

REMPSEN ST. MARY'S ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

RISE UP WITH RSM

Spring 2025 Volume 7



Greetings!

Our long-awaited spring is upon us and with it comes the beginning of new life with trees and bushes awaking from their winter slumber. The preparing and planting of plants and flowers in gardens and flower beds and crops of farmland is heartily welcomed! We also celebrate the solemnity of Easter so just another way of

celebrating new life for another year. With all this celebration of new life we continue to celebrate our ongoing St. Mary's Schools capital campaign for an elementary school addition to the middle and high school building and much needed renovation to those hallowed halls of memories creating one campus for all of our St. Mary's students. This building project will give new life to our St. Mary's school and parish community. We are truly humbled by the support of the community and many alumni who are rising up to meet our goal! Our school system stands at a pivotal crossroad. Joe Bates, RSM Class member of 1967 and one of the campaign's honorary chairs says it best, "Just like the generations before us, it's now our time to build for future generations of RSM alumni!" If you have not already donated to this campaign, I ask you to consider donating to ensure our school's mission endures for decades to come!

Blessings,
Fr. Tim Pick



Hearts Opened, Lives Changed

A team of passionate and servant-hearted individuals, Keaton Harpenau, Brady Koenck, and Lennan Steichen, set out on a mission trip to Honduras in March, eager to share love, lend a helping hand, and build lasting relationships with the local community.

The mission was rooted in faith and fueled by the desire to make a meaningful impact—both in the lives of those they served and in their own hearts. From the moment they arrived, they were welcomed with open arms and warm smiles. The people of Honduras have a spirit of generosity and resilience that inspired the group every day. Whether they were helping to build homes, or leading children's programs, every task was a chance to show God's love in action.



The award for Volunteer of the Year goes to Judy Koenck! Judy has gone above and beyond in service to others, exemplifying the true spirit of volunteerism. Through countless hours of hard work, compassion, and leadership, she has impacted the lives of those in our RSM community. Judy's efforts have been characterized by initiative, reliability, and a generous heart. She has demonstrated what it means to serve with purpose.

PLANTING FAITH, GROWING FUTURES



TK, 1st and Kindergarten students learn about the Rosary



Prayer Partners (Seniors and Second graders) spread joy at Bavarian Meadows, playing games and sharing laughter with the residents.



Our 2nd graders received their First Holy Communion



First day of school prayer



TK, Kindergarten, and First grade students learned about the Stations of the Cross



Christmas Candle Lighting



St. Lucy Day



Day of giving and service at Mercy One, the women and men's shelters, The Ronald McDonald House and Opportunities Unlimited.

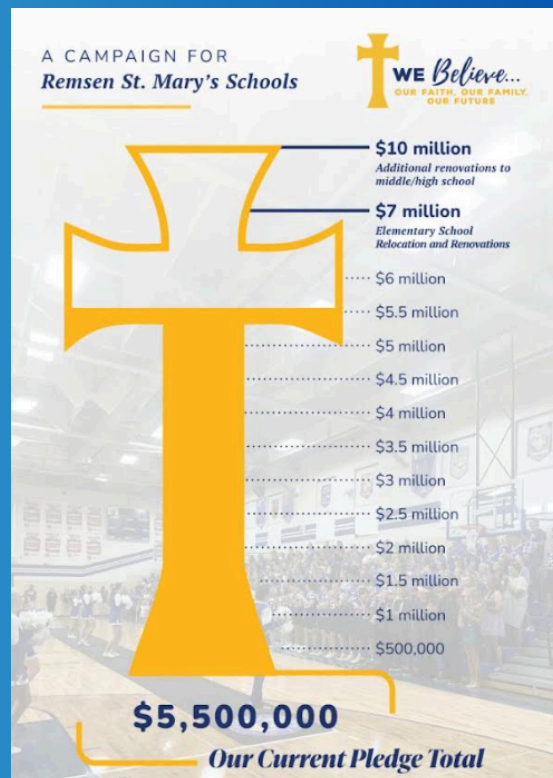
WE BELIEVE...OUR FAITH

The *We Believe ...Our Faith, Our Family, Our Future* Capital Campaign continues to make progress! The school is grateful to receive gifts that are given in the spirit of love and gratitude to a God that has richly blessed every one of us.

To continue this progress, we need the support of our entire faith community. Please consider a contribution to this campaign. Your gift, no matter the size, will have a positive impact on the future of Remsen St. Mary's.

To make a gift, visit Remsen St. Mary's Campaign website.

<https://rsmschools.org/capital-campaign>



...OUR FAMILY



Catholic Schools Week Picnic



...OUR FUTURE



Let us embrace the opportunity to add our own chapters to this legacy, contributing to the traditions that will guide and inspire the generations of students to come.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW



Then Feed Just One- Middle school students packed 8,244 meals



\$88,308 was raised at the 34th Annual Friends of St. Mary's Ball. Thank you, Doug and Emily Schroeder!



RSM was the 2024 State Football Champions



Dr. Seuss Week- Sophomores brought stories to life for the 2nd graders



Aiden Homan, Grace Galles, Zajara Galles, and Landon Waldschmitt earned the War Eagle All Conference Academic Award



This spring, St. Mary's transported audiences to a world of pure imagination with its production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." The play showcased the incredible talent, hard work, and creativity of our students both on stage and behind the scenes. The cast brought these iconic characters to life with charm and energy. Lucas Sheehan shone as Charlie, capturing the character's humility and heart, while Blaine Arens gave a wonderfully whimsical performance as Willy Wonka. The Oompa Loompas, Golden Ticket winners, and ensemble added humor and flair to each scene, bringing Roald Dahl's world vibrantly to life.



**Catholic Schools Week
Living Rosary**



**5th & 6th grade attending NISO symphony
orchestra concert at Dordt University**



The fish supper volunteers served 634 meals



**Hawks Basketball made their 8th trip to state in 9 seasons
and ended with a 21-5 record**



October 1st we Biked for Babies

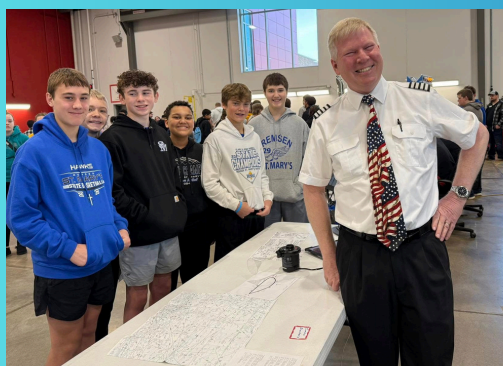


**Callie Arens tied for
5th at State Bowling**



5th & 6th graders, Adelyn Schuttpelz, Zander Donovan, Jaxon Schuttpelz, Adilyn Cornelius, Miley Schroeder, and Quinn Homan attended the NWIACDA honor choir on Tuesday, April 22. They had the opportunity to be a part of a 500-member choir.

Participation in the NWIACDA Honor Choir is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and talent of these students. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishment and grateful for the opportunity they had to represent our school and community through music.



8th graders traveled to Sheldon for Career Day



The RSM Dance team earned a Division 1 Rating. They also earned the Academic Excellence award. As a team they achieved a GPA of 3.5-4.0

A LEGACY BEGINS WITH YOU

Legacy is not about being remembered by everyone, it's about being remembered by someone. It's about purpose, not perfection. You have to ask yourself, "What do I want to stand for? What will I pass on – not just material things, but in values, in lessons, in love? Because at the end of the day, a legacy isn't something you leave behind. It's something you live, every single day. It begins with you!



**Angie (Smid)
Galles 1994**



**Sue (Pick)
Theisen 1977**



Zajara Galles



**Ron Galles
1963**



**Connie Kay (Weiler)
Galles 1965**



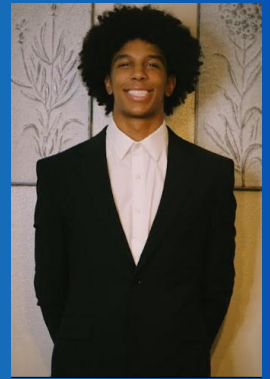
Lucas Britt



**Marlys (Klein)
Ohlendorf
1970**



**Roxanne
(Ohlendorf)
Britt 1999**



Jeshua Phillips



Caleb Gravenish



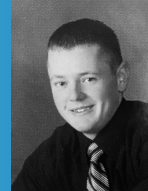
**Barbara (Konz)
Blake 1970**



Callie Arens



**Richard Arens
1973**



**Reginald Arens
2006**



**Bonnie
(Bunkers)
Arens 1981**



Brady Koenck



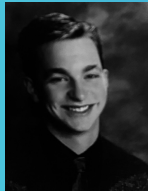
**Judy (Galles)
Koenck 1988**



**LaVonne (Fiedler)
Galles 1963**



Carter Tentinger



**Chad
Tentinger
1993**



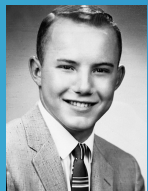
**Susan (Ruden)
Tentinger 1993**



**Mary Ellen
(Loesche)
Ruden
1959**



**Gerald
Tentinger
1966**



**Larry Ruden
1958**



Tessa Tentinger



**James Wurth
1957**



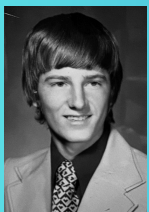
**Tony Wurth
1987**



**Mary Ellen
(Ruba)
Wurth 1964**



Brady Wurth



**Dean Garvin
1974**



Ava Garvin



**Todd
Tentinger
1996**



Cade Tentinger



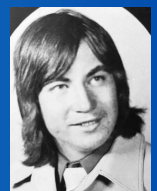
**Gerald
Tentinger
1966**



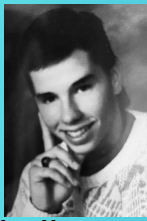
Lennan Steichen



**Sarah (Steichen)
Nicoson 2002**



**Dan Steichen
1976**



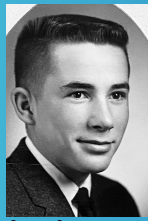
Lee Harpenau
1992



**Kara
(Bohnenkamp)
Harpenau** 1995



Keaton Harpenau



Richard Harpenau
1960



Gary Bohnenkamp
1966



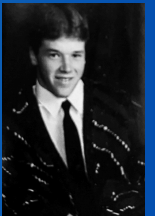
Daenon Loucks



Jenna Harpenau
2006



Braxton Allen



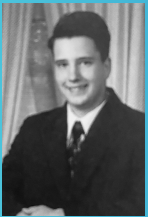
Monte Harpenau
1992



Austin Klein



Charles Klein
1972



Kevin Klein
1998



Sam Schmillen



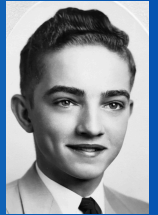
Scott Kneip
1987



**Angie (Phillips)
Kneip** 1992



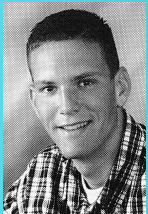
Braxton Kneip



Richard Kneip
1956



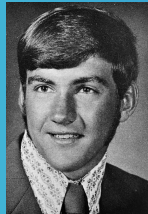
**Sandra (Steichen)
Phillips** 1960



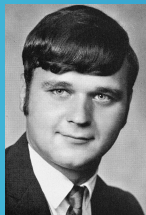
Jeremy Homan
2000



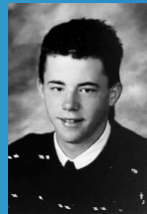
Collin Homan



David Homan
1974



Alan Klein
1974



**Rick
Waldschmitt**
1993



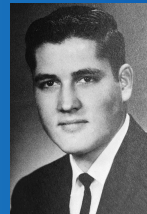
**Angela (Keffeler)
Waldschmitt** 1995



Landon Waldschmitt



**David
Waldschmitt**
1965



Jerry Keffeler
1965



**Donna (Galles)
Waldschmitt**
1969



**Judy (Gengler)
Keffeler** 1970



As we look to the future with hope and determination, we reflect on the path that brought us here. The path was shaped by the dedication, passion, and achievements of our alumni community. Your time at St. Mary's not only shaped your life, but it was a cornerstone of our shared legacy. Your contributions continue to inspire students, staff, and families, today. The traditions you helped build and the community you created are alive in the actions of a new generation. We are deeply grateful for the legacy you've left behind. As we move forward, we encourage you to stay involved and help us shape your living legacy.

Kim Phillips- Principal

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We're excited to share that big things are happening—our vision for the future is taking shape with the development of a new school addition. Building a new school represents progress. It's an investment in our students, our educators, and our community. It reflects our commitment to providing a modern, inspiring learning environment equipped for the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow.

As we move forward, we're guided by a simple idea: that every student deserves a place where they feel supported, challenged, and empowered. From cutting-edge classrooms to flexible learning spaces and sustainable design, this new school is more than a building—it's a symbol of growth, resilience, and possibility. We look forward to sharing each step of this journey with you as we lay the foundation—not just for a school, but for a stronger future together.

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