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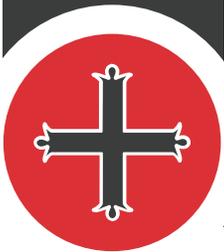
Letter from the Abbot

A tale of the coronavirus. The virus arrived in Nebraska in March of 2020. Faced with uncertainty about its infectiousness and virulence, the monastic community went into isolation. The final quarter of classes was completed remotely. All extracurricular activities were cancelled. Graduation with parents in attendance only came in July. Unprecedented questions abounded for administrators for the ensuing school year. Could we have classes in person? Could we have students residing in the dorms? Would international students be able to join us? Could we keep students, staff, and monks safe and healthy?

A significant fraction of the burden for navigating the turbulent waters fell to our head of school, Dr. David Peters. Before classes had even completed that spring, Dr. Peters was already investing extraordinary measures of time and energy to prepare for the 2020-21 school year. Thanks to protocols established by Dr. Peters and a safety team for the abbey and school, we enjoyed a safe and successful year.

A thank you gift for Dr. Peters seemed appropriate. But what gift? I knew that Dr. Peters had a collection of comics and comic art. While he was still a student in his hometown of Cedar Falls, Iowa he and a buddy would catch a train to attend comic book fairs in Chicago. But I did not know what he might like. I emailed his son, Sam, a recent Mount Michael alumnus who is attending the University of Utah. Sam graciously replied with suggestions listed on eBay. Four were pieces by an artist named Kelly Freas. Kelly Freas was a science fiction and fantasy artist who has illustrated books and magazines for over five decades. He had adapted a 1953 cover for Astounding Science Fiction which became the album cover for the rock group Queen's News of the World. That original artwork recently sold for \$80,000. For a monk, a bit out of my price range.

The listing on eBay which Sam Peters had sent included an email address for the owner who was offering the pieces by Kelly Freas. In the blind, I sent a note to the address, I explained that the Freas artwork was to be a gift for our head of school who had done yeoman work, and that I was a poor monk without many resources. By good fortune, the owner of the artwork was a gentleman named Mark Corrinet who also happened to be Catholic. In corresponding, I learned that Mark had largely fended for himself as a young man. He worked many jobs to finish his undergraduate education. With a reputation for detail and leadership, he was offered the job of managing an art show at one



UPCOMING EVENTS

MEMORIAL MASS
September 6th

5TH QUARTER
September 17th

FALL FESTIVAL
September 18th – 19th

of the first big comic shows in the Bay Area. As he said, folks were amazed to encounter a baby-faced teenager running an entire art show. Mark completed a law degree and just after passing the California bar exam, was badly injured in a truck accident. Unable to work full time as a lawyer, Mark fell back on his experience with comic and fantasy art to supplement his income. He eventually became the agent for Kelly Freas. Quite generously, not only did Mark give me a break on the price of the artwork, he also sent gift. It is a plate from an 1838 bible depicting the apparition of the resurrected Christ to Mary Magdalene that was destroyed. The plate is probably worth more than the amount I paid for the Freas artwork.

Not long after Mark put the artwork in the mail to me, an unexpected complication popped up. Mark sent an email saying a proposal to purchase the same piece of art had come from someone in Omaha. Possibly an accident, but likely not. He shared part of the note, and sure enough the offer for the artwork came from Nancy Peters, the wife of Dr. Peters. She was obviously aware of her husband's interest in the Kelly Freas piece. When she saw it listed as being sold on eBay, she tried to intervene with an offer. I let Mark know that the inquiry was from Dr. Peters' wife, Nancy. He clandestinely let her know that Dr. Peters was going to receive the work anyway. A potential snag averted.

We close the school year with a picnic for the faculty and staff. This happened to be the tenth year for Dr. Peters as head of school. So, I had an excuse to give him the gift at the picnic. If his son and wife are to be believed, he did not know what the gift was. If he did know about it, he did a fine job of feigning surprise and delight at the presentation.

The coronavirus took me on an adventure. It prompted a search for a gift. The search opened a door onto the artwork of Kelly Freas. In turn, that led to many exchanges with the owner of the artwork, Mark Corrinet, which created a new friendship. I received an unexpected gift, the bible plate. And it was a pleasure to honor Dr. Peters who worked long and hard to keep us up and running and safe. God works in strange ways.

Michael Liebl, OSB

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ADMISSIONS



Greetings Mount Michael Community!

It was a very busy summer at Mount Michael. The gym and weight room are packed full every day with our students, and just about every other part of campus is full of Camp Mount Michael campers! We have over 340 kids registered to attend camp over its 4-week timeframe, which is the most we have had in quite some time.

Additionally, our athletic camps in June were also a tremendous success, with over 100 campers that attended at least one of those camps. It is busy for the counselors to say the least.

Additionally, in late June Mount Michael hosted the Catholic Boarding Schools Association annual summer conference. The Catholic Boarding Schools Association is comprised of 15 member schools from across the country. From June 21-24, we welcomed Admissions Directors and Residential Life Coordinators from 8 of these schools for professional development, relationship building, and learning of each other's best practices. It was an extremely productive conference. Below are the schools that were able to attend:

- Mount Michael Benedictine- Elkhorn, NE
- Maur-Hill Mount Academy- Atchison, KS
- Saint Bede Academy- Peru, IL
- The Academy of the Sacred Heart- Grand Coteau, LA
- Villanova Preparatory School- Ojai, CA
- Chaminade Preparatory School- St. Louis, MO
- Marianapolis Preparatory School- Thompson, CT
- Saint Stanislaus High School- Bay St. Louis, MS



We are expected to have an enrollment in the fall of over 250 students, which will be the highest in Mount Michael history!

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

Photo by Fr. Louis Sojka, O.S.B.



If you have any ideas on future alumni events, would like to contact the alumni board, or would like to make a contribution to the Alumni Association, please email alumni@mountmichael.org.

If you would like to include an announcement in an upcoming issue of the Michaeleen, please contact

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Head of School ● ●

As you are reading this Michaeleen I hope you are all safe and well. The 2020-21 school year ended on Friday, May 21st. I am very happy to report that we started the year in-person with 237 young men and we ended the school year in-person with 237 young men. It was a year that we had to make some adjustments and changes, but at the end we got through it.

In dealing with the pandemic, we had a core pandemic team that worked all last summer on policies, procedures, safety measures and guidelines. The team also worked closely with the Douglas County Health Department, which was extremely helpful in answering our questions and working with our staff, students, and their families.

Our students and staff wore masks throughout the entire school year. We tried to keep to the six-foot, and later, the three-foot distancing, which was more difficult than you may realize. Temperatures were taken daily. The deans took the residential students' temperatures, and we took temperatures of 6-12 randomly chosen day students.

Most of our students were taught in-person, students (and families) who felt they needed to be home had the option to learn remotely. We also taught remotely in instances where students had to go into quarantine or were ill and needed to be isolated. The members of our monastic community, who still teach in the school, taught the first three quarters of school remotely from the abbey. Students would go to the classroom where a staff member would proctor the room while the monk's video would be shown on the large screen. It worked well and kept the monks safe. They returned to teach in-person in the fourth quarter after they had been fully vaccinated.

We managed the dorms a little differently, keeping the classes separated and asking that no day students visit the dorms. Our dining room seating was spread out and we allowed only four people to a table. Wednesday night visits did take place, but families had to visit outside, in their vehicles or they could go offsite to dinner.

Meetings, parent-teacher conferences and other events were held virtually. We instituted the STRIV channel to live stream our sporting events, awards night, and graduation.

We have followed NSAA guidelines to limit the capacity for sporting events. Initially, this was limited to parents and family members. As the school year progressed, we were able to increase the numbers. Eventually in the spring with outdoor events, our spectator numbers returned to almost the pre-COVID level.

The monks continued to hold daily Mass in the abbey throughout the school year. It was not until June when they moved their daily liturgy back to the chapel. Despite this challenge, we did have all-school Masses. We held one on the football field, one in the gym, and several remotely from the abbey. We still had Monday morning chapel time via video. A monastic member would record their Benedictine value presentation, which was played in first period classes followed by announcements for the week.

Overall, we had to overhaul our technology to be able to teach remotely and in person. We used Canvas, a platform to assist teachers in students with assignments, projects, recordings, etc., which is also used by many colleges and universities. The teachers were trained in Canvas last summer and used it all year. We will continue to use Canvas going forward.

People have asked me; what have you learned this school year? I feel strongly that our staff and students came together in the most positive of ways. We concentrated on what was essential and supported our students and teachers. I want to thank our counseling staff and our deans who worked closely with our students. I also want to thank our dedicated teachers and staff. They put in a tremendous amount of time and energy to make this school year possible. This was a team effort; everyone relying on everyone else. I was very proud of the level of effort and dedication!

Going into the future we are ready to provide on- and off-site education if needed. I think we have come to realize that being remote is not the same as physically being here. Mount Michael is a school that needs to be experienced in person. I ask that you all pray for that as we move forward, a future with no pandemic or disaster that keeps us from being in person!

God bless you all.

David J. Peters, Ed.D.
Head of School

We are proud to announce our Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2021!

CONROY JEFFRIES '73

Conroy Jeffries is legendary. When Mount Michael, known then as Elkhorn-St. John's, won the 1973 Class C Track & Field State Championship, he was part of nearly every one of the team's 46 points. Conroy took first in the 220 yard dash (22.0), the 440 (49.2), and the 880 (1:56.8). He ran these events with focus and confidence. Jeffries said "Winning the team title was worth not being able to win the gold medal in the events I won. I wasn't able to go all out in all events in order to save something for the mile relay." As Coach Kane and the team planned, he was indeed part of the winning 4x440 relay along with Steve Spulack, Dave Batenhorst, and Bob Knust. Jeffries was running for his team, "As soon as I knew I had an event won I'd let up a little because the mile relay took everything I had." He reflected after the meet, "This is the first track title for Mt. Michael and we did a good job of pulling together in order to win." At the district meet, Coach Kane reflected "His potential is unlimited. A Class C school gets an athlete like him once every 30 or 40 years."

To this day he still holds the school record in the 200 (21.7) and is tied for the 400 record (48.9).

Coach Gathje thinks at one point he held the school record in the 100, 200, 400, and 800; plus, he was on a couple of the relay records (probably the 4x440 and maybe the 4x880).

Conroy's memory and achievements live on today. The track & field program has the "Conroy Award" which goes to individual and or individuals who have a particularly good performance at a track & field meet.

BR. FRANCIS SCHMITZ, O.S.B.

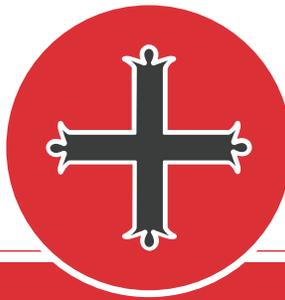
Bro. Francis had a very strong passion for sports. His special love was Mount Michael athletics. Bro. Francis had unwavering loyalty to all Mount Michael athletic teams and was not afraid to challenge friend or foe to find a better athlete or team than a Mount Michael one. He was well-known for his famous "predictions" of the game's outcome. As equipment manager, Bro. Francis was found on the field or on the basketball court tending to equipment or to players. Sometimes his zealous game time enthusiasm would find him next to Coach Jim Kane after a big play or an official's call giving the business to player or to official. And after the lights were dimmed on the field or on the court one could find Bro. Francis washing, drying and repairing the uniforms in the Abbey laundry room into the wee hours. He served as the school's Director of Inter-school Athletics, Athletic Director, baseball coach, groundskeeper, and athletic equipment manager.

1982 FOOTBALL TEAM

The Seeker yearbook article of the time begins "The best often requires more than just individuals." The 1982 football team is incomparable on both sides of the ball. The team went 11-0 putting up such eye-raising statistics as offensively scoring 296 points for the year and the defense allowing only a mere 19 points the entire season. The team shut out its final seven opponents for a total of nine blankings overall. In the playoffs, Coach Kane's Knights beat McCook 23-0, Lincoln Pius X 28-0, and finally O'Neill 38-0. In that final game, supported by a great line, Jeff Jamrog ran for four touchdowns and 165 of his game total 195 yards – in the first half.



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CONROY JEFFRIES • BROTHER FRANCIS • 1982 FOOTBALL



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- Br. Jerome's Flea Market
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MASS & BREAKFAST

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Join us for Mass, Breakfast and More!

9:30 A.M. Mass on the Mount Michael Football Field

Immediately following Mass:

Breakfast in the Armory



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A NEW BEGINNING AT JOURNEY'S END

Guest House at Mount Michael Comes Full Circle

by Br. J.P. Lage, Obl.S.B.

"I can't go on forever, and I don't really want to try." Powerful words uttered by Mr. Willy Wonka when he gave Charlie the chocolate factory.

For more than three decades Br. Jerome Kmiecik, O.S.B., has run the guest house at Mount Michael, and now is the time for the torch of that ministry to be passed.



Starting in September, the Friday and Saturday lunches, hosted by Br. Jerome, that so many people have come to love will be a thing of the past. Benedictine women and men, Mount Michael's oblates, will take the ministry run out of the guest house in its new direction as The Oblates of St. Benedict Guest House, Giftshop and Flea Market Barn at Mount Michael Abbey. What won't change is, "All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ," Rule of St. Benedict 53:1.

"The guest house will open anew as a quiet retreat house to refresh the soul and body," Br. Jerome said. "After all, that's actually how the guest house got started. We're just going back to basics."

In a recent exchange between Br. Jerome and Mr. Howard Schanzer, Obl.S.B., an oblate dean here, Schanzer said, "Br. Jerome, when people come to the guest house, they want to see you!" With a humble, yet knowing, smile, Br. Jerome simply responded, "Howard, as fellow Benedictines, the oblates are me."

Br. Jerome isn't going anywhere. He recently shared with the abbot, "I would like to spend the remainder of my years and energy giving of myself to the oblates and getting them established in their new ministry here."

The guest house will be open three days a week: Thursdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lectio Divina (divine reading) will be hosted every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. with a vision of having at least one Lectio Divina session each day—demand will dictate. "Lectio is praying the scripture as opposed to studying the scripture," Br. Jerome said. "It's an amazing way to converse with God; and to pray this way in fellowship with others is truly a humbling and grounding experience."

More than 30 years ago Br. Jerome was quoted as saying, "I think of this as a sanctuary of stability in a world that has lost stability. In a society that is restless and mobile, we're witness to something stable and enduring. We take time every day to stop and turn our minds back to God."

"Over the years (at the house) I can't think of a single event held here where someone hasn't commented on the positive energy they feel when visiting," Br. Jerome shared. "And I get it! The first monks here celebrated the Eucharist and prayed the office in this house! This was the first 'abbey and chapel' here." Br. Jerome added, "You're literally standing on sacred ground here! This is a 'Burning Bush' experience if that's what you're seeking!"

The new venue at the guest house will offer mini retreats. Some examples of upcoming retreats are: The Life & Rule of St. Benedict, Busy People-Enter the Labyrinth of Silence & Solitude and Going Deeper than Words-Lectio Divina.

The guest house will still have its gift shop and flea market offering books, antiques, Benedictine and religious items, among other things. Coffee, tea and treats will be served every day the house is open. According to Schanzer, "Two of Mount Michael's oblates will staff each of the shifts Thursday through Saturday: they'll run the lectio sessions, lead the retreats, and serve the coffee and goodies." "And I'll be a presence here at the house every chance I get!" Br. Jerome said, again with a smile. "But I'll be drinking the coffee this time - not pouring it."

"We'll see about that!" Schanzer said. "I know Br. Jerome, and old habits die hard!"

"As monastics it's still important for us to be generative, life giving. This passing of the torch to our monastic oblates will allow for the guest house to go on perpetually," said Br. Jerome. "This is critical - since none of us are going to live in this earthly realm forever!"

"Mount Michael is a spiritual place, some might say a magical place, with endless possibilities," Br. Jerome said. "And always remember, you can't reap what you don't sow."

The Word of God Comes Alive Among Mount Michael Students



Jesus said to them: “Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?”

Student one: The word that struck me most in this passage is the word “rejected.” What comes to mind for me, are the times I have been rejected myself or have seen others rejected.

Student two: The phrase that speaks to me most is “wonderful in our eyes yes.” Although Jesus was rejected, he accomplished the forgiveness of sins. How much more wonderful could it possibly be?

Student three: I centered on the word “cornerstone.” Indeed, Jesus did become the most important stone of the structure of our faith. The cornerstone is central and so is Jesus.

This is somewhat how a session of Lectio goes on Thursday evenings at Mount Michael. During the pandemic, Lectio took place in the chapel at 9:00 p.m. during the pandemic. But Prior to the pandemic, the students walked over to the abbey building and came to the oratory for Lectio.

Lectio is a form of prayer that is very ancient and particularly practiced in monastic circles. It goes like this for us:

- 1 Opening prayer — asking for careful listening and asking for God’s guidance with the Word of God
- 2 First slow and deliberate reading of the Scripture passage chosen
- 3 A period of total silence
- 4 Second reading of the very same passage — again very slow and deliberate
- 5 Another period of total silence
- 6 Third reading of the same passage — slow and deliberate
- 7 After another period of silence anyone, may speak about a word or phrase which particularly spoke to him.
- 8 Finally, when everyone speaks who desires to do so speaks, the whole group prays the Our Father together and a blessing is given with Holy Water to the whole group.
- 9 There is a brief time afterwards for refreshments for the students, as time allows for them in regard to academic responsibilities for the next day.

Br. Jerome Kmiecik OSB, the Oblate Director of Mount Michael, introduced Lectio to Mount Michael students several years ago. At the same time, the monastic community again invited students to become oblates of our community, as we did years ago when we were still St. John’s Seminary.

The student oblates and lectio have been a wonderful blessing for Mount Michael. It truly feels as if we are attempting to live the Benedictine values we profess, which are etched in stone on the arches of the DJ Sokol building.

Students and adults who are interested in the oblate program may contact Br. Jerome at jkmiecik@mountmichael.org for more information and meeting times.



WRITTEN BY
FR. JOHN HAGEMANN, O.S.B.

SECOND SEMESTER 2020-2021



Mount Michael Benedictine School Deans List

SENIORS

FIRST HONORS

Lincoln Badley
Brad Bennett
Kaleb Brink
Dylan Brown
Will Byrnes
Joe Chouinard
Colin Christo
Matthew Collins
Sam Corey

Eli Crnkovich
Nick Davis
Cameron Detwiler
Scott Ding
Isaac Gart
Matt Geary
Gavin Gloeb
Henry Gnann
Sam Gustafson
Luke Gutschewski

Henry Hohman
Parker Hottovy
Aaron Karnish
Ben Keller
Huy Tuan Le
Airan Lopez
Peter McAndrews
Brennan McMahon
Quinn McMahon
Ryan McMahon

Louis Mixan
Jacob Moore
Michael Oehler
Kyle Pelan
Zachary Rapoza
Grant Schneider
Jack Sorensen
Dane Storch
Will Stringer
Daniel Thomas

Ben Tucker
Liam West
Griff Wyse

SECOND HONORS

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Christian Fletcher
Jackson Heller
Phong Le
Jack Lorensen

Harrison Tarr
John Tuttle
Caleb Vincentini
Nick Wehbe
Logan Whitcomb
Cole Wilber

JUNIORS

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Casey Bilau
Caleb Brester
Luke Broderick
Nathan Buresh
Carter Cline
Tucker Cudmore

Raoul Djidjoho
David Drews
Colin Eich
Brendan Farrell
Marc Fayad
Landen Fogle
Gavin Forster
Grant Foster
Jose Gaytan
Jon Giitter

Dillon Haliburton
Andrew Hartin
Jagger Hastings
Matt Janecek
Xavier Johansen
Eric Kaps
Hyun Sung Kim
Andrew Lee
Sam Lund
Michael Mullin

Ben Rempé
Callan Schroder
Mark Schroll
Akilan Sivakumar
Andrew Skaggs
Sawyer Thompson
Wyatt Torczon
Max Vossen
Wyatt Walters
Luke Wooten

SECOND HONORS

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Peter Gates
Ben Gathje
Keegan Gress
Charlie Janecek
Michael Kult
Daniel Mondy
Ethan Pentel
Colin Robb

Ethan Roepke
Eli Salmon
Connor Size
Chris Wolf
Joon Ho Yoon

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Will Brewster
Aiden Brink
Theodore Bunawan
Leonel Chacon
Conor Connealy
Sebastian Duran

Jack Dustin
Andrew Fink
Jack Flott
Ethan Gallant
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Ryan Stumpff
Andrew Tagel
Ryan Tillotson
Drew Van Haute

Ayden Wright
Yu Ang Zhu

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Nolan Beller
Jacob Goertz
Jake Harris

Lane Schroeder
Andrew Shotbolt
Jude Storch
Jacob Sykora
Chang han Yu

FRESHMEN

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Andrew Busenbark
Nick Coldiron
Daniel Collins
Austin Danahay
Callaway Deffenbaugh

Aidan Farrell
Andrew Gates
Adam Glow
Nick Halpin
Ricky Kmiecik
Martin Kuhn
Henry L'Heureux
Micah Lytle
Jack McMahon

Finn Murphy
Carter Pearson
Robert Poteat
Sebastian Regan
Aiden Ronk
Zachary Sall
Ryan Saxby
Ashton Schroder
Samuel Schwartz

Ben Sindelar
John Skahan
Antonio Stanco
Henry Stanek
Joe Trautman
Andrew Tselentis
Jacob Vandennack
Thaden Wewel
Zachariah Wooten

Rocco Zimmerman

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Andrew Balch
Will Bruggeman
Max Coover
Luke Frohardt
Charlie Gnann

Nathan Hovey
Ryan Kremer
Obadiah Laa
Charles Larsen
Aidan McGarry
Ian McGrane
Liam Ostrander
Kale Sykora

2021 SENIOR PLANS



Photo by Joe Mixan

***oo*Lincoln George Badley** is the son of Wally and Elizabeth Badley of Everett, Washington. Lincoln has received offers of admission to Texas A&M University, Franciscan University at Steubenville, and Boston College. Lincoln will attend Boston College this fall and major in Economics.

***Bradley Charles Bennett** is the son of Chris Bennett and Bethanne Bennett of Omaha. Brad has received offers of admission from Rockhurst University, Doane University, and Concordia University. Brad will attend Concordia University where he will compete on the college basketball team.

****Kaleb Carl Brink** is the son of Jason and Jacque Brink of Omaha. Kaleb has received offers of admission from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Creighton University, and Marquette University. Kaleb will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and study Biochemistry on a Pre-Med track within the UNL Honors Program.

***Dylan Michael Brown** is the son of Scott and Kerry Brown of Elkhorn. Dylan has received offers of admission to Texas Christian University, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Marquette University. Dylan will attend Texas Christian University within the John V. Roach Honors College and study Business.

***Ryan Michael Brown** is the son of Doug and Kristine Brown of Omaha. Ryan has received offers of admission to Concordia University, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and Nebraska Wesleyan University. This fall, Ryan will attend

Concordia University where he will major in Business and compete on the college soccer team.

Joseph John Bruggeman is the son of Nick and Lisa Bruggeman of Elkhorn. Joe has received offers of admission to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Midland University, Nebraska Wesleyan University, and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Joe will attend Nebraska Wesleyan University where he will study Business and compete on the college basketball team.

***William Nathaniel Byrnes** is the son of Dennis and Lisa Byrnes of Omaha. Will has received offers of admission to Case Western Reserve University, Creighton University, the University of Kansas, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Will has chosen to attend Creighton University and study Business as a Menard Family Business Research Fellow.

***oo*Joseph Mark Chouinard** is the son of Mark and Anne Chouinard of Omaha. Joseph has received offers of admission to Creighton University, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Dallas. Joseph will attend the University of Dallas this fall where he will compete on the basketball team and play cello.

***Colin Timothy Christo** is the son of Jason and Jennifer Christo of Omaha. Colin has received offers of admission to the University of Kansas, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and Nebraska Wesleyan University. Colin will attend the University of Kansas and major in Finance.

***A*Matthew Joseph Collins** is the son of Charlie and Kara Collins of Omaha. Matt has received offers of admission from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Benedictine College, Concordia University, Wayne State College, Rockhurst University, Baylor University, and Nebraska Wesleyan University. Matt will attend the University of Nebraska at Omaha and major in Exercise Science.

Samuel Wayne Corey is the son of Russell and Michaela Corey of Waterloo. Sam has received offers of admission to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and Doane University. Sam will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and major in Business and Physics.

***Elijah Matthew Crnkovich** is the son of Randy and Christy Crnkovich of Valley. Eli has received offers of admission to St. John's University, Concordia University, the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Northeast Community College, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Eli will attend Northeast Community College on an Academic Transfer track and compete on the college baseball team.

***Nicholas Frank Davis** is the son of Roger and Lynette Davis of Omaha. Nick has received offers of admission to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Nick will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln this fall and major in Business.

***Cameron James Detwiler** is the son of John and Caralee Detwiler of Omaha. Cameron has received offers of

admission to Iowa State University, the Colorado School of Mines, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Cameron will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and study Mechanical Engineering.

***Qixuan Ding** is the son of Hui Ding and Jun Wang of Taiyuan, Shanxi, China. Scott has received offers of admission from the University of Edinburgh (Scotland), the University of St. Andrews (Scotland), and University of York (England), the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign, the University of California San Diego, the University of California, Davis, the University of California, Santa Barbara, and Pennsylvania State University. Scott will study International Relations at a college yet to be finalized.

***Phoenix Christian Fletcher** is the son of the late Sean Fletcher and Belinda Bauer-Fletcher and the grandson of Michael and Cindy Fletcher of Omaha. Christian has received offers of admission to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and Benedictine College. Christian will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln this fall and study Computer Science.

***Isaac Matthew Gart** is the son of Myles and Theresa Gart of Omaha. Isaac has received offers of admission to Creighton University, Fordham University, the Georgia Institute of Technology, and Marquette University. Isaac will attend Creighton University within the Honors Program and major in Pre-Med Biology and minor in Music Performance while competing on the college tennis team and playing piano.

Matthew Michael Geary is the son of Michael and Carol Geary of Omaha. Matthew has received offers of admission to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and Creighton University. Matthew will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln this fall within the Honors Program.

***Gavin Andrew Gloeb** is the son of Matthew and Kristy Gloeb of Bennington. Gavin has received offers of admission to Creighton University, Saint Louis University, Marquette University, the University of Kansas, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Gavin will attend Creighton University this fall and major in Biochemistry.

Henry Robert Gnann is the son of Sidney and Susan Gnann of Omaha. Henry has received offers of admission from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Colorado State University, and the Missouri University of Science and Technology. This fall, Henry will attend the Missouri University of Science and Technology and study Computer Science.

***Samuel John Gustafson** is the son of John and Deb Gustafson of Omaha. Sam has received offers of admission to the University of Nebraska at Kearney, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. This fall, Sam will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and major in Finance.

to the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Midwestern State University, and Loras College. Jackson will attend Loras College this fall and will study Criminal Justice.

***Henry David Hohman** is the son of Dave and Sam Hohman of Omaha. Henry has received offers of admission from the University of California-San Diego, the University of Wisconsin, Texas Christian University, the University of Arizona, the University of Washington, and the University of Southern California. Henry will attend the University of Southern California and major in Economics with a minor in Business Technology within the Marshall School of Business.

CLASS OF 2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Mount Michael Benedictine School Class of 2021 has 58 graduates.

The average
ACT test score
for this class is
28.9

**1 National
Merit Finalist**
•
**3 Commended
Students**

45%
of this class
were offered
full tuition
scholarships.
(26 of 58)

\$10.4 MILLION
of scholarship dollars

***Luke Bernard Gutschewski** is the son of Scott and Amy Gutschewski of Elkhorn. Luke has received offers of admission to Iowa State University, Creighton University, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Luke will attend Iowa State University and major in Business while he competes on the golf team.

Jackson Ryan Heller is the son of Timothy and Cynthia Heller of Omaha. Jackson has received offers of admission

****Parker Reece Hottovy** is the son of Troy and Lisa Hottovy of Waterloo. Parker has received offers of admission to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Kansas, and Benedictine College. Parker will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and study Civil Engineering.

***Aaron John Karnish** is the son of Mike and Deb Karnish of Valley. Aaron has received offers of admission to the

University of Montana, the University of Wyoming, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Aaron will attend the University of Montana with the Davidson Honors Program and major in Business Finance.

***Benjamin Victor Keller** is the son of Steven and Catherine Keller of Omaha. Ben has received offers of admission to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Creighton University, and Nebraska Wesleyan University. Ben will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and study within a Pre-Dental track.

****Huy Tuan Le** is the son of Tuan Le and Ha Nguyen of Vietnam. Huy has received offers of admission to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Creighton University. Huy will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln within the Honors program and major in Actuarial Science and Finance.

Phong Thu Le is the son of Viet Le and Trang Le of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Phong has received an offer of admission to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he will attend in the fall and study Finance.

Creighton University this fall and major in Business and Pre-Law.

Cameron James Mallisee is the son of Robert and Stephanie Mallisee of Omaha. Cameron has received offers of admission to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and the University of Nebraska at Kearney. This fall, Cameron will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and study a pre-Medicine track.

***Peter Wilson McAndrews** is the son of Mike and Liz McAndrews of Omaha. Peter has received offers of admission to Benedictine College, Creighton University, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Rockhurst University, and Saint Louis University. Peter will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and study Computer Engineering within the Computing Learning Community.

***Brennan Joseph McMahan** is the son of Pat and Lora McMahan of Waterloo. Brennan has received offers of admission to Creighton University, Gonzaga University, and the College of the Holy Cross. Brennan will attend Gonzaga University and major in Business.

Creighton University, Iowa State University, Loyola University Chicago, St. Thomas University, and the University of Minnesota. Ryan will attend Iowa State University in the Honors Program and major in Business and Marketing.

Louis Michael Mixan is the son of Joseph and Suzana Mixan of Papillion. Louis has received offers of admission to Creighton University, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and the University of Kansas. Louis will attend Creighton University and major in Business Economics while serving within the Army ROTC program.

***Jacob Reilly Mason Moore** is the son of S. Scott and Wendy Moore of Elkhorn. Jake has received offers of admission from Central College (Iowa), the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska at Kearney, Morningside College, Elon University, the University of Mississippi, Loyola University Chicago, and North Central College. Jacob will attend North Central College and major in Secondary Education and Social Science within the Honors Program and also compete on the college wrestling team.

Jason Zvikomborero Nyamatore is the son of Danai Nyamatore of Omaha. Jason has received offers of admission to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Kearney, the University of Kansas, and the University of Arizona. Jason will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln this fall and major in Biology on a Pre-Medicine track.

Michael Duane Oehler is the son of Thomas and Jaymie Oehler of Omaha. Michael has received offers of admission to the University of Colorado Boulder, the University of Iowa, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Wyoming, Loyola University Chicago, the University of New Orleans, Saint Louis University, and St. John's University. Michael will attend St. John's University and major in History.

***Kyle Benjamin Pelan** is the son of Katie Pelan and the late Mark Pelan of Omaha. Kyle has received offers of admission to the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Rockhurst University, Creighton University, the University of Kansas, Marquette University, Loyola University Chicago, Texas Christian University, Santa Clara University, the University of Colorado Boulder, and

Congratulations and good luck Mount Michael Benedictine Class of 2021!

***Airan Alfredo Lopez** is the son of Jose Lopez and Veronica Herrera of Bellevue. Airan has received offers of admission to Hastings College, Midland University, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and Nebraska Wesleyan University. Airan will attend Hastings College and study Exercise Science while playing on the college basketball team.

Jack Paul Lorenson is the son of Brent and Patty Lorenson of Elkhorn. Jack has received offers of admission to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and Creighton University. Jack will attend

***Quinn Patrick McMahan** is the son of Sean and Tracy McMahan of Omaha. Quinn has received offers of admission to Saint Louis University, Texas Christian University, Southern Methodist University, the University of Iowa, Iowa State University, the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, the University of Colorado Boulder, Creighton University, and the University of Indiana. Quinn will attend Texas Christian University within the John V. Roach Honors College and study Business.

***Ryan Michael McMahan** is the son of Sean and Tracy McMahan of Omaha. Ryan has received offers of admission to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln,

Colorado State University. Kyle will attend Marquette University and major in Business Management and Economics.

Thomas James Ramaekers is the son of Robert and Michelle Ramaekers of Omaha. Thomas has received an offer of admission from McPherson College, where he will attend in the fall and study Automotive Restoration.

***Zachary Nicholas Takeo Rapoza** is the son of Guy and Bridget Rapoza of Pepe'ekeo, Hawaii. Zach has received offers of admission from Iowa State University, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Creighton University. While still finalizing his college choice, this fall Zach will major in Engineering.

***Grant August Schneider** is the son of Scott and Ruth Schneider of Bennington. Grant has received offers of admission from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Creighton University, Rockhurst University, and Cedarville University. This fall, Grant will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and study Political Science and Economics.

Napat Sinthucharoen is the son of Charnsak Sinthucharaen & Napaporn Panyapinitnugoon of Bangkok, Thailand. Napat has received an offer of admission to King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang in Thailand, where he will enroll and major in Civil Engineering.

***xxJack Henry Sorensen** is the son of Christopher and Chloe Sorensen of Omaha. Jack has received offers of admission to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Creighton University, Drake University, the University of St. Thomas, and Benedictine College. Jack will attend Creighton University as a member of the Scott Scholars Program and enroll in the Accelerated BS/Masters Accounting Program.

***Dane Carl Storch** is the son of Steve and Michelle Storch of Bellevue. Dane has received offers of admission to the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Creighton University, Gonzaga University, the University of Utah, Louisiana Tech University, Southern Methodist University, the University of Wisconsin Madison, and the University of Notre Dame. Dane will attend the University of Notre Dame and major in Mathematics and Business Analytics while earning a commission as a second lieutenant through the Air Force ROTC program.

***William Lawrence Stringer** is the son of John and Nicole Stringer of Omaha. Will has received offers of admission to the University of Arizona, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Creighton University, and the University of Arkansas. This fall, Will is attending the University of Arkansas and studying Economics.

***Harrison Edward Tarr** is the son of Matthew and Heather Tarr and Heidi and Jason Gillman of Omaha. Harry has received offers of admission to the University of Denver, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Colorado State University. Harry will attend the University of Denver this fall and major in Mechanical Engineering within the Innovation and Entrepreneurship program.

***Daniel James Thomas** is the son of William and Deborah Thomas of Bennington. Daniel has received offers of admission to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Creighton University, the University of Missouri, Marquette University, Saint Louis University, Colorado State University, the University of Colorado Boulder, Purdue University, and Regis University. When his university decision is finalized, Daniel will major in Biology this fall.

***Benjamin Patrick Tucker** is the son of Patrick and Sue Tucker of Omaha. Ben has received offers of admission to the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Rockhurst University, Drake University, the University of Missouri, the University of Nebraska at Kearney, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Saint Louis University, and the University of South Dakota. Ben will attend the University of South Dakota this fall and major in Accounting and Operational Analytics.

John Michael Tuttle is the son of Mike Tuttle of Waterloo and Jodie Tagel of Springfield, Nebraska. John has received an offer of admission from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he will attend in the fall and major in Business and Finance.

Caleb John Vincentini is the son of Eryka Morehead and John Vincentini. Caleb has received offers of admission to Metropolitan Community College and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. This fall, Caleb will attend the University of Nebraska at Omaha and major in Sports Medicine.

Nicholas Robert Wehbe is the son of George and Liza Wehbe of Omaha. Nick has received offers of admission to DePauw University, Bucknell University, and Pepperdine University. Nick will attend DePauw University within the Management Fellows Program with a Political Science major while also playing lacrosse.

***Liam Grady West** is the son of Paul and Courtney West of Omaha. Liam has received offers of admission to the University of Wisconsin, Texas Christian University, The University of Kansas, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Loyola University Chicago, and the University of Arizona. Liam will attend the University of Kansas and major in Finance and Economics.

***Logan Thomas Whitcomb** is the son of Bryan and Jenny Whitcomb of Gretna. Logan has received offers of admission to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Butler University, Loyola University Chicago, Loyola University New Orleans, Belmont University, Baylor University, and Saint Louis University. This fall, Logan will attend Saint Louis University and pursue a degree in Business within the Business Learning Community.

***Cole Andrew Wilber** is the son of Andy and Chrissy Wilber of Omaha. Cole has received offers of admission to the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Cole will attend the University of Nebraska at Omaha and major in Aerospace Science while serving within the Air Force ROTC.

***Griffydd Williams Wyse** is the son of Ray and Donna Wyse of Omaha. Griff has received offers of admission to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Colorado State University. Griff will attend Colorado State University this fall in the Honors program and study Economics with a Data Science Concentration.

(*) An asterisk beside a name signifies students who are currently members of the National Honor Society.

(*) Signifies a National Merit Finalist - Top 0.5% or 8,400 students out of 1.5 million entered

(+) Signifies a National Merit Scholar - 1,000 students nationally

(∞) Signifies a National Merit Commended Student - Top 5% of 1.5 million entered in the competition

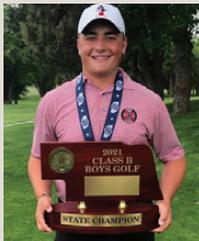
(x) Signifies a World Herald Scholar - Top 4% of students in the State of Nebraska

STUDENT NEWS

GOLF



The golf team won the 2021 NSAA Class B Boys State Championship!



Luke Gutschewski '21 won his second individual state title!

KNIGHT WRITERS



This year's Knight Writers competed in Class B state competition in Norfolk Nebraska on April 26. They walked away with 8th place out of 22 competing teams. A highlight was Jack Sorensen placing first in Sports News Writing.

ATHLETIC COMMITMENTS



Airan Lopez '21 signed with Hastings College to play basketball.

Eli Crnkovich '21 signed with Northeast Community College to play baseball.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

TONY TANG '16

BY FR. JOHN HAGEMANN, O.S.B.

"Fr. John, music is just a hobby for me! My concentration is the business world and investments. I love business classes and numbers and statistics and playing the stock market. This stuff is my real life, not music."

Muxuan Tang, better known to us as Tony, graduated from Mount Michael in 2016. While he struggled a bit with language when he came to Mount Michael from China, he became a well-known and well liked international student during his time here. He immersed himself in the culture and life of Mount Michael immediately, as if he had known it all his life. He was a great student, demonstrating that even though English was not his mother language, he could fare well among the best of Mount Michael students. A very hard worker he was and continues to be!

Having studied music and keyboard early in his childhood, he could offer his talents in the area of music and community liturgies. He taught himself how to play the organ, accompanied the Mount Michael student choir for several years, and played saxophone for both pep and concert band. But he always reminded me that music was a just a “hobby” for him.

After his Mount Michael career, Tony settled on Creighton University as his next endeavor. He did not waste any time to endear himself with the president of Creighton, Fr. Dan Hendrickson, S.J., a Mount Michael alum of 1989. On the very first day of his freshman year, (fall of 2016), Tony had his picture taken with the “president”.

Again Tony immersed himself into the community of Creighton. Not only did he dig into academic work of his classes, but again offered his musical talent for the pep band and liturgical music at St. John’s Parish. Molly Mattingly is the Director of Music Ministry there at Creighton for both the university and the parish. Tony hounded me to come to campus and meet Molly some time. So having had a few weddings of alums there at St. John’s on my schedule, I did have the opportunity to meet Molly. This is what she says about the student who says music is just a hobby for me.

“ Tony was an asset to music ministry at Creighton University and St. John’s Parish during his undergraduate career. From his first day on campus, he was eager to be involved as much as possible! He honed his keyboard skills so that in addition to a great player, he became a wonderful accompanist, ensemble pianist, and minister. His involvement in EvenSong Ensemble especially allowed that group to grow and flourish. I could always count on him to play when I needed an accompanist for a special liturgy or for a substitute. We are so lucky to have had Tony with us in music ministry!”

After a virtual graduation from Creighton In May 2020, Tony did not miss a beat. He was accepted into the Graduate program of the Business School at Creighton and has moved forward with great determination. After dogged-preparation, Tony took the CFA exam in May 2021. He is awaiting his results. However, knowing his extreme efforts, it is very probable that he passed and will be on to the next level of the business world.

Because of pandemic, Tony’s involvement on the Creighton campus was next to nothing after August 2020. Music consisted of using a small keyboard in his apartment. The first time back with liturgies at St. John’s parish was Sunday, June 6, (Corpus Christi) for a parish mass at 10:30 a.m. I received a text message from him as soon as the Eucharist

was finished. Needless to say, he was excited about being back to be a part of liturgical music. For music only being a “hobby,” Tony’s enthusiasm and energy display something totally other. He made a comment during a video that he and two of his Chinese friends and alums made for Catholic Schools week that says it all. Here is a bit of a paraphrase of that comment: “I have come to realize the significant role of music in the Church to call people to prayer.”



Even as just a “hobby”, Tony has touched the hearts of many with his music and continues to be successful, contributing to the community wherever he is. Fr. Dan Hendrickson sums it up well. “Tony is a great ambassador of a Mount Michael education. He embraces his studies with diligence, and enjoys balancing the important commitments of faith and service in his life. On the Creighton campus, he is well known, highly esteemed and well liked. We are proud to call him a Creighton Bluejay!”

We are also proud to call Tony a Knight, but even prouder to realize he knows how important music is to prayer and the life of faith. He fosters a wonderful combination of Benedictine and Jesuit spirituality.

Alumni News



On April 7th, we had several alumni come out to share their professional experiences with our juniors and seniors for Career Knight. A special thanks to **Dan Hassing '02**, **Joe Kmiecik '03**, **Jeff Kosse '89**, **Ben Pape '13**, **Tony Swanson '06**, **Matt Lingo '13**, **Joe Ernst '12**, **Bobby Thomas '11**, **Scott Lindgren '05**, **Gunhee Park '10**, **JT Cronin '13**, **Nick Bruggeman '91**, **Mike Pecha '99**, **John Levy '99**, and **Rev. Ryan Lewis '91**.

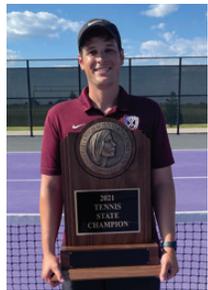


THE CLASS OF 1986

gathered for their 35th Reunion!



Fr Louis Sojka, O.S.B. '81 completed Initiation Sacraments with Confirmation for his nephew, **Antonio Stanco '24**, at a private ceremony on May 30, 2021.



Drew Dunlay '08 is the head coach at Dowling Catholic. His team won the school's first ever team state championship in women's tennis.



Brett Jamrog, son of **Jeff Jamrog '83** was ordained to the transitional diaconate for the Archdiocese of Omaha on May 28th.

On Friday June 4th nearly 200 alumni, family, and friends gathered for the 31st Annual Mount Michael Alumni Golf Classic at Stone Creek Golf Course.

The winning team with a score of 48 (-23) was **Josh Tolen**, **Jimmy Wickstrom**, **Jake Ridder '07**, and **Don Ridder**.



Steve Stoesz '96 hit a hole-in-one winning him a brand new GMC Terrain.



"Team Awesomeness": **Sean Hobday '96**, **Steve Stoesz '96**, **Abbot Michael Liebl, O.S.B. '68**, **Pat Barry '96**.



Nick Stark, son of **Rob Stark '83** ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Des Moines on June 25. His first mass on June 26th at St Pius X Catholic Church in Urbandale, Iowa.



Kyle Sederstrom '09 started a new position as Senior Vice President in the Middle Market Commercial Banking group at Regions Bank.



Nico Marasco '12 was featured in the Omaha Magazine: The 2021 list of Omaha Faces.



Jake Mumby '15 was recently promoted to Senior Project Engineer at The PENTA Building Group. A former PENTA intern

of three years, he joined the team full-time in 2019 after graduating from University of Nebraska at Kearney.



Jerome Prusa '09 completed his PhD in Microbiology at Washington University in St. Louis. Jerome will stay at

Wash U as he begins his post doctorate this fall.



Phil Ervin '07 started a new role as Director of Marketing and Communications at Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity.



Kevin Jewell '14 is starting a new role with The Texas A&M-Corpus Christi men's basketball program as Video Coordinator.



Dr. Stephen Salzbrenner '92 received a \$52,000 grant for his healthcare software application.

Dr. Salzbrenner is a psychiatrist at Nebraska Medicine as well as the founder and CEO of BreezMed. BreezMed was founded on a software solution created to help doctors and pharmacists better manage patient prescriptions.



Jim Clements '95 started a new position as Deputy Executive Director at Project Houseworks.



Dan Hassing '02 was recently added to the list of panel counsel for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association's Pilot Protection Services Plan.



THE CLASS OF 2001

gathered for their 20th Reunion!



On July 30th, alumni, students, and parents raced the 2 mile course at the 7th Annual Alumni Cross Country Meet.



On June 24th, several alumni gathered to play a friendly game of soccer against the varsity Knights. The alumni led with a score of 2-0 at halftime before getting rained out.

WEDDINGS

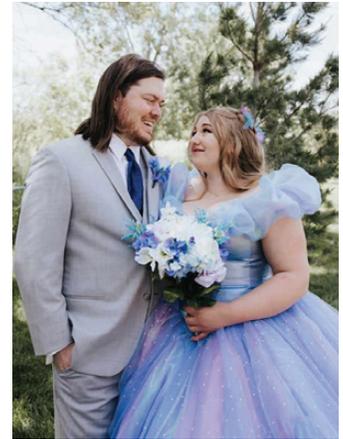
Sean Krueger '12 married Kathryn Kopetzky on November 28, 2020.



Andy Jewell '08 married Taylor Riesselman on May 15th, 2021.



Zach Starman '15 married Scarlett Clements on June 5th, 2021.



James Benson '11 married Kimberly Shurtliff on May 15, 2021.



Andrew Dunlay '07 married Jordyn Glienke on April 17th, 2021.



Andrew Karstrom '13 married Belen Muro on June 18th, 2021.



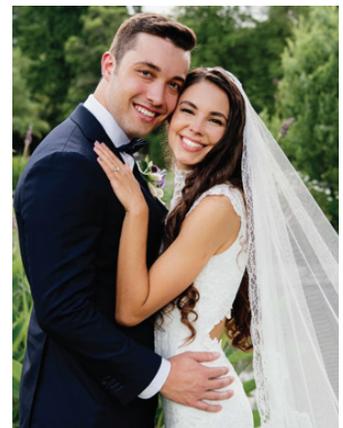
Harrison Engel '12 married Brianna Smalley on May 21st, 2021.



Phil Schulte '06 married Julissa Galvin on May 8th, 2021.



Michael Budler '13 married Madlena Demirchian on June 26th, 2021.



BIRTHS

Shane Hanson '07 and his wife Jessica welcomed their daughter Olivia on March 20th, 2021.



Jack Pritchard '07 and his wife Amanda welcomed their son Patrick John "PJ" Pritchard on May 24th, 2021.



Travis Vaca '09 and his wife Allyson welcomed their son William John Vaca on June 3rd, 2021.



Ted Paasch '03 and his wife Laura welcomed their daughter Piper Marie Paasch on June 20th, 2021.



Blake Suing '05 and his wife Amy welcomed their son Brooks James Suing on April 14th, 2021.



Chris Gamm '04 and wife Elizabeth welcomed their daughter Olivia Anne Gamm on May 28th, 2021.



Aaron Liss '00 and Lindsey welcomed their daughter Addison Kay Liss on June 22nd, 2021.



Josh Devereaux '10 and his wife Maureen welcomed twin boys, Finn and Leo, on May 11th, 2021.



Colten Venteicher '08 and his wife Tabitha welcomed their daughter Rosemary Elaine Venteicher on May 28th, 2021.



IN REMEMBRANCE

Idora Durkop, grandmother of Katy Jenner

David Paladino, brother of Luke Paladino '96

Frank Charvat, grandfather of Josh Charvat '10

Richard (Dick) Cairney, grandfather of Zach '17 and Nick Cairney '12.

Charles Dohmen 'SJS, brother of George 'SJS, John 'SJS, and Paul Dohmen 'SJS

Kenneth Fedde, grandfather of Joshua Fedde '08

Charles Wear, grandfather of Walt Wear '16

Mercedes Lednický, grandmother of Sam Eberle '10

Bob Klein, friend of Mount Michael

Margaret Broderick, grandfather of Evan Freilich '06

Tom Hawkins, grandfather of Eli '23 and Wyatt '25 Salmon

Sharon Lee Rueling, wife of Bob Shea

Mary Pat Roh, mother of Steven '87 and Jerrod Roh '89

Dennis Connolly, father of Mike '82, Tim '83, Christopher '84, Matt '94, Greg '95, and Sean Connolly '97

Harvey Hadden, grandfather of Matthew '14 and Michael '11 Bohnhoff

Donald Lee Sachs, uncle of Andrew '00, Nick '97, and Scott Sachs '95

Christy Huber, grandmother of Jack Huber '23

Marvin Kreikmeir, grandfather of Chase '15, Drew '17, and Riley Goddard '19

Shirley Andrews, mother of Dan '89 and Tim Andrews '84



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	FAMILY
One Year \$50	One Year \$100
Five Years \$100	Five Years \$200
Lifetime \$250	Lifetime \$500

In Memoriam & Honor

March 31, 2021 - July 1, 2021

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

In Memory of Shirley Andrews

Nance Grady
Tim '89 and Lori Huffman

In Memory of Christopher Assmann '95

Patrick Assmann

In Memory of Kathryn Baye

Ann Van Hoff

In Memory of Darlene Berens

Dave '69 and Linda Hahn

In Memory of Larry Borer

Ruth Hagemann

In Memory of Margaret Broderick

Greg and Terri Anderson
Jon and Becky Bischof
John and Jenelle Pritchard
Raimund and Kim Volpone

In Memory of Robert Bruckner

John and Jenelle Pritchard

In Honor of The Class of 2021

Fr. John Hagemann, O.S.B.

In Memory of for Dennis Connolly

Anonymous
Tim '83 and Claire Connolly
Diane Grell-Kamler
Jeanne M. Henry
Grant and Sharon Hrabovsky
Paul '59 and Mary Keating
James and Virginia Kurzak
Richard Liebenritt
Jerome and Karen Merwald
Sheila Nolan
Randall Osburn
Colleen Schultz
John and Pat Sullivan

In Honor of Viridiana Duran

William Crawford '98

In Memory of Leonard Frodyma

Fancia Frodyma

In Honor of Shirley Gouger

Shirley Gouger

In Memory of William Gouger

Shirley Gouger

In Memory of Harvey Hadden

Mark and Patrice Kruger

In Memory of Fr. Robert Halter, O.S.B.

Anonymous

In Memory of Br. Patrick Harris, O.S.B.

Todd Andrews
Bob and Betty Knapp
Rev. Wayne Pavela
Dr. David and Nancy Peters
Dan and Brenda Sprunk
Philip and Susan Thompson
Joann Vorrath

In Memory of Chuck Jamerson

LT COL Robert Elsass
Virginia Holmes
Loretta Jamerson
Jerry and Karen Parriott
Douglas Poole
Louis and Sandra Schultz
Diane Sim
Caroline Spooner

In Honor of Cole Kalkowski '19

Christopher and Marsha Kalkowski

In Honor of Logan Kalkowski '15

Christopher and Marsha Kalkowski

In Memory of Robert Kampschneider

Dr. David and Nancy Peters

In Memory of Christine Kneifl

Anonymous

In Memory of Mary Knott

Brian and Jennifer Veit

In Memory of Marvin Kreikemeir

Eric and Emily Coldiron

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