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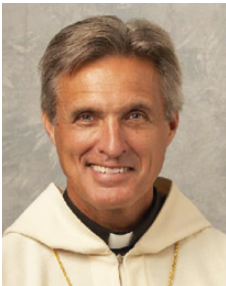
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Letter from the Abbot

St. Benedict believed monks should earn their keep. In Chapter 48 of the Rule, he writes: "When they live by the labor of their hands, as our fathers and the apostles did, then they are really monks." Every monk at Mount Michael works in some way to support the monastery, and its primary apostolate, the school. But those efforts alone are not enough to sustain either without the generous assistance of many benefactors. Never more true than since mid-March when the coronavirus disrupted life. We are blessed to have many generous supporters assist us through both a virtual Night of Knights and a virtual Fall Festival.

This piece is a tribute to our benefactors. I choose to highlight one, but in a way, she is representative of so many who give to Mount Michael. Her name is Anna Lou Micek and she died in August of this year. Anna Lou was a force of nature. Her origins in south Omaha were humble. Thanks to the sacrifices of her parents, she was able to attend St. Mary Academy which later became Mercy High School. Anna Lou spoke of wanting to become a nun when she was young. But then she met John Micek, and in her words, God told her to marry John. And she did. They were married for 69 years. John called her "my queen." Or as he would sometimes quip, "I am just along for the ride." John and Anna Lou had seven children. John dedicated one day out of each week to pray especially for one of their seven children.

While raising seven children, Anna Lou decided to return to college. I encountered her incidentally while I was a student at Creighton. At that time Fr. Val Peter, who would later become director at Boys Town, was teaching a theology class at Creighton. Anna Lou took his class, but Fr. Peter was probably progressive for her traditional tastes. She warned him, "don't you dare flunk me." If you knew Fr. Val Peter, it was something akin to the clash between an irresistible force and an immovable object. Anna Lou passed the class. Nothing was more important than her Catholic faith. She was a great searcher of truth, blessed with a restless and inquisitive spirit. When John and Anna Lou were living near Elkhorn, they would often come to the Eucharist in our chapel. We could always tell she was present because her jewelry jingled incessantly. She was never one to sit still for long. Anna Lou would frequently trek to Valparaiso, Nebraska to spend time with the Carmelite sisters there. Though she wasn't allowed, she yearned to be inside the cloister with them. Anna Lou would say that I haven't decided what I want to be when I grow up. That remark always amused me because she did so very many things so very well.

Perhaps not clad in the trendiest fashions, she nevertheless had impeccable taste in dress. She had an





unmatched eye for art. She could have had a career as an interior decorator. She was a brilliant investor in real estate. She had an astute mind for business. She and John could just have enriched themselves. But they chose to be benefactors – not just to Mount Michael – but to nearly every Catholic organization with which they had contact. I will try to give an overview of what I know they gave. I am quite sure my list will be incomplete.

As a proud graduate of Mercy High School, Anna Lou became development director for the school, working strictly as a volunteer. She secured gifts for the school. She and John established scholarships not only at Mercy, but also at Marian and Duchesne – the three high schools for girls in Omaha. Uniquely, this award was based on their expression of their Catholic faith, rather than academic achievement. At Creighton University, she and John supported the Magis program. That program seeks to attract students at Creighton to devote time as teachers to work in under-served Catholic schools. Anna Lou loved beautiful sculpture. The fountain in front of St. John's Church on the campus of Creighton includes a sculpture designed by Grant Kenner and funded by a donation from Anna Lou and John. The Holy Spirit is represented by the eternal flame in the center of the fountain. The Institute for Priestly Formation, which seeks to nurture priests and seminarians in their vocation, honored John and Anna Lou with the Our Lady of Guadalupe Award in recognition of their contributions. John and Anna Lou were also honored by their home parish, Christ the King.



Anna Lou Micek

For me, the grandest expression of their dedication to their faith and to their generosity is the Holy Family shrine near Gretna, Nebraska. Perched along a bluff of the Platte river and overlooking interstate 80, the shrine is a glass-walled structure capped with a 45-foot tall roof. The upper trusses of the shrine look like shafts of grain waving in the wind. A water channel leads from a visitor center into the shrine, with its spectacular view of the surrounding countryside. The wonder of God's creation lies at one's feet. I have had the good fortune to celebrate the Eucharist there. In addition to this incomplete list of their kindnesses, John and Anna Lou have been wonderful to Mount Michael. Among other gifts, they were regular supporters of our Fall Festival.

I was able to visit Anna Lou shortly before she died. I am sure she was aware that she did not have long to live. But in the course of our conversation, she made it clear that she was still trying to decide what she should become when she grew up. I would guess a saint. It was a privilege to call her a friend.

Michael Liebl, OSB

IN REMEMBRANCE

Virginia Smith, mother of Jason Smith ('87)

Norm Connelly, father of Andy ('84) and Randy ('86) Connelly

Dale Filkins, brother-in-law of Abbot Theodore, O.S.B.

Mary Tracy, mother of Patrick ('81), Thomas ('87), Christopher ('90), and Kevin Tracy

Mary Margaret "Margie" Wilcox, mother of Tim Wilcox ('83)

Virgean "Jean" Shields, mother of Peggy Sokol and grandmother of David "DJ" Sokol '99

Barbara Lanspa, mother of Mark ('80) and Paul ('86) Lanspa

James Adler, friend of Mount Michael

Fr. Val Peter, friend of Mount Michael; former staff member

Fr. James Schwertley, friend of Mount Michael

Winifred "Winnie" Kouba, mother of Bernard "Butch" Kouba, Jr. ('69)

Don McCall, grandfather of Michael Walsh ('99)

Dr. Ross Crist, father of Jace Crist ('05)

Margaret Brester, mother of Russ Brester and Mary Hellerich

Henry Master, son former member of Mount Michael Abbey

Matthew Richeson, husband of Rhonda Richeson

Barry Harris, grandfather of Jake Harris ('23)

Ingrid Davis, grandmother of Colin Eich ('22)

Ann Louise Micek, friend of Mount Michael

Fr. Clifford Stevens, friend of Mount Michael

Donald Lanspa, mother of Mark ('80) and Paul ('86) Lanspa

Lawrence Mach, cousin of Bro. William, O.S.B.

Margaret Mach, cousin of Bro. William, O.S.B.

Fr. John "Jack" McCaslin, friend of Mount Michael

Robert "Bob" Driml, friend of Mount Michael

Gerard Wemhoff, father of Mark ('83) and Doug Wemhoff ('85)

Helen Andriik, friend of Mount Michael

Joseph Oligmueller, father of Gail Raabe and grandfather of Garrett ('15) Raabe

Lloyd Gray, grandfather of Matt ('06) and Jordan ('09) Goldsmith

Nathan Nichols, son of Elaine Olds

Jon Tefft, uncle of Daniel ('93), Timothy ('93), Brian ('98), and Patrick ('04) Tefft

Scott Darling, great uncle of Jack ('16) and Joe ('19) Hitzemann

Carol Sand, grandmother of Max Vossen ('22)

Theresa Kohanek, grandmother of Ryan ('23) and Ben Quinlan ('23)

Bernadette Slamons, grandmother of Will Stringer ('21)



Admissions

Greetings Mount Michael Community!

In a year unlike any other, the Mount Michael community is excited to welcome the newest members of the student body. The 64 members of the Class of 2024 are undoubtedly unique and bring new talents and personal experiences to the school. With an 81% acceptance rate, these young Knights enter Mount Michael after graduating from 32 different grade/middle schools across the state of Nebraska. This class includes Duke TIP program participants, spelling bee champions, Eagle Scouts, musicians, and decorated athletes. As I begin the recruitment process for the Class of 2025, I am extremely proud of the quality of young men that have entered the Mount Michael brotherhood!

Proud to be a Knight,
Tom Maliszewski '13
Director of Admissions

NEW DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT



Mount Michael Benedictine Abbey and School has named **Matt Hoppe** as Director of Advancement. Matt will lead Advancement efforts for both the Abbey and School. A proven fundraiser

with over fifteen years of experience in the field of non-profit leadership and fund development, Matt has played pivotal roles in capital campaign and community engagement activities. He expanded and diversified funding at multiple organizations and recently oversaw a successful \$10.7M capital campaign. Matt also has demonstrated leadership experience with annual fund campaigns, special events, and marketing. He graduated from Creighton University in 2002 where he met his wife Michelle. They have two children, Sam and Claire, who keep them both very busy. "Matt is a collaborative and strategic leader who brings great experience and ideas to our organization," said Abbot Michael Liebl, O.S.B.



Head of School

THE MOUNT MICHAEL BENEDICTINE SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

As I am writing this, we are still dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. We started this school year on time and in person. Our teachers spent an incredible amount of time this summer getting ready to teach our students. The support of our families, staff, students, and monastic members have kept our school going strong. There have been sacrifices, but there have also been moments of hope, faith, and courage. Within this framework of working with the current climate, we want to focus on our future, the future of Mount Michael Benedictine School.

In the spring and fall of 2014 Mount Michael went through a strategic planning process, which resulted in a plan that was utilized from 2015-2020. Since that five-year plan was ending our Board of Directors decided to hire and retain a new consultant to lead a new Strategic Planning initiative.

In the summer of 2019, Mount Michael Benedictine School hired senior consultant Kent Huyser, of the advancement and leadership consulting firm Gonser Gerber LLP to lead the strategic planning process.

Our strategic planning committee was made up of staff, monastic members, parents, alumni, administration and one member of the board of directors. The process began in earnest in August of 2019. Surveys went out to alumni, faculty, staff, past and current parents. A total of 443 people responded to our survey. Kent Huyser conducted focus group sessions with alumni, faculty, monks, parents, and students.

Eventually, through a series of meetings and discussions, using a process called SOAR (strengths, opportunities, aspirations, and results), the strategic planning committee, along with several volunteers, developed a series of six strategic areas. These six areas became (in no order):

ENHANCE OUR CAMPUS

DEEPEN OUR SPIRITUALITY

NURTURE AND GROW

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

SUPPORT TEACHING AND LEARNING

MANAGE AND GROW

INSPIRE OUR STUDENTS

On the following pages, you will find our complete Strategic Plan. The plan contains these six strategic areas along with a series of goals under each. Over the summer, members of our staff also created a series of objectives that fall under each of the various goals. These objectives will be used to measure our success going into the future.

We want to thank the following people who served on the Strategic Planning Committee: Mrs. Shelley Wedergren, Chair, Mr. Andrew Collins '01, Mr. David Cormier, Mrs. Christy Crnkovich, Mrs. Francesca Donovan, Mr. Thomas Maliszewski '13, Dr. David Peters, Br. August Schaefer and Fr. Louis Sojka '81. A big thanks to the fifty-four people that worked on the sub-committees representing parents, staff, monastic members, board members, community members, alumni, and past parents.

Please take some time to look at the Mount Michael Benedictine School Strategic Plan. We are excited about our plans and what they mean for our future. Thanks to all of you for your constant dedication and support of our young men and our staff. We greatly appreciate the prayers and support, especially as we move through this time of COVID.

Please feel free, if you have any questions, to reach out to me or our staff. We are here because of your generosity.

Take care and God bless,

David J. Peters, Ed.D
Head of School



MOUNT MICHAEL

STRATEGIC ASPIRATIONS AND GOALS 2020-2025

ASPIRATION 1

ENHANCE OUR CAMPUS

We will enrich the Mount Michael experience via exceptional facilities and grounds supporting the spiritual, academic, residential, extracurricular, safety, and technological needs of our community.



— GOAL 1 —

Review, update, and complete a well-integrated Campus Master Plan of buildings and grounds that considers/incorporates our Benedictine values, prioritizes and serves the long-term needs of the Mount Michael community and guests, and coordinates with the long-term curriculum and extra-curricular goals of Mount Michael.

— GOAL 2 —

Establish an innovative and ongoing environmental plan that enhances the welcoming natural beauty of the Mount Michael campus while emphasizing sustainability and maximizing educational opportunities.

— GOAL 3 —

Complete a comprehensive asset life analysis in order to develop and implement a comprehensive maintenance and replacement schedule with projected line item costs with the full direction of department committees and heads.

— GOAL 4 —

Review and update the safety and crisis plan, including training and communicating with internal and external stakeholders as informed by the broader Campus Master Plan.

ASPIRATION 2

DEEPEN OUR SPIRITUALITY

We will cultivate the spiritual life of our students, faculty/staff, and families through our Benedictine values of community, hospitality, integrity, service, and moderation while fostering an environment of acceptance and respect for all faiths.



— GOAL 1 —

Promote a vibrant Catholic culture at MMB that encourages an appreciation of the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church.

— GOAL 2 —

Develop and implement a comprehensive program for formation of our students, faculty, and families in Benedictine Spirituality.

— GOAL 3 —

Create an environment of Christian formation, while including all members of our diverse community and respecting all faith backgrounds and practices.

ASPIRATION 3

NURTURE AND GROW COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

We will engage and expand our community while fostering relationships through thoughtful collaboration and comprehensive communication to further our school's mission and strategic aspirations.



— GOAL 1 —

Implement a formal communication and marketing plan that identifies key messages to share with external and internal audiences, centered around our Benedictine values.

— GOAL 2 —

Develop key partnerships with individuals and institutions that help Mount Michael achieve our strategic aspirations.

— GOAL 3 —

Strengthen the engagement of all Mount Michael constituents through service in the broader community and meaningful volunteer opportunities on our campus.

— GOAL 4 —

Create a comprehensive plan that improves the communication with and involvement of Mount Michael alumni.



Mount Michael Benedictine School is a Catholic college preparatory residential/day high school rooted in Benedictine values for young men committed to excellence. Students develop spiritually, intellectually, and socially through the comprehensive curriculum and communal experience to become future leaders.

ASPIRATION 4

SUPPORT TEACHING AND LEARNING

We will deepen our traditional academic strengths while broadening our curriculum and recruiting and retaining the best faculty and staff to prepare aspirational and thoughtful global thinkers.



— GOAL 1 —

Enhance hiring and retention of top faculty by providing competitive salaries and benefits along with funding for professional development and advanced degrees.

— GOAL 2 —

Review the school curriculum, including both available and required courses, to give students greater flexibility while still holding to our core requirements and following our mission of preparing them for college.

— GOAL 3 —

Evaluate our fine arts course offerings and faculty to enhance student opportunities in art, music, and theater, and explore the possibility of a fine arts credit requirement.

— GOAL 4 —

Explore options to enhance readiness for college and life by offering more opportunities for service, internships, and other career experiences.

ASPIRATION 5

MANAGE AND GROW

We will fortify our financial position to make Mount Michael accessible and affordable by prioritizing financial stewardship, attracting a diverse student body, and growing our financial support through existing and expanded philanthropic partnerships.



— GOAL 1 —

Grow financial support through new and expanded revenue sources.

— GOAL 2 —

Define and increase the role of philanthropic partnerships collaborating with Mount Michael.

— GOAL 3 —

Attract a diverse student body.

— GOAL 4 —

Integrate our current financial statement reports with a long-term financial forecast and with our five-year Strategic Plan.

ASPIRATION 6

INSPIRE OUR STUDENTS

We will offer a nurturing, inclusive, and dynamic campus life experience where students find joy in brotherhood, draw inspiration from different perspectives, and cultivate ambition to grow in mind, body, and soul in preparation for life.



— GOAL 1 —

Inspire compassion and empathy through students' service and shared experiences in the community.

— GOAL 2 —

Enhance an inclusive community that supports discussion, debate, individual expression, acceptance, and spirituality where all are treated with respect and dignity.

— GOAL 3 —

Ensure the safety, physical health, and mental well-being of our students, faculty, and staff.

— GOAL 4 —

Improve extracurricular offerings and evaluate the opportunity to deepen and enrich student engagement.

— GOAL 5 —

Strengthen the bonds of brotherhood among day students, 5-day boarders, and international students.



MOUNT MICHAEL CLASS OF 2024

Matthew Adam of St. Stephen the Martyr School, son of Michael and Melissa Adam of Omaha, NE. Matt served on student council throughout middle school. He made Gold Honor Roll all semesters of middle school and serves as a master altar server at St. Stephen the Martyr. He has played baseball and basketball for eight years as part of both school and select teams. Matt was the recipient of the Marcia Regan Scholarship from the St. Stephen the Martyr Home and School Association, which is awarded based on character and the embodiment of Christ.

***Luke Albers** of St. Patrick's School Elkhorn, son of Steve and Erin Albers of Valley, NE. Luke was a member of the St. Patrick's Leadership Team and received top honors during his eighth-grade year. Luke received the Eighth Grade Athletic Scholarship from the St. Patrick's Athletic Committee.

Gianni Anzalone of Holy Cross School, son of Subby and Amy Anzalone of Omaha, NE. Gianni received the Medal of Honor for being an altar server. At Holy Cross, he received first honors for three consecutive years and was a member of the student congress for two years. He is a black belt in taekwondo. Gianni received the Holy Cross Booster Club Scholarship and the Wierzbicki Scholarship.

***Andrew Balch** of St. Patrick's School Elkhorn, son of Eric and Jane Balch of Omaha, NE. Andrew's robotics team qualified for state in his first year on the team. Andrew was nominated for the Serra Club of Omaha Altar Server Award.

***Alex Broderick** of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of Thomas Broderick of Elkhorn, NE and Tracy Broderick of Omaha, NE. Alex received first and second honors his entire school career at St. Vincent de Paul. He also received the President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence.

Will Bruggeman of St. Wenceslaus School, son of Dr. Nick and Lisa Bruggeman of Elkhorn, NE. Will was awarded the Chivalry award and the Disciple of Christ award. He was a member of several sports teams and a coding club member at St. Wenceslaus. Will also regularly achieved recognition on the honor roll.

Andrew Busenbark of St. Patrick's School Elkhorn, son of Brian and Megan Busenbark of Bennington, NE. Andrew was on the High Honor Roll and earned the Paw Print Award for acts of kindness at New Fairfield, CT Middle School. At St. Patrick's School in Elkhorn, he was a member of the basketball team.

***Nicholas Coldiron** of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of Eric and Emily Coldiron of Omaha, NE.

***Daniel Collins** of St. Margaret Mary School, son of Charlie ('85) and Kara Collins of Omaha, NE. Daniel was awarded membership in the Order of the Golden Cinchure Three for his stewardship as an altar server. He excelled in numerous sports, and he played trombone in the Music for Catholic Schools Honor Band.

Max Coover of Russell Middle School, son of John and Sharifa Coover of Omaha, NE. Max was awarded Superior Honor Roll in eighth grade. He is interested in underwater photography and is in the process of obtaining his scuba diving certification.

***Austin Danahay** of St. Vincent de Paul, son of Dr. Michael and Jill Danahay of Elkhorn, NE. Austin qualified for the Duke TIP ACT program as a seventh grader. He was chosen to participate in the All-State Select baseball weekend, and his school artwork was selected to be entered in the Duchesne art contest.

***Callaway Deffenbaugh** of Kiewit Middle School, son of Matthew Deffenbaugh and Dimitria Wittman of Omaha, NE. Callaway was on the honor roll in middle school.

Carson Demman of St. Patrick's School Elkhorn, son of J.R. and Alyson Demman of Omaha, NE.

Kume Duop of Holy Name School, son of Elizabeth Chan of Omaha, NE.

Ayden Earl of McMillan Magnet Middle School, son of Timothy Earl and Angie Mancuso-Earl of Omaha, NE. Ayden was awarded the Academic Excellence Award from McMillan Middle School. He also received the Pride Award of Excellence for exemplifying the school's core values.

***Aidan Farrell** of St. Wenceslaus School, son of Christine Neuharth of Omaha, NE and Patrick Farrell of Omaha, NE. Aidan was awarded first honors every quarter during middle school at St. Wenceslaus and received state recognition for his performance on the ACT as part of the Duke TIP program. Aidan has studied piano for the last six years, participates in club swimming, and serves his parish as an altar server.

Luke Frohardt of West Middle School, Colorado, Son of Eric and Lea Frohardt of Omaha, NE. Luke moved to Nebraska after finishing middle school in Cherry Hills Village, CO. He earned one of the highest PSAT scores in his class of 350 students. He earned an 8 ranking out of 9 from his ski instructor and recently earned his 4th and final strip on his white belt in Brazilian Ju Jitsu.

***Andrew Gates** of St. Robert Bellarmine School, son of Lonnie and Kimberly Gates of Omaha, NE.

Adam Glow of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of Rick and Kathy Glow of Omaha, NE. Adam received second honors during his eighth-grade year at St. Vincent de Paul. He was also awarded the Mark and Rose Delaney Memorial Scholarship from St. Vincent de Paul.

Charles Gnann of St. Robert Bellarmine School, son of Sidney and Susan Gnann of Omaha, NE.

***Nicholas Halpin** of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of Tom and Mary Kay Halpin of Omaha, NE. Nick earned state recognition and national grand recognition through the Duke TIP Program in seventh grade. He earned first honors and the President's award for Outstanding Academic Excellence in eighth grade.

***Nathan Hovey** of Elkhorn Ridge Middle School, son of Michael and Dawn Hovey of Elkhorn, NE.

***Richard Ricky Kmiecik** of St. Margaret Mary School, son of Rick and Sandy Kmiecik of Omaha, NE.

Ryan Kremer of St. Patrick's School Elkhorn, son of Tim and Rene Kremer of Elkhorn, NE.

***Martin Kuhn** of Elkhorn Ridge Middle School, son of Elmer and Ellen Kuhn of Omaha, NE. Martin was an honor roll student at Elkhorn Ridge and is a Boy Scout preparing his Eagle Scout project. He was selected for the Nebraska Wind Symphony's Middle School All-Stars concert.

Obadiah Laa of All Saints Catholic School, son of Aban and Jenty Laa of Omaha, NE. Obadiah was elected as the Student Council Vice President and was chosen as a Dundee Banker in eighth grade. He was awarded the Sarah Ertmier Scholarship from All Saints.

Charles Chaz Larsen of St. Columbkille School, son of John Larsen of Bellevue, NE, and Kathleen Larsen of Papillion, NE.

***Henry L'Heureux** of St. Patrick's School Elkhorn, son of Brent and Katie L'Heureux of Elkhorn, NE. Henry was active with the St. Patrick's football and robotics teams. He was on the honor roll and participated in the Duke TIP ACT program.

Mengyao Lin of Shanghai, China is the son of Zhi Yong Lin and Zixia Hu Lin.

***Micah Lytle** of St. James/Seton School, son of Jason and Linda Lytle of Omaha, NE. Micah received the President's Gold Award for Educational Excellence and first honors in his eighth grade year at St. James/Seton. He was the Student Senate President for the 2019 school year and is a Life Scout with Troop 383. Micah has received the Serra Club Altar Server award and is the recipient of the Athletic Association Rick Gilbride Memorial scholarship and the Staff Scholarship from St. James/Seton.

Aidan McGarry of St. Margaret Mary School, son of Dr. Sean and Amy McGarry of Omaha, NE. Aidan was part of the trumpet section of Honor Band and competed in nationals in robotics.

Ian McGrane of St. Patrick's School Elkhorn, son of Daniel and Jill McGrane of Elkhorn, NE. Ian was a starting lineman on the St. Patrick's Elkhorn eighth grade football team, which made it to the 2019 semifinal playoffs in the PAL league. Ian was also a starting player for his OSAA baseball team, which won the 2018 and 2019 league championships.

Connor McLain of St. Patrick's School Elkhorn, son of George and Amy McLain of Elkhorn, NE.

Jack McMahan of Elkhorn Ridge Middle School, son of Tim and Wendy McMahan of Omaha, NE. Jack was awarded the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence and earned honor roll status regularly. Jack was also on the Elkhorn Ridge football and track teams.

Jonathan Montour of Lifegate Christian School, son of Jacob and Odile Godlewski of Omaha, NE.

***Finn Murphy** of Elkhorn Ridge Middle School, son of Daniel and Danielle Murphy of Omaha, NE. Finn participated in the Duke TIP ACT as a seventh grader. He was a finalist for the Elkhorn Ridge Geography Bee. Finn was a member of the Elkhorn Ridge Quiz Bowl, cross country, track, basketball, and soccer teams.

William Nihsen of Beadle Middle School, son of Dustin and Sarah Nihsen of Omaha, NE. William has been a Merit Honor Roll student throughout middle school. He was named co-captain of the baseball team.

Liam Ostrander of Mary Our Queen School, son of James Ostrander of Ralston, NE and Elizabeth Ostrander of Omaha, NE. Liam was involved in robotics, basketball, and track and field during middle school and received awards in each sport. He enjoys being an altar server and received the Serra Club Award. Liam also received the Frassati Award in eighth grade and earned High Honors for his grades. He was a student ambassador at Mary Our Queen.

Joshua Glen Palmer of Beadle Middle School, son of Glen and Victoria Palmer of Omaha, NE.

***Carter Pearson** of St. Patrick's School Elkhorn, son of Trevor and Shaina Pearson of Omaha, NE.

Robert Poteat of St. James/Seton School, son of Joseph and Agatha Poteat of Omaha, NE. Robert received the Perfect Attendance award, the Academic Gold award, and the Serra Club Altar Server award at the completion of his eighth-grade year. He was a first honors student throughout eighth grade.

***Leo Ramsey** of St. Pius X/St. Leo School, son of Matthew and Kimberly Ramsey of Omaha, NE. Leo received first and second honors during his eighth-grade year. He also served on the St. Pius X/St. Leo Student Council.

Sebastian Regan of St. Wenceslaus School, son of Thomas Regan and Obdulia Maricela of Elkhorn, NE.

***Aiden Ronk** of Gretna Middle School, son of Gabriel and Janell Ronk of Gretna, NE. Aiden participates in Gretna Middle School's quiz bowl team and has competed on the national level in Washington, D.C. He qualified for the Nebraska all-state band in 2020 as an alternate baritone player. Aiden earned a 26 on his ACT as a seventh grader through the Duke TIP program.

Zachary Sall of St. Pius X/St. Leo School, son of Craig and Molly Sall of Omaha, NE. Zachary made first honor roll three times and second honors once in 8th grade at St. Pius. I also one the PAL Basketball championship.

Nadir Sarmin of All Saints School, son of Hassania Laragia of Omaha, NE. Nadir was an honors student at All Saints and was a member of the school basketball team.

***Ryan Saxby** of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of David Saxby of Omaha, NE and Erin Saxby of Omaha, NE.

***Ashton Schroder** of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of Andrew and Maree Schroder of Omaha, NE. Ashton was recently recognized with the President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence, First Honors award, and the Rotary Club of Omaha Honor Roll. He was also a Student Ambassador at SVdP, an altar server, and the recipient of various art awards. Ashton is a Life Scout currently working toward his Eagle rank in Troop 99 and was nominated for All-State Showcase USSSA in Baseball.

Benjamin Schumacher of Scotus Central Catholic School, son of Tim and Colleen Schumacher of Columbus, NE. Ben played baseball throughout junior high, earning 2019 runner up in the Cornfield Classic Wood Bat Tournament, runner up in the 2019 Midwest Brawl 12 and Under Open, and was named to the 2019 All-Star team. He also received the 2018 and 2019 Sportsmanship award in the Mariner Tournament. Ben was on school honor roll in junior high and is working toward his Eagle Scout rank.

***Sam Schwartz** of St. Patrick's School Elkhorn, son of Travis and Meg Schwartz of Elkhorn, NE. Sam maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout his eighth-grade year. Sam also participated in track, basketball, and a peer mentoring program at St. Patrick's.

Noah Seward of Alfonza Davis Middle School, son of Rob and Julie Seward of Bennington, NE. Noah received an Academics with Distinction award for being on honor roll all quarters of middle school, and he earned a HOPE award in seventh and eighth grades. Noah also participates in several extracurricular activities, including the 70th annual All-City Music Festival at the Holland Center, a Spanish class trip to Puerto Rico in March of 2020, and the cross country, golf, basketball, and baseball teams.

***Ben Sindelar** of Fort Calhoun Junior/Senior High School, son of Kiely and Cheryl Sindelar of Fort Calhoun, NE. Ben was a student council representative and a member of High Achievement Learners. He is also a member of the Knights of the Altar. Ben received the class achievement award in math.

***Jack Skahan** of St. Wenceslaus School, son of Robert and Kathy Skahan of Bennington, NE.

Antonio Stanco of St. Pius X School, Urbandale, son of Vincenzo and Anne Stanco of Johnston, IA. Antonio earned first honors all semesters of middle school. He was chosen to participate in the Iowa State STEM Program and won the parish and regional Knights of Columbus spelling bee in seventh grade. He was a member of the Dowling Middle School cross country team and the Johnston-Urbandale Soccer Club select team.

***Henry Stanek** of Christ the King School, son of Mark and Amy Stanek of Omaha, NE.

Owen Stricklett of St. Patrick's School Elkhorn, son of Ted and Rachel Stricklett of Omaha, NE.

Kale Sykora of Christ the King School, son of David & Helen Sykora of Omaha, NE. Kale was awarded the Msgr. Gass Scholarship from Christ the King and was named a Rotary Scholar. Kale was also awarded the David Bremser Award, given to the eighth-grade boy who demonstrates athletic sportsmanship, academic dedication, and using his talents to serve the community.

***Joseph Trautman**, homeschooled, son of Todd and Angie Trautman of Omaha, NE.

Andrew Tselentis of St. Gerald School, son of Alex and Jennifer Tselentis of La Vista, NE. Andrew was on the honor roll and was awarded the Knights of Columbus Scholarship. He was selected to the annual eighth-grade May Crowning Court by St. Gerald staff for service and leadership. Andrew participated in a variety of extracurricular activities including sports, student government and drama.

***Jacob Vandenack** of Yutan Junior High School, son of Joe and Christine Vandenack of Yutan, NE. Jacob was named to the honor roll with distinction for all quarters in junior high. He was selected to participate in the Blair-Otte Honor Band in seventh grade and in the Wayne State Festival of Honor Bands in eighth grade. Jacob qualified for the 2019 USATF Junior Olympic Championships in the javelin.

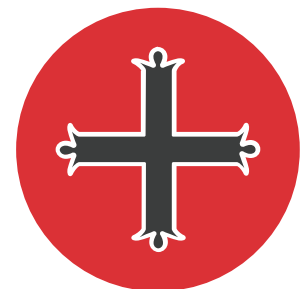
***Thaden Wewel** of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of John and Lindsay Wewel of Omaha, NE. Thaden received first honors in seventh and eighth grade. He also participated in the Duke TIP seventh-grade ACT. Thaden was a recipient of the President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence.

Zach Wooten of St. Columbkille School, son of David and Teresa Wooten of Papillion, NE.

Tiet Yual of All Saints School, son of Peter Yual and Nyakuath Chany of Omaha, NE. Tiet was part of the Omaha CYO Basketball 2017-2018 season champion team. He was also named a 2017-2018 Nebraska Game and Parks Contending Archer.

***Rocco Zimmerman** of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of Rob and Katie Zimmerman of Omaha, NE. Rocco received the Spirit of St. Vincent de Paul award and national grand recognition for his ACT score as part of the Duke TIP program. Rocco played basketball and baseball and ran cross country for his middle school team.

* Indicates a Mount Michael scholarship recipient



Student News...

SERVICE



Photography by Bill Sitzmann

Senior Jackson Heller, was awarded the President's Volunteer Service Points of Light Award, which honors individuals who have given more than 100 hours of service that positively impacts communities and inspires others to serve.



NATIONAL MERIT

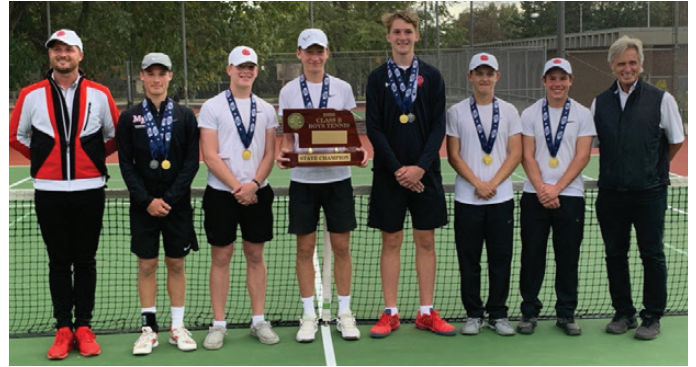
Senior Matt Collins, has been named a National Merit Semifinalist and our three commended scholars are Lincoln Badley, Joe Chouinard, and Jack Sorensen.

FOOTBALL



Eli Crnkovich '21 beat the Mount Michael football record for most tackles in a game (22). This record was previously held by Kyle Bradshaw '06 with 19 tackles in a game.

CLASS B TENNIS STATE CHAMPIONS



Isaac Gart '21
#1 SINGLES CHAMPION

Quinn McMahon '21
7TH PLACE

Will Mallisee '22 and Ethan Pentel '22
#1 DOUBLES STATE RUNNER-UP

Colin Eich '22 and Eric Kapps '22
#2 DOUBLES STATE CHAMPIONS

Coach Chase Petersen, Ethan Pentel '22, Quinn McMahon'21, Isaac Gart '21, Will Mallisee '22, Eric Kapps '22, Colin Eich'22, Abbot Michael Liebl OSB



CROSS COUNTRY

The cross country team finished 4th overall at the state meet. Jack Sorensen finished 8th, Mark Schroll 21st, Jude Storch 27th, Cameron Mallisee 31st, Max McCoy 58th, Ricky Kmiecik 64th.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to the following students who were elected to this year's Student Council:



STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT:
Kyle Pelan



JUNIOR CLASS VICE PRESIDENT:
Chris Angel



DAY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:
Grant Schneider



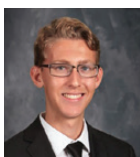
SOPHOMORE CLASS PRESIDENT:
Conor Connealy



7 DAY BOARDER REPRESENTATIVE:
Scott Ding



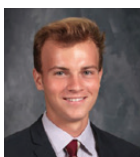
SOPHOMORE CLASS VICE PRESIDENT:
Trevor Christ



SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT:
Jack Sorensen



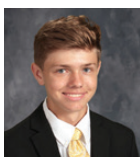
FRESHMAN CLASS PRESIDENT:
Gianni Anzalone



SENIOR CLASS VICE PRESIDENT:
Henry Hohman



FRESHMAN CLASS VICE PRESIDENT:
Andrew Tselentis



JUNIOR CLASS PRESIDENT:
Grant Foster

HIGHLIGHTS

from the Athletic Director, Derrick Spooner



Our school administration has done an incredible job of creating a plan to keep our students safe. We meet daily to ensure everything is being done to keep our students in school and active in sports and activities where possible.

I meet with local and

conference athletic directors multiple times each week to discuss where we are and share what we are doing to keep our students engaged and safe.

We have entered the second quarter of the school year and would not be here without the involvement of our parents. I sincerely thank them for assistance, understanding, and support of policies to keep us in the classrooms. We are also tremendously proud of our students and their focus on the Benedictine value of community during this unprecedented time. They want to be together and their actions reflect this.

Our Booster Club support has been instrumental to a successful fall. members have been very willing to help in a safe manner. I have called on many volunteers to help run home football games and they have stepped up to the plate. Thanks to the Booster Club, we are now using Striv, a media that helps high schools live stream their sports and activities. Thanks to it, our home football games were available to watch live online. We hope to do the same for basketball games. The Booster Club also bought Mount Michael gaiter masks for all of the student body which was greatly appreciated.

Our teams have been fortunate to be able to compete in all three fall sports this season. It has been a joy to see our athletes compete again. One Friday in October we simultaneously hosted a cross-country meet, football game, and tennis match on campus. The number of guests at each event was limited, masks were worn, and people worked to support social distancing. The campus was abuzz, and it was wonderful. Winter sports? We are hopeful! It is good to be back.



NATE LAFAVE MEMORIAL FIELD



MOUNT MICHAEL BENEDICTINE SCHOOL



FOOTBALL

Back: Luke Frohardt, Ryan Saxby, Andrew Balch, Ian McGrane, Ashton Schroder, Jack Roland, Henry L'Heurux, Carson Demman, Connor McLain, Carter Pearson, Jonathan Montour, Adam Glow, Ayden Earl, Jack McMahon, Max Coover; Second row: Drew Tagel, Ethan Gallant, Harper Held, John Balch, Andrew Tselentis, Conor Connealy, Lane Schroeder, Joe Trautman, Robert Poteat, Landon Knobbe, Austin Danahay, Cole Gustafson, Micah Lytle, Ryan Stumpff, Andrew Fink, Alex Broderick; Third row: Jack Huber, Jurgen Beller, Charlie Janecek, Raoul Djidjoho, Ethan Roepke, Jake Harris, Sawyer Thompson, Nathaniel Oehler, Matt Janecek, Will Brewster, Ben Rempe, Daniel Mondy, David Drews, Luke Broderick, Will Benson; Front: Michael Oehler, Nick Wehbe, Cameron Detwiler, Grant Schneider, Sam Gustafson, Eli Crnkovich, Colin Christo, Will Stringer, Will Byrnes, Liam West, Louis Mixan; Not pictured: Sebastian Duran, Nick Halpin, Brock Wamsley, Kale Sykora, Sebastian Santa-Maria, Drew Kirklin



CROSS COUNTRY

Mark Schroll, Max McCoy, Sam Corey, Ricky Kmiecik, Jack Sorensen, Ryan McMahon, Cameron Mallisee



TENNIS

Back: Henry Hohman, Isaac Gart, Quinn McMahon, Andrew Hartin, Will Mallisee. Front: Zach Rapoza, Eric Kaps, Colin Eich, Ethan Pentel, Coach Chase Petersen



One Hundred Years of Commitment to Mount Michael And Beyond

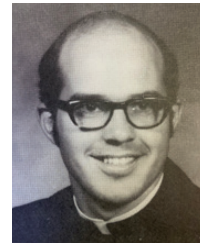
Fr. John Hagemann, O.S.B.

Fifty years ago, in the year 1970, several Mount Michael monks took a step forward in religious life and ministry. Eugene McReynolds was ordained a priest in June and I, John Hagemann, took temporary monastic vows in July. By 1970, neither of us were newcomers to Mount Michael. Fr. Eugene was a student in the junior college here when Mount Michael was St. John's Seminary, and he joined our monastic community in 1964. My first year here was the fall of 1963, as a freshman. My class was the last class to go through all six years of the system of St. John's Seminary. I joined the monastic community after my sophomore year in college when I was only twenty years old!

Hailing from North Omaha, around the area of St. Philip Neri parish and having a sister who joined the Notre Dame sisters just up the hill from the family parish, Fr. Eugene was not a newcomer to religious life. The same may be true of me since I hail from St. Michael's parish in Albion, Nebraska and have numerous relatives who were Franciscans from the area of Humphrey, Nebraska. Perhaps we were both destined for community life.

The year 1970 brought with it a huge change for the monastic community at Mount Michael. We decided to close the seminary and become Mount Michael Benedictine School. Both Fr. Eugene and I were always oriented toward Mount Michael's ministry of education so for many years we were both teachers at the school. As many other monks of Mount Michael, each of us gave ourselves over to many, many, hours in the classroom and helping with the many activities of Mount Michael. Fr. Eugene taught business classes and Driver's Ed. Many students probably recall Fr. Eugene pacing the aisles of the classroom during the days of keyboarding, repeating over and over: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog." Typing this sentence required using all the letters of the alphabet and Fr. Eugene's students typed it over and over again. While I spent my teaching years in the English and Theology departments, I was also always involved with music in both the choir and liturgical celebrations. My literature students will perhaps remember how enamored I was (and still am) of Steinbeck as a writer. Both Fr. Eugene and I spent time as deans and put in literal 24-hour days working in the school for numerous years.

Since the early days of Mount Michael High School, the monks have been called upon to do many things. It would not be unusual for a monk to be a bus driver or moderator of a class and then be responsible for a prom and all the decorations, or perhaps be the cheerleader sponsor or be responsible for the concessions at all football and basketball games. Both Fr. Eugene and I remember those days, but Fr. Eugene particularly



Fr. John Hagemann



Fr. Eugene McReynolds



remembers how tense it was driving the bus, especially to away games with Coach Jim Kane sitting right behind him.

However, no matter how involved and focused the monks were in the life of Mount Michael High School, the monastic community went beyond its own walls. For many, many, years, Mount Michael monks helped out at Boys Town in one way or another. Fr. Eugene was asked to teach theology classes at Boys Town years ago. One thing led to another and eventually he got involved in counseling and helping people with addictions. He has led many Serenity Group retreats for men and women in AA and Al-Anon. Fr. Eugene explains that this was his call of "Benedictine" transition to a "Benedictine Mission" outside of Mount Michael. For many years, Fr. Eugene was mentored by the late Fr. Val Peter in his work at Boys Town. To say that he has touched many people's lives would be an understatement!

I retired from the classroom in 2011. Shortly afterward, I was asked to come back to help the student community in the capacity of Campus Ministry, where I have been involved ever since. It is a rewarding experience to work on a spiritual level with our students. I have also worked lots of years in Mount Michael's garden. Hopefully, I have brought a bit of happiness to others with fresh veggies or beautiful flowers from the Farmer's Market. My "Benedictine Mission" only took me to the south part of Mount Michael's campus – the area years ago known as Journey's End Farm.

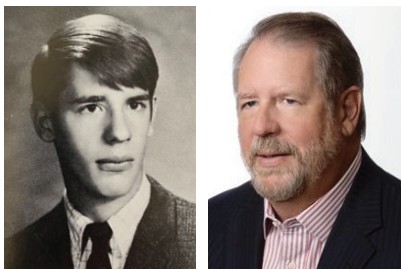
The monastic community celebrates anniversaries at Thanksgiving time. This year, fifty years of priesthood for Fr. Eugene and fifty years of monastic life for me.

On Thanksgiving Day both Fr. Eugene and I will express our gratitude to God, family, the Mount Michael community and all who have helped to get us this far down the road in our journey in life. We will pray that we can both bring our promises to completion one day in the future. We both ask you for support and prayers.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

KELLY BERENS '69

Following the careers and lives of our alumni, one cannot help but be amazed and proud of what they have done and continue to do. One such alum is none other than Kelly Berens of the class of 1969 of St. John's Seminary.



After graduating in 1969, Kelly received his Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1972 and his law degree from Duke University in 1975. At

the same time, he was raising a family. His two sons, Troy and Shawn, graduated from Mount Michael in 1988. In 1979, Kelly founded a law firm that became known as Berens & Tate. After 30 years of practice, the firm merged with Jackson Lewis, one of the largest employment and labor law firms in the country. Kelly still actively practices law. In fact, he was recently recognized as one of the *Best Lawyers in America* by The Best Lawyers in America® 2020. For companies, he focuses primarily on the most complex labor relations issues, such as alternative dispute resolutions, class actions, workplace safety, and labor negotiations.

Kelly says that Mount Michael “provided the base on which everything stands. All success is attributed to Mount Michael and the support of my lovely bride, Dawn.”

During his time at the Mount, Kelly says that the people who were most influential were “undoubtedly, Coach Jim Kane, Fr. Benedict Dohle, and my fellow students.” Coach Kane and Fr. Benedict alike taught Kelly discipline, preparation, the willingness to move forward, and how to understand others views other than your own. Kelly made strong relationships with his classmates. “Culture, even back in the 1960’s was focused. We all cared about succeeding academically.”

Kelly appreciates the strong academic focus that is a foundation of Mount Michael. Kelly, his sons, Shawn and Troy, and his grandson, Max, all graduates of Mount Michael,

can attest that “after leaving Mount Michael, college is pretty easy.” They all felt well prepared for the challenges of college and were thankful for the grounding in Benedictine values.

While a student at the Mount, Kelly was a three-year starting basketball player. Something he will never forget is losing the state finals in 1968. Even twenty years after graduating, Kelly would meet up with Coach Kane and teammate Dave Hahn and find themselves discussing the state runner-up team. Kane told them that there must be a team that does it first; the 1968-69 team that paved the way for those who came after.

Athletic success continued through the bloodline for the Berens at Mount Michael. Shawn and Troy were members of the 1986 state championship cross country team and the '87 and '88 state runner-up track and cross-country teams. Max contributed immediately in track and field, lettering all four years in addition to being a cross country letterman his junior and senior years.

When asked what he misses most about the Mount, he answered “the comradery of friends, basketball teammates especially.” Kelly, Abbot Michael, Dave and Bob Hahn, and Coach Kane were known to gather often. Kelly, Abbot, and Dave still attend Mount Michael basketball games in the Palace, home of Coach Kane Court. He is still very close with his guys from his time like Abbot Michael Liebl, Fr. John Hagemann, Dave Hahn, Tom Hastings, and Jim “Jet” Krone.

Kelly remains a strong supporter of the school and still follows the teams and academic accomplishments closely. Kelly says that there is a possibility for two more grandsons to attend the Mount! He’s proud to see how Mount Michael has evolved into one of the finest educational institutions in the country.

As a message to current students, Kelly advises “Take Advantage. It is an opportunity that you may not recognize until years later. It may just be the best and most important years of your life. It is the foundation that the rest of your life rests on. Of equal importance, the friends you make will be your friends for life.”



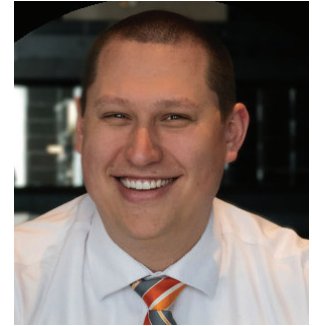
Troy '88, Max '20, Kelly '69



Alumni News



Kevin Jewell '14, was named Director of Men's Basketball Operations at University of Nebraska at Omaha!



John Levy '99, Matt Plooster '99, and Taylor Korensky '12 were awarded the Midlands Business Journal's 40 Under 40 for 2020!



Kelvin Berens '69, was recognized as one of Jackson Lewis' Best Lawyers in America! Kelly is the Managing Principal in the Omaha, NE office of Jackson Lewis P.C.



John Noble '86 was recently promoted to COO at Streck!

If you would like to include an announcement in an upcoming issue of the Michaelen, please contact
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Justin Cheney '04, a videographer and editor for NET the local PBS station, along with two of his colleagues won a Heartland Regional Emmy award!



Gunhee Park '10 was featured the Omaha Magazine for his company Populum, which he founded!

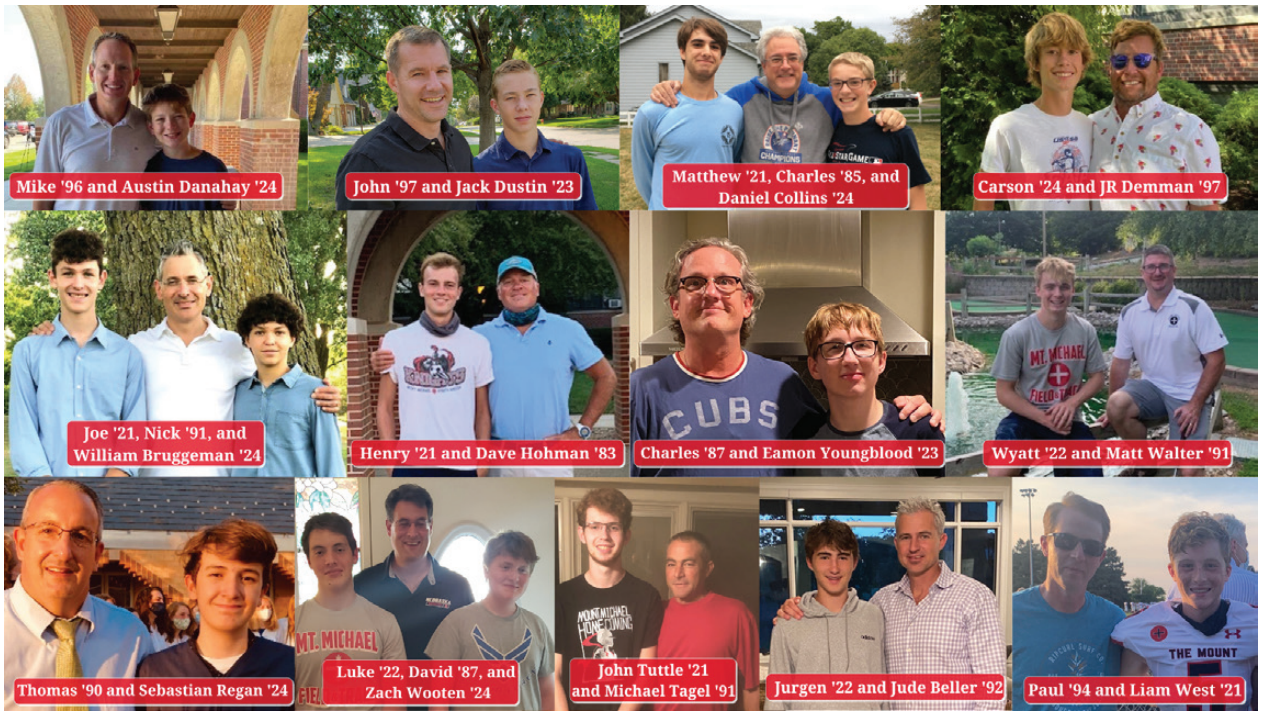


Dr. Stephen Salzbrenner '92 recently received the Startup of the Year award by UNetech for his company, BreezMed. Dr. Salzbrenner is a psychiatrist at Nebraska Medicine as well as the founder and CEO of BreezMed.



Paul West '94 was named in Barron's Top 100 Independent Advisors for the third year in a row!

LEGACY KNIGHTS



ZOOM REUNION

Each year, we look forward to welcoming our alumni back for the Mount Michael Reunion and reminiscing about our days at the Mount. Given the concerns and need to ensure safety regarding COVID-19, we made the difficult decision to cancel the reunion for this year. On August 28, 2020 six alumni from the class of '70 gathered at Jeff and Pattie Selzle's home in Omaha Nebraska for an unofficial class gathering. Other members from the class were able to join in via zoom.

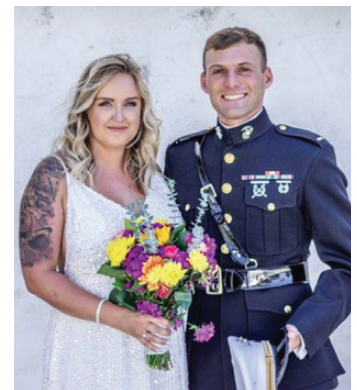


Attending the gathering sitting left to right are Fr. Lloyd Gnirk, Larry Etienne, Ed Conradt, Gene Gaul, Fr. Frank Baumert, and Jeff Selzle (standing).

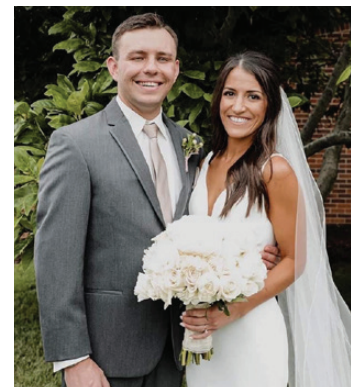


Zoom call: Top row left to right: John Nevole, group as listed above, Zach Zuehlke; Middle row: Joe Lesiak, Eric Emanuel, Stan Steuter; Bottom: Leo Viktora

WEDDINGS



Connor Spiegel '12 married Stephanie Fick on July 25th, 2020.



Tristan Anzalone '10 married Anne Macaitis on August 1st, 2020.



Scott Ritzman '06 married Amber Henkel on August 8th, 2020.



Alex Gass '12 married Sarah Jones on Sept. 19th, 2020.



Jack '10 and Melissa Brady welcomed their daughter Avalyn Rose Brady on July 7th, 2020.



Kyle Sederstrom '09 married Brooke McLeod on August 21st, 2020



Clayton Taylor '11 married Keegan Mahoney on October 10th, 2020.



Brian Stinebaugh '05 and his wife Ashley welcomed their son Thomas on August 10th, 2020.



Josh Hankins '11 married Sandy Nguyen on August 28th.

BIRTHS



Joe Kmiecik '03 and his wife Nora welcomed their son Pio Anasztazy Kmiecik on February 22nd, 2020.



Nick Cairney '12 and his wife Emily welcomed their son Rocco Raphael-Gregory on September 6th, 2020.



Drew Deras '07 married Taylor Hayes on August 29th in Omaha.



Nick Hall '07 and his wife Kiley welcomed their son Harrison on October 6th, 2020.

Mass Information

If you find that your pastor is unable to conveniently take care of Masses you wish to have celebrated for your particular intentions, Mount Michael Abbey welcomes the requests for such intentions. We will see to it that the Masses are celebrated as promptly as possible.

The offering you make should correspond with that suggested by the diocese in which you reside. Your pastor will be able to inform you of what the stipend of a particular diocese may be.

Mass Intentions: \$10.00

Please address such requests to:

**Mass Intentions
Development Office
Mount Michael Benedictine Abbey
22520 Mount Michael Road
Elkhorn, NE 68022**

Memorial & Tribute Information

Often, inquiries are made about our memorials and tributes for relatives and friends, living or deceased. At Mount Michael one can enroll families or friends in our memorial and tribute foundation. This consists of daily remembrance at the Eucharist and the Divine Office by the monks of Mount Michael Abbey. Upon enrollment, we will notify the family with a card.

The suggested offering for this memorial enrollment is:

INDIVIDUAL

One Year \$50
Five Years \$100
Lifetime \$250

FAMILY

One Year \$100
Five Years \$200
Lifetime \$500

In Memoriam & Honor

July 2nd, 2020 – October 2nd, 2020

Mount Michael Benedictine keeps all those in memoriam and honor in our prayers.

In Memory of Ann Allen
Dylan Spicka '98

In Memory of Joseph J. Beninato, Jr
Greg '89 and Erin Beninato

In Memory of Rhonda Bonifas
Harry and Rita Bonifas

In Honor of the Class of 2020
John and Melissa Gathje

In Memory of Kristi Coughlin
Douglas Coughlin

In Memory of Tish Fazio
Bill and Jeanette Behrendt

In Honor of Fr. John Hagemann, O.S.B.
Lyle and Judy Hoppe

In Memory of Dylan Johnson '16
Jeff and Colleen Starman

In Honor of Cole Kolkowski '19
Christopher and Marsha Kalkowski

In Honor of Logan Kolkowski '15
Christopher and Marsha Kalkowski

In Memory of Winifred Kouba
Geri Erftmier
Theresa Howell
Michael and Beth Jareske
Frank '72 and Eileen Lesiak
John and Marianne McCandless
James and Francie Weis

In Memory of Nate LaFave '16
Jeff and Colleen Starman
Alan and Sharon Wear

In Memory of Barbara Lanspa
Mark Lanspa '80

In Memory of Donald Lanspa
Brent Feigenbaum
Dr. David and Nancy Peters

In Honor of Abbot Michael Liebl, O.S.B.
Dennis and Liz Barnett
Nancy Schlesiger

In Memory of Ralph Marasco
Anonymous
Ron and Deb Cizek
Jerry and Ann Crouse
David Dean
DeEmma Fitzgerald
The Cizek Group
Kevin and Linda Hitzemann
Mary Honke
Barbara Krantz
Paul Ludacka
Bill and Gina Miklas
Steve '80 and Barb Murray
Roy and Lucy Neneman
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Jean Seitzer
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Don and Gloria Sudbeck
Gary and Sharon Ugland
Raimund and Kim Volpone
W. Kent and Connie Wichman

In Honor of Robert H. Matt
Cathy Matt

In Memory of Anna Lou Micek
Mike and Michelle Morrison

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Carmen Peetz

In Memory of Mark Pelan
Kevin and Linda Hitzemann

In Honor of Kyle Pelster '06
Kelly Pelster

In honor of Dr. David Peters
Brit and Sharon Carleton

In Memory of Benjamin Phipps
Janet Blomstedt

In Memory of Br. James Pope, O.S.B.
Margaret A. Tigges

In Memory of Stan Price
Bob and Lori Price

In Memory of McKenize Robins
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Bob and Betty Knapp

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Dawn Assmann
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Steve and Marguerite Hotovy
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Tedi Lund
Betty Roberts
Alan and Sharon Wear

In Memory of Abbot Raphael Walsh, O.S.B.
Raimund and Kim Volpone

In Honor of Bernie and Rose Wilson
Dave Wilson '78

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Morning Praise 6:30am | Noon Day Prayer 11:45am
Vespers 5:15pm | Night Prayer (In the Abbey) 7:00pm

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