# MOUNT MICHAEL

BENEDICTINE ABBEY AND SCHOOL



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# Letter from the Abbot



As the holidays approach, I am reminded of a familiar question, "do you believe in Santa Claus?." When my brothers and sisters and I were young, Christmas was a treat. Aside from the grand company of relatives and too much rich food to eat, there were always lots of gifts under the Christmas tree. Most gifts were marked "from Santa." To date Santa has never failed to bring me gifts at Christmas time. So, if anyone thinks I am going to stop believing in Santa, he or she is mistaken.

My parents instilled the notion that gifts came from Santa aside from anything we might have supposed we had done to deserve them. Gifts came from Santa just because we existed. Gifts from Santa are a reflection of God's goodness to us. We do not do anything to deserve the gifts we have from God. God gives them to us just out of his own goodness. The appropriate response is gratitude.

Most days we enjoy good health, a gift easily overlooked. At the end of September on a day when the sidewalk was slightly damp, I walked from the abbey building to the chapel in the school building for our morning prayers. Because the soles of my shoes were slightly wet, as I entered the school building, I slipped on a stair step and fell awkwardly. I knew immediately that I had done damage to my left leg and ankle. After morning prayers and Eucharist, Fr. John took me to the emergency room at Lakeside Hospital. X-rays revealed damage that would require surgery. I have been hobbling around on crutches ever since my fall.

A single, simple slip cost me freedom of movement. It takes twice as long to do any task just because of my limited mobility. Just walking is a gift from God. Eventually the leg and ankle will heal, and I will be walking again. I remember not to complain because there was never a promise that I would have that gift from God my entire life. Additionally, it made me more aware of individuals who face far more daunting challenges.

In my first year of teaching, I was also handed the job of tennis coach. The number one singles player of the team that year was a young man named Tom Driscoll. He was a talented student blessed with an easy-going personality who readily made friends. He also probably knew more about tennis

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than I did. That made him a good leader for our team. Partly because of Tom's example, a firm foundation was laid for what became a successful tennis program. At the end of October, we had Tom's funeral here at Mount Michael.

After graduation from Mount Michael, Tom continued a path suitable for someone with his ability. He earned a graduate degree, got married and had a couple of lovely daughters. Then life took a turn. He was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. At first MS only took his ability to play tennis, to golf and to travel. But eventually he was completely bed ridden. As his daughter tearfully recounted at his funeral, he even became unable to give a hug. Tom lived with MS for thirty years. In all that time, I never heard him say that God had treated him unfairly. I never heard him complain. If ever you visited him, he always had a ready smile. After he died, his classmate and good friend Dan Loeffelholz said, after a long journey Tom is finally free.

We think of martyrs as those who give their lives in witness to Christ. For most martyrs, death comes quickly. Fr. Edward Malone, a deceased member of our community wrote a book titled The Monk and The Martyr. In his book Fr. Edward argued that faithful monks live as if martyrs, every day surrendering their lives in witness to God. St. Benedict writes in his Rule that a monk should keep death daily before his one's eyes. St. Benedict did not mean to be mordant. It is just a reminder that everything we have, every breath that we take is a gift from God. Even the ability to move. When I think of Tom Driscoll who was truly a martyr for thirty years, it is tough to complain about a broken leg.

Just as Santa has been good to me over many years, so has God. If it is okay with you, I think I will keep believing in Santa and I think I will keep believing in God.

Michael Liebl, 0513

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

KNIGHTS IN NEW YORK NOV. 29 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA DEC. 3 ALUMNI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT DEC. 16 NIGHT OF KNIGHTS MARCH 16



# **HEAD OF SCHOOL:**

# COMMUNITY

There are five essential Benedictine values that we focus on here at Mount Michael Benedictine School; community, hospitality, integrity, moderation, and service. They are the focus every Monday during our opening chapel time. I want to draw your attention to the importance of community and what we have been doing lately to foster that here on campus.

As I mentioned, we come together every Monday morning in the chapel. The students sit with their class according to their homeroom. We begin our week together as a community. One of the monastic members will give a talk on one of the core Benedictine values. Following that, we have announcements and recognitions. The second half of chapel is a suitable time to acknowledge our students and staff on what they are doing and have accomplished during the past week.

We made some changes to our freshman dorm this past summer by putting all their desks in the same room. This room, which used to be the bunk room and old library, is now where the students have study hall. The other large room, which used to be another bunk room, has now been transformed into a recreation space. The boarders now sleep in revamped rooms which allow for four or five students to live together. These rooms only have beds and dressers because we want them to go to the study room or in the new recreational room. The rec room has become a big hit with the freshman and other upperclassmen. In many ways we have brought the community aspect of the armory/student union up to the residential floors!

Because Mount Michael is a boarding and day school, we have taken steps to have students spend time together. Once a month, during Wednesday night visits, we have had food trucks that come onto campus. Families can purchase their meals there. We invite, and ask, the day students to also participate. It is a fun event that really fosters community.

Recently we hosted our annual Father-Son Banquet at the St. Vincent de Paul parish center. Hundreds of our students and their fathers attended. This event, along with our Mother-Son Dance, are two annual events that foster the community aspect of Mount Michael.









Early in October we held our annual Grandparents Mass in the gym. We had hundreds of grandparents here that day, celebrating the liturgy together with their grandsons. After Mass there were refreshments and tours of the school. It was a beautiful day where we all came together as a community.

Each class has an annual retreat and is usually held in September or October off campus. These retreats are wonderful events that bring each class together as a community. This year, three of the retreats were held at the Pro-Sanctity Center and the senior retreat was held at the JPH Neumann Center on UNO's campus.

Early in October, Mount Michael hosted their third annual cross country meet. Over 850 runners participated. It was one of the largest attended athletic events held in school history. Many students and staff volunteered to help run this event. Again, we all come together as one community to help and share the work!

The Mount Michael journalism classes hosted the first annual Trunk or Treat event on Monday, October 30th. The event was very well attended. There were thirty-one decorated trunks for the elementary students and their families to trick-or-treat at. It was a wonderful event that really showcased our students and our community.

Mount Michael is a small but strong community. We come together to celebrate, to pray, to get work done, to enjoy each other's company and to share experiences. The Benedictine value of community is really at the heart of what we are about. It becomes ingrained in our lives, attitudes, and experiences. Sharing, living, and working together fosters this wonderful value.

God bless,

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











111. 111 days since I started my position as Director of Enrollment and Marketing. Coming from marketing and admissions positions previously, I knew this role would be something that I would be successful at, but I had no idea how much support I would have behind me. I previously worked at two different colleges. Each spoke

about community as something that made them different from the competition. Now, these schools do have unique communities which make them different, however, when the Mount Michael community shows up, they show up in force. From the talent of the faculty and staff to the welcoming student body and the engaged and energetic parents, I have made nothing but meaningful connections from the beginning. Being that this position is so reliant on community support, having so many people in my corner has made this busy fall that much more fulfilling.

Since I started those 111 days have been filled with 25 high school visits, 34 shadows, 2 high school fairs, and a 60-student on-campus event. Although those days have been busy it has also been such a rewarding experience to see sons shadowing at their dad's alma mater, siblings excited to tell their younger brothers about Mount Michael, and students returning to their elementary schools excited to see their previous teachers and tell them about their time in high school.

School visits are such a critical time because you only have 30-45 minutes to convince a room full of 7th and 8th graders that they should spend their next four years at Mount Michael. For some students, that time may be the only opportunity you have to tell them about Mount Michael and trying to touch on

all the important pieces for each student can be a balance. When I was at St. Wenceslaus, we asked the students by a show of hand who had already picked which high school they wanted to attend, and almost every student raised their hand. For some schools it can feel like you are going into a losing battle but leaving the school and having students ask questions about boarding, academics or athletics tells you that the students were paying attention and are interested. It is an even better feeling when you get back to the office and see that there are students from those schools who want to shadow and get more information.

Danika Kerin
Director of Enrollment and Marketing

FRESHMAN CLASS

# 53 students

from 24 different schools

30 DAY STUDENTS

**25**BOARDING
STUDENTS

28% from non-Catholic schools

53% received merit-based scholarships

# **LEGACIES**

2027

This school year we welcome four legacy freshmen to the class of 2027.



BLAZE BELLER
JUDE BELLER '92



MICHAEL FREILICH EVAN FREILICH '06



PATRICK KILLEEN
MARTY KILLEEN '98



**LIAM MOLINE**KEVIN MOLINE '99

2026

HANK BEHRENDT NICK BEHRENDT '98

**EMERY TARDY**JIM TARDY '00

2025

BECKETT BELLER

JUDE BELLER '92

DOMINIC BENINATO DAN BENINATO '91

SAM BENINATO
DAN BENINATO '91

OWEN BRESTER
MATT BRESTER '90<sup>†</sup>

**LEO DUSTIN**JOHN DUSTIN '97

PETER HAAS JOHN HAAS '98

PETER KILLEEN
MARTIN KILLEEN '98

**ETHAN MOLINE**KEVIN MOLINE '99

**ELI WALTERS**MATT WALTERS '91

2024

WILL BRUGGEMAN NICK BRUGGEMAN '91

DANIEL COLLINS
CHARLIE COLLINS '85

**AUSTIN DANAHAY** MIKE DANAHAY '96

SEBASTIAN REGAN TOM REGAN '90

**ZACH WOOTEN**DAVE WOOTEN '87



# Mount Michael Benedictine Abbey St. Benedict Gift Shop

22520 Mount Michael Road Elkhorn, NE

Visit our lovely Monastery Gift Shop and enjoy a selection of one-of-a-kind gifts and religious items-especially for a special upcoming event.



You may also visit our online store; we have over six hundred items online.

Some items on our online store and Abbey are handcrafted by the Monks at the Abbey.





The Mount Michael Alumni Association hosted the second annual Hall of Fame Night on September 14, 2023. The 2023 Hall of Fame inductees included:



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME Coach George Roshone

ALUMNI APPRECIATION AWARD

Sharleen Ball

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

John Wagner '67

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Dave Hahn '69

To view the photos from this event and to watch the honoree videos, scan the QR code.





# JOIN US FOR THE 35TH ANNUAL NIGHT OF KNIGHTS SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

GENERAL CHAIRS
Lesley Brandt & JJ Crouse
(Easton '25 and Taggart '23)

INAUGURAL ALUMNI CHAIRS Connie & Jeff Jamrog '83 (Jared '14)

All proceeds from Night of Knights go towards Mount Michael Benedictine School's operating budget. Your support makes it possible for our students to grow into spiritual, intellectual, and moral leaders.

Email events@mountmichael.org or visit nightofknights.org to find out more information on how to support NOK 2024!

# Past Helping Shape The Present: KNIGHT FUND 2023-24

As alumni of Mount Michael Benedictine High School, a special bond exists between you and your alma mater that goes beyond the years physically spent on campus. Your experiences at Mount Michael have left an indelible mark on your lives, playing a significant role in shaping you into the individual you are today. It is this shared connection and the spirit of giving back that makes us a united community, striving to ensure that future generations of Knights enjoy the same transformative educational experience as you did.

Today, we stand at the threshold of an important milestone – the annual "Knight Fund" campaign for the 2023-24 school year. Our goal this year is an ambitious one - \$500,000 - all of which will be used to help narrow the gap between the cost of tuition and the actual cost of providing the best high school education available to students in greater Omaha metro – and beyond. We have set an aggressive target, but we believe in the power of our community to come together and make it a reality.

In the years prior, our alumni participation rate in the Knight Fund has been a commendable 3%. However, we aim to surpass our past achievements by raising the bar and targeting a 10% alumni participation rate for the 2023-24 campaign. This increase, while ambitious, is essential to ensure that we continue to provide the best educational opportunities for the current and future generations of Mount Michael students.

Why is alumni participation so crucial, you might wonder? Alumni support is not just about financial contributions; it is about strengthening the Mount Michael family, building a legacy, and providing opportunities for the young minds who now walk the same hallways you once did. Your support, regardless of the amount, sends a powerful message that we stand together in our commitment to the future of our school.





Included in this issue of the Michaeleen is a self-addressed, mail-ready commitment card that can be detached, completed, and returned with just a few minutes of your time. Alternatively, you may visit www.mountmichael.com/advancement/giving or scan the QR code and make your gift through our online portal.

Our success in reaching the \$500,000 target and increasing alumni participation to 10% will not only bolster the financial health of our school but also reaffirm the sense of unity and community we cherish. Your support in this endeavor will shape the future of Mount Michael and the lives of countless young Knights to come.



Thank you for your unwavering dedication to Mount Michael Benedictine High School. Let us stand united, show our support, and help the Knights of tomorrow continue their journey towards excellence.

Go Knights!

L. Chris Knauf Director of Advancement

www.mountmichael.com/advancement/giving

#### **Running Down the Competition:**

# Knights Take on State XC

By Jackson Teetor

\*Previously written for the student newspaper

After a rough finish to start the previous season, the 2023 Mount Michael Knights cross country team is hoping for some redemption. Heading into the 2022 State Cross Country Meet, the Mount Michael Knights were the fourth ranked team in Class B. The Knights were hot after winning the B-2 district meet, as well as three others and top five finishes at the rest.

It was a warm October day with a high of about 77 degrees. Hosted at Kearney Country Club, the state course is known as one of the hardest courses in the state due to its hilly terrain and few shaded areas along the course. As they went down the list of the top ten teams, the Knights' hope grew of obtaining a high placement. The officials concluded the list and announced the champions. The Knights' name was never called out that day, finishing in eleventh place out of twelve teams.

Coming into the 2023 cross country season, the NSAA announced the classifications for the upcoming season. Due to many new schools being created in Lincoln as well as Omaha, the Knights were moved to Class C. Even though they are similar in size, the two classes have vastly different levels of competition. The competition in Class C is a lot less concentrated as there are only a few schools with multiple runners in the top fifteen overall rankings.

The Knights started the season ranked second in the state and entered the state competition in third behind Gothenburg and Lincoln Christian. The Knights are led by a strong junior and freshman class. Michael Rodgers '25 and Oliver Sorensen '25 have been the consistent top runners on the team for the entire season but are joined by Jack Carda '25 and Jackson Teetor '25. Due to the small number of runners in the senior class, these four have had to step up as leaders for the entire team.

Throughout the season, the Knights won two other meets this year, including the inaugural Platte River Rumble. This was the most anticipated races of the season as hosted by Creighton University. The Knights came out victorious in

large part due to breakout performances by the freshmen, Max Teetor '27 and Mesach Nkurubujango '27. After this race, they cemented their spots on the varsity squad for the remainder of the season.

The third ranked Knights entered the C-2 district meet as heavy favorites, although the fourth and fifth ranked teams were also in the race. Living up to the hype, five of six Mount Michael runners placed in the top 15 at the meet. Jackson, Rodgers, and Sorensen placed fourth, fifth and sixth respectively, propelling the team to victory. This race propelled the Knights with confidence into the state meet.

The next week was spent making final preparations for the biggest and last race of the year. Emotions were high, since the Knights knew they had a chance at the championship, if the entire team ran to their potential. Once the race started, the Mount Michael runners settled into their paces and were right where they needed to be. As the race progressed, the team's frontrunners, Rodgers and Sorensen, held their spots in the top 10 and the rest of the team started slowly picking off opposing teams' runners, and bettering Mount Michael's team score.



Run it Back Knights Juniors Oliver Sorensen, Michael Rodgers, and Jackson Teetor pose with their medals after placing in the C-1 district meet. The cross country team has won the district meet in back-to-back seasons now, placing five of their six runners in the top 15 this year.

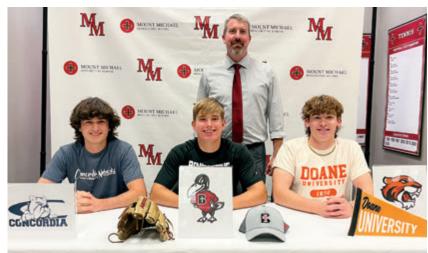
With about one kilometer to go, Sorensen started to have leg issues, due to fatigue and tightness from the October heat. This was detrimental to the Knights' score as he finished the race in 98th place.

Rodgers secured a 5th place finish overall.

The team landed in third place, sitting 19 points behind first place and 12 points behind second place as projected. Despite tough conditions and extreme heat for October (84 degrees), the Knights ended the season with a performance they could be proud of.

Courtesy of Shelly Rodgers

# STUDENT NEWS





#### **BASEBALL**

**TENNIS** 

Three seniors signed their letters of intent to play baseball at the next level.

Ayden Earl
Concordia University

Ricky Kmiecik
Benedictine College

Thaden Wewel
Doane College

# FALL SPORTS

#### NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS





Nick Halpin

Rocco Zimmerman

Congratulations to two members of our senior class; Nick Halpin and Rocco Zimmerman. Both were selected as National Merit semifinalists. This is an incredible honor. Students that make the semifinalist list represent only one percent of all high school seniors in the United States. National Merit selects the top 16,000 students, out of the approximate 1.6 million students nation-wide, who took the PSAT exam.

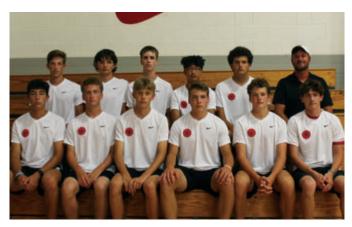




Ryan Saxby

Thaden Wewel

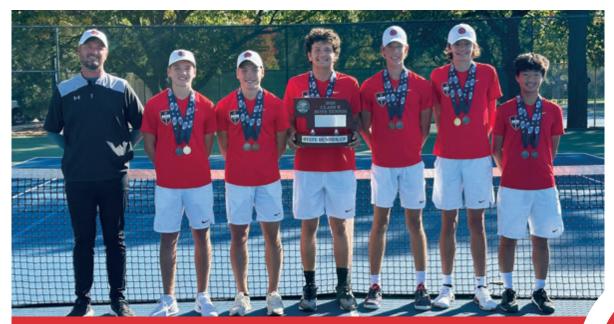
Ryan Saxby and Thaden Wewel were selected as National Merit Commended Students. They were in the top two percent of those that took the PSAT test, nationwide, last October.





CROSS COUNTRY

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Derrik Spooner Activities Director Dean of Students

#### STATE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Mount Michael tennis team had a great season. The boys have had large shoes to fill after a successful few years from previous teams, but they managed to put in the time on court and bring back the depth that makes them so strong.

All six players contributed to first place finishes in the Elkhorn, Lincoln Christian, York, and River City conference tournament, as well as a second place finish at state. Every state participant double medaled with Peter Killeen placing 8th at #2 singles, Connor Chen placing 5th at #1 singles, Owen Stricklett/Sam Beninato placing 6th at #2 doubles, and Patrick Killeen/Noah Stricklett placing first at #1 doubles.

Owen Stricklett will be missed next year as the only senior, but that sets the team up for a lot of experience coming back next season. Who knows what the future will bring, but it looks like a bright one full of success for years to come.



**FOOTBALL** 

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### **JONO MATT '06**

Written by Sam Weitkemper '06

It is a bit terrifying to write an article about someone who writes for a living, but this alumni spotlight on my buddy, classmate, and famous-adjacent person Jono Matt is a story that I am happy to share. Jono's passion and drive have taken him from Mount Michael all the way to a successful screenwriting career in Los Angeles, with interesting stops along the way.

Jono's involvement with Mount Michael began at Camp St. John, well before our high school years. Even in those early days it seemed like everyone already knew Jono – a friendly, mischievous redhead with a big smile and an easy laugh. One night at camp, watching *The Princess Bride* for what seemed like the fourteenth time, I remember thinking to myself, "This guy REALLY likes movies."

During his time at Mount Michael, Jono was active in soccer and tennis and was a hardworking student. More than anything, though, he was a community builder. Jono was our de facto social chair, trying to cram as many people as possible into his dorm room for evening movie sessions and card games. He proved himself to be quite resourceful, as well – in preparation for a dorm-wide Tecmo Super Bowl tournament, he printed the entire player attribute database, earning the ire of the computer lab staff (I deny any involvement in said scheme – on an unrelated note, I can tell you that Wayne Haddix was the fastest player on the 1991 Tampa Bay defense).

As he continued through his years at Mount Michael, Jono's love for movies and storytelling grew unabated. He would eagerly discuss film plots with friends and teachers alike, always eager to share his ideas. It was no surprise when he left for San Francisco after graduation to study filmmaking at Academy of Art University.

Jono's first big break came a couple of years later when he landed a job working with Omaha native Nik Fackler on the 2008 drama *Lovely, Still* as a production assistant. Jono never looked back – up next was a move to Los Angeles and stints working on *Sons of Anarchy* and *Glee*. All the while, Jono was grinding away and writing scripts of his own, eventually writing and selling (with co-writer Glen Powell) a script for a *Captain Planet* remake to Leonardo DiCaprio. Since 2016, Jono has been a full-time paid screenwriter. That is no small accomplishment – in any given year there are fewer paid screenwriters than NFL athletes. Jono credits the work ethic learned at Mount Michael with getting him over the hump in this competitive environment. Other major career highlights so far include a *Shrek* spinoff and the film *Above the Line*, which recently completed filming.

Beyond his impressive film career, Jono has shown his commitment to writers' rights as a Writers' Guild of America (WGA) captain. During the recent 148-day WGA strike, Jono organized and led a group of 70 people, advocating for fair treatment and recognition of the creative minds behind the scenes.





Jono currently lives in LA with his girlfriend Khaia, their dog Biscuits, and their cat Catbomb (that is not a joke). He continues to be involved with Mount Michael. generously giving his time to speak with students in the newly formed film studies program. He strongly recommends Mount Michael to prospective students and encourages current students to embrace the challenge and learn to work hard, as those skills will pay



dividends later in life regardless of profession. Finally, he believes Mount Michael's sense of community is unique – "where else would you be playing poker with your friends at 9 p.m. on a Tuesday?!"

Jono's remarkable journey is a testament to the power of pursuing one's passion, staying true to one's own self, and plain 'ol hard work. I am proud of what he has contributed to the Mount Michael legacy, and even prouder to call him a friend.





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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### **Alumni News**



Chad Grosse-Rhode '88 started a new role as the Director of Parishes for Midtown Catholic in Omaha, NE.



Shane Hanson '07 was promoted to Director of Engineering at Omaha Public Power District in Omaha, NE.



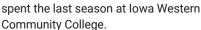
Zachary Murphy '12 started a new position as a District Manager at ADP in Omaha, NE.



Caleb Pflug '15 was promoted to Captain in the United States Army. He has also recently taken a Company Commander position for the United States Recruiting Command (USAREC) in Kansas City, MO.

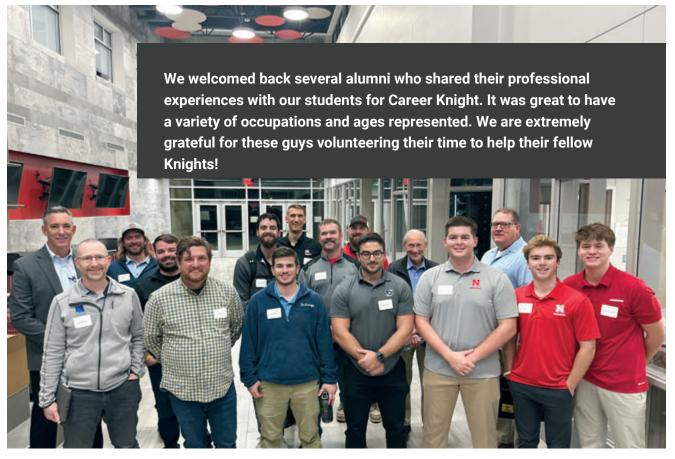


Luke Broderick '22 has announced his commitment to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln baseball team. Luke is a sophomore who





Jared Mikuls '15 started a new job as a UI/ UX Designer at biBERK, a Berkshire Hathaway Company in Omaha, NE.



Greg Beninato '89, Greg Stieren '00, JT Cronin '13, Riley Lebbert '07, Dan Hassing '02, Jared Mikulz '15, Michael Fischer '16, Scott Lindgren '05, Matt Luettel '03, Tony Swanson '06, Andree Kakish '20, John Wagner '67 Evan Schroder '20, John McGahan '85, Landen Fogle '22, Callan Schroder '22

### **Alumni News**



Joseph Lytle
'20 placed third
in the SkillsUSA
Championships
featuring
America's most
highly skilled
career and

technical students. Joe is completing his senior year of college at Metropolitan Community College majoring in Auto Collision Technology. He is employed full-time as a Damage Assessment Writer with B Street Collision Center in Omaha.



**JT Cronin '13** married Rachel Dostal on October 21st, 2023.



**Chris Bierman '14** married Kaelyn Paine on September 3rd, 2023.

#### WEDDINGS



**lan Thomas '12** married Christine Cullinane on October 7th, 2023



**Addison Morris '12** married Caitlin Kunz on September 15th, 2023.



**Josh Rauterkus '13** married Jamie Brew on September 3rd, 2023.



**Davis Wilson '14** married Amanda Foje on October 14th, 2023.



**Collin Donahue '14** married Nachia Olsen on November 3rd, 2023.



**Tyler Miklas '14** married Olivia Mossey on September 2nd, 2023.

# **Alumni News**



**Christian Jones '13** married Mallory Wescom on September 2nd, 2023.



**Nick Hall '07** and Kiley welcomed their son, Samuel O'Connor, on September 24th, 2023.



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#### **BIRTHS**



**Mark Hotovy '03** and Rebecca welcomed their son, Matthew Ignatius, on August 31st, 2023.



**Zach Loeffelholz '11** and Jori welcomed their son, William James, on September 4th, 2023.



**Kyle Sederstrom '09** and Brooke welcomed their son, Henry David, on September 20th, 2023.



**Dan Cihal '01** and Erin welcomed their second son, Caleb Daniel, on August 22nd, 2023.





# IN REMEMBRANCE

Ronald "Ron" Mayne father of John Mayne ('86)

Lawrence "Larry" Muller grandfather of Austin Danahay ('24) and father-in-law of Michael Danahay ('96)

#### Joan O'Keefe

mother of Joseph ('85) and Daniel ('90) O'Keefe; grandmother of Isaac Gart ('21)

#### Rosalie "Rose" Regan

mother of Patrick ('84) and Thomas ('90) Regan; grandmother of Sebastian Regan ('24); mother-in-law of Daniel Wells ('81); wife of past School Board President Ed Regan

**Alekzandra "Sandy" Acosta** friend of Mount Michael

Joseph "Joe" McClure father of Nicholas McClure ('01)

#### **Kathryn Farrens**

grandmother of Huston Farrens ('25)

**Kathleen "Kathy" Hanson** grandmother of Connor McLain ('24)

#### Lorene Jewell

mother-in-law of Bill Heller ('62)

#### **Thomas Weekly**

father of Ryan Skahan ('08) and Tomas Weekly ('18)

**Dr. Alice Rojas de Stanco** grandmother of Antonio Stanco ('24)

Tom Driscoll '78

Charlotte "Ellen" Grosse-Rhode mother of Rob ('87) and Chad ('88) Grosse-Rhode

#### Frank Mancuso

grandfather of Ayden earl '24 and Kyle Oldehoeft '25

#### **Mass Information**

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

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

Mass Intentions: \$10.00

Please address such requests to: Mass Intentions Development Office Mount Michael Benedictine Abbey 22520 Mount Michael Road Elkhorn, NE 68022

#### Memorial & Tribute Information

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

The suggested offering for this memorial enrollment is:

#### **INDIVIDUAL**

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

#### **FAMILY**

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



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#### **Mount Michael Directory**

#### **Mount Michael Chapel**

Visitors are always welcome Daily Mass 7:15am | Sunday Mass 9:30am | Saturday 8:00am

#### Liturgy of the Hours (Monday-Saturday)

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

#### St. Benedict Guest House

Gift Shop/Lunches/Teas/Dessert | Day Retreats Brother Jerome Kmiecik, O.S.B., 402-206-2069

#### **Vocation Ministry**

For information about monastic life: Brother August Schaefer, O.S.B., vocations@mountmichael.org

#### Oblates of St. Benedict Director

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#### **Alumni Association**

For information about meetings/events or to report news: John Von Dollen, 402-238-1447, alumni@mountmichael.org

#### **School Admissions**

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