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BENEDICTINE ABBEY & SCHOOL



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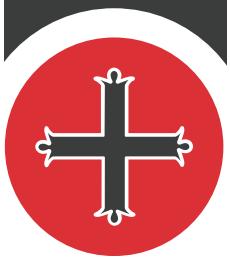
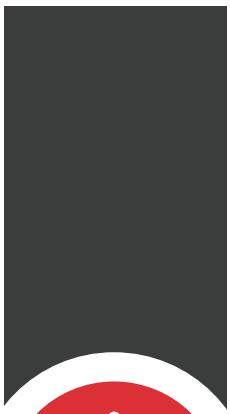
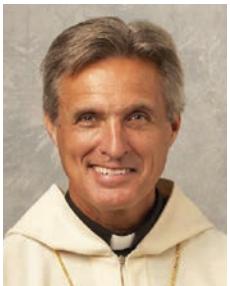
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# Letter from the Abbot

Since the abbey and school are under the patronage of St. Michael, we always make provision for celebrating the feast of St. Michael and the archangels on September 29. A Eucharistic celebration encompassing everyone at Mount Michael is a challenge in the era of the coronavirus. Numbers run to about three hundred if one counts the monastic community, the faculty, the students, and the staff. A Eucharist in the chapel is crowded at best, and not advisable when worrying about the transmission of a disease. Fortunately, we were able to plan an outdoor celebration in the courtyard area directly between the chapel and the DJ Sokol building. To be outdoors and to provide plenty of space helped create a margin of safety. Perhaps enjoying the protection of St. Michael and the archangels, we were blessed with a lovely day which allowed us to be outside in comfort.

The word angel comes from the Greek word which means messenger. The archangels were special messengers of God. In the book of Revelation, Michael is the protector, the one who forced Satan and the fallen angels from heaven. Raphael in the book of Tobit is the protector of travelers and the bringer of healing. Gabriel in the gospel of Luke is the messenger who announces to Mary that she will be the mother of God. As baptized Christians it is our dignity to be angels – to be messengers of the good news of salvation won for us by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

On our feast day celebration, we included a special ceremony. For a group of our students, a mandation rite for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and a mandation rite for readers followed the homily. Those students blessed to be Eucharistic ministers were Ben Harris, Andrew Fink, Drew Van Haute, Conor Connealy, Jack Roland and Leo Dustin. Also blessed as readers were Andrew Fink, Conor Connealy and Leo Dustin. It is with pride that we were able to mandate these young men to be bearers of the Eucharist and proclaimers of the word. It is instructive to remember that at certain times and places in the early era of the Roman empire, it was not safe to be recognized as a Christian. The first letters of the Greek word for fish, icqus, are the first letters of





the phrase, Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior. As a way of revealing themselves to one another, early Christians would draw a fish on paper or trace it on the ground. At risk of imprisonment or death, ministers would distribute Holy Communion to Christians who could not assemble because of fear of persecution. These ministers were also needed for viaticum, bringing the Eucharist to someone in imminent danger of death. They were truly angels, messengers of grace and reassurance.

In our country we have the good fortune to freely proclaim our Catholic identity. But it takes resolution to bring the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. It is our prayers that our new ministers of the Eucharist and readers will be as fearless, unwavering and tireless, because these young men are now truly angels, like Michael and the archangels messengers of God.

*+ Michael Liebl, OSB*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**FIRST HOME  
BASKETBALL GAME**  
November 23rd

**BREAKFAST  
WITH SANTA**  
December 5th

**ALUMNI BASKETBALL  
TOURNAMENT**  
December 18th



## Head of ● School ●

### OUR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND RELATIONSHIPS

**Mount Michael Benedictine School has always had a history of welcoming students beyond the local, metro Omaha area. Prior to allowing day students, the young men who attended Mount Michael came from the local area and from many rural towns throughout Nebraska. Sometimes these young men would come from farther away in the Midwest, but ultimately, the students were regional.**

In the early 2000s, Mount Michael started to see interest in attending from international students. We also saw an increase in interest from students from other areas of the United States. Initially this was a result of the internet; our web page and the information it offered became a point of contact for potential students. We were marketing ourselves by the information we presented on our web page. Mount Michael was, and is, a tremendously successful college preparatory school. We boasted of our achievements and course offerings.

Since that time, we have intentionally positioned ourselves as a college preparatory school, rooted in our Benedictine Rule and history, to young men, no matter where they were

born or raised. Our international program grew along with students attending from other states. In the past ten years we have seen international students from China, South Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Spain, Mexico, Germany, Thailand, Italy, Hungary, Nigeria, India, Australia, Belgium, Indonesia and Egypt. We have students whose parents immigrated to the United States, and these students become their family's first generation to attend school in our country. They came from places like Benin, Italy, Lebanon, Mexico, and South Sudan. We have also seen domestic students from the states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Washington, Illinois, New York, New Jersey, Florida, Texas, California, Wyoming, Colorado, South Dakota, and Alabama.

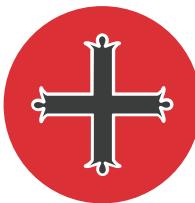
When people talk about richness of diversity and the potential of living and learning in an environment that fosters it, great things can happen. When people talk about overcoming bias, embracing those from a different nation or country of origin, living and working together as a community, great things get done. However, the greatest aspect of having international students at Mount Michael is this reality: students learn about each other. They see the worth and value in each person, no matter their place of origin or faith. This diversity is not a hypothetical, it is a reality.

Our students, and alumni, always talk about the brotherhood here at Mount Michael. Our current strategic plan contains this aspiration: 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. The brotherhood at Mount Michael is strong, not because we are the same, but because we all are different. Each student is their own individual person with unique gifts and talents.

I have seen our students from different countries and cultures contribute greatly to the culture of Mount Michael. I have seen them form those strong bonds of brotherhood and friendships. I have seen these international students become guests in the households of our local students and their families. I have seen our students embrace these friendships, traveling across the world to visit the homes of these classmates.

In the history of schools in the United States of America, for years families sent their school-aged children to the neighborhood schools. For many these schools were within walking distance. The times have changed. Imagine sending your fourteen-year-old son half-way across the

world to attend high school in a different country. Think of the apprehension! But the reality is these students find a home here. They are welcomed and have a tremendous impact on their classmates, enriching and enhancing their lives. While, in turn, our domestic and local students impact these international students who have come so far for this college preparatory high school. The rewards are plenty; an education that is healthy, strong, and competitive, meaningful friendships that are supportive and lifelong, and an exposure to a Christian lifestyle that embraces and respects the individual and their unique gifts and talents.



## 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.

True teaching and learning are about relationships.

Ultimately, the relationships our students foster with each other will stay with them a lifetime.

There are many things they have learned within the walls of our classrooms.

But they have also learned a great deal from their friendships with their peers and classmates, no matter their country of origin.

This past summer we researched our school history and found many students who came from different countries. What they had in common was our school, Mount Michael Benedictine School. They are proud to have been part of our history and we are proud to call them alumni.

If you get a chance, next time

you are in DJ Sokol Learning for Life Building please note the flags now flying in our atrium. These flags represent the various nations our students have come from over the years. These young men can be found living and working all over the world, sharing the bond of friendship with each other and the gift of education through the teachers and monastic members who call them their students.

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

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# HIGHLIGHTS

## from the Athletic Director, Derrik Spooner



Community is at the foundation of all we do at Mount Michael. We are cognizant that these communal relationships extend beyond our campus and we are enriched because of that. Our athletic coaches and extra-curricular sponsors are advocates for growing relationships and programs with local youth. Junior Knight programs provide added opportunities for not only the youth participants but also our own student volunteers to grow and expand their skills. A few of the events held at The Mount have been Jr. Knights Basketball (6th-8th grade), Jr. Knights Wrestling (K-8th grade), Trivia Night, hosting the PAL (Parochial Athletic League) cross-country races, and welcoming guests to Knight at The Mount a football tailgate for prospective students.

We know the love of sports continues beyond high school and some of our students continue to compete at the college level. As coaches, we want to recognize these athletes and help encourage our current students to continue with their sport(s). We have been asking our alumni who are currently college athletes to let us know. We place their photo, along with name of school and sport, in our weight room. I think these young men have mastered the Benedictine value of Humility because they are being quiet about their accomplishments. If you, or your son, are currently a college athlete please let us know! I'd love to have a list of them to show you the diversity of sports and schools!

**All of this would not be possible without support from the school and our donors. Thanks to the generous support of alumni, families, friends, and the Booster Club, just this year we have been able to upgrade our headsets for football coaches, purchase a new shooting machine for basketball, get new baseball helmets and a new mat for wrestling. Thank you for your support!**



### TENNIS

From Left to Right: Sam Kleinschmit, Eric Kaps, Jack Flott, Will Mallisee, Gavin Forster, Ethan Pentel, Sam Lund, Colin Eich, Coach Petersen



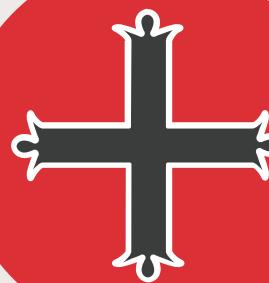
## FOOTBALL

Front row L-R: Eli Salmon, Charlie Janecek, Ben Rempe, Ethan Roepke, Raoul Djidjoho, Sawyer Thompson, Daniel Mondi, Matt Janecek, Grant Foster, David Drews. Second Row: Beckett Beller, Andrew Balch, John Balch, Conor Connealy, Brock Wamsley, Jake Harris, Cole Gustafson, Andrew Fink, Jack Roland, Jack Huber, Will Benson, Drew Tagel, Nathan Oehler, Lane Schroeder, Sebastian Duran. Third Row: Aidan Balas, Ian McGrane, Henry L'Heureux, Micah Lytle, Carter Pearson, Andrew Tselentis, Ryan Saxby, Will Brewster, Sebastian Santa Maria, Ethan Gallant, Ryan Stumpff, Austin Danahay, Nick Halpin, Grant Corey. Fourth Row: Eli Walters, Cody Torczon, Anson Vogtman, Alex Poole, Colton Meduna, Ashton Schroder, Joe Trautman, Will Snyder, Eric Ortmeier, David Schmitz, Nat Badley, Finn Mutchie, Ethan Moline, John Farrell. Back Row: Jacob Spencer, Ryan Calabrese, Wesley Cobb, Quinn Wamsley, Clint McMahan, Wyatt Salmon, Harry Vondrak, Bobby Brown, Leo Dustin, Will Storbeck, Thomas Tagel, Syler Sennett, Clemens Pavlish, Jack Dewhurst, Barrett Sykora, James Hoarty



## CROSS COUNTRY

Front Row: JJ Stiles, Joshua Lugang, Jackson Teeter, Oliver Sorensen, Davis Eickman, Ben Gathje, Martin Kuhn, Finn Murphy, Kale Sykora, Michael Rodgers, Terry Le, Cameron Mathis, Tommy Westmore, Porter Loch. Middle Row: Caleb Courtney, Ryan Quinlan, Aiden Brink, Jack Carda, Ricky Kmiecik, Jose Gaytan, Tucker Cudmore, Wyatt Walters, Matthew Allen, David Barkmeier, Jak Kosierowski, Gavin Gaither, Selwyn Vallente, Stefano Anzalone, Leon Zhu. Back Row: Max McCoy, Jude Storch, Ryan Tillotson, Mark Schroll, Dillon Haliburton, Christopher Wolf, Aiden Frazier, Jagger Hastings, Jacob Becker, Michael Kult, Colin Robb, Connor Size, Luke Wooten, Jack Giitter, Marc Fayad, Noah Trueman, Tiet Yual. Not Pictured: Akilan Sivakumar

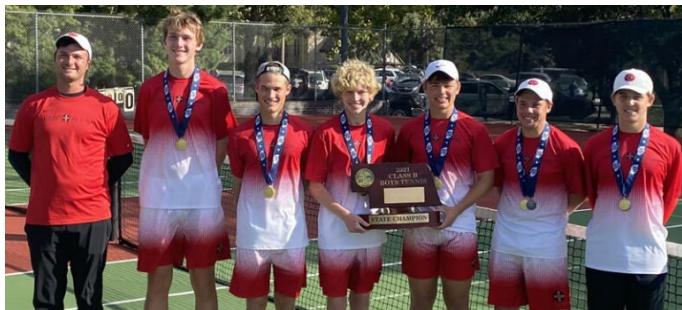


# Student News ...



## TENNIS STATE CHAMPS

For the second year in a row the Mount Michael Tennis team has won the State Class B Championship!



Coach Chase Petersen, Will Mallisee, Ethan Pentel, Sam Lund, Gavin Forster, Colin Eich, Eric Kaps

## CROSS COUNTRY

The Mount Michael Cross Country team placed 4th at state after capturing the B-2 District Championship.



## NATIONAL MERIT

Tucker Cudmore, David Drews, Andrew Hartin, and Michael Mullin were named National Merit Semi-finalists. Colin Eich was named a National Merit Commended Student.



Tucker Cudmore

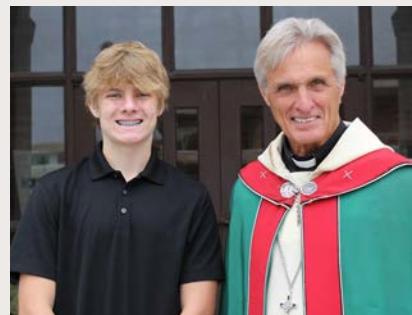
David Drews

Andrew Hartin

Michael Mullin

## OBLATION

Several students and friends of Mount Michael recently declared their intent to live their lives in light of the values of St. Benedict by becoming Oblates of Saint Benedict. Congratulations to Jacob Sykora '23, Luke Wooten '22, Rocco Zimmerman '24, Jack Giitter '22, Nicholas Coldiron '24, Colin Robb '22, Conor Connealy '23, Carter Pearson '24, Paula Perchal, and Judy Klein.



Carter Pearson '24, Abbot Michael Liebl O.S.B.



Conor Connealy '23, Paula Perchal and Judy Klein with Abbot Michael Liebl, O.S.B.



Jacob Sykora, Luke Wooten, Rocco Zimmerman, Abbot Michael Liebl O.S.B., Jack Giitter, Nick Coldiron, Colin Robb

# ADMISSIONS



Greetings Mount Michael Community!

I recently stayed beyond work hours at The Mount. With time on my hands and curiosity to see what the students were up to, I decided to take a walk around the campus. This is my 11th year as a member of the Mount Michael community, and as such, I was not surprised with what I found.

I saw younger students throwing a frisbee just outside the chapel. In the weight room, some football players were getting a lift in after practice. I continued through the gym where there was a pickup game of basketball taking place. In the student union, there was both a ping-pong game being taken way too seriously as well as a group of guys watching TV. There was a student playing his guitar in the band room. Making my way up to the dorms, I walked past the Robotics lab where students were building the next competition ready robot. I continued past the freshman dorms where some students were getting a head start on their homework and others were engaged in a consequential game of chess. In the upperclassman dorms, the messy ones had their doors open and the clean ones had theirs closed. The music wasn't too loud, but loud enough to be met with a word from

their dean. As I exited the St. Benedict Building and headed back to my office across the street, I heard an obnoxious shriek from an open window facing the courtyard.

Within a simple 5-minute walk, I saw over 100 students each doing something they enjoyed. Not only that, but by being familiar with the background of all the guys, I saw over 100 students interacting with other students that they did not know prior to coming to Mount Michael. I honestly believe that the Mount is one of only a few places in the state where so many students can each be doing something they enjoy in so many different areas. Did I mention that I didn't see a single cell phone either?

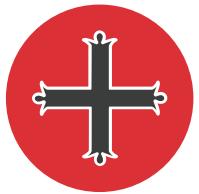
**\* The current freshman class is comprised of 71 students from 29 different schools across the city.**

They are in a good place in their lives and have the next four years to enjoy everything that makes The Mount awesome. Witnessing them develop and finding out for themselves what makes Mount Michael so special is the best part of my job!

Proud to be a Knight!

Tom Maliszewski '13  
Director of Admissions





# MOUNT MICHAEL CLASS OF 2025

**Stefano Anzalone** of Holy Cross School, son of Subby and Amy Anzalone of Omaha, NE. Stefano was awarded the Wierzbicki Scholarship and the Holy Cross Booster Club Scholar Athlete Scholarship. He was a member of the Holy Cross Student Congress for 3 years, Readers Quiz Bowl and received an award for his service hours. He was also an honor roll student all 3 years of middle school.

**Nathaniel (Nat) Badley** of North Middle School, son of Wally and Elizabeth Badley of Everett, WA. Nat was in North Honor Society, was an altar server at Immaculate Conception church, and participated in lacrosse, football, and wrestling during middle school. He also helped run a pressure washing and yard work business every summer with his older brothers and trained as a junior rafting guide and intern for Outdoor Adventure Center in Index, WA.

**\*Aidan Balas** of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of John and Michele Balas of Omaha, NE. Aidan was awarded the Presidential Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence at SVDP and the Omaha Rotary Honor Roll Award. He attended the state finals in Math Counts and made first honors every year at SVDP. Aidan also participated in the Duke TIP program.

**David Barkmeier** of St. Patrick School, son of Wayne and Kelly Barkmeier of Omaha, NE. David was awarded first honors throughout middle school and has been a member of the St. Patrick's Book Bowl team. He is a volunteer for the American Red Cross and plays soccer at Elkhorn Soccer Club.

**Ethan Bell** of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of Teresa Bell of Omaha, NE. Ethan earned his next belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and finished out a successful soccer season with SVDP. Ethan participated in the summer Duke

TIP program and received academic honors every quarter. Ethan was also awarded the Presidential Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement 2021.

**Beckett Beller** of St. Patrick School, son of Jude and Alexis Beller of Elkhorn, NE. Beckett received Gold Honors for academics at St. Patrick. He qualified for the Duke TIP program and competed in football, basketball and track at St. Patrick's. He also competed in club soccer for the Heartland and Nebraska league as well as the Olympic Development Program. Beckett had the lead role in the school musical and played the drums at the weekly school masses.

**Dominic Beninato** of St. Stephen the Martyr School, son of Dan and Pam Beninato of Omaha, NE. Dominic has been awarded the President's Award for Educational Excellence and the Serra Club Altar Server Award. He was also named to the Superior Honor Roll at St. Stephen.

**Sam Beninato** of St. Stephen the Martyr School, son of Dan and Pam Beninato of Omaha, NE. Sam was awarded the Rotary Club and Serra Club Altar Server Award and was named a Master Server at St. Stephen. He was also named to the Superior Honor Roll.

**\*Nathan Bluvas** of St. Pius X/St. Leo School, son of Christopher and Julie Bluvas of Omaha, NE. Nathan was awarded first honor roll during each semester in junior high and received the President's Education Award. Nathan scored in the top five applicants in the entrance exam at Mount Michael and was awarded a scholarship from St. Leo Parish for the top GPA in his 8th grade graduating class. Nathan has participated in the Duke TIP program and is an active volunteer in the community. Outside of his academic

endeavors, Nathan has enjoyed success with his select baseball and basketball teams.

**Blase Bosilevac** of St. Margaret Mary School, son of Michael Bosilevac of Omaha, NE.

**Owen Brester** of St. Stephen the Martyr School, son of Michelle Brester of Omaha, NE and the late Dr. Matt Brester ('90). Owen participated in the Duke TIP program in 6th and 7th grades. He received first honors during 7th and 8th grade at St. Stephen.

**Robert Brown III** of Jesuit Academy, son of Robert Brown II and Joscheena Phelps of Omaha, NE.

**\*Ryan Calabrese** of St. Stephen the Martyr School, son of John and Kumi Calabrese of Omaha, NE. Ryan earned Gold Honors throughout middle school.

**Jack Carda** of St. Stephen the Martyr School, son of John and Jennifer Carda of Omaha, NE

**Wesley Cobb** of Bennington Middle School, son of Shoshone and Wendy Cobb of Bennington, NE. Wesley was on the "A" Honor Roll all hexters at Bennington Middle School in sixth through eighth grade. He also received the Learn Grow Lead award in sixth and eighth grade. Wesley was a member of Bennington Select Baseball team for 5 years.

**Grant Corey** of St. Patrick School, son of Dr. Russell and Michaela Cory of Waterloo, NE. Grant received state recognition by the Duke TIP Program for his ACT performance. He placed 1st in both the 100m and 200m dash in the Super Meet and set the school record in the high jump. He won State Cup in soccer and competed at Regionals.

**Caleb Courtney** of St. Gerald School, son of Michael and Nancy Courtney of La Vista, NE. Caleb was a recipient of the Serra Club Altar Server Award, selected as a member of the May Crowning Court for St. Gerald, and received a scholarship from St. Gerald Men's Club. Caleb is an active swimmer for GOAL and recently started swimming long course, qualifying for 3 events in the summer championship.

**Easton Crouse** of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of John Crouse and Lesley

Brandt of Omaha, NE. Easton was one of two recipients of the Spirit of St. Vincent award in 2021. He earned first honors 9 out of 12 quarters of middle school at St. Vincent de Paul.

\***John (Jack) Dewhurst** of St. Wenceslaus School, son of John and Ruth Dewhurst of Omaha, NE. Jack plays guitar and participated in chess, archery, and soccer clubs at St. Wenceslaus. He was a member of the PAL football and basketball teams and was voted one of the 3 football captains. He participated in the middle school spelling bee and won the D.A.R.E award for his essay. Jack was part of the Duke TIP program.

\***Leo Dustin** of St. Wenceslaus School, son of John ('97) and Colleen Dustin of Omaha, NE. Leo was awarded the Chivalry Award at St. Wenceslaus. He also was awarded an Altar Server Award from the Serra Club of Omaha. Leo was awarded the Msgr. Cain Scholarship from St. Wenceslaus.

\***Davis Eickman** of Elkhorn Valley View Middle School, son of Matthew and Dr. Laura Eickman of Elkhorn, NE. Davis received the President's Education Award and received a high A in Honors Geometry at Elkhorn South High School. He was a captain of his basketball team and participated in the Duke TIP program.

**John Farrell** of St. Patrick School, son of Joe and Heather Farrell of Elkhorn, NE. John received the Angel Award at St. Patrick. He was captain of his football team and participated in the Duke TIP program.

**Gavin Gaither** of Beveridge Middle School, son of Michelle Gaither of Omaha, NE and David Gaither of Omaha, NE. Gavin is a Duke TIP Award recipient. At Beveridge Middle School, he competed in the Quiz Bowl and was a member of the school ski club.

**Trevor Gutschewski** of St. Patrick School, son of Scott and Amy Gutschewski of Elkhorn, NE.

\***Peter Haas** of St. Patrick School, son of Dr. John ('98) and Susanne Haas of Omaha, NE. Peter is an Eagle Scout and earned State Recognition as part of the Duke TIP Program. He also earned a Silver Medal on the National Spanish

Exam and was a Noetic Math Contest team winner. Peter was selected for the Nebraska State Soccer Olympic Development Program and has played in several soccer and futsal leagues around the region. Peter also earned Gold Honor Roll at St. Patrick.

**Brody Hillyer** of St. Patrick School, son of Chad and Holly Hillyer of Valley, NE.

\***James Hoarty** of Mary Our Queen School, son of Patrick and Carrie Hoarty of Omaha, NE. James has competed on the Mary Our Queen basketball, football, soccer, and track teams. He is the recipient of a scholarship from the Polish Heritage Society of Nebraska.

**Drew Hoeft** of Elkhorn Ridge Middle School, son of Chadd and Suzi Hoeft of Omaha, NE. Drew was awarded the President's Education Award for Academic Excellence as well as Recognition for Excellence in Academics and Character in 8th grade. He was on the Honor Roll all of middle school. Drew also was a member of his middle school basketball team and participated on club basketball and baseball teams.

**Peter Killeen** of St. Joseph School Lincoln, son of Martin and Amy Killeen of Lincoln, NE. Peter was on the champion Quiz Bowl team as an eighth grader. He also earned his Eagle Scout award and swam for the Eastridge swim team.

**Augustus (Augie) Knobbe** of St. Patrick School, son of Roger and Leslie Knobbe of Elkhorn, NE. Augie has participated and excelled in numerous activities, including winning the box car derby in Cub Scouts, numerous awards in Chess, and medaling in freestyle swim. He was a frequent recipient of Honor Roll and has been an all-around athlete participating in soccer, swim team, flag football, baseball, and basketball at various competition levels.

**John (Jak) Kosierowski** of St. Patrick School, son of Pete and Sandra Kosierowski of Omaha, NE. Jack earned the Silver Honor Roll at St. Patrick. He has his Boy Scout Star Rank and is on his way to earning the Eagle Scout Rank. His EAA soccer team was ranked first in the state league. He is a voracious reader and has read over 200 books in the last year.

**Terry Le** of St. Patrick School, son of Viet Le and Trang Vo of Omaha, NE.

**Porter Loch** of Marilyn Moore Middle School, Lincoln, son of Jason Loch of Lincoln, NE and Kirsten Loch of Elkhorn, NE.

**Joshua Lugang** of St. Thomas Moore School, son of Emmanuel Lugang and Albertina Issa of Omaha, NE.

\***Cameron Mathis** of St. Patrick School, son of Nicole Mathis of Omaha, NE and Reggie Mathis of Fort Worth, TX. Cameron was on the honor roll at St. Patrick.

**Clint McMahan** of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of Joseph and Jennifer McMahan of Bennington, NE. Clint was awarded a Serra Club medal. His artwork was selected to be in the Holocaust Memory Project. He is a SVDP record holder in the 100 and 200-meter and in 100-meter hurdles.

**Colton Meduna** of St. Patrick School, son of Matt and Nancy Meduna of Waterloo, NE.

\***John Mohs** of St. Wenceslaus School, son of Michael and Kimberly Mohs of Omaha, NE. John received First Honors throughout middle school and was named to the Omaha Rotary Honor Roll. He placed first and second in the Archdiocesan Math Competition and placed 3rd in the Omaha Metro Spelling Bee. John was also on two PAL Basketball Championship Teams.

**Ethan Moline** of Mary Our Queen School, son of Kevin and Sarah Moline of Ralston, NE. Ethan was on the honor roll throughout middle school. He participated in the geography bee and spelling bee, and played football, basketball, and soccer at Mary Our Queen.

\***Finn Mutchie** of St. Wenceslaus School, son of Brian and Nicole Mutchie of Omaha, NE. Finn was awarded the Monsignor Cain Scholarship from St. Wenceslaus. He also earned the Certificate of Academic Excellence for East Cornhusker Trapshooting. Finn has earned his Eagle Scout award and participated in the Duke TIP program.

**Anthony Newton** of St. Wenceslaus School, son of Pete and Gabrielle Newton of Omaha, NE. Tony received the Knights of Columbus High School Scholarship and Math Pentathlon Delbert Detwiler Award. He earned First Honors and Chivalry Awards throughout middle school at St. Wenceslaus. Tony was also an invited participant of the Duke TIP program and was twice named captain of his travel hockey teams.

**Mason Nick** of St. Patrick School, son of Troy and Rochelle Nick of Bennington, NE. Mason received the St. Patrick's Angel Award during his 8th grade year, which honors students who display St. Patrick's core values: Christ-centered, excellence, service, community and leadership. He was also chosen as the banner carrier for 8th grade Catholic Schools Week and achieved Honor Roll each semester

**Kyle Oldehoeft** of St. Patrick School, son of Adam and Becky Oldehoeft of Elkhorn, NE. Kyle was awarded the St. Patrick's Committee Athletic Scholarship and was on the green honor roll in 7th and 8th grade.

**Eric Ortmeier** of St. Patrick School, son of Jeff and Holly Ortmeier of Bennington, NE.

**\*Clemens Pavlish** of Christ the King School, son of Jake and Kelli Pavlish of Omaha, NE. Clemens was awarded first place at the Archdiocesan Pairs Math Competition. He is also a regional team lead for Minecraft – Build the Earth.

**\*Thomas Penne** of St. Wenceslaus School, son of Jeff and Sharon Penne of Elkhorn, NE. Thomas earned the Chivalry Award and first honors during eighth grade at St. Wncestlaus. He was awarded first place in poetry division two as part of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Education Contest in both the local Mother Teresa Court and the Nebraska State Court, and is awaiting judging in the national competition.

**Alexander Poole** of Russell Middle School, son of Jason and Jill Poole of Omaha, NE. Alex was awarded the President's Outstanding Academic Excellence Award and was on Superior Honor Roll. He was also a participant

in his middle school's High-Ability Learner's program. Alex was a co-captain of his hockey team and was named strongest hockey player of the year during his Pee Wee season of hockey.

**Michael Rodgers** of Elkhorn Middle School, son of Michael and Shelly Rodgers of Elkhorn, NE. Michael qualified for the state track meet in the mile and holds the Elkhorn Middle School record for the mile time. He was on honor roll throughout middle school.

**Wyatt Salmon** of St. Wenceslaus School, son of Matthew and Cass Salmon of Omaha, NE. Wyatt was selected for the All-State Baseball Team 4 years in a row.

**David Schmitz** of St. Stephen the Martyr School, son of John and Collins Schmitz of Omaha, NE.

**Syler Sennett** of St. Vincent de Paul School, son of Sam and Holly Sennett of Omaha, NE. Syler was awarded the Serra Club of Omaha Altar Server award and consistently received second honors throughout his time at St. Vincent de Paul. Syler was also awarded the St. Vincent de Paul Guild Scholarship Award.

**John Sitz** of Mary Our Queen School, son of Jesse Sitz of Omaha, NE and Megan Timmerman of Omaha, NE. John was awarded the Mary Our Queen Principal's Honor Roll during eighth grade and participated in the Duke TIP program.

**\*Connor Smith** of St. Pius X/St. Leo School, son of Michael and Michaela Smith of Omaha, NE. Connor won the SPSL Geography Bee and qualified for the Nebraska State Geography Bee. He also qualified for state and grand recognition as part of the Duke TIP program.

**William Snyder** of St. Columbkille School, son of Bill and Sheilah Snyder of Papillion, NE.

**\*Oliver Sorensen** of St. Stephen the Martyr School, son of Chris and Chloe Sorensen of Omaha, NE. Oliver was a Gold Honor Roll student and a two-time recipient of the Christian Spirit Award. He participated in the Duke TIP program and received the Presidential

Award for Educational Excellence. Oliver is the great-great nephew of the late Br. Andrew Sorensen, OSB.

**Jacob Spencer** of St. Patrick School, son of Dr. Jonathan and Jennifer Spencer of Omaha, NE. Jacob made honor roll every quarter of middle school at St. Patrick. He is certified in scuba diving and has made many dives in Hawaii and the Dominican Republic. Jacob spends many hours a year volunteering with non-profit dog rescue to help foster dogs and rehabilitate them so they can be adopted into loving homes.

**Joseph (JJ) Stiles** of St. Stephen the Martyr School, son of Dale and Jaya Stiles of Omaha, NE. JJ is a baseball player and has won numerous awards with the Alpharetta Baseball Club, Omaha Sting, and Millard Athletic Association. He was nominated one of the best players of the 2021 season and has been named an all-star player for four consecutive seasons. JJ is a member of Blues Ed, and his band has won the International Blues Conference Youth Award.

**\*William Storbeck** of St. Wenceslaus School, son of Patrick and Rebecca Storbeck of Omaha, NE. Will received first honors throughout middle school at St. Wenceslaus.

**Barett Sykora** of Christ the King School, son of David and Helen Sykora of Omaha, NE.

**Thomas Tagel** of St. Columbkille School, son of Michelle Tagel of Papillion, NE.

**\*Jackson Teotor** of St. Wenceslaus School, son of Adam and Catherine Teotor of Omaha, NE. Jackson earned First Honors during eighth grade at St. Wenceslaus and was a student ambassador.

**\*Cody Torczon** of St. Vincent de Paul, son of Kevin and Sarah Torczon of Omaha, NE. Cody was awarded the Serra Club of Omaha Altar Server Award and received the President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence during his 8th grade year at St. Vincent de Paul. Cody received first honors during his eighth grade year.

**Noah Trueman** of St. Columbkille School, son of Andrew and Kylie Trueman of Bennington, NE.

**Selwyn Vallente** of All Saints Catholic School, son of William and Richel McKenna of Omaha, NE. Selwyn was awarded first honors with a 4.0 GPA. He won 3rd place gold at the 2019 Nebraska state archery tournament in Lincoln.

**Anson Vogtman** of St. Stephen the Martyr School, son of David and Lacy Vogtman of Omaha, NE. Anson is a two-time recipient of the St. Stephen the Martyr Christian Spirit award and a 4-time recipient of the St. Stephen the Martyr Leadership award. He has earned gold honor roll every semester and participated in the Duke TIP program.

**Harry Vondrak III** of St. Patrick School, son of Dr. Stephanie Vondrak of Elkhorn, NE and Nicholas Vondrak, Jr. of Mesa, AZ. As an eighth grader, Harry was awarded Honor Roll Status for his score on the National Spanish Exam and was finalist in the Woodman Speech Competition. Harry was also

chosen for the Duke TIP program and for the Rotary Honor Roll recognizing leadership skills. Harry received Gold Honor Roll every semester of seventh and eighth grade at St. Patrick.

**Eli Walters** of St. Pius X/St. Leo School, son of Matthew and Paula Walters of Omaha, NE. Eli was on the second Honor Roll through his eighth grade year. During the summer, Eli worked as a caddy at Omaha Country Club.

**Quinn Wamsley** of St. Wenceslaus School, son of Kathy Wamsley of Omaha, NE and Mark Wamsley of Omaha, NE.

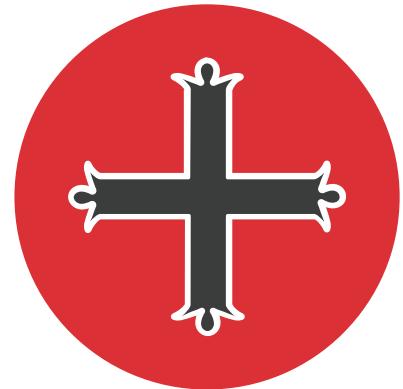
**Benjamin Weber** of St. Pius X/St. Leo School, son of Nathan and Jeanette Weber of Omaha, NE. Ben was consistently present on the Honor Roll, awarded MVP of his baseball team and is an aspiring caddy at the Omaha Country Club.

\***Thomas Westmore** of St. Stephen the Martyr School, son of William and Susan Westmore of Omaha, NE. Thomas received the Serra Club Altar Server award.

**Qiong Wu**, son of Da Le and Wei Wu of Shanghai, China.

**Joseph Zulkoski** of Mary Our Queen, son of Mark and Lisa Zulkoski of Omaha, NE. Joseph was an honor roll student and held a position on the student council. He participated in PAL basketball and soccer and was a member of the United Football club for four years. Joe was an altar server for Mary Our Queen.

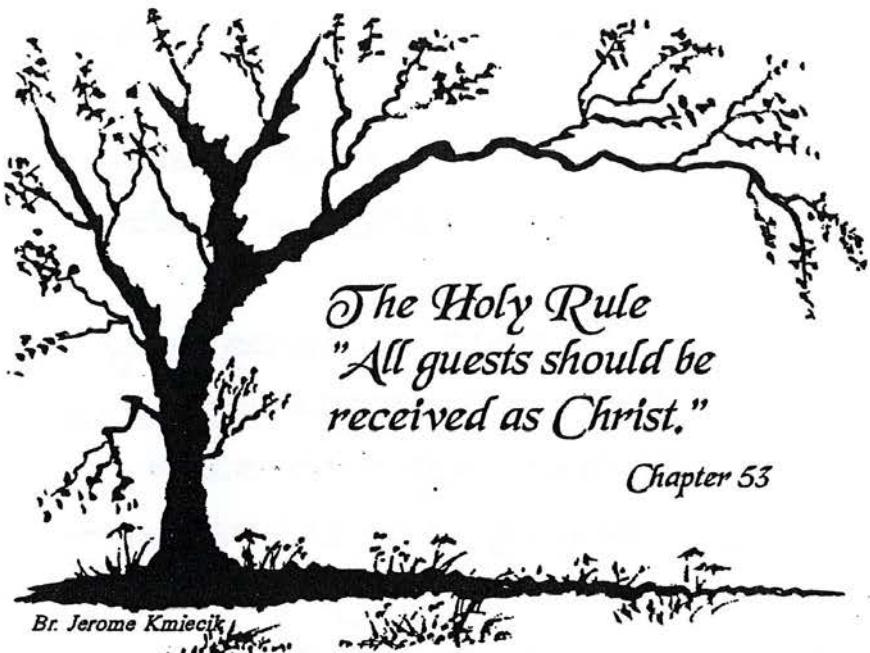
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*The Holy Rule*  
"All guests should be  
received as Christ."

*Chapter 53*

# **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

This past January I was fortunate to join the Mount Michael Alumni Board and begin serving as the board president. At the beginning of 2021 we had a strategic planning session to help identify some key areas that we wanted to focus our time, energy, and resources on over the next three years. We believe that fine tuning our goals and strategy will help us continue to fulfill our mission of creating lifelong, mutually beneficial relationships between Mount Michael alumni, and future alumni. We have outlined a three-year plan to help us celebrate and thank alumni and friends of the association, grow and establish scholarships, and thoughtfully engage alumni and future alumni.

## **ALUMNI APPRECIATION AWARD**

An exciting step we took this fall to recognize and thank individuals that have a positive impact on Mount Michael was establishing the Alumni Appreciation Award. This award will be given annually in the fall to a former faculty/staff member or a friend of the Mount Michael Alumni Association that has had a positive impact on current students and/or alumni. This is a great way for the alumni association to show its appreciation for individuals that have shown a strong commitment to the Mount Michael community through their dedication to both past and present students.



**This year's recipient was Mr. Brian Osborne. Mr. Osborne joined the Mount Michael community in 1979 and served for 24 years. He worked in various capacities, including science teacher, coach, athletic director, principal, and president. He was a great first recipient and truly embodies Mount Michael's core values.**

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](mailto:alumni@mountmichael.org).

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## BR. MEL LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

Another achievement this year is the creation of the Br. Mel Legacy Scholarship. Br. Mel was truly one of a kind and if you met him, you would never forget it. He was passionate about rope tricking, horses, his Old Testament theology class, and most importantly Mount Michael. This scholarship is a great way for us to honor and remember our fellow alumnus, Br. Mel.

Beginning in 2021 the Br. Mel Legacy Scholarship will be awarded to sons of alumni that are entering their first year at Mount Michael. It is one of our goals to help continue to strengthen our alumni network and help provide the opportunity for all legacy students to attend Mount Michael.

## RULE OF ST. BENEDICT

A third accomplishment for the board was establishing a new tradition with the freshmen class. As anyone associated with Mount Michael knows, Benedictine spirituality is central to who we are. Because it is so important, we as a board want to help deepen Mount Michael students' understanding of it.

This fall at the freshman class formation day, alumnus and campus minister, Fr. John Hagemann, along with three members of the alumni board presented each member of the class with a copy of the Rule of St. Benedict. During the presentation each alumnus shared with the class what Benedictine spirituality means to them. The association plans to continue this tradition annually to help emphasize our Benedictine roots.

Mount Michael truly is a special place, and we are very excited to continue to move forward with our strategic plan over the next three years. We hope to continue to thoughtfully engage alumni and celebrate our successes. There are some exciting things planned and we look forward to helping Mount Michael become an even better place.



UIOGD,

Eric Crawford '00  
Alumni Board President



## LEGACY KNIGHTS

Becket Beller '25, Jude Beller '92, Jurgen Beller '22, Zach Wooten '24, Luke Wooten '22, David Wooten '87, Dominic Benninato '25, Sam Beninato '25, Dan Beninato '91, Peter Haas '25, John Haas '98, Wyatt Walters '22, Eli Walters '25, Matt Walters '91, Peter Killeen '25, Martin Killeen '98, Jack Dustin '23, John Dustin '97, Leo Dustin '25, Kevin Moline '99, Ethan Moline '25, Mike Danahay '96, Austin Danahay '24, Pat Collins '19, Charlie Collins '85, Matt Collins '21, Daniel Collins '24. (Not Pictured: Caleb Brester '22, Owen Brester '25, the late Matt Brester '90, Sebastian Regan '24, Tom Regan '90)



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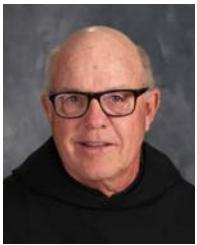
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# HAIL THEE FESTIVAL DAY!

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



Although the Festival Day, September 19, 2021, was not exactly the format of the traditional festivals of the past years, indeed, it was a great day in lots of ways.

Mount Michael's new Development crew was right on with being creatively open to these times of COVID and attempting to

hold on to some tradition of the past. This festival began with the Eucharist, not just for the workers of the festival, but for anyone who might like to attend. The Eucharist was not in the chapel. It was out on the football/soccer field—the Nate LaFave Field. It was a very bright, sunny day! Hail Thee Festival Day was the opening song for the day and by many counts it was the way to hail in the new era of the Festival Day. Starting the day with the Eucharist for all was a striking manner to call the community together to share in a way that was safe and possible.

September 19, 2021 hailed in the Festival Day in a new way.

After the Eucharist, the drive through festival began. Because the Development crew was able to use technology to get the word out for items available to buy, pre-orders were all organized and ready to hand to the drivers who circled the Guest House and Journey's End Farm on south campus. Mount Michael guests and festival goers were able to purchase many items that would have been available during times other than COVID. To say that it was organized to a T, is truly an understatement. It was a great sight with all the cars circling the Journey's End Farm and the volunteer parents and students delivering the orders to our guests and customers.

The Farmer's Market was again a key part of the festival and continues to be a success throughout the year thanks to our friends at Valley Corp and Kutak Rock. Their generosity keeps this tradition alive.

Life is full of challenges and changes. Often times there are many ways to execute an event or solve a problem. This year's festival was an excellent example of doing it "another way." After all, Mount Michael is involved in offering an education that opens one to different ways of thinking and doing, in short being creative. It seemed so fitting and appropriate.

No doubt the years of the attractions of Mavis from Old Home Bread commercials, Rick Simmons—the Evil Knievel character who jumped 17 buses with his motorcycle, sky divers and the like were great crowd gatherers, but such crowds could have caused some problems. Mount Michael wanted to be safe and responsible. Indeed, this new way was being safe and responsible!

Fr. Joseph Peters OSB and Fr. Mario Gramlich OSB were incredible Development Officers. They were dreamers and doers. They accomplished a lot and executed wonderful festivals over the years. The Mount Michael Community, both abbey and school need to remember the group called the Association, most of whom hailed from South Omaha. All of those festivals were labor intensive and those people stepped up to the plate to make it happen. They did just that. They worked long hours and days, way before the festival happened. Mount Michael remembers you with gratefulness and thanks.

We are now in a different era. Hopefully, the Fall Festival of 2021 will go down in history as a new way of combining the new and the old and continue to generate support for the Mount Michael Community.

Sincere thanks for all the support and a special thanks to the Development crew for their ingenuity and creativeness. Blessings always!

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## JOHN ROSHONE '99



Respected. Revered. Demanding. Advocate. Selfless. Role model. These are just a few of the words Mount Michael students, parents and colleagues use to describe John Roshone '99 who leads the Mount Michael's Social Studies department while also teaching AP and standard U.S. history to juniors and AP European history to seniors. In addition to teaching history, John has served as assistant residential dean, assistant basketball coach, head varsity basketball coach and has organized the junior class retreat. John especially enjoys helping run the junior retreat because it gives him an opportunity to share his faith and experiences not only as a teacher but as a husband and a father. "Hopefully in my years at Mount Michael I have acted as a role model for them and someone they can emulate."

Head of School, Dr. David Peters, said as a teacher and as a coach "John exemplifies what we want all students in Catholic school to achieve: an education that impacts them in the faith and in their professional and personal lives." A 1999 graduate of Mount Michael and a faculty member since 2004, John said he is "so grateful that I can give back to the school that gave me so much."

John Roshone was recently named Secondary Educator of the Year by the Omaha Archdiocese. A well-deserved award for a highly revered member of Mount Michael.

Students describe John as a tough, yet gifted teacher who makes history come to life. "His unique, interactive teaching style is second to none," said former student Jacob Idra. "Effortlessly, he demands every student's attention as he eloquently turns history lessons into riveting stories."

Former student, Temilolowa Adeyemo, agreed. "Mr. Roshone is the most passionate, caring and effective teacher that I have had, both in high school and at Stanford University," he said. "He opened my eyes to the joys of history, showing me that learning about the past can be the most efficient way to build a sustainable future."

Fr. John Hagemann says, "Over my 50 plus years of working at Mount Michael and almost 60 years of living at Mount Michael, there are few who can rank with the achievements of Mr. Roshone. Leaving aside for a moment the great successes academically, especially in Advanced Placement classes, I want to emphasize the respect that the students have for this teacher. One of the first points I want to make about his teaching style is the door to his classroom. In all the years, I have noticed that he never closes the classroom door. Why? Because he commands all attention on him and the material with which he is working. He sets expectations. He sets them firmly from day one. He does NOT deviate from these expectations. Mr. Roshone knows that if he does not expect anything, he will not get anything back, nor will the students gain anything. And so, there is no need to close the door. All focus is on him and the material at hand."

**"One of the biggest impacts John has on Mount Michael students is that he exemplifies how to be a man. He shows that he is caring, assertive as a leader, and puts his faith and family first," said Matt Coghill, former student and current student teacher. "**



John Roshone and his wife, Katy, have three children – Elizabeth, Charlotte, and Daniel – who all attend St. Bernard School. On his 17th year as a faculty member at Mount Michael, John continues to serve as an integral role for the basketball program.

This article includes some material originally published in the Archbishop's Dinner for Education event program.

# Alumni News



**John Roshone '99**, history teacher at Mount Michael, was named Secondary Educator of the Year by the Omaha Archdiocese.



**Alex JongKyu Lim '10** started a new position as Head of Growth at HAECHI LABS, Korea's fastest-growing blockchain tech company.



**Mike Noble '87** started a new job as Plant General Manager for The Glenmore Distillery at Sazerac.

KC Gathering: Alumni residing in the Kansas City area were visited by Mount Michael administration and gathered at the local Topgolf to reconnect and learn about happenings at The Mount.



L to R Harry Bognich '63, Chris Bierman '14, Br. Maximilian Marty Anderson O.S.B. '12, Tom White '64, Luke Van Haute '18, Andy Huss '04, Sam Eberle '19, Ray Dorsey '16, Joe Hitzemann '19, Jack Hitzemann '16, Joe McLean '96, John Von Dollen '12, Scott Kmiecik '94, Michael Walsh '99, Rob Mueller '96, Abbot Michael Liebl, O.S.B. '68, Jon Wullschleger '85, Mark Sojka '80, Doug Hettinger '80, Mark Loeffelholz '13, Dr. David Peters, Not Pictured: Shawn Kennedy '85 & Matt Hoppe.



**Marty Sampson '96** was featured in the Omaha World Herald for his new startup, Leash Pet Transportation.



**Paul West '94** has once again been named to the 2021 Barron's Top Independent Advisors list.



**Br. Paul Hotovy '07** made his first profession of vows as a Salesian of Don Bosco and a member of the New Rochelle Province on Sunday, August 15, at the Marian Shrine in Haverstraw, NY. Photo courtesy of [www.salesians.org](http://www.salesians.org).

Baseball Reunion: Members of the 2011 Legion Class C State Baseball Championship Team gathered for the 10th Anniversary of their title.



Back Row: Clayton Taylor '11, Chris Thomas '12, Joe Ernst '12, Evan Murray '12, Graham Jewell '12, Michael Bohnhoff '11; Front Row: Jake Rauterkus '11, Mark Loeffelholz '13, Matt Lingo '13, Bobby Thomas '11, Tom Walter '12



**Matt Plooster '99**, Bridgepoint CEO, has been featured in a recent edition of the Midlands Business Journal.

## WEDDINGS



**Joe Hoeschen**  
'04 started a new role as Senior Manager at Charles Schwab.



founded.

**Brian Morrissey**  
'84 started a new role as Principal at Pegasus Investment Partners. This is the fourth company he has



**Matt Davis** '16 married Naomi Kosch on April 17th, 2021.



**Mark Loeffelholz** '13 married Morgan Walker on July 31st, 2021.



**Gabe Cohen** '13 started a new job at the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy as an Environmental Engineer.

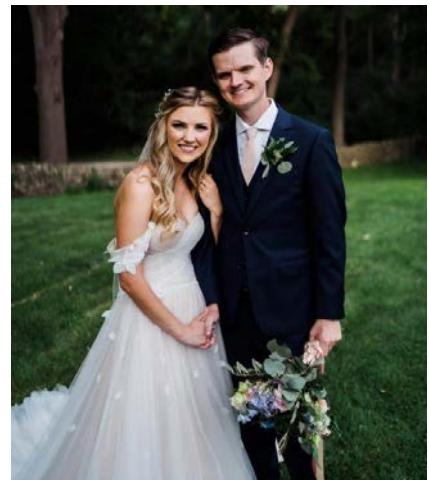


**Jacob Gathje** '20 had his photo featured in the September publication of U.S. Catholic magazine. This was one of many photographs he took for the St. John's University newspaper's article on the campus' Daunte Wright vigil sponsored by the campus ministry office this past spring.



**Zach Murphy** '12 married Jenny DeCook on August 7th, 2021.

**Evan Murray** '12 married Sarah Peabody on July 31st, 2021.



**Matt Witt** '09 married Megan McCuen on September 3rd, 2021.



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**Jake Rauterkus '11** married Nicolette Bardos on August 14th, 2021.



**Austin Ramaekers '14** married Madisen Ten Kley on September 18th, 2021.



**Michael Block '04** and his wife Elizabeth welcomed their daughter Magnolia Nicole Block on May 30th, 2021.



**Joey Bastian '12** married Cassie Maddigan on September 18th, 2021.



**Adam Tucker '10** married Rachel Anderson on October 2nd, 2021.



**Greg Hall '04** and his wife Elizabeth welcomed their son Matthew Robert Hall on September 14th, 2021.



**David Jergovic '03** and his wife Kate welcomed their daughter Sophia June Jergovic on August 12th, 2021.



**Tommy Feichtinger '12** married Grace Nelson on September 18th, 2021.

## BIRTHS



**Pat Tefft '04** and his wife Lori welcomed their daughter Abigail Faith Tefft on July 19th, 2021.



**Tristan Anzalone '10** and his wife Annie welcomed their son Jet Richard Anzalone on August 31, 2021.



**Brandon Copple '01**  
and his wife Michaela welcomed their son Cruz Robert Copple on September 29th, 2021.



**Dan Hassing '02** and his wife Becca welcomed their daughter Eleanor James Hassing on October 12th, 2021.



**Eric Crawford '00** and his wife Jami welcomed their son Leo Sod Crawford on October 22nd, 2021.

# IN REMEMBRANCE

Jan McReynolds, sister-in-law of Fr. Eugene McReynolds, O.S.B.

Marc Cizek, uncle of Mike Cizek '89

Donald "Don" Kirschbaum, friend of Mount Michael

Ted Hazer, friend of Mount Michael

D. Hughes Wilcox, father of Tim Wilcox '83

Ruthann Maschka, wife Dr. Philip Maschka 'SJS

Adam Kirchofer, father-in-law of Mike McCarthy '70

Delores "Dee" Eichler, former Mount Michael staff member

Gene Campbell, father-in-law of Don Pollard

Anna Heinson, friend of Mount Michael

Virginia "Virgie" Lanik, grandmother of Andrew '92 and Joel Lanik '94; grandmother of Sean '97, Patrick '99 and Devin Moylan '01

Bernard "Bernie" Zach, father of Tim Zach '82

John Kriskey, father of Tom Kriskey '93

Darrell Mohr, father-in-law of Jeremy Hall '97

John Olvera, friend of Br. Roger Mangels, O.S.B.

Donna Kratochvil, cousin of Bro. Francis Schmitz, O.S.B. +

Sam Marchese, friend of Mount Michael

Julian "Butch" Sojka, cousin of Fr. Louis Sojka, O.S.B.

Thomas Fortune, brother of Michael Fortune 'SJS

Lou Sojka, father of Matt '79, Mark '80, Fr. Louis Sojka, O.S.B. '81, and John Sojka '85; grandfather of Michael Sojka '12 and Antonio Stanco '24

Patrick Nipp, father of Eric Nipp '79

Dolores Murphy, great-grandmother of Andrew Busenbark '24

Elaine Bosilevac, grandmother of Blase Bosilevac '25

Joseph Whitmore '85, brother of James Whitmore '84

Nigel Bell, uncle of Ethan Bell '25

Florence Ann "Peenie" Hoffman, mother of John Hoffman '85

Gail Ward Bevington, uncle of Matthew Bevington '95

Lonny Lloyd McNavage '68

Walter Scott, Jr., grandfather of Graham '11 and Griffin Willer '14

Bernard Burbach, great-uncle of Ryan Kremer '24

Patrick "Pat" Tracy '81

Patricia "Pat" McGonigal, friend of Mount Michael

Mildred "Millie" Stranathan, friend of Mount Michael

Robert "Bob" Mueller, father of Robert Mueller '96

Raymond "Ray" Sedlacek, uncle of Br. William Dokolil, O.S.B.

Mary Jean "Snooks" Koinzan, sister of Fr. Frederic Schindler +

Patrick "Bernie" McDermott, son of Joseph and Ada McDermott

Michael Gutschenritter, uncle of Jon Eades '00

Loretta Dobbs, grandmother of Tom Rzemyk

Georgeann Prusa, grandmother of Jerome Prusa '09

Margaret 'Rita' Mayne, mother of John Mayne '86



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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.

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