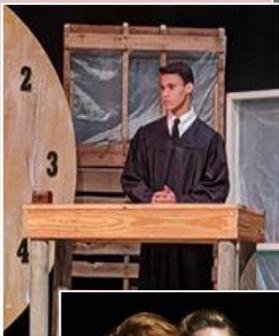


Class D-2 One Act State Champions!

This year's One Acts Cast, Crew & Directors had a phenomenal year! From NVC West Championship, where Betsy Crumly was named Best Actress & Vera Butterfield, Presley Pribil, Grant Tomjack, & Isaiah Wiese were granted Outstanding Actor awards, to District D2-4 Champions, where outstanding actors were named Vera Butterfield, Betsy Crumly, Presley Pribil, Alyssa Fehringer, Grant Tomjack, and Isaiah Wiese, this group worked hard & earned their way to State Competitions that were held on Wednesday, Dec. 11th at Norfolk. Then this amazing group rose up with an incredible performance and they were named Class D-2 One Act State Champions, with Betsy Crumly being named "Best Actress" and Vera Butterfield "Outstanding Actress." Their dedicated directors, '05 Christina (Reynoldson) Spader & Amber Ginter could not have been any prouder of them!



Program cover artwork
by Vera Butterfield

Their play, "These Shining Lives" tells the true story of the brave, young women who worked for the Radium Dial Company painting watches with radium during the 1920s. The women begin to notice their skin glowing & eventually fall ill from radium poisoning. Radium Dial denies allegations and continues to cover up the fact that they are slowly poisoning & then firing their employees. Despite their weakening conditions, Catharine Wolf Donohue & her friends muster up the strength to fight back, taking the company to court, & forever changing U.S. labor laws. "These Shining Lives" is a story of bravery, resilience, and determination, and a beautiful tribute to the women whose story continues to shine through the ages.

Cast members included: Betsy Crumly (daughter of '93 Ann Boyle Crumly), Presley Pribil & Gabe Pribil (daughter & son of '84 Denise Dempsey Pribil), Vera Butterfield, Alyssa Fehringer, Grant Tomjack (son of '94 Kelli Givens Tomjack), Will Otte, Connor Semin, Andrew Koehlmoos (son of '00 Jennifer Shoemaker Koehlmoos), Grant Winkelbauer, Isaiah Wiese (son of '87 Regina Mudloff Wiese), Ellie Atkeson (daughter of '84 Paula Boyle Atkeson), Abby Everitt, Olivia Jarman, Lainey Meyer, Charley Mlnarik, Araceli Perez, RYanne Pistulka, Caitey Ruzicka, Alexa Shald, Hope Williamson, and Emma Winkelbauer. Crew included: Faith Williamson, Catilyn Reiser, Sybil & Wyatt Scofield (daughter & son of '97 Amy Jeffrey Scofield), James Krotter, Isaac Everitt, Naimjon Ghafurov, Tyler Gleason, Luke Popkes, Kyle Pribil (son of '84 Denise Dempsey Pribil), Carissa Reiser, Will Schmitz (son of '87 Nancy Mlnarik Schmitz), Ethan Shoemaker (son of '91 Wes Shomekaer) Lawrene Werth, & Joe Wiese (son of '87 Regina Mudloff Wiese)

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Mission Statement

St. Mary's Catholic School is committed to forming students in the image and likeness of Jesus Christ, through the hands of Mary, fostering the formation of the whole person, body, mind and soul.

Uniting learning with Faith in God, and our Faith in God with daily life, we joyfully proclaim, "May My Soul Magnify the Lord!"

Change of Address

To notify us of address changes or personal updates, please fill out the on-line form at stmarysoneill.org under the Alumni Tab or call the Parish Office at 402-336-1602.

Greetings from our president . . .



Dear St. Mary's Alumni, School Families, Benefactors & Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope all of you have a wonderful Christmas, some time with family and friends and the opportunity to contemplate the real meaning of the season. I saw a Facebook post by one of our faculty recently that simply stated, "It's not what's under the tree that matters, it's who's gathered around it." So very true!

As we begin a new calendar year, we prepare also for the second semester of the academic year and after a much-deserved Christmas break, our faculty staff and students will be ready to take on whatever the coming months have in store for them.

I continue to be impressed by the dedication of our school faculty and staff to St. Mary's and to our school families. Each and every one of them goes above and beyond their job descriptions to help our children succeed.

I'm also constantly impressed by the love and support for St. Mary's by our alumni. We could not continue this apostolate of St. Patrick's Parish without your unwavering support. Thank you for all you do! We strive to do our best every day and your support and encouragement makes that a lot easier.

Congratulations to our "One Act Team" on their recent State Championship performance. Your hard work and dedication paid big dividends, and you continue to make us proud.

Wishing you all the best in the new year, and thank you again for your continuing support of St. Mary's mission and vision.

Ad multos annos!

Rev. Bernard G. Starman
President

We are working with a local business to offer an "alumni store" for all of you whose hearts still beat with Cardinal pride! I don't have much for details just yet, but we are planning to offer things like cups, shirts, hoodies, etc. I am looking forward to having this as an avenue for you share your pride on a day to day basis!

Also in the works: a tribute to our veterans of St. Mary's and our first St. Mary's outstanding alumni awards!

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 3-5

Alumni Basketball & Volleyball
Tournament
@ O'Neill High School

April 17

\$10,000 Raffle/Vegas Night

May 17

Class of 2020 Graduation

June 26-27

Alumni Weekend



From Our Principal

It is tough to believe that we are already celebrating the Christmas season, but here we are! We even received some snow this past weekend in O'Neill, so it sure looks like Christmas outside! The fall semester of the 2019-2020 school year has went by very quickly. We have a lot to be proud of in and out of the classroom. Here are a few highlights from the first semester.

The fall sports season saw the girls volleyball finishing the season with an 11-16 record and the boys football team finished the season with a 3-5 record. Both teams had a lot of underclassmen contributing a lot of minutes in varsity competition. Volleyball coach Amber Ginter and football coach Tony Allen are both excited for what the future holds for their respective teams.

The One Acts team is in the middle of a successful season this year. The team performed the play "Our Shining Lives" this season. There were several highlights this season. The team was the NVC West Champions in the Conference meet. Betsy Crumly was named best Actress at the competition. The team was also the D2-4 District Champion and will compete at the State One Act Competition in Norfolk on Wednesday, December 11th.

The winter sports season is off and running. The basketball teams were in action last week with the girls getting a win over Riverside. The wrestlers had their first meet at the O'Neill Invite this past Saturday.

We continued our commitment to technology integration this year. We completed an entire upgrade of all of our PC computers to Windows 10 Pro edition. This was a big undertaking this summer and I would like to thank Fr. Sund for his expertise on this matter. We have also purchased 10 Chromebooks and 20 iPads since last spring for student use. Our teachers continue to find ways to integrate technology into their lessons and our students benefit from this.

St. Patrick's Parish held their Confirmation in October. There were 54 students confirmed from O'Neill and Chambers. These students have put in a lot of time preparing for their Confirmation, and we are excited to see how their relationship with Jesus grows after this Sacrament. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they step forward in their faith!

We held a grandparent's reception on November 1st after our all school Mass. Grandparents had the opportunity to tour their grandchild's classrooms before heading down to the Parish Hall and enjoying some refreshments and BINGO! This was a fun event that was put on by our Catholic Identity committee and everyone had a great time. I would like to thank all of the grandparents that were able to make it to the event, and I hope they had a great time!

The St. Mary's Facebook page has been very active again this year. With the help of Jennie Schneider and Paula Atkeson, the content is updated almost daily. There are several different types of content posted such as events, activity results and scores, featured teachers and students, and just general happenings at St. Mary's. Feel free to check out our page and also to "like" us on Facebook.

The St. Mary's Twitter page also has a new page manager. Our new Associate Pastor, Fr. Joe Sund, is managing the Twitter page. Feel free to check the page out and give us a "follow."

Last spring we announced that one of our teachers received a very prestigious award. We were notified that Becky Schmeichel, our JH/HS English and Language Arts Teacher, was to be recognized as the Archdiocese of Omaha Rural High School Educator of the Year. This was a well deserved honor and we are proud of the honor Mrs. Schmeichel received. Mrs. Schmeichel was recognized for her award at the Archbishop's Dinner for Education this September in Omaha. Congratulations to her on this well deserved award!

I would like to thank you for your continued support of the mission of St. Mary's Schools. Have a wonderful Christmas season and a Happy New Year!

Mr. Cody Havranek
PK-12 Principal

Alumni Updates Needed

We love to hear from our alumni about how they are doing and any news they may have to share! We also REALLY love when you keep us up to date with your address & email address, so we don't have to pay return postage & go through the challenge of locating you! Please mail any updates in to the parish office or email me at jmwallwey@archomaha.org or call the office at 402-336-1602.

Seniors-Class of 2020



Back row (l to r): Presley Pribil (daughter of '84 Denise Dempsey Pribil), Matt Schneider (son of '90 Todd Schneider) Abby Everitt, Manucher Tursunov, Katie Pongratz (daughter of '95 David Pongratz), Ethan Shoemaker (son of '91 Wes Shoemaker), Vera Butterfield. Front row (l to r) Carissa Reiser, Alexa Shald, Betsy Crumly (Daughter of '93 Ann Boyle Crumly), Sybil Scofield (daughter of '97 Amy (Jeffrey) Scofield, Brandi Ruzicka

Welcome New Teachers

St. Mary's grade school welcomed two new teachers this year! Melinda Podany (wife of 2012 alum Ryan Podany & mom to new baby girl Elsie) is teaching 2nd grade. She is a Doane graduate & previously taught at Grand Island Public Schools. Traci Berg taught second grade last year at St. Mary's but is now the Title 1 and Resource Teacher at the grade school. She is also a junior high school basketball coach and head high school girl's basketball coach. Prior to joining St. Mary's, Berg taught for nine years at Mead. Her family includes her husband '96 Ryan Berg and their four children Kinsley, Mallory, Drake & Max.



'76 Hugh & Mardell Shoemaker with some of their St. Mary's grandchildren at the grandparents reception. They are also children of St. Mary's alumni, '06 Tim & Kelcie Shoemaker, '03 Michelle & Luke Bulau, and '00 Jennifer & Jason Koehlmoos.

Son of '06 Mitch & Rachel Wecker with grandma '80 Val (Hansen) Wecker at the grandparents reception.



'70 Peg (Hammond) Gray with 2 of her St. Mary's granddaughters (2 of the daughters of '98 Becky & Kris Wohlert) at the grandparents reception.



Confirmation 2019



Fifty four students were confirmed on October 12th & 13th, including students from both St. Patrick's in O'Neill & St. Joseph's in Amelia.



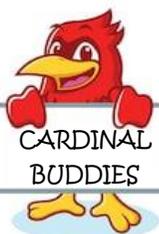
Homecoming 2019

This year's Homecoming was held on Friday, September 6th when the Cardinals played the Bloomfield Bees. We had our first Homecoming Tailgate, and with about 80 alumni checking in, we felt like it was definitely a successful event! The evening was very laid-back as we cheered on the team, enjoyed time for conversation, gave away a few Cardinal pride prizes, and recognized our alumni that were present.

Students had a busy week of dress up days, dance battles, dodgeball, cookout, and a pep rally.



Homecoming Royalty: (from outside to middle) Freshmen attendants: Ryann Pistulka & Wyatt Scofield (son of '97 Amy Jeffrey Scofield), Sophomore attendants: Olivia Jarman & Charles Barlow; Junior Attendants: Araceli Perez & Grant Tomjack (son of '94 Kelli Givens Tomjack), Senior Princess & Prince: Sybil Scofield (daughter of '97 Amy Jeffrey Scofield) & Ethan Shoemaker (son of '91 Wes Shoemaker), Senior Queen & King, Abby Everitt & Manu Tursanov. Kindergarten attendants: Emma Bulau (daughter of '03 Michelle Shoemaker Bulau) & Isaac Barlow.



Cardinal Buddies

St. Mary's implemented a new program they call Cardinal Buddies last year. Every grade school student has a high school student that is their "buddy." Throughout the year there are several opportunities to get to know each other & interact. Once a month, they meet to do a shared reading time following All School Mass. They sometimes sit together in Mass or programs. They work together on fun games & events as well as service projects. It has been a great experience for both our "big" & "little" Cardinals!





Operation Tribute

In last summer's Spirit Newsletter, I sent out a request for information on all of our alumni, teachers, and staff who are serving or have served in the military. I was very pleased when I received about 40 responses and felt like we had a good start. On Veteran's Day, I followed up with a post on the alumni's Facebook page thanking those who have served and inviting you to share more names! NOW I am up to 98 names! We are working now on creating a permanent place at the high school to honor our veterans, leaving space for more to come. My hope is that by next summer we will have a solid plan in place and be able to secure finances to make it happen. In the meantime—we thank all of our veterans, but in particular we want to recognize those members of our St. Mary's family who are serving or have served our country. As always, if you have additions or corrections, please send them to me.

Jennifer Wallwey, Director of Stewardship & Development

'34 Donald William Martin	'60 Larry Boyle	'66 Gordy Givens	'84 Kathleen (Cavanaugh) Artz
'36 Bennett Heriford	'60 Dennis Burival	'66 William "Jim" Troshynski	'86 Kevin Schmit
'37 Marie (Stewart) Earley	'60 Ronald Holly	(former principal of SM)	'88 Mike Babl
'40 Bob Shoemaker	'60 Jim Shoemaker	67 William (Bill) Pribil	'88 Kevin Liewer
'44 James Earley	'60 Fred Snowardt	'68 Melvin Schmit	'88 Michael Mejsstrik
'45 George Janousek	'60 John Wanser	'69 Jon Beck	'88 Patrick Schneider
'45 Bill Kelly	'60 Ron Ross	'69 Doug Chaney	'90 Dennis Kruse
'46 Edward Condon	'61 Robert J. Murphy	'69 Steve Collin	'90 Tim Reinke
'48 Edward Boyle	'61 Michael Troshynski	'69 Ted Fritton	'93 Genny (Wrede) Luff
'48 Richard Minton	'62 Cal Peter	'69 Mary Jean (Dufek) Gillette	'99 Rebecca Luther
'49 Robert J. Koci	'62 Tom Wanser	'69 Tom Schmit	'00 Matt Ryan
'49 Larry Minton	'63 Edward Conway	'69 Jim Wilson	'01 Tyson Cole
'52 Donald Donohoe	'63 Marvin Peter	'70 Jim Janousek	'01 Mark Mahony
'53 Wayne Donohoe	'63 Jim Sullivan	'71 John Hynes	'02 Christopher Bahrij
'53 Bill McElvain	'63 David Pribil	'71 Patrick Donohoe	'03 Lyle James Berryman
'53 Jerry Wanser	'64 Michael Grutsch	'71 Donald Pribil	'09 Michael Harvey
'54 Edward cuddy	'64 Jim Peter	'72 Greg Janousek	'17 Zachary Wiese
'54 Richard Graham	'65 Patrick Benze	'76 Fred Pribil	'19 Codi Fehringer
'54 Mike London	'65 Jim Grutsch	'78 Bernie Pruss	'19 Lawson Hofer
'55 John Connot	'65 Joseph McCarville	'79 Jean (Pribil) Edwards	Cory G Wettlaufer
'55 Jerry Cuddy	'65 Thomas Pribil	'79 Diane (Shannahan)	Jim Summers
'55 Terrence Wanser	'65 Richard Pribil	Meyers	Donald Templemeyer
'58 Gary William Holly	'65 Dennis Richards	'79 Patrick Pribil	Tom Balk
'59 Gene Turner	'65 Wayne Sindelar	'80 Noreen (Cavanaugh) Vega	Bill Porter
'59 Larry Wanser	'66 Bruce Appleby	'83 Mike Shannahan	



There are always a few wants & needs at the school & parish that aren't budgeted for, as they are most often either unexpected or beyond the current budget. I hope that you will consider being a 'wish-granter' for us.

- ◆ St. Mary's High School—10 Chromebooks (\$220 each—total \$2,200)
- ◆ St. Mary's High School/Grade School—Soundboard to replace the one currently on the stage in the high school gym (\$650)
- ◆ St. Patrick's Parish Office—2 Chromebooks (\$220 each—total \$440)
- ◆ Miss Bridget Schneider (Theology) Bishop Barron video series *"The Sacraments"*: \$125
- ◆ Mrs. Erika Winkelbauer (Science) 1 Electronic Centigram Mass Balance \$450.
- ◆ St. Mary's Grade School—money to use for student prizes for Advanced Math & Advanced Reading
- ◆ St. Patrick's Church—two new microphones (\$200 each, \$400 total), two new microphone stands (\$50 each, total \$100) for the choir loft, and 2 new music stands (\$50 each, total \$100)
- ◆ St. Mary's Library (Mrs. Jennie Schneider) —money to purchase new books for both the grade school & high school library

Please contact the Parish Office & speak to Jennifer for details, or speak directly to the listed instructor for details.

Teacher of the Year

'72 Karen "Becky" (Beck) Schmeichel was named one Archdiocese of Omaha's rural Secondary Teacher of the Year in the fall of 2019. She was honored at a banquet at the Embassy Suites in LaVista on September 12th, where Father Starman, Mr. Havranek, and many of her family, fellow teachers & staff, and former students gathered to honor her. We are grateful for Becky's dedication to our students and their education. The students always say she is one of the 'hardest' teachers they have, and yet they always come back and say she is 'one of the best teachers I have ever had.' Becky told the Archdiocese of Omaha "St. Ignatius said 'the glory of God is man fully alive.' I want to live fully alive and to challenge my students to not quit at a certain age but to keep on living fully."

In addition, I have to apologize as I made the error of leaving Becky out in the last newsletter as one of our alumni who are now teachers at St. Mary's. I am so sorry about that Becky! Congratulations on this amazing honor!



Thank You to our Alumni and Friends for your financial support!

St. Mary's Foundation

- '56 Bertha (Connot) Forst, given in memory of '52 Mina Connot Keller
- '60 Ronald Holly in memory of Stanley & Francis Holly
- In memory of '54 Tom Langan
- Beneficiary of '57 James Burival
- In memory of '46 Marie Ramold
- In memory of '36 Lucille Dufek
- '46 Dr. Robert Wallace estate

SM Journalism Computers

- Cheri Schmidt
- '56 Edie Gallagher, in memory of Jim & Alice Gallagher
- Class of 1969 alumni—Nola (Gray) Sullivan, Nancy (Benze) Shadle, Carolyn (Walnofer) Lieb, Marc Tharnish, Michael & Linda (Appleby) Verzal, Brenda (Schindler) Riley, Mariclaire (Shoemaker) Musil, Bill McKay, Carol (Sindelar) Funk, MJ (Dufek) Gillette, Gregory Hoffman, Ann Rehbein
- In memory of '69 Lauren Schaaf from the class of 1969
- In memory of Dennis Vandersnick

St. Patrick's Foundation

- In memory of '54 Tom Langan
- In memory of '50 Leona Hershiser

St. Patrick's Development

- In memory of '46 Marie Ramold
- In memory of '36 Lucille Dufek
- In memory of '42 Mary Ann Schmitt
- '60 Bernard & JoEllen Kamphaus
- In memory of '54 Thomas Langan
- Beneficiary '46 Marie Ramold
- '66 Vareane (Gray) Heese in honor of 50th anniversary
- '74 MJ & '74 Jane (Kruspski) Kersenbrock

St. Mary's Development

- '39 Margaret (Thiele) Fiser, in memory of 1904 Rose Funk
- '84 Kathleen (Cavanaugh) Artz in memory of her mother, Kathleen Cavanaugh
- '65 Vera (Thomson) Pietramale, in memory of '59 Mary (Thomson) Miller
- '44 Irenaeia (Mullen) Dobson in memory of Janet Garvin & '41 Leone (Mullen) Leibert
- '87 Julie (Langan) & Bob Regan
- '46 James Merriman
- Toni Schneider
- Kevin & Jodi Loecker
- Tony & Angie (Kallhoff) Allen
- '59 Larry Tomlinson
- '73 Ann (Hershiser) Wrede
- In memory of '57 James Burival
- Toby Kloppenborg
- In memory of '36 Lucille Dufek
- '56 Jane (Murphy) & Tom LaHood
- '80 Dana Kelly

St. Mary's Development

- 67 Jim & Pat (McKay) Gokie
- Don & Delphine Schmidt
- '58 Mary Graham in memory of '54 Richard Graham
- '58 Tom Donohoe
- Ed & Hedy Winkelbauer
- '62 Henry Decker
- '66 Vareane (Gray) Heese in honor of 50th anniversary
- Neil Liewer
- Matt & Erika Winkelbauer
- Frank Soukup
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- John & Dianne Gilg
- Daniel & Mary McMahan Schartz
- '62 Pat Druieke
- Dick & Mary Mlnarik
- David & Stephanie Scott in memory of '04 Jesse Peetz
- '53 Anna Marie Moser

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- '88 RF & Tammi Buche
- '59 Mary Helen (Benze) & Dave Fuchs
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- '65 Frank & Diane Kampahus
- '62 Mary Lois (Jansen) & Dick Mlnarik
- Leigh Mueller
- '86 Chad Reynoldson
- '89 Kim (Gokie) & Bart Schroll
- '15 Adam Soukup
- '78 Steve & Connie Soukup
- '91 Tim & Tracy Walnofer

In Loving Memory



'57 **Mary Agatha Ryan McGinn** passed away on February 5, 2019 at the age of 79 at Bryan East in Lincoln, Nebraska. She is survived by her husband, Jerry McGinn, daughters Deborah McGinn & Maureen Palmer, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and 4 siblings Jim, Mary, '58 Jude (Ryan) Milliken, and Danny. She was preceded in death by her brother Danny. Her ashes were buried in a private ceremony at the O'Neill Cemetery in June of 2019.



'46 **Marie (Schneider) Ramold** passed away on June 24, 2019. Marie is survived by her children '74 Randy Ramold, '76 Jeanie Miller and husband Mike, '84 Kathy Scott and husband Mike, '86 Ron Ramold; son-in-law, Steve Sintek; sisters, '48 Ramona (Schneider) Babl, '60 Betty (Schneider) Bowers, 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Andy Ramold; daughter, '88 Joan Sintek; brothers, Jim Schneider, Don Schneider, George Schneider, '57 Tom Schneider, and '59 Gene Schneider.



'57 **James L. Burival**, age 79, passed away on June 29, 2019, at the Good Samaritan Society in Atkinson, Nebraska. He was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Helen (Holmoka) Burival. James L. Burival was born in O'Neill, Nebraska the only child to Leo and Helen (Homolka) Burival on September 20, 1939. He grew up on the family farm north of O'Neill where he attended country school before graduating in 1957 from St. Mary's High School. He worked for First National Bank in Omaha and the University of Nebraska Omaha for many years. He retired and moved back to O'Neill in the early 90's to take care of his parents and manage the family farm. James is survived by several cousins and many other relatives and friends.



'54 **Richard Allen (Dick) Graham** died on January 11, 2019 in Spokane Washington at the age of 82. Dick was born Sept. 30 1936, 3rd son of Harry & Marguerite (Dempsey) Granham. He has two brothers, '51 Edward & '52 Donald, a sister Kay, and a sister '57 Mary Lindenburg who is deceased (April 30, 2014). He worked at the Frontier Newspaper from age 11 and spent 2 years in the army. While in school, he enjoyed playing football, basketball & track. In 1958, he married '58 Mary Jean "Jeanne" Schoenle. They had 5 children. In 1966 the family moved to Washington state and in 1969, they purchased the newspaper in Republic Washington which they operated for 44 years.



'71 **John B. Hynes**, age 66 of Crawford, NE passed away October 29, 2019 at the Chadron Community Hospital in Chadron, Nebraska. John was born February 2, 1953 in O'Neill, NE St. Mary's Catholic Schools from kindergarten through 12th grade. After high school, he received degrees and diplomas from several schools, including Central Nebraska Technical College, Southeast Community College, and the University of Nebraska. John was a generous and loving husband, father, brother, and son. He was enlisted in the United States Army followed by a full-time career in the Nebraska Air National Guard. After his time in the military, he worked as a conductor for the Burlington Northern Sante Fe railroad. His irreplaceable, warm laugh and chipper sense of humor will be severely missed by his family, friends, coworkers and acquaintances. He used his many skills and trades to improve any community he found himself residing in. Mostly recently, he lent his carpentry and renovation skills to actualizing his wife's dream of opening an art gallery in western Nebraska. He is survived by his wife, Clarice, son, Chris & daughter, Michaela, as well as his mother, Jeane Hynes, sister, '70 Deborah (Jerry) Miller, sister, '70 Barbara (Alvin) Heiss, brother, David Hynes, sister, Angela (Mike) Davis, brother-in-law, Gary Suhr of Bayard, NE. He is preceded in death by his father, '43 John B. Hynes, Sr. and sister, '73 Mary Tikalsky.



'49 **Bernadine Walnofer**, age 87, passed away on October 29, 2019. Bernadine Thramer was born on August 18, 1932 at the Thramer Ranch to Joseph and Elizabeth (Rotherham) Thramer. Bernadine married Robert Walnofer on November 26, 1949. To this union 11 children were born during nearly 70 years of marriage. Bernadine spent her life being a devoted farm wife and loving mother to her children. She was an avid gardener, an excellent baker, and was known for her delicious cinnamon rolls. Bernadine was the inspiration for the building of the Country Lane Retirement Village. She left an amazing legacy of love, compassion, and service. Bernadine entered a care facility with dementia in January 2012. Bob remained at her side demonstrating the same love and attention that is a hallmark of their family. Bernadine is survived by her spouse, Bob, her children, Terry (Debbie) Walnofer Carmen (Bill) Richmond, Tom Walnofer, Steve (Rae) Walnofer, Nancy (Vince) Price, Kathy (Gregg) Bartak, Jill (Randy) Switzer, Paulette (Mark) Anderson, Ted (Karla) Walnofer, Al (Brenda) Walnofer, Rod (Kelly) Walnofer; 32 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren plus 3 on the way; sisters-in-law, Yvonne Thramer & Joan Thramer; many nieces and nephews.

Our condolences to the family of Margaret (Babl) Dusatko, who passed away at the age of 96 on November 20, 2019. She is survived by her children Margaret is survived by her children; '61 James Dusatko and wife Maxine, '67 Jerry Dusatko and wife Caroline, '72 Marian Dusatko, '76 Brian Dusatko, '78 Doran Dusatko and wife '78 Theresa (Dugan); 16 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren; sister, '57 Cecelia ('54 Ben) Bazelman; sister-in-law '48 Ramona Babl, many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bernard in 2008; son, John and infant son, Joseph; siblings, Gerhardt Babl, Rita Engler, '54 Rosemary Schmitz, Wendell Babl.



'76 **Lorraine (Pritchett) Wabs** passed away on September 2, 2019 at the age of 62. Lorraine graduated from St. Mary's and then attended business college and worked in South Dakota, until she moved back to O'Neill to help care for her parents. She married Larry Wabs in 1986 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in O'Neill, and they had two children, Katie and Nathan. Lorraine stayed home with the children until they started school. She worked in customer service when she returned to the work force, until her health wouldn't allow her to work anymore. She was diagnosed with cancer in 2017 and she struggled the last two years of her life fighting it. Lorraine is survived by her husband of 33 years, Larry; her two children, Katie & Nathan; four siblings, '76 Loretta (Chuck) Roehrich, Doris (Tim) Brachle, Jerald (Rhonda) Pritchett, Harvey Pritchett; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.



'09 **Cody Eiler** married Kayla Lahndorf on June 1, 2019. They purchased their first home in Lincoln, Nebraska in October 2018. Cody was recently invited to become a member of the financial MDRT Association.



'14 **Carissa (Soukup)** & Blake Barwick were married on June 15, 2019 at St. Patrick's Church in O'Neill.



'16 **Jayde (Rosenkrans)** & Zach Haburchak were married on November 30, 2019 at St. Patrick's Church in O'Neill.



Our condolences to the family of Helen McKenny Garwood, age 88, passed away on November 9, 2019. Helen is survived by her six children, '71 Glea (Dan) Hamik, '72 Bob (Debbie) McKenny, '74 Tom (Carmen) McKenny, '76 Bonnie Turpin, Steve (Katie) McKenny, Jill McKenny; 5 step children, Dean Garwood, Karen (Richard) O'Connell, Everett (Bonnie) Garwood, David (Marietta) Garwood; one step daughter in law, Sally Garwood; 18 grandchildren; 40 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; one sister, Glea (Bob) Gude of O'Neill; and several nieces and nephews.

Our condolences to '58 Lois (Connot) Campbell on the death of her husband, William Campbell, on December 26, 2018.



Congratulations to '01 **Anne (Willis) Tucker** & her family as they welcomed home Elliott Jude on March 11, 2019. He joins Mya (11), Adalyn (9), Wesley (7), Amelia (5), and Olivia (3) at home.



Congratulations to '03 graduate **Dr. Matt Willis** on the birth of a son, James Patrick.



Congratulations to '06 **Chuck Shields** and wife, Shayla, who welcomed a new son Trexten on June 18, 2019. He was welcomed home by big brother Terrick, and big Sister Brezlyn.



'09 **Andrew** and '11 **Molly (Chohon) Krotter** added to their family with the birth of Beau Charles, born July 3, 2019. He joins big brother Maddon.



'05 alum and 4th grade St. Mary's teacher **Sarah (Novak) Hartmann** & her husband Ben welcomed their son Peter on July 10, 2019, joining their 3 year old son, Samuel.



'12 **Alex Fuhrer** & his wife Lydia celebrated the birth of their daughter, Octavia Emme Fuhrer, who was born on July 31, 2019 in O'Neill.

'11 **Caitlin (Podany) Wagoner** and husband Mike welcomed home their first child, baby girl Laurynn Grace, on July 6, 2019.



Congratulations to '06 **Anne (Kersenbrock) Koelzer** and her family on the birth of Myla Rose Koelzer born on August 22, 2019.



Congratulations to alum '07 **Sloane (Schneider) Hoefler** and her family on the birth of their baby girl, Jolie Jones. She joins big sisters Bennett, Skylar, & Raegan.



Congratulations to alumni '06 **Jesse** and '07 **Jenna (Connot) Reiman** on the birth of their first daughter, Koysen Lou in October 2019. She joins big brothers Kipton, Crew, and Case

'10 **Molly (Gallagher) Fry** and her husband, Beau, welcomed their first child, daughter Elaine Josephine in November 2019.



Congratulations to alum '12 **Ryan Podany** and his wife, Melinda (who is our 2nd grade teacher at St. Mary's), on the birth of their daughter, Elsie Rae in November 2019.



'09 alum & St. Mary's 6th grade teacher, **Brittany (Petersen)** & Matt Boyle welcomed Turner James on November 5, 2019.

Mr. Donald Templemeyer (*picture on the right*) former faculty at St. Mary's from 1954-1963, recently celebrated his 71st anniversary with his wife. Both are doing well & living in Carroll, Iowa.



'17 **Hailey Eiler** received her degree in Cosmetology in December of 2018 and her degree in Esthetics in July of 2019. She currently is employed at The Mane Event @ The Urban Edge in O'Neill.

'12 **Ella (Spencer) Vazquez** is married with a baby girl, Sofia Rosalie, born in March 2019. Ella is working as an occupational therapist at two facilities in Omaha, one with children and one with geriatric patients.

'00 **Craig Reiser** is living in Norfolk with his wife and 3 children, Adelynn (10), Hayden (6), and Carsen (4).



'16 **Sydney Hupp** & '16 **Riley Sibbel** (*picture on left*) put on basketball camps at St. Mary's during summer 2019. Riley is a senior playing basketball at Concordia and Sydney is a senior playing basketball at Morningside.

'16 **Ellery Butterfield**, a senior at University of Nebraska at Kearney, participated in the University of Nebraska's D.C. Professional Enrichment Academy this summer while interning with U.S. Rep. Adrian Smith's office.

Former St. Mary's music teacher, **Richard Clark**, stopped teaching in 1997 and went to I.T. He now works for Northrop Grumman as a contractor for the Government down at Offutt Air Force Base In Bellevue, and has been a Systems Engineer there for a year and a half now.



'15 **Logan Spencer** and '15 **Brittany Soukup** (*picture on left*) were part of the white coat ceremony for the UNMC College of Medicine. Good luck, future docs!

'16 **Emily Pongratz**, was one of 23 College of St. Mary senior nursing students inducted into the Sigma Gamma Pi at-Large Chapter, an international Honor Society of Nursing that recognizes nursing excellence.



Larry Tomlinson, class of 1959, (*Left picture from graduation & playing football at UNL, right picture from 2009*) earned his place in Nebraska history when he caught the first touchdown pass for the first touchdown of the Bob Devaney era with the Nebraska Cornhuskers. The O'Neill St. Mary's standout had more than one play in his career. Tomlinson earned all-state honors while leading St. Mary's to a No. 1 eight-man ranking in 1958, catching 26 passes for 560 yards and 13 touchdowns. He also set school scoring records in basketball where he was a four-year starter and averaged more than 20 points per game his senior year. In track, he set school records in the mile, the 120-yard high hurdles, the 180-yard low hurdles, the shot put, the discus and the 880-yard relay. He finished second to Hall of Fame inductee Bob Hohn in the state pentathlon meet. In college, he lettered three years for the Cornhuskers, playing end and linebacker. He went on to play three seasons in the Canadian Football League, and played in the Continental League for two seasons. Larry is now a retired high school teacher of 30 years, living in Quebec, Canada. He was honored to represent O'Neill St. Mary's in the National High School Sports Hall of Fame, which he was inducted into in 2009.



2000 **Courtney (Flaherty) Maas** (*pictured on left*) is living in Wayne, Nebraska, and was awarded the Wayne Area Educator of the Year for the 2018-2019 school year.

'19 **Codi Fehringer** (*pictured on right*) is an Airman First Class, trained in Munitions Systems, with the United States Air Force. She is currently stationed at Kadena Air Base in Okinawa Japan for 2 years, working as an Ammo troop.



'19 **Lawson Hofer** (*pictured on left*) is serving in the US Army, in field artillery, currently stationed in Germany.



Congratulations to '66 **Bob & '66 Ann (Kelly) Davis** (*picture on left*) on celebrating their 50th anniversary. They were married on December 6, 1969 at St. Patrick's in O'Neill.

Congratulations to '66 **VaReane (Gray) & Terry Heese** (*picture on right*) on their upcoming 50th wedding anniversary. They were married at St. Patrick's on December 27th, 1969.





Why Choose St. Mary's Catholic School?



We teach the most important subjects– subjects like Faith, Character, Discipline, Kindness, Values, Honesty, and Confidence, to name a few. These are lessons that last a lifetime.

Excellence in Education and Faith Formation

- ◆ Our teacher to student ratio is **1 to 8**.
- ◆ The ACT composite average for St. Mary's students is **consistently higher** than local, state, and national averages.
- ◆ We offer a **rigorous, college preparatory curriculum** that surpasses all state and national requirements.
- ◆ We begin and end each day with **prayer**.
- ◆ St. Mary's students celebrate **Mass** weekly and participate in a weekly **Rosary** and monthly **Benediction**. Students are given the opportunity to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** weekly.
- ◆ St. Mary's students complete **service** hours each semester.

Testimonials from parents/alumni/current students:

Smaller class sizes made it possible to form **strong, wholesome friendships** and those relationships have been maintained. Now they are all going to each other's weddings and keeping in touch incessantly on social media.

The staff at St. Mary's **looks out for our kids like their own**, ensuring that they are **developing into the best versions of themselves**.

Theology of the Body, taught to seniors, helps establish healthy boundaries, and teaches students to **treat others with the respect and dignity they deserve**.

St. Mary's provides a **nurturing faith environment** along with a **family-like feel** that is truly unique.

My education at St. Mary's is **one of the best gifts my parents have ever given me**. Not only have I been prepared to succeed in college, but **I've been given a firm foundation of our Catholic faith** that I am able to take with me into every aspect of my life.

I believe in the importance of Religion as a foundation for our youth, and I feel **the quality of the education and curriculum at St. Mary's is top notch**.

St. Mary's provides an excellent education due, in part, to **teachers who demand the best from every student** and really **know** the students.

My mom is Catholic, but did not go to a Catholic school, and she said that **we are so much closer to Jesus** than she is because of the experience we receive here.

We may not have the newest technology or the most money, but we make it work.

You aren't just learning ABOUT Jesus, you are **getting to KNOW Him and talk to Him**.

St. Mary's is a strong community because of our faith. It is smaller than a public school, so **everyone feels like they are a part of one big family**.

My mom and my grandparents all went to St. Mary's. My mom wanted my sisters and me to experience what she did.

You can always talk about God at St. Mary's and **you won't get judged because everyone at St. Mary's talks about God's love for us**.

Going to St. Mary's, I know what it is like to be part of **a community that prays for each other and comes together in times of need**.

St. Mary's has **high expectations**. This helps to ensure that we become the best people we can be.

In addition to **better preparing us for college** and everything after, **we learn how to be servants**. St. Mary's teaches the importance of humility and service.

St. Mary's provides us with **a knowledge of our faith that a public school cannot**.

My parents are alumni, and **St. Mary's left a mark on them** and they want me to have that same experience.

Thank you to '84 Jennie (Dugan) Schneider, Asst. Vice Principal, for developing this "flyer" for bulletins & newsletters.



What do you remember about your time at St. Mary’s? What do you treasure most about your time here? For some of you, it was the education you received. For others it was the spiritual growth. For some, it was the relationships that were built. We hope that you will consider how you can give back & help to pave the way for future generations to have similar experiences.

- 12 x 12— This program is a monthly recurring donation, automatically taken from your account. We suggest \$12/month (hence the 12 x 12) but you can give whatever you’d wish. This account is a big help to us, as it is non-designated money we can use as needed. You can sign up online at stpatoneill.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/12x12
- Gifts to St. Mary’s Foundation are placed in an account where we only withdraw a percentage of the interest twice a year.
- We are always happy to receive gifts for scholarships/grants to offset our students’ tuitions each year.
- Many of our teachers have ‘wish lists’ that you can give to, with specific amounts listed for items they are ‘wishing’ for. (This was printed earlier in the newsletter)
- As with anything, there are always specific projects that may require some added expenses. Some of our current projects include 1)paying for the new bus, 2)Parish Office upgrades, 3)HVAC system at St. Mary’s, or 4)repairs & restorations at St. Patrick’s church.

Your gifts make a difference, just as someone else’s generosity made a difference to you. You can send in a check, or even give online at stpatoneill.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities. If you would like to send it in, please return the form below to the Parish Office with your donation.

We also have options for you to give St. Mary’s shares of your stock, or plan for future giving with your will or living trust, life insurance policies, or a charitable trust. Give me a call or drop me an email & we can talk about options! Thank you for all you do!

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 - St. Patrick’s repair/restoration
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