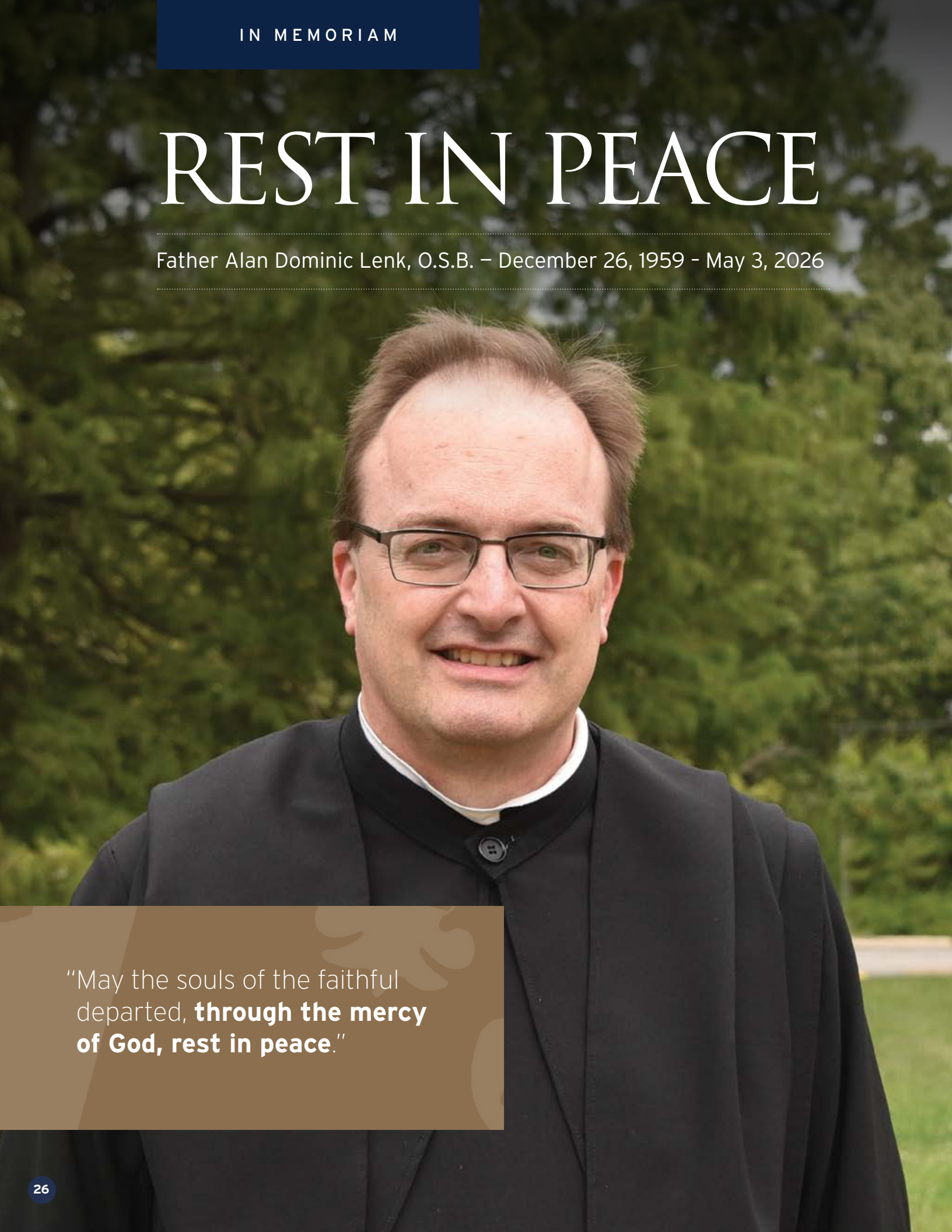
Parish House kitchen



Middle school students at the inaugural summer at Life Teen's Camp Cana in Ste. Genevieve, Mo.

REST IN PEACE

Father Alan Dominic Lenk, O.S.B. – December 26, 1959 - May 3, 2026



"May the souls of the faithful departed, **through the mercy of God, rest in peace**."

With gratitude for his life, priesthood, and many years of service to Saint Louis Priory School and Saint Louis Abbey, we mourn the passing of Father Alan Dominic Lenk, O.S.B., who died May 3, 2026.

Born December 26, 1959, Father Dominic grew up in Troy, Missouri, one of four children. He attended Sacred Heart School and Troy Buchanan High School before earning a degree in accounting from Central Methodist College in 1982. After college, he worked in several service-oriented positions, including with the Lincoln County Area on Aging and as a computer science instructor at Watterson College in St. Louis.

After fellow parishioners suggested he would make a good priest, Father Dominic reconsidered a calling he had sensed since childhood. He entered Saint Louis Abbey in 1989, was given the name Dominic, and professed his monastic vows in 1991. He earned a Master of Divinity degree in theology from Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, and was ordained to the priesthood on July 4, 1998.

For more than two decades, Father Dominic served as a theology teacher at Priory, sharing his knowledge and deep love of Christ and the Gospel. Except for three years, from 2006 to 2009, when he assisted the community at Saint Anselm's Abbey in Washington, D.C., he remained a beloved presence at Priory through 2025.

His service extended far beyond the classroom. At Saint Louis Abbey, he served as sacristan, master of ceremonies, archivist and Prior. He also served for many years on the Board of Visitation Academy and ministered to the Visitation community and school. Later, he served as chaplain to Saint Austin Grade School.

Those who knew Father Dominic remember his gentle disposition and quiet warmth, which endeared him to generations of students, colleagues, parishioners, and fellow monks. His deep faith found expression in his priestly ministry and writing. He wrote numerous religious poems, and his meditation on the Gospels became the book *Voices from the Upper Room*, reflecting on Gospel figures who encountered the healing presence of Jesus.

Diagnosed with several forms of cancer in early 2025, Father Dominic faced more than a year of illness and treatment with the same quiet faith and good spirit that characterized his life.



Father Dominic is survived by his brother, Jerry, and sister, Jean Elliott (Kevin), as well as countless friends, former students, parishioners, and members of the Priory and Abbey communities whose lives were touched by his priesthood, kindness, and friendship. He was preceded in death by his older brother, Larry (Ellen), in 2001.

May he rest in the peace of Christ, whom he loved and served so faithfully.

For many years, Father Dominic faithfully gathered and prepared the names for our In Memoriam section, ensuring that members of the Priory community were remembered and honored. Following his passing, we are working to establish a new process for continuing this important tradition.

In the spring edition of *Priory Magazine*, we will include members of the Abbey and Priory communities who passed away between **January 1, 2026, and Dec. 31, 2026**.

We are deeply grateful for Father Dominic's years of service and for the care he took in preserving the memory of those who remain an important part of the Priory family.

Please email **necrology@priory.org** if you would like to share the passing of someone from the Abbey or Priory community.

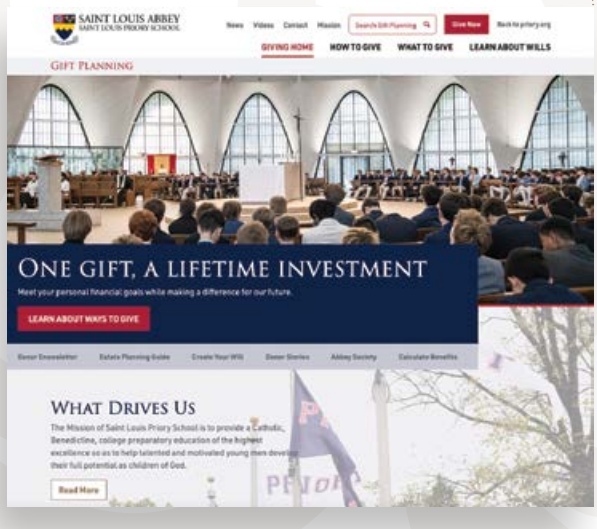
Building a Legacy
for Future Generations



Saint Louis Priory School and Saint Louis Abbey are pleased to welcome Jeff Marty as our new director of planned and leadership giving. We are also excited to announce the launch of a new Planned Giving website, a resource designed to help alumni, parents, grandparents, and friends thoughtfully plan their legacy while supporting the future of Priory and the Abbey.

Marty joins Priory with more than 20 years of experience supporting school fundraising and literacy initiatives across the United States. His passion for mission-driven work extends beyond his professional career through his active involvement at Christ Prince of Peace Parish, the Knights of Columbus, and numerous parish ministries. He and his wife, Janet, are the proud parents of Jacob, Taylor, and Andrew.

As Director of Planned and Leadership Giving, Marty is focusing on growing Priory's endowment through testamentary and other planned gifts, helping ensure that future generations of young men continue to benefit from a Catholic, Benedictine education.



"After my first few months at Priory, I've found myself reflecting on the many personal connections that make Saint Louis Abbey and Saint Louis Priory School such a special place," Marty says. "For generations, this community has been shaped not only by its mission, but by the relationships that sustain it, including relationships rooted in shared experiences, faith, learning, and a deep sense of belonging."

Marty's role is centered on building those relationships and helping members of the Priory community explore meaningful ways to support the mission they cherish.

To support those conversations, Priory launched a new Planned Giving website that serves as an educational resource for anyone considering a legacy gift. Rather than focusing on annual giving, the site provides practical guidance for those interested in including Saint Louis Priory School or Saint Louis Abbey in their long-term financial and estate plans.

Visitors will find helpful articles, planning tools, financial news, charitable giving options such as bequests, beneficiary designations, IRA charitable gifts, gifts of appreciated securities, and other estate planning opportunities.

Planned giving plays an essential role in sustaining the future. Legacy gifts strengthen Priory's endowment, support scholarships, invest in outstanding faculty, preserve the campus, and ensure that the Benedictine mission continues to flourish for generations to come.

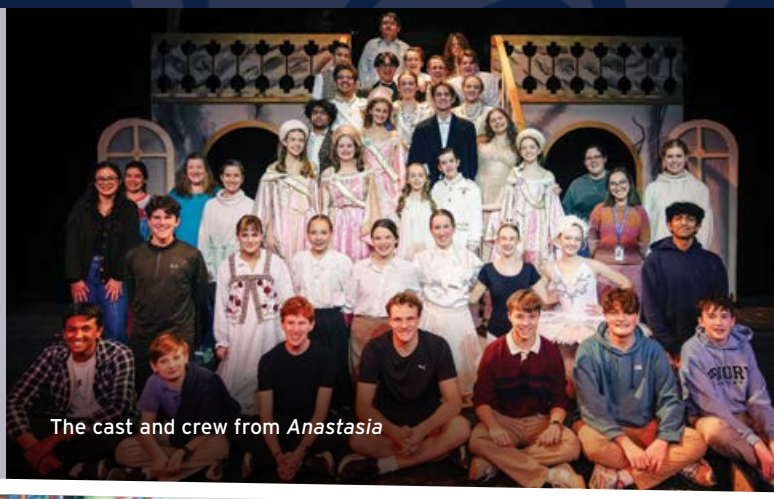
To connect with Jeff Marty email jmarty@priory.org or call 314.434.3690, ext. 311.

https://priorylegacy.org/

ON CAMPUS

Priory Presents Winter Musical

Priory students performed onstage and served in backstage support to present *Anastasia* in the Kevin Kline Theatre. The musical follows a young woman with no memory of her past who embarks on a journey from revolutionary Russia to Paris, discovering her identity while searching for family, love, and a place to belong.



The cast and crew from *Anastasia*

FBLA State Competition

Priory students represented the school at the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Missouri State Leadership Conference after qualifying through regional competition or competing in events that advanced directly to the state level.

Representing Priory were **Andrew Bealke '28**, **Andrew Dysart '28**, **Charlie Edwards '28**, **Gavin Holekamp '27**, **Joe Hietter '28**, **George Sumner '28**, and **Mithra Veeramachaneni '29**.

At the state competition, Sumner advanced to the final round in Introduction to Business Concepts, while Veeramachaneni advanced to the final round in Insurance & Risk Management and placed ninth overall in Introduction to FBLA.

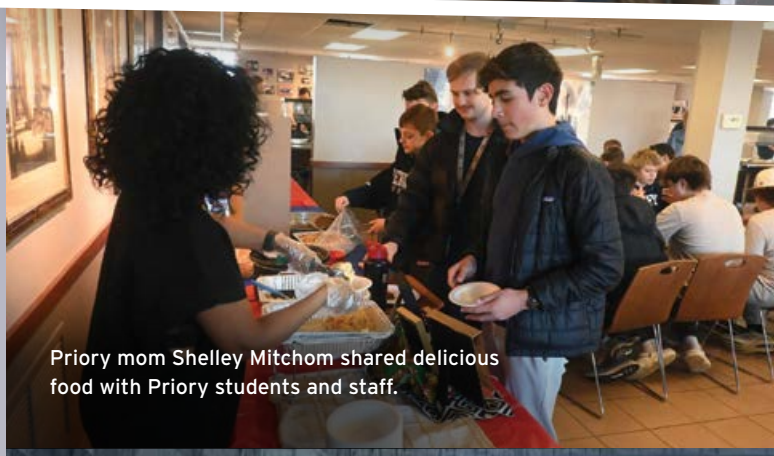
Dysart, Edwards, and Hietter earned second place in Financial Statement Analysis, qualifying for the National FBLA Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas.



George Sumner '28, Charlie Edwards '28, Joe Hietter '28, Andrew Dysart '28, and Mithra Veeramachaneni '29

Students, Faculty and Staff Enjoy Annual Event

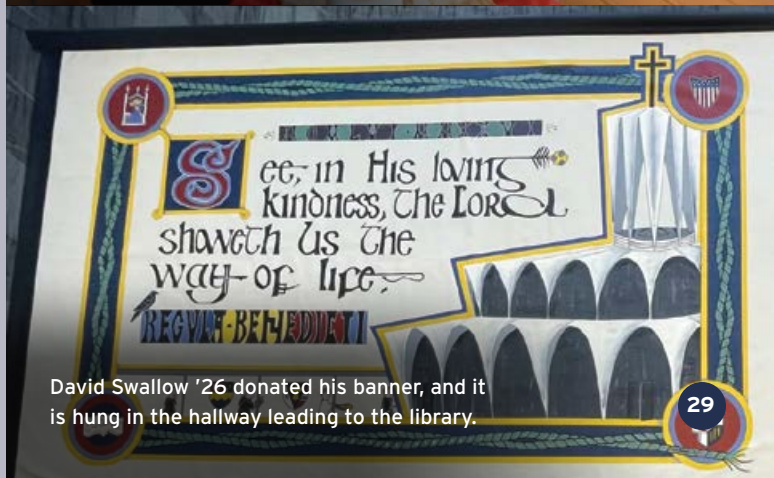
The second annual A Taste of Saint Louis Priory: Cuisine & Culture Expo was held in Priory's Dining Hall. Students, faculty, and staff enjoyed great food during their lunch periods. Priory families were invited to share not only a cuisine unique to their ancestry or origin, but other cultural heritage points as well.



Priory mom Shelley Mitchom shared delicious food with Priory students and staff.

Swallow Presents Thesis Banner to School

David Swallow '26 recently donated the work product of his senior thesis to hang in the hallway at Priory. The thesis, entitled "The Way of Life," was inspired by the medieval tradition of illuminated manuscripts and showcases a quote from the *Rule of Saint Benedict*. It is a summation of his experience at Priory, and by hanging it in the school, it is a way to pay tribute to the place that has formed him for the past six years.



David Swallow '26 donated his banner, and it is hung in the hallway leading to the library.

ON CAMPUS



Jacob Walsh '32, Carter Furniss '32, Luke Reuter '32, Andrew Bush '31, Bradford West '32



Cameron Nelson '26 pictured with his mother Lydia Nelson, Headmaster Dr. Scott Welz, Associate Headmaster Mike Nickolai, and Father Aidan McDermott, O.S.B.



AMC Math Contest top scorers



Mock Trial students and sponsors

Priory Chess Team Places Third in CYC Tournament

The Priory chess team earned third place in the CYC Championship Chess Tournament. Team standings are determined by the combined scores of the top four players, making Priory's finish especially impressive, as they outscored two full teams of four competitors.

Luke Reuter '32 also placed third individually, highlighting a successful first year for Priory's sixth-grade chess program. The Form A championship team included Reuter, **Carter Furniss '32**, and **Jacob Walsh '32**. The Form I championship team included **Andrew Bush '31** and **Harrison Haug '31**.

Nelson Receives Archbishop May Service Award

The Archbishop John L. May Award is presented each year to a graduating senior from each of the Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis who embodies the Gospel message to love and serve others. The 2025-26 Priory recipient was **Cameron Nelson '26**.

Students Compete in AMC Math Contest

Priory hosted the annual AMC Math Contest. The challenging nationwide math contest is presented by the Mathematical Association of America. Priory's top scorers were:

AMC 8 (Forms I-II)
First place: **Micah Rengel '30**
Second place: **Luke Kittell '31**
Third place: **Will Beller '32**
Third place: **Charlie Chen '31**
Rengel scored in the top 25 percent of all AMC 8 participants

AMC 10 (Forms III-IV)
First place: **Isaac Martin '29**
Second place: **Luke Lavery '28**
Third place: **Everett Runnels '29**
Martin scored in the top 25 percent of all AMC 10 participants.

AMC 12 (Forms V-VI)
First place: **Will McCracken '27**
Second place: **Manny Lozano '27**
Second place: **Matthew Goss '27**

Priory Mock Trial Earns Third Place at State

After advancing to the Missouri State Mock Trial Tournament, Priory's varsity Mock Trial team finished third in the state for the second consecutive year.

The season also included a record four Priory teams competing and **Coach Tom Niemann** being named Attorney Coach of the Year. Congratulations to team members **Chuck Taylor '26**, **Cameron Wong '26**, **Christian Bolin '26**, **Gavin Gittemeier '26**, **JJ Medler '27**, **Jonathon Sadasivam '27**, **Charlie Edwards '28**, and **Austin Kovac '27**, along with all who contributed to another outstanding season.

McGee and Top Attend Missouri Scholars Academy

Evan McGee '28 and **Charlie Top '28** were selected to attend Missouri Scholars Academy. MSA is a highly selective three-week academic enrichment experience for about 300 of Missouri's top high school rising juniors. Hosted on the campus of the University of Missouri-Columbia, MSA exists to enrich and expand gifted education for Missouri students.



Evan McGee '28



Charlie Top '28

Serra Club Recognizes Dysart

Andrew Dysart '28 was honored for his first-place award among sophomore boys in the Archdiocese of St. Louis in the 2025 Serra Club of St. Louis Essay Contest. His essay was called, "Why are Priests, Brothers, Sisters, and Deacons Necessary for the Mission of the Catholic Church?"



Father Aidan McDermott, O.S.B., Andrew Dysart '28, Serra Club President Barb Hussey, Vice President of Vocations Bobbie Von Ritter, and President-elect Dan Dykas.

Martin Presents Research Project at Conference



Isaac Martin '29 presented his research project titled "Building an AI Assistant to Help Communities Respond Faster During Emergencies" via Zoom at the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers conference, which was held at Princeton University. IEEE is a leading developer of global standards that support essential technologies form telecommunications and power generation to AI ethics.

Junior School Play

The Junior School presented *A Wrinkle in Time* in Priory's Kevin Kline Theatre. The story combines science fiction, fantasy, and coming-of-age themes into a story about love, courage, and the battle between good and evil.



A Wrinkle in Time cast

Junior Ring Mass and Celebration

Members of the Class of 2027 received their class rings at the Junior Ring Mass and Celebration in April.



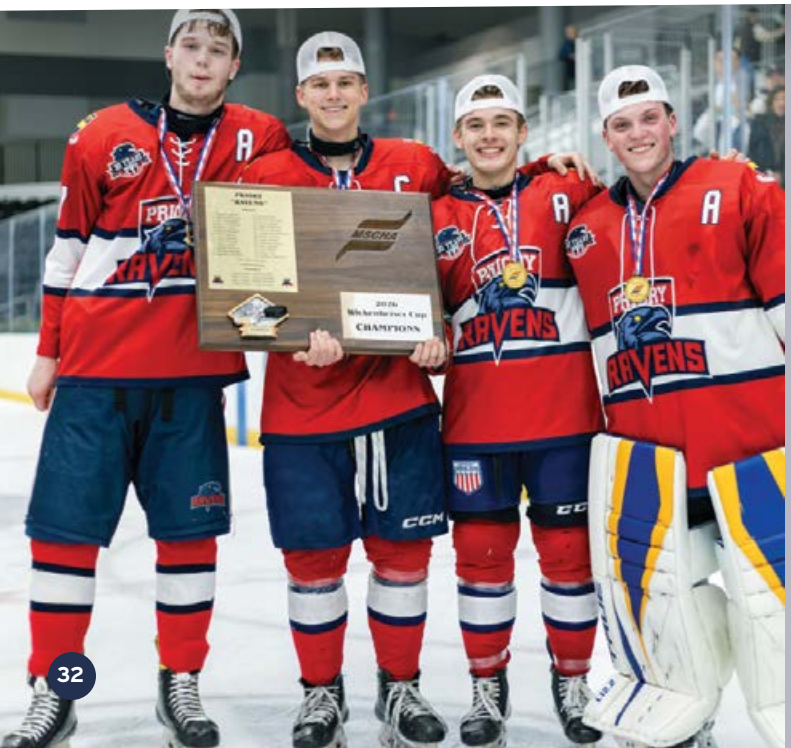
Junior Ring Mass and Celebration

WINTER SPORTS 2025-2026





Wickenheiser Cup Champions 2026



Hockey

For the first time since 2022 and the fourth time in program history, the Priory Ravens varsity hockey team are **Wickenheiser Cup** champions.

After going 13-4-2 during the regular season, the Ravens entered the Wickenheiser Cup playoffs as the No. 4 four seed. The team went 2-1 in round-robin play, picking up wins over Eureka and St. Dominic to advance.

In the quarterfinals, the Ravens squared off with Eureka again and won both games by the scores of 5-2 and 5-3. In the semifinals, it was another sweep taking down Wentzville Liberty 3-1 in game one and 4-2 in game two.

In the championship, the Ravens took on top-seeded Rockwood Summit. In the first period, the Falcons struck first with a power-play goal.

However, one minute later, **George Gaertner '28** netted the equalizer off assists from **Freddy Gaertner '26** and **Liam Kallaos '29**.

Just a mere 20 seconds later, the Ravens took the lead with **Max Nadaud '26** finding twine. The offensive outburst continued with **Frederik Erri '29** scoring his third of the playoffs, giving Priory a commanding 3-1 lead.

Prior to the period ending, the Ravens tacked on another goal with 5.0 seconds left, as Freddy Gaertner '26 scored his 12th of the playoffs, extending the advantage to 4-1 after one period.

In the second period, the Ravens scored three more times with goals from **Robert Gaertner '28**, **Tripp Redmond '28**, and Freddy Gaertner, making it a commanding 7-2 game going into the third.

It was smooth sailing for the Ravens in the third with Nadaud putting the game away with an empty-net goal securing the 8-4 championship win.

Nate Sutto '26 was stellar once again, making 32 saves. Freddy Gaertner was selected as the Most Valuable Player.

Despite the Ravens losing seniors **Barrett Beimdiek**, Freddy Gaertner, Nadaud, and Sutto, the future is plenty bright for the varsity hockey team as they'll look to defend their title in 2026-27.

Basketball

While the season didn't go as expected, the Priory varsity basketball team saw younger players step up, which builds excitement heading into the future.

Henry Hibey '26 made history as he eclipsed 1,000 career points. The senior led the team averaging 13.1 points and 4.9 rebounds per game. He shot 39.7 percent from the floor and connected on a team-high 61 3-pointers. For his efforts, Hibey was named to the Metro League All-Conference Second Team.

After averaging 4.7 points per game last year, **Frankie Harris '28** took big strides this year finishing second on the team, averaging a career-high 12.3 points per game. The sophomore shot 40.1 percent from the floor and finished second behind Hibey hitting 56 3-pointers.

Two more players with bright futures include **RJ Tucker '28** and **Courtney Woods '29**.

Along with Hibey, the Ravens will look to replace **Robby Temprano '26** who put up an average of 8.5 points in 22 games and **Bing Behrman '26** as he appeared in 26 games.



Wrestling

The Priory varsity wrestling team had a successful 2025-26 campaign and ended up sending three wrestlers to state.

At Districts, **Max Cross '29** competed at 106 pounds, and he opened with a win by fall. After dropping his quarterfinal match, Cross won his next three, advancing to the third-place match. He was defeated by fall in the contest but advanced to state with a fourth-place finish.

At 150 pounds, **Brendan Top '26** became the second Priory wrestler to qualify for state. After receiving a bye, Top won his quarterfinal match by fall. He dropped the semifinal match but picked up a win by fall again in the consolation semifinal portion of the bracket. In his third-place match, Top won by major decision to earn a well-deserved third-place finish.

At 215 pounds, **Gavin Gittemeier '26** earned a 5-2 decision victory in his quarterfinal match. He was defeated by fall in the semifinals but responded with a 7-2 decision win in the consolation semifinals. He fell by fall in the third-place match; however, he still qualified for state, ending in fourth place.

Despite losing seniors in Gittemeier, **Cameron Nelson '26**, Top, and **Ryan Willard '26**, the Ravens return most of their roster as they look to build on last year's success in 2026-27.



SPRING SPORTS 2026









Baseball

The Priory baseball team had hopes of another district championship in 2026; however, despite a hard-fought comeback attempt, the team was eliminated in the semifinals.

At districts, the Ravens faced Lutheran North in the semifinals. The team got into a hole early but rallied to get within two runs. However, the Crusaders held off the Ravens for the win.

On the year, the Ravens batted .313 as a team, led by **Nate Huck's '26** .390 average to go along with his six doubles and 12 RBI. **Anthony Beffa '26** also had a strong year at the plate, batting .359 and leading with 14 RBI.

Another senior, **Robby Temprano '26**, eclipsed the .300 mark hitting .339 in 18 games, totaling 10 RBI and a team-high 21 runs scored.

Other players who took a step forward this year include **Mason Merenda '29** (.300 avg.), **Carter Stone '28** (.387 avg), **Charlie Edwards '28** (.395 avg), and **Miles Anstey '28** (.271 avg.).

On the mound, Anstey led the staff going 1-3 in 23.1 innings pitched and striking out a team-high 17 batters.

Despite losing seniors **Alex Bader '26**, Beffa, **Camden Dierker '26**, Huck, **Simon Lin '26**, and Temprano, the Ravens have plenty of younger players that took steps forward this year.

Lacrosse

The 2026 varsity lacrosse season was a year of growth, resilience, and valuable experience for a young Ravens squad. Facing one of the toughest schedules in the state, Priory finished with a 6-12 record.

Led by captains **Nate Sutto '26** (midfield), **Sam Jung '26** (attack), **Bing Behrman '26** (midfield), and **Christian Bolin '26** (defense), the Ravens embraced the challenges of a demanding season and never stopped competing. Their leadership helped establish a culture of perseverance and accountability that carried the team through both difficult losses and postseason success.

Priory made an impressive run to the MSLA Class 1 State Tournament Final, defeating Rock Bridge in the quarterfinals and Marquette in the semifinals before falling to Kirkwood in the championship game. The postseason run was a testament to how much the team developed from the beginning of the season and provided invaluable experience for a roster that returns much of its core.

Individual honors reflected the team's talent and hard work. Sutto, Jung, and defenseman **Andre Johnson '28** earned First Team All-Conference honors. Sutto was also named Second Team All-State and received the prestigious USA Lacrosse All-Academic Award, recognizing his excellence both on the field and in the classroom.

The Ravens competed in every contest, gained invaluable experience against elite competition, and demonstrated tremendous growth throughout the season.

Golf

Despite a strong effort, the Priory varsity golf team was unable to find the consistent play they were hoping for throughout the year; however, the team still had plenty of highlights to build upon for the 2027 season.

Peter Moy '26, **Matt Hansen '26**, **Noah Kinnaman '26**, **Cameron Wong '26**, and **Jack Mantovani '26**, all provided solid rounds and leadership this season. **Freddy Gaertner '26** finished his second year of competitive golf on a high note as a state qualifier and all-conference second-team selectee.

Grady Frey '28, who also qualified for state, had the best overall spring for the Ravens, totaling multiple rounds at or under par, including a 1-under performance at the Metro Conference Tournament held at the Log Cabin Country Club.

Coach **Jake Parent** looks forward to the future as the junior varsity team had a solid spring under the guidance of **Coach Eric Schweain**. **Aidan Blatz '28** and **Andrew Dysart '28** led the way with better-than-bogey golf averages this season.

Tennis

The varsity tennis team started the season without a reigning individual state champion on its roster for the first time in five years. The rebuild began with the addition of seven freshman to the team and the largest roster in memory with 16 members.

The Ravens dropped the first two matches but followed it up winning five of its next six.

At districts, the Ravens were seeded fourth and advanced to the semifinals with a win over Parkway North.

In the semifinals, they traveled to face top-seeded Parkway West. The team found themselves trailing 4-1.

Michael Assioun '27 got things going with a win and **Jonah Wulff '29** followed that up with a tiebreaker win as well. Soon after, **Patrick Chahoud '27** won his match.

Despite the comeback effort, Priory fell to Parkway West. The contributions of a strong freshman class will benefit Priory tennis heading into next season.

Track and Field

The track and field season was marked by tremendous growth, memorable performances, and several significant milestones by the Ravens team.

Matthew Goss '27 delivered one of the highlights of the season, clearing a personal-best 5 feet, 10 inches in the high jump. His determination and competitiveness were on full display as he narrowly missed qualifying for the sectional championships.

The relay teams also enjoyed an outstanding season. The 4X200-meter relay team of **Jon-Paul Mitchom '28**, **Cameron Nelson '26**, **David Swallow '26**, and **John Henry Schwartz '29** put together one of its strongest performances of the year. The 4X800-meter relay team of **Jude Badoy '26**, **Luke Bussmann '28**, **George Schwartz '27**, and **Nathan Singer '28**, earned a massive season-best performance, reflecting the hard work and dedication of the entire squad.

Distance standout **Noah Aldridge '28** continued his impressive development, recording personal-best performances in both the 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter. He also just missed advancing to the sectional championships.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the leadership of the senior class. From the first practice to the final meet, the season was defined by growth, perseverance, and a commitment to improvement.



SPRING SPORTS 2026



Ultimate Frisbee

The Ravens ultimate team had a great spring season filled with challenge and growth. The team was led by just two four-year players, the team captains **Sam Palka '26** and **Luke Nowak '26**.

Brendan Top '26 joined for his first year as an ultimate player after a productive soccer career. With just three seniors, this year had significant contributions from a few key underclassmen in **Ben Lowe '28**, **Michael Finkenkeller '29**, and **Ethan Glisson '29**.

The team welcomed 12 new players, its most in program history, and played a junior varsity schedule for the first time ever. Most notably, this year was filled with determination and a desire to improve. The players voted to add an additional exhibition game against one of the top programs in the area, Edwardsville, to test their mettle.

In the season opener, the team lost to an experienced SLUH squad, 13-6. The Ravens then rattled off five straight wins before losing to tougher competition in De Smet and Parkway United to finish the regular season at 5-3 overall.

Entering the state tournament, the Ravens were seeded fifth. In pool play, the squad went 3-1 setting up a showdown with SLUH for what became a de facto elimination game. Battling windy conditions and fatigue, the team clawed back from a 5-4 deficit to win 7-5. The win guaranteed that the team met their preseason goal, a top four finish at state.



College Signings

Congrats to Priory student-athletes who are continuing their sports careers in college:

Parker Meek '26 - football at Carnegie Mellon University

Nate Sutto '26 - lacrosse at the United States Coast Guard Academy

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Doors Open & Silent Auction	Dinner Served	Live Auction Begins

Afterparty with entertainment to follow program
Cocktail attire encouraged

MOTHERS' CLUB

Thank you to Mothers' Club President **Laura Swallow** (David '26) and Executive Board and committee chairs for a splendid year. A huge thank you goes out to Vice President **Raegan Palka** (Samuel, '26), President-elect **Stacey Bealke** (Adam '24 and Walker '27), Recording Secretary **Kristin Waltz** (Charlie '28 and Jake '25), Volunteer Coordinator **Suzanne Miller-Farrell** (Rory '29), and Treasurer **Susie Brown** (Henry '29).

Spring Luncheon

In April, current, incoming, and alumni mothers enjoyed a beautiful Spring Luncheon at Old Warson Country Club chaired by **Kristin Waltz** (Charlie '28 and Jake '25) and **Britney McGowan** (Grant '24 and Harlan '28). The Priory Choir, under the instruction of **Mrs. Stephanie Allee**, performed two musical selections.

57th Xanadu – Under the Sea

During the luncheon, Xanadu co-chairs **Lori Willard** (Jacob '23 and Ryan '26) and **Jen Jung** (Jack '24 and Sam '26) presented **Abbot Gregory Mohrman, O.S.B.,'76** with a goal-exceeding check totaling $570,907. Priory community contributions, along with the support of other kind sponsors, donors, volunteers, and parishioners have made a tremendous impact.

Xanadu 2027: Honoring Tradition, Inspiring Tomorrow will be held on February 6, 2027 – so mark your calendars! We are thankful to co-chairs **Norma McGehee** (Harry '27 and Robby '27) and **Tamara Whitlock** (Simon '27) who are leading the auction in 2027.

Senior Mom Prom

Seniors and their moms gathered at Bellerive Country Club for an evening of dancing and celebration in March. The dance floor was filled throughout the night.

SAVE THE DATES

Reflection and Connection
Thursday, October 22
Saint Louis Abbey and Switzer House

Junior School Mother and Son Mass Event
Friday, November 13
Saint Louis Abbey and High School Commons

Annual Christmas Boutique
Wednesday, December 2
Saint Louis Priory Gymnasium

Parent Christmas Cocktail Party
Friday, December 11
4 Hands at The District

∨ Senior Mom Prom





Monika Hill (Auggie Hill '28) with 2025-26 Mothers' Club President Laura Swallow (David '26)



Xanadu 2026 co-chairs Lori Willard and Jen Jung



2026-2027 Mothers' Club Executive Board Vice President Kristin Waltz (Jacob '25 and Charlie '28), President Stacey Bealke (Adam '24 and Walker '27), Volunteer Coordinator Suzanne Miller-Farrell (Rory '29), Treasurer Suzie Brown (Henry '29), and President-Elect Emily Hickey (Will Bredensteiner '28) Not Pictured: Irene Buckalew (AJ '23 and Alex '27)



Senior Mom Brunch in the Dining Hall



Mothers' Club Spring Luncheon

FATHERS' CLUB



Spring Happy Hour



Rick James Sr. '80 (Rick Jr. '18 and Thomas '27), Michael McCarthy '80, and Fathers' Club President, Tom Jung (Jack '24 and Sam '26)



Kevin Behrman, Bing Berhman '26, Mark Willard, Ryan Willard '26, John Streeter '26, and Matt Streeter at the Father and Son Banquet

Fathers' Club president **Tom Jung** (Sam '26 and Jack '24) and the Executive Board provided guidance for the year as they continued to increase involvement and participation at events held throughout the year.

Spring Happy Hour

The Fathers' Club hosted its Spring Happy Hour in the High School Commons. Priory dads came out to chat and receive updates from **Athletic Director Phil Brotheron** and the Priory coaching staff.

Father and Son Banquet

The annual Father and Son Banquet was held downtown at the Missouri Athletic Club. **Father Francis Hein, O.S.B.**, celebrated Mass, and Priory alumnus **Michael McCarthy '80** gave the keynote address. **Jon-Philippe Mitchom '31** and **Parker Meek '26** shared their perspectives on their time at Priory.

Senior Father and Son Finish Line BBQ

In the last senior pre-graduation event, fathers and sons came together to celebrate crossing the proverbial Priory finish line with a delicious BBQ dinner. The seniors played a variety of yard games and enjoyed some Kilwins ice cream with their dads and the monks.

SAVE THE DATES

Junior School Rec Night
Friday, October 23
Saint Louis Priory Gymnasium

Fall Happy Hour
Thursday, November 12
Rosalita's Cantina Des Peres

Parent Christmas Cocktail Party
Friday, December 11
4 Hands at The District

ALUMNI MOTHERS' CLUB

The Alumni Mothers' Club (AMC), under the leadership of **Janet Whalen** (mother of Brody Whalen '21 and Brock Whalen, who attended Priory for 7th and 8th grade), continues to strengthen the bond between alumni mothers, Priory, and the monastery. Janet is serving her third year as AMC president, and we are deeply grateful for her dedication, leadership, and ongoing commitment to the Priory community.

The AMC remains a vibrant and growing organization. This summer, members welcomed the mothers of the Class of 2026 at their annual Margarita Party at Rosalita's Cantina, a favorite tradition that brings new alumni moms into the alumni mothers' community.

Throughout the year, the AMC generously supports Priory in countless ways from providing meals for the monks, sponsoring the Homecoming ice cream truck, offsetting Xanadu expenses, and much more. We are thankful for the alumni mothers, and we look forward to another wonderful year of fellowship, service, and memorable events.

SAVE THE DATES

AMC Fall Mass and Dinner
Wednesday, November 11

Thanksgiving Food Drop Off for the Monks
Wednesday, November 25

Christmas Boutique
Wednesday, December 2
Saint Louis Priory School Gymnasium

Christmas Cocktail Party
Friday, December 11
4 Hands at The District

All alumni mothers are invited to join the AMC. The purpose of the AMC is to promote the goals of the Abbey and school, strengthen the ties within the monastic community, build a deeper spiritual link with the Benedictine tradition as lived by the monks, and create a strong bond among alumni mothers. To join or learn more about the AMC, scan our QR code.



Alumni moms at the annual Margarita Party

ALUMNI EVENTS

From the Alumni Board President

Dear Priory Community,



What an exciting time for our school, which once again ranks #1 Best All-Boys School in Missouri as well as the #1 Best Catholic High School in Missouri (Niche 2026).

In only its second year, our Form A is already full with a waiting list, overall enrollment continues to grow, and academic success metrics remain second to none. Recent individual and team victories on athletic fields and rinks produced numerous state and national champions, as well as a world champion.

Our faculty, staff, and coaches continue to provide outstanding opportunities for our students, while our monks remain steadfast in guiding the spiritual development of our young men.



Alumni Board Vice President Kevin McAtee '97, President Kevin Hoffman '93, and Past President Michael Reedy '00

I strongly encourage my fellow alumni to return to campus, reconnect with former mentors and classmates, and take a moment to sit quietly in the Abbey and remember the hopes and dreams you held as a young man sitting there years ago. And consider how you can continue to honor yourself, your family, and Priory by striving to do a little better every day.

Please continue to share Priory's exciting news and encourage prospective students and their families to visit our campus.

Our Alumni Board is also very active, offering countless opportunities to reconnect, have fun, and give back to the school that helped shape us. Never hesitate to reach out. We would be delighted to welcome you back and find a meaningful way for you to be involved.

I am honored and grateful to serve Priory.

Laus Tibi Domine,

Kevin Hoffman, '93
Alumni Board President

Members of the Priory Alumni Board: Dave Binz '01, Patrick Thornton '02, Ted Horan '04, Michael Margiotta '21, Jake Bealke '98, Kevin McAtee '97, Cartan Sumner Jr. '83, Kevin Hoffman '93, Phil Willman '71, Abbot Gregory '76, Andrew Iqbal '03, Mike Reedy Jr. '00, Eric Stange '14, Ted Lane '08, Gerard Mudd '75, Chris Kerckhoff Sr. '68, Adam Ezzelgot '16, Anthony Gennaoui '99, and Scott Welz.



Alumni Golf Scramble 2026

The Alumni Golf Scramble took place on June 19 at the Log Cabin Club. Thank you to everyone who came out in support of the **Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund**. Your participation and generosity made the event a tremendous success. We deeply appreciate your commitment to helping future generations of students at Saint Louis Priory School.

Congratulations to our winners!

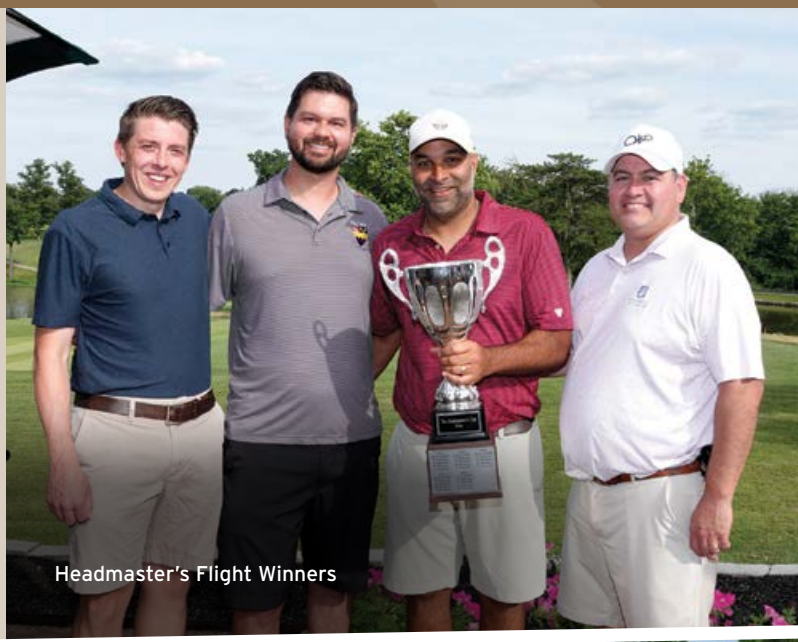
Headmaster's Flight Winners
Mark Strout '03, **John Brady '03**, **Andrew Iqbal '03**, and **Casey Pohl '03**

Father/Son Flight Winners
Mike Margiotta '92, **Michael Margiotta '21**, **Ryan Margiotta '23**, and **Tommy Margiotta '28**

AB Flight Winners
Aaron Cregger, **Dennis Cregger**, **Carson Cregger '28**, and **Mike Weirich**

Closest to the Pin
Andy Schwartz '11

Longest Drive
Eddie Rothery '25


Headmaster's Flight Winners


Father/Son Flight Winners


AB Flight Winners

Alumni Board

The Alumni Board is made up of dedicated alumni volunteers who work to strengthen the connection between Priory, its graduates, and the monastic community. Through their leadership and service, the board helps foster meaningful engagement, supports alumni initiatives, and promotes lifelong relationships with the school. We are incredibly grateful to our Alumni Board members for their time, commitment, and all they do to support the Priory community.

SAVE THE DATES

Chicago Alumni Reception
Thursday, November 5

Xanadu Cocktail Preview Party
Friday, November 6

New York City Alumni Reception
Thursday, December 10

PRIORY DAY OF GIVING

$214,000

We extend a sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to the outstanding success of the 2026 Priory Day of Giving. Your generosity plays a crucial role in strengthening the Priory Fund. 540 donors participated, helping us surpass our $210,000 goal by raising more than **$214,000**!

Priory Day of Giving Class Representatives

Thank you to our alumni class representatives, whose dedication and outreach encourage their classmates in Day of Giving. You are vital to the success of this special day. Class representatives support the Advancement team by sending emails, making phone calls, and connecting with classmates. We are grateful for all you do to inspire participation and strengthen the Priory community.

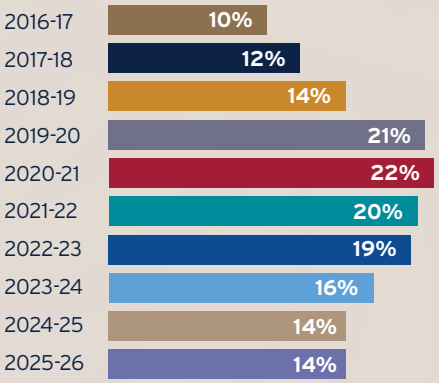
We're looking for Class Representatives for the following years: 1972, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1992, 2005, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2016, 2018, 2021, and 2025. Email Bridget Mallon at bmallon@priory.org if you're able to help.

2025 Day of Giving Class Percentages

1960	0%	1977	10%	1994	42%	2011	6%
1961	80%	1978	7%	1995	34%	2012	15%
1962	0%	1979	7%	1996	6%	2013	3%
1963	33%	1980	3%	1997	7%	2014	3%
1964	68%	1981	5%	1998	20%	2015	10%
1965	19%	1982	5%	1999	14%	2016	1%
1966	65%	1983	9%	2000	18%	2017	3%
1967	43%	1984	10%	2001	6%	2018	3%
1968	16%	1985	22%	2002	6%	2019	3%
1969	13%	1986	19%	2003	20%	2020	5%
1970	58%	1987	21%	2004	52%	2021	5%
1971	23%	1988	2%	2005	5%	2022	3%
1972	15%	1989	29%	2006	14%	2023	6%
1973	24%	1990	46%	2007	2%	2024	2%
1974	29%	1991	9%	2008	10%	2025	0%
1975	24%	1992	7%	2009	34%		
1976	8%	1993	20%	2010	7%		

*Classes in **RED** are the TOP FIVE classes by participation.
Congratulations to the **Class of 1961** for the win!

Alumni Giving Statistics for the Last Eight Fiscal Years



Summary of Alumni Giving

14% Participation

440 Donors

SAVE THE DATE

2027 Priory Day of Giving
Tuesday, April 27, 2027



CLASS NOTES



Preston Achter '23 was named a Scholar-Athlete in February for men's tennis at West Point.



Remi Auxenfans '89 began a new position at Adobe Systems Inc. as an AI Engagement Manager. Remi credits his foundational schooling at Saint Louis Priory School as his basis for lifelong learning, service, and faith.



Tom Bandurowski '02 recently started a new position as portfolio manager at Boothbay Fund Management LLC.



Tate Callahan '17 was recently promoted to channel sales manager, Great Lakes, at Schneider Electric.

Steven Chung '89 and his family were recently featured in *Bowling Green Living* magazine in the resident feature, "The Chung Family: A Life Composed in Curiosity, Craft, and Community."



Urban Cornett '15 started a new position as a sports medicine fellow at Memorial Hospital of South Bend in Indiana.

Timothy Halenkamp '06 and his wife, Courtney, welcomed their second child, Harrison, on April 13, 2026.



John Harris '80 was recently inducted into White Castle's "Cravers Hall of Fame" along with 14 other super fans. Inductees receive an all-expenses-paid trip to Columbus, Ohio, a ceremony and a plaque commemorating their induction into the exclusive club.

Pastor John Leonard Harris '80 recently released his third book, *By Divine Inspiration*, a self-published collection of prayer reflections. His first two books, *Practical Wisdom: Learning Life's Lessons From the Simple but Profound Things We Hear Every Day* and *I'm Just Sayin': Thoughts That Come to My Mind From Time to Time*, are also available through Lulu.



Joe Hunt '20 recently started a new position as a business development analyst at Compass Group Equity Partners.



Andrew Johnson '19 graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law in May. He married on Aug. 1, with Fr. Augustine Wetta, O.S.B., presiding. He begins working as an associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP this fall.



Bill Lytton III '66 recently published his new book, *Counsel: A Memoir*.



Damien Martin '01 is currently a luxury travel adviser for Largay Travel Inc., specializing in couples, family, and sports travel.



Jack McEnery IV '20 is currently a law student at the University of Notre Dame and was recently selected to serve as the next editor-in-chief of the *Notre Dame Law Review*.



Tim McLaughlin '97 recently competed on Season 7 of Food Network's *BBQ Brawl*. Tim is the owner and founder of Crossbuck BBQ and Crossbuck Cattle Co., based in Texas.



Dr. Tim Miller '87 is helping lead a breakthrough in the treatment of ALS. Dr. Miller, a professor of neurology at Washington University School of Medicine, is leading research that has shown that the drug tofersen can produce remarkable results for some patients. In May, *The New York Times* highlighted the groundbreaking findings, which mark the culmination of more than two decades of Dr. Miller's research.



Drew Sexton '09 married Taylor Wong on Oct. 25, 2025, at Mission San Diego de Alcalá in San Diego. Abbot Michael Brunner officiated the ceremony. His 2009 classmates Brian Malloy, Paul Tychsen, Teddy Altepeter, Charlie Friedman, Alex Haas, Ricky Hennessey, Nick Ross, Joe Wallace, and Tyler Willibrand were in attendance.



Andrew Stange '17 was recently promoted to manager at ArchBridge Family Office.



Jack Taul '19 was recently promoted to senior consultant at EY.



Philippe Travis '92 now resides in Paris with his wife and two sons.



Alex Wasinger '20 is currently working as a software engineer at Texas Instruments in Houston, Texas.

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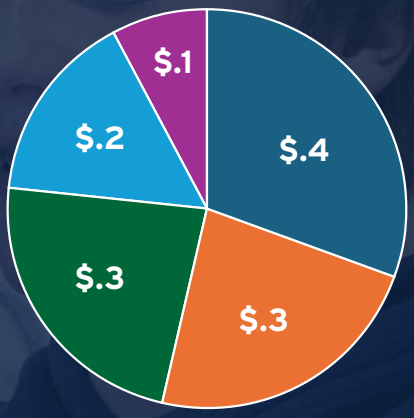
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