

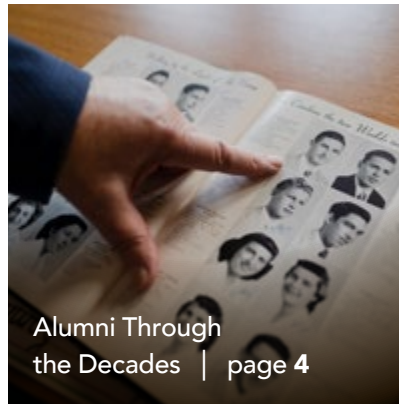
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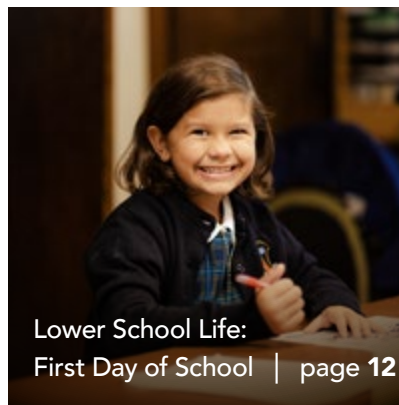




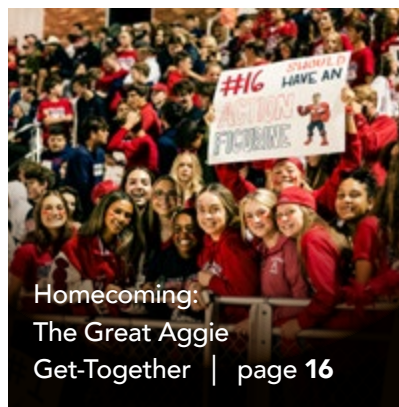
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Dear Saint Agnes  
Alumni, Families, and Friends,

For the past 135 years, Saint Agnes School has been forming Catholic hearts and minds in faith, reason, and virtue. When I think of 135 years, I find it difficult to comprehend that passage of time; our world has seen numerous examples of great technological advancement, peace, and prosperity, as well as the always present reminders of original sin in the form of world wars, immorality, and corruption. What has remained constant over this course of time is the reality and saving Truth of Jesus Christ—fully present in the Catholic Church—and, particularly, in the beautiful light that is Saint Agnes School which, for 135 years, has been planted in the heart of St. Paul's Frogtown.

In this academic year's two editions of the *Aggie Archives*, we try to provide you with a glimpse into life at Saint Agnes School through the decades, highlighting alumni who have made an impact by giving back in some capacity to their alma mater. You

will find stories and interviews featuring alumni who have graduated within the last few years and are now returning to teach, coach, and raise their families, as well as alumni who are nearing 100 years on this earth and have witnessed firsthand the changes in our world since Saint Agnes School first opened its doors in the fall of 1888. I think you will be both surprised and entertained to hear about how much things have changed, and yet how much has remained the same.

These issues of the *Aggie Archives* give us the opportunity to look back at the history of Saint Agnes with fondness, as well as with hope for the future. After 16 consecutive years of growth, the good Lord continues to provide for our institution,



This is a tremendous  
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allowing us to thrive when so many other schools are facing teaching shortages, declining enrollment, and an uncertain future. Waitlists are now our reality in several key entry-point grades—and for good reason. Our student culture is the strongest I have seen since I began as Headmaster eight years ago. Our classical liberal arts curriculum continues to draw mission-fit families and students from across

the Twin Cities metropolitan area—85 zip codes, to be exact. Student involvement has increased across all our athletic teams and activities. We now have 11 Aggie alumni who have returned as faculty and staff members, and over 20 alumni coaching our athletic teams—a few of whom you will read about in these pages.

As you journey through the decades with us in these *Archives*, I ask that you consider your own time in these hallowed halls and reflect on how God used Saint Agnes School to help form who you are today. Who were the teachers that most impacted you? What memories hold a special place in your heart? Which friendships have lasted, and which could use refreshing?

The future challenge for us at Saint Agnes School is substantial: to continue to rely on the theological virtues and Divine Providence to inform how we grow responsibly and in accordance with God's will. And so, I would like to pose a final question to you: how might you support our mission in a new, meaningful way? However you answer that question, we ask for your continued prayers as we seek those of Saint Agnes herself—that we might be guided by the Holy Spirit to follow the example of Christ, ever-striving to accomplish the plan of our Heavenly Father for the next 135 years at this wonderful school.

May God Bless  
You and Your Family,

Dr. Kevin Ferdinandt  
Headmaster



# Alumni Through the DECADES

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As we enter into our 135th year at Saint Agnes School, we pause to reflect on the alumni throughout the decades who have passed through these halls. We are grateful to those who have shared their stories and memories. They are the product of our mission, the life of our history.







Class of 1945

## Lois (Asher) Lotzer, Odelia (Soler) Conlin '45, & Tom Poeschl '46

The grade school opened in September of 1888 with 160 children under the tutelage of four School Sisters of Notre Dame. Through the years the school expanded to a “commercial class”, then a 2-year high school, and, in 1940, a new 4-year school opened (current Gruden Hall) with bowling alleys in the basement to help pay off the debt. It was the first co-ed high school in the Archdiocese.

Lois (Asher) Lotzer, Odelia (Soler) Conlin '45, and Tom Poeschl '46 sat down with us to reminisce about the new high school and life in the mid-40s.

Lois (Asher) Lotzer lived in Hastings, the oldest of seven children and daughter of a beekeeper. Through the recommendation of an aunt who lived nearby, her parents enrolled Lois at Saint Agnes and sent her to live with her aunt her freshman year. She returned to the family home in the summers and the following two school years she lived with two different families. She ran errands, did housecleaning, and performed other household duties in exchange for room and board and a stipend of \$5 a week for tuition. With tuition set at \$30 a year for parishioners and \$40 for non-parishioners, Lois did quite well!

She recalls the many friendships she made, and the variety of classes offered. She enjoyed typing class, though she wasn't very good at it, and the all-girl secretarial class. A favorite memory is walking up the block during lunch to buy a Bismarck. After graduating in 1945, she took a few classes

at the University of MN and worked part-time at Armor Creamery, putting a little money away for later. That—and a later job at West Publishing—proved beneficial, for when her husband passed away at an early age, she used that money to raise their six children on her own. Lois is a member of St. Mark's parish and enjoys speaking

city. Friendships were very important to Odelia. It was the start of WWII and news of the war was everywhere - at school, at the movies, and on the radio. It made you a little anxious and made you appreciate your friends. She remembers the dances and the big bands, the bowling alley in the basement, and the school performing Gilbert & Sullivan's *H.M.S. Pinafore*. Such fun they had.

Her sharp memory also recalled many teachers and classes. She regrets not being able to take a foreign language; she remembers being told there were not enough students for German, and her brother talked her out of taking Latin. Besides the wonderful nuns, she recalls the gym teacher, Miss Baudette, as being



Odelia (Soler) Conlin '45

with parishioners whose children attend Saint Agnes. She says it's easy to identify Saint Agnes students because they are kind, respectful, and polite. She admires how the school has grown and is impressed that today's students have the same formation she did so many years ago.

Odelia (Soler) Conlin was also a member of the Class of 1945. An East-Sider who attended St. John's grammar school, she loved making new friends in high school with children from all over the

exceptionally kind and remembers going across the street into what is now the parking lot and playing ball. Odelia also remembers classmate Pat Collins, who was a very good female athlete. During gym class, when teams were being chosen, Odelia usually was last, as she wasn't very good at the games. Pat was always so kind in picking her and always made her feel valued. Perhaps it was her kind heart that attracted Pat to the sisterhood, as she later became known as Sr. Mary Donald.





Class of 1946

She also fondly remembers Fr. Gruden and his Dalmatian dog. She even took a photo of the two of them and still has it. Father Gruden would come into school to hand out report cards. A strict and staunch German, the kids were a bit afraid of him but Odelia, who had gotten a D in history, remembers him being so gentle with her when handing her the report card and saying, “Work harder next time,” in a soft voice.

Tom Poeschl graduated in 1946. One of five siblings, he is a 13-year Aggie (as well

as are his three children). Tom loved sports, and football and baseball were his favorites. But he also played basketball because as he remembers, “We were a new school. If you were a boy, you played on the team.”

Though Tom remembers scoring two points for the opposing team in a 0-2 loss in football, and not winning many games, his name appears in numerous St. Paul Pioneer Press articles as a major player on the team. Baseball, on the other hand, was more successful as Saint Agnes won the title by beating Cretin. That’s a big win for the Aggies!

A favorite teacher for Tom, and for many, was Sr. M. Adrienne, who taught Chemistry and Physics. Sister explained to them the science behind the nuclear bomb before it was dropped on Japan in 1945, just after graduation. He remembers that some of the boys in the class left early to enlist in the war. He waited until after graduation and joined the Army on the GI Bill. At this point in the war, there wasn’t much to do so he says he pretty much just played baseball and football. He continued his playing career after the service and, with mostly fellow Aggies, was a member of the CAA Senior Parish Championship baseball team.

Lois (Asher) Lotzer and Tom Poeschl '46



All three alumni felt very fortunate to have had the opportunity to attend the new Saint Agnes High School and to be part of its history. They appreciate the education they received from the Sisters—who were strict, but ran the school well—and they are grateful for the faith and values that were instilled along the way. They cherish the friends they made and the foundation they received that has proved so valuable in their formation. They have kept an eye on Saint Agnes throughout the decades and are thrilled to see the growth, stability, and success the school has been experiencing as well as the quality of students who are graduating. What a blessing to be able to speak with alumni from nearly 80 years ago!





## Chris Pierce '98

Chris Grew up in Saint Paul and competed on multiple youth sports teams. While playing in the Mariucci inner-city youth hockey program, his grandmother became acquainted with families whose children attended Saint Agnes. She felt they were close-knit families, going in the right direction, and felt that Saint Agnes may be a fitting place for Chris. She was impressed with the values and morals these families portrayed. After a school tour and a trip on a fan bus to watch the '94 basketball team on the road to the State tournament, Chris knew it was for him. The atmosphere and the people sold him, and he went home and told his grandma of his experience. The decision was made.



Chris played four years of basketball and baseball and was a member of the first Saint Agnes baseball team to compete at the State Tournament, but, after the recent State Championship, basketball was everything! Gyms were packed with fans, community members would seek you out, and there was a lot of attention. He loved it.

He was especially fond of his teachers. Ms. Ann Laird, his freshman religion teacher,

was so understanding and instilled values. Though Chris wasn't Catholic, he learned to understand the Catholic faith. When studying the Crusades, Chris asked question after question. Ms. Laird pulled him aside and enthusiastically said, "You're learning!"

Mr. Silvia was so full of life—and jokes. Mr. Hoemke had the world's greatest beard! But two teachers who played a major role in who he is today were Mr. Mike Fitzgerald

and Mr. Tom Flood. In Mr. Fitz's English class, he found a love for reading...and dry humor; he still uses Mr. Fitz's one-liners. Mr. Flood was an authoritative figure. Chris shared that, "He clearly drew a line that said, 'I'm here to care for you, I'm here to make sure you develop into a young man of God.' His mission and his goals are

evident in the community today. Many of the guys I went to school with attribute their success to people like Coach Flood. They give back to the community because of the values learned at Saint Agnes."

After high school, Chris went to a private college in Alabama, and it seemed that everything that was presented there he had already learned at Saint Agnes. Seeing what Saint Agnes is today, he remarked,

"Today's scholars are more than prepared when they leave—spiritually, academically, and athletically. Saint Agnes is doing a wonderful job."

Five years ago, Chris had the opportunity to return as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach. He began building relationships with the younger players and became head coach last year, continuing to build relationships and be a role model for young men, just as those who had done the same for him.



In his final thoughts, Chris remarks, "Being able to come back and coach at a place that has been so good to me, that's allowed me to move on and become a teacher...this is the place to be! It has nothing to do with winning and losing. You're going to be around a bunch of hardworking people who want to improve in their everyday lives, in whatever they are doing. That's why I'm here. That's why I love it here. I am blessed to be part of this community and to have graduated from Saint Agnes."





## Peter Foley '13 & Natalia (Martinez) Foley '14

Peter and Natalia started dating a couple years after high school, married in 2018, and are now the proud parents of three children. Peter returned to Saint Agnes this past fall as an Upper School Mathematics teacher. We sat down with Peter and Natalia to reminisce.

### Q: How did you come to be an Aggie?

**Natalia:** I grew up in Saint Louis Park, and after attending my local Catholic grade school, I was considering going to the public high school in the area. An uncle who I am close to pushed for me to consider Catholic high schools, and, after touring several, we both liked Saint Agnes. Being that I lived a bit away, I would carpool with a grade school friend's mother, who traveled to St. Paul for work.

**Peter:** I am the youngest of seven, so I followed in my siblings' footsteps. As more of my siblings enrolled at Saint Agnes, my parents transferred us over at an earlier time. I entered in Grade 5.

### Q: Who were the teachers who had an influence on you?

**Peter:** Mr. Firchow was my math teacher for three of my four years. He is the reason I chose to become a math teacher, myself. He

met you where you were and made you feel heard. Even students who hated math enjoyed his class. I felt I could talk to him about anything. I still keep in touch with him.

**Natalia:** I have a collection of teachers, and I'm not even sure if I took any of the classes they taught. I often had lots of time after school waiting for a ride so I would pop around to teachers in their classrooms to talk. I spent so much time in the rooms of Mr. Dahdah, Ms. Larson, and Mr. Whalen. It was so cool to get to know them outside a subject area. They would sit down and talk about finer points and controversial subjects, and I felt seen and treated respectfully. I remember being blown away that people can be practicing Catholics and still be cool and funny and have interests—like music—that are similar to mine, yet they understand all this other stuff and it makes sense to them. It's so nice to have Peter working here now because I can still see them often.

### Q: What were some fun favorite memories?



**Peter:** I played soccer for four years and our senior year we were seeded #12 in playoffs, pitted against #5 South St. Paul. They came to the game with dyed hair, all ready for their playoff run, and we beat them. That's the first time we got beyond round one of playoffs. I also enjoyed being on the musical stage crew and being a fan for the 2012 Baseball State Championship. I had many good friends on the team. Favorite notables also include Mrs. Noble's supply of 25 cent snacks in study hall, the Pro-Life Club, art classes in the basement of Bandas that had no natural light, and sharing gym space with the musical all spring.

**Natalia:** I tried a bit of volleyball, a bit of cheer, but the spring musical would have to be the highlight. I had always loved musicals and wanted to be involved, but living so far away would have been too hard. My senior year I figured, "I'll just see what it is and maybe I can work it out!" When I found out it was "High School Musical" it



was like a dream come true. I loved that musical and dreamed of being Gabrielle since I was ten. I auditioned and would have been happy with any small part, but when I got the lead, I was shocked, excited, and nervous all at the same time.

### Q: What do you appreciate about Saint Agnes?

**Natalia:** Saint Agnes is such a unique experience. At the time I was just going to school, but looking back now it really was amazing. We made so many connections. It sounds corny, but it really is like family. We had access to adults who were genuinely cool and funny and on fire for their faith. We had monthly adoration and confession right here. As a young mom, I have so much more appreciation for how easily accessible it was. With the history of the school, I feel like we are part of something bigger.

**Peter:** Though we weren't dating in high school, I did meet my wife at Saint Agnes, my siblings and I all went here, now my nieces and nephews are attending. It's a family affair. We see old teachers at Mass or in the community. We keep in close touch with the friends we went to school with. For such a small school, I am amazed at how many people have a connection to Saint Agnes. There are so many constant reminders that bring us back to where it all came together.





## Ted Steichen '52

"I was very, very fortunate to be able to attend Saint Agnes. It's one of the best things that ever happened to me. Bottom line, they did it right here. I will go to my grave loving Saint Agnes." These were the opening sentiments of Ted Steichen, Class of 1952.

Ted grew up in Frogtown and was a 12-year Aggie. "Guess they felt I didn't need kindergarten," he jokes. His father owned a grocery store on Rondo Street, and he grew up learning to respect people from all walks of life. He first credits his parents,



then the nuns and coach Chuck Schuman for instilling in him a strong sense of right and wrong. "I learned that right is right and wrong is wrong. And if it's wrong, you gotta fix it."

When asked about his teachers, Ted responded, "I have a lot of respect for the nuns. We all need discipline, and they may have had rulers in their pockets, but they were so very patient as well. I was sick my senior year and needed to stay after school to catch up and I am so grateful for the help I received from them. They are saints to put up with the kids and I am so glad to see nuns back at Saint Agnes. They are the best."

After graduation, Ted went to college for a couple of years, then into the service. Afterward, he went into business with his father. They had a general merchandise store on University Avenue, then switched to sporting goods in the late 1950s. After arson destroyed the University Avenue Steichens' Sporting Goods store, they moved to Roseville and sold the business in 1999. The family grocery business, however, continues to this day. For 96 years, the Steichens have operated a grocery store in the Commissary building at the Minnesota State Fair. Ted's son, Jim, currently runs the store.



Ted and Pat, his lovely wife of 64 years, "She's going straight to heaven!" Ted

interjects, have three children, all of whom graduated from Saint Agnes. "I saw what it did for me and wanted the same for my kids. There are so many tangibles, so many things they do right. There is no better school."

Summarizing the role Saint Agnes played in his life, Ted concludes, "Surround yourself with good people, and good things happen. This was the advice I received from my father, and I believe it to be true. I met so many good people at Saint Agnes. Mix together the nuns, academics, and sports, and it comes out pretty good! What I see at Saint Agnes right now reminds me a lot of when

I went here. You have the players in place who are very good at what they do, and you are doing it right. Word gets around. The alumni are very proud of Saint Agnes. I consider myself blessed to be part of it."



## Jolene (Rosenthal) Schmitz '91

Jolene is yet another alumna who has returned home to Saint Agnes. Right after college in the late 1990's, she taught high school math and science at Saint Agnes, and she is back again not only with her family (four children currently attend) but also professionally, joining our staff as one of our guidance counselors. During her high school years as an Aggie, Jolene was a very active and involved student, and we sat down with her to hear more about her experience as an Aggie and what ultimately brought her back home.

**Q: Where did you grow up, and how did you end up going to school at Saint Agnes?**

**Jolene:** Como Park. My parents went to a talk Monsignor Schuler was giving. Monsignor Schuler said that you want to send your child to a school that best represents what your family represents, so my dad chose to withdraw my oldest brother from a certain school that we shall not name and send us all to Saint Agnes High School.

**Q: How did you get to school everyday?**

**Jolene:** We took the bus; we got the bus passes from Ercolani! We took the bus to the mall, we took the bus to school, it was very normal. Families had one car. It was normal.

**Q: No parents on the bus?**

**Jolene:** Never.

**Q: Were you taught by any religious sisters?**

**Jolene:** Sr. Celine was the librarian, and she taught us freshman year religion.



Everybody will know her name—she was just a sweetheart.

**Q: Were there any influential teachers you had?**

**Jolene:** Mr. Pepper taught me how to say, "Yes," and not, "Yeah." But I think as a whole I loved all the teachers. Mrs. Williams taught chemistry and physics—she was real, she was calm, and it was who she was. Those are hard subjects, but she was very patient with us. I think it was the

(positive) fault of my wonderful teachers Ms. Rudolph and Mrs. Williams that I became a math major.

**Q: Were there any particularly memorable games or activities that stick out in your memory?**

**Jolene:** Our senior class...when I go down the list, I have memories with each person.

**Q: What led you back to Saint Agnes?**

**Jolene:** I'm surprised I'm here. I went to school in Ohio and never looked back. I was done—I felt like a finished product. I took that spirit of Saint Agnes and got super involved and met a gazillion people. It propelled me into taking advantage of opportunities. I would say it was the hand of God. My youngest was in preschool so I went back to grad school to get a counseling degree, was an active therapist, was looking for a job on the Archdiocesan website for one of my clients, and this counselor job here was open. By then I had tasted how crazy being a working mom was, and I was like, "Oh, my kids are here and this could really simplify my life." Even when I taught here in 1996-98, I went to have a meeting with Monsignor Schuler. I was getting him to write a letter of recommendation for me to do this overseas mission program and he was like, "Well we actually have a job for you right here to be a missionary." Both experiences have been really fun.



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**2022**

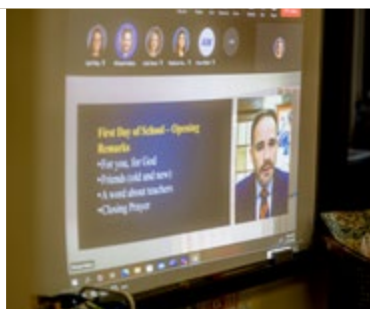




School staff and administrators were on hand to greet all of the students and parents as they arrived with smiles, encouragement, and a whole lot of coffee!



The first day in the classroom started the same way it does every day—with prayer, morning announcements, and the Pledge of Allegiance.



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Kindergartners celebrated the end of their first day by donning colorful hats they created during the school day.

You could feel the joy outside of the building as students were reunited with their parents and siblings. They showed off many of their creations and shared what they learned on the first day of another year at Saint Agnes School.





# FROM THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE



God continues to smile on our PreK-12th grade school in the Frogtown neighborhood of St. Paul. He wants this school to exist and He continues to send us the right employees and families who together combine their efforts to not only survive but thrive in this ever changing world.

We think it's safe to say that Saint Agnes has hit a Golden Age. Over a little more than a decade all metrics continue to point towards positive growth for our school. The word is out that Saint Agnes School continues to be an excellent institution for families to send their children to be educated in the Catholic faith through a very strong liberal arts/classical approach.

This is our 16th consecutive year of enrollment growth. More families continue

to find us from all over the Twin Cities metro area. And once they come, they don't leave. The attrition rate of our students has fallen to an incredibly low number of 4.5%, a solid indicator that our families are happy with their experience. Our students are staying and graduating. Now that we have a preschool, we could see the advent of 14 and 15-year Aggies!

We have full classes and wait lists for PreK, Kindergarten, 2nd, 5th, 6th, 9th, and 10th grades. If the data persists on its current trajectory our high school will be practically full next year. After this past enrollment deadline, we had 17 students on our waiting list for 9th grade. We continue to attract students from 54 parishes and 17 schools around the metro area.

Our families continue to make difficult sacrifices to be here as well. The average commute is 25 minutes. Most families pass multiple schools on their drive into Frogtown. It seems apparent that they agree the drive time is well worth the result. A mom said to me the other day, "I'm willing to lose an extra half an hour of sleep in the morning to get to Saint Agnes so I can sleep easy at night knowing my children are safe and growing in their faith." Well said!

Our faculty and staff are incredible and are staying for longer tenures. The religious

representation on campus has also grown. Many of you know the Dominican Sisters, Mary Mother of the Eucharist, joined us five years ago. We couldn't be happier with their presence. Additionally, we've been blessed with two priests from the religious order, Pro Ecclesia Sancta, housed at the Church of Saint Mark, who minister to the spiritual needs of our students on campus, at Holy Mass, and in the confessional, as well as managing a spiritual counseling office.

This spate of great news continues to humble us as we realize that no one human is responsible for this continued path of excellence. We owe it all to Him as we pray for success in the future and seek His will. We ask for the continued support of our friends, families, and community at large, and prayers that not ours, but His will be done.

If you have family and friends who you think would benefit from a Saint Agnes education, please have them contact me. You are our best advertising.

God bless you. Know that we are praying for you, and we ask for your prayers in return.

Joseph Olson '03  
Admissions Director





# FAST FACTS ABOUT SAINT AGNES SCHOOL

**443** GRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS (K-6)

**115** JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS (7-8)

**315** HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (9-12)

16 years of  
continuous  
enrollment  
growth!

**\$25,000,000**

invested in campus  
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## ADVANCED DEGREES

Over 70% of 7-12 faculty  
hold a MA or higher  
(5 PhD's, 1 MFA, 1 ABD)

**92%** Catholic

**52** Parishes Represented

**95%** College Acceptance Rate

**85** Zip Codes Represented

**33%** Student Diversity

**90%** Extracurricular Participation

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Enrichment on and off  
campus providing a means  
for personal development  
in mind, body and spirit



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19 Honors and 11 AP  
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1972 Homecoming Pep Band

2022 Homecoming Pep Band



Instruments may have changed a little in the last 50 years, but the Aggie spirit is the same!





1000+ fans attended our 2022 Homecoming game to cheer on our Aggies to a 55-18 victory over Minneapolis South!





We were overjoyed to welcome back 100+ Aggie alumni for our 2022 Alumni Memorial Mass & Brunch!



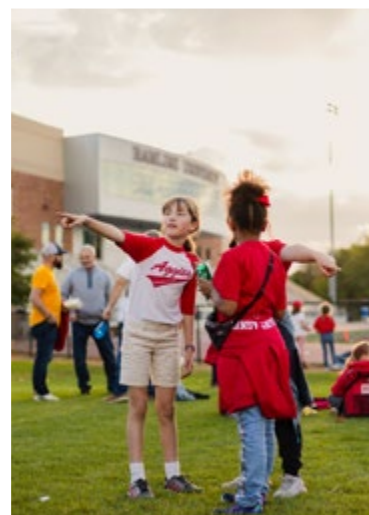
In addition to both Lower School and Upper School dress up days, our high school house doors were decorated for Homecoming, board game style.



At our Homecoming Pep Fest on Friday afternoon, school spirit was through the roof in Bandas Gymnasium! The Aggie Rouser was sung, homecoming court announced, and many competitions featuring students from every grade level.



At our Homecoming Tailgate before the football game, over 640 hotdogs and 380 quesadillas were served! Children and families took over the tailgate area, playing flag football and reminiscing about Aggie memories.







Many of the fans in our student section created signs for their favorite Aggies; this was one of our favorites.



Many kids stopped for a quick photo-op with Aggie the Bull.

From the opening kickoff the Aggies dominated. In front of a packed Klas Field at Hamline University, over 1000 fans attended the game to cheer on our Aggies.



No matter how big the lead, the Aggies were relentless in keeping up the pressure on both offense and defense.

First year head coach Sam Thompson was impressed with his team's effort in the win and praised their tenacity and focus on both sides of the ball.



Dominic Adkins and Elizabeth Grant were named the 2022 Homecoming King and Queen.



Students danced the night away at the Homecoming Dance. Gruden Gym was PACKED!





# ATHLETICS





## FOOTBALL

Saint Agnes football finished the season 8-2. After opening the season with a loss to Spectrum the team rebounded with 8 consecutive wins before losing to Norwood-Young America in the Section 4AA Semifinals.

The Aggies earned another Twins Cities Blue District Championship finishing 5-1 in district play and running the table on District postseason awards. **Aidan Walsh** and **Adam Hernandez** were district offensive and defensive MVP's respectively. **Cadman Foley** and **Henry Tibesar** were district offensive and defensive linemen of the year. Coach **Sam Thompson** was unanimously voted District Coach of the Year.

Earning All-District honors were **Walsh**, **Hernandez**, **Tibesar**, **Dominic Adkins**, **Cegan Flood**, **Landen Mickelson** and **Andrew Chlebeck**. Honorable mention honors went to **Foley**, **Joseph Skidmore**, **Tysan Nguyen** and **Raphael Uhlenkott**.

## THE BATTLE FOR DALE STREET

A new tradition began this year with the Dale Street Trophy. This trophy will be awarded to the winner of the annual Saint Agnes vs. Concordia game. In the inaugural matchup, the Aggies defeated Concordia Academy 24-13 to capture the first-ever Battle for Dale Street Trophy.



## BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

The Saint Agnes Boys Cross Country team wrapped up a strong season placing 5th at the Section 4A Meet. The boys were led by **Henry Kaardal** who finished 11th overall with a time of 17:05, narrowly missing out on becoming only the second Aggie runner in recent history to qualify for state. The Top 5 runners - **Kaardal**, **Jonah Honerman** (21st, 17:33), **Greg Maloney** (24th, 17:34), **Ezra Kuznia** (28th, 17:50), and **Joseph Draganowski** (40th, 18:12) - now own 5 of the Top 8 times in school history.

The Aggie Girls Cross Country team also wrapped up their season finishing 9th at the Section 4A Meet. The girls had a strong pack with **Sarah Lehn** (32nd, 22:16), **Jane Kuwata** (43rd, 22:38), **Klara Ferdinandt** (47th, 22:54), and **Cecilia Grant** (51st, 23:05) finishing within a minute of one another. **Julia Ferdinandt** (63rd, 23:50) finished her senior season by rounding out the top 5 with an excellent showing.



## BOYS SOCCER

The Boys Soccer Team continues to grow. This year they finished 11-5-1 overall and 5-2-1 in Skyline Conference play, recording their best season since 1996.

Named to the All-Conference Team were **Jacob McLaughlin**, **Winner Winant**, **Paul Plasch**, and **Casey Lynn**. Honorable mentions were **Sean Brennan**, **Josh Walter**, and **Luke Honerman**.



To hear more about the Boys Soccer season, check out Episode 6 of the Aggie Athletics Podcast to hear Athletic Director Mike Streitz's interview with Head Coach Dan Berthiaume '00, available wherever you get your podcasts.



## GIRLS SOCCER ON THE REBOUND

It was a tough year for the Girls Soccer program, but they continue to grow—they fielded both Varsity and JV teams this year. Varsity finished 3-11 overall and 3-5 in Skyline Conference play. **Isabelle Most** and **Elizabeth LeVesseur** were selected All-Conference, while **Faustina Adkins**, **Danielle Spencer**, and **Alyssa McLaughlin** were named honorable mentions.

## VOLLEYBALL

Despite being in one of the toughest conferences and sections for volleyball, the Aggies finished 9-13 overall and 2-5 in conference play. They provided many thrilling games throughout the season, keeping fans on the edge of their seats and Bandas Gymnasium bumping with energy.

Senior **Maria DiPietro** was selected to the All-Conference Team while seniors **Lucia Damm** and **Annika Odenbrett** brought home honorable mention honors.



Coach Ryan Collins, Coach Greg Hoemke, Adam Flaherty, Kris Nichols, Greg Pepin, Paul Barrett, Dave Berthiaume, Mike Kroona, Bill Madigan, and Mike Adam accept their awards.



In Spring 2001, the Saint Agnes Baseball Team was on a winning streak. They had won 14 of their last 15 games and advanced through the playoffs to face Sleepy Eye-St. Mary's in the state championship. With an 18-7 record, they were now facing a team with a 25-1 record. Beating the odds and defeating Goliath, the Aggies were victorious by a score of 16-6—thereby capturing the 2001 Class A State Baseball Championship.

In September, Saint Agnes School inducted the entire team into our Athletic Hall of Fame. Many members of the 2001 State Championship Baseball Team returned to campus to accept their awards and share memories from an amazing season.

Both Head Coach Ryan Collins and Assistant Coach Greg Hoemke acknowledged the players' commitment to the team, their work ethic throughout the entire season, and their ability to always have fun. Greg Hoemke credited the team's

“refusing to lose” spirit as the reason he knew that squad was going to be good.



Team captain Paul Barrett recounted, “We didn’t know how good we were, but Coach Collo knew. He never put the pressure on us to feel like we were that good. There was one practice when we were in Florida where things were not going well. Coach pulled us all off the field. We were sitting along third base line and he says, ‘This team could be really special.’ He knew what we had, but we were too young to know it—we were just happy to be in Florida.”





### 2001 State Champion Baseball Team

Michael Adams, Paul Barrett, Jordan Bauer, David Berthiaume, Adam Flaherty, Randy Graff, Michael Kroona, William Madigan, Robert Menne, Kristopher Nichols, Timothy Norberg, Gregory Pepin, Kyle Quinn, Brad Rapacz, John Schmit, Michael Valento, Nicholas Watters, Assistant Coaches Greg Hoemke, Keith Johnson, Head Coach Ryan Collins

A favorite memory of the season for Barrett was when Saint Agnes played Hastings. “I don’t know how Coach Collins got that game on the schedule,” he remembered, “Why would Hastings agree to play us? We were little Saint Agnes – a Class A team! Not only were they a really good team in the 3A big school bracket, but they had won the state championship two years earlier. They were the big school state champions, and we went down there and just *dominated* them.”

This team wasn’t only loaded on the field, but also on the bench. Fellow captain Adam Flaherty recalled the depth and talent of the team and how even those teammates who



didn’t see a lot of playing time contributed to the successes of the 2001 season. “Anyone in that lineup would have performed positively in some aspect or at some position in the season,” he said, “With the guys we had, we had confidence in anyone who was in the batter’s box.”

The 2001 State Champion Aggie Baseball Team wasn’t special just because of a talented few, but because of the culture of the team, the leadership of coaches and teammates, and the love of the game. Fittingly, then, we are proud to have the entire team enshrined in our Athletic Hall of Fame forever.



## FREEWILL

Make your legacy count — and support future Aggies.

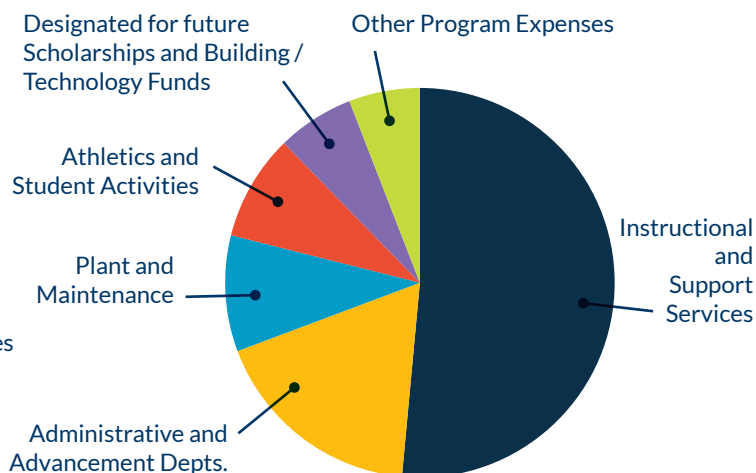
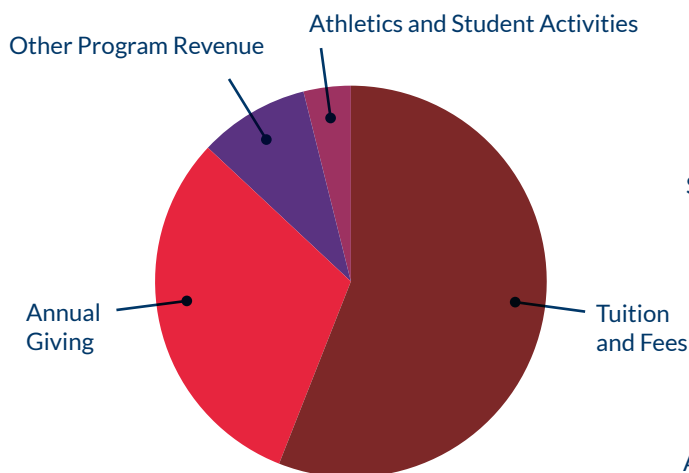
Many of our alumni have made the generous choice to plan a gift to Saint Agnes School in their estate plans, to ensure that future Aggies have access to the same transformative education they did. **If you too feel that Saint Agnes School has played an important role in shaping your community, your faith, and your life, it only takes a few easy minutes to establish your legacy with Saint Agnes School through our partners at FreeWill.**

Here’s how FreeWill’s online estate planning can benefit you:

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- It takes less than 20 minutes to use, and cross this legal task off your list
- It makes planning a gift to Saint Agnes School simple, so that you can make a permanent impact for future students without paying anything today!

Create a legacy that passes on the faith, benefits future Aggies, and protects your loved ones in the process. Get started for free at **[FreeWill.com/SaintAgnes](https://FreeWill.com/SaintAgnes)**

# ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022



## Revenue

Tuition and Fees	7,126,000	
Grants and Aid Awarded	(3,041,750)	
<b>Net Tuition and Fees</b>	<b>\$4,084,250</b>	<b>56%</b>

### Annual Giving

Unrestricted Gifts	395,288	
External Foundations	511,522	
Restricted Scholarships	292,066	
Fundraising	742,798	
Parish Support	320,000	
<b>Total Annual Giving</b>	<b>\$2,261,674</b>	<b>31%</b>

### Other Revenue

Athletics and Activities	284,524	4%
Other Program Rev	666,365	9%
<b>Total Other Rev</b>	<b>\$950,889</b>	<b>13%</b>

**Total All Revenue** **\$7,296,813**

## Expenses

Instructional & Support	3,755,809	51%
Admin & Advancement	1,300,088	18%
Plant & Maintenance	641,029	9%
Athletics and Activities	702,940	10%
Other Program Expenses	430,425	6%
Designated for future Scholarships and Building / Technology Funds	466,521	6%

**Total Expenses** **\$7,296,813**

This report reflects the operating revenue and expenses for Saint Agnes School from July 1 2021-June 30, 2022. Capital projects, unrealized gains, and the PPP Loan/forgiveness are not included in this report.

To view the 2021-2022 annual report, please visit [saintagnesschool.org/support-us](http://saintagnesschool.org/support-us)

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- Tell one person about SA this year
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# G AGGIE GIVE NOV 16 2022 DAY

**\$ 209,300 raised so far!**  
**271 donors are making an impact!**

Saint Agnes held its Annual Aggie Give Day on November 16th. In honor of our 135 years, we set an aggressive goal of \$235,000. We have a great start, but we are not there yet! For 135 years Saint Agnes has formed Catholic hearts and minds in faith, reason, and virtue. We need your help to continue the tradition for the next 135 years!



## FAITH FOR 135 YEARS

Through the richness and diversity of the devotional life, the beauty of Sacred art and music, and the integration of faith into all subject areas, students are daily immersed in the life of the Church. **Your gift makes a Saint Agnes Catholic education affordable for as many families as we can responsibly serve.**



## REASON FOR 135 YEARS

Confident that the universe is intelligible and that there is a truth of things, Saint Agnes encourages its students to ask questions, knowing that the Tradition can bear critical scrutiny. **Your gift helps prepare students to become intelligent, capable young adults, able to reason well in their daily lives.**



## VIRTUE FOR 135 YEARS

There is an expectation that all students should strive for excellence in every aspect of their lives: academics, co-curriculars, social relationships, civic duties, and spiritual lives. **Your gift provides opportunities for students to be well formed in the development of their mind, body, and soul.**

**Missed  
Aggie  
Give Day?**

It's not too late! Gifts received from now until the end of the year can still be counted toward our goal!

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Mail in enclosed envelope





# ALUMNI NEWS

## Class of 1957 and 1958

John and Jean (Meuwissen) Charpentier say they are still doing well and God bless David Johnson!

## Class of 1960

Carole (Hackl) Nelson says, "Happy Birthday to all my classmates who turn 80 this year!"

## Class of 1992

Congratulations to Tim Tibesar who was recently inducted into the University of North Dakota Athletic Hall of Fame. Tim was a two-time captain for the Fighting Sioux in 1995 and 1996, helping the program to three consecutive NCC titles and a trio of NCAA postseason appearances.



A standout linebacker, Tibesar earned All-NCC honors in 1995 and 1996 while also being named the league's top linebacker as a senior. During that final campaign, he earned four All-America First Team selections for his play on the field and a CoSIDA Academic All-America honor in the classroom.

He ranks second in program history with 428 total tackles over his career and sits on three-different lists for single-season tackles.

Following his playing career, Tibesar has enjoyed a long coaching career with stops including: San Diego State, Cal, North Dakota, Kansas State, Montreal, Chicago, Northwestern, Wisconsin, Oregon State and Akron. He was vital in helping UND reach the NCAA DII National Championship in 2001 and 2003 as the linebackers' coach.

## Class of 1993

Jay Gabler sends an update, "Dana Hanson and I were married in Minneapolis on May 13. Aggie classmate Ken Lamb '93 was among the guests at a reception the following day at Can Can Wonderland



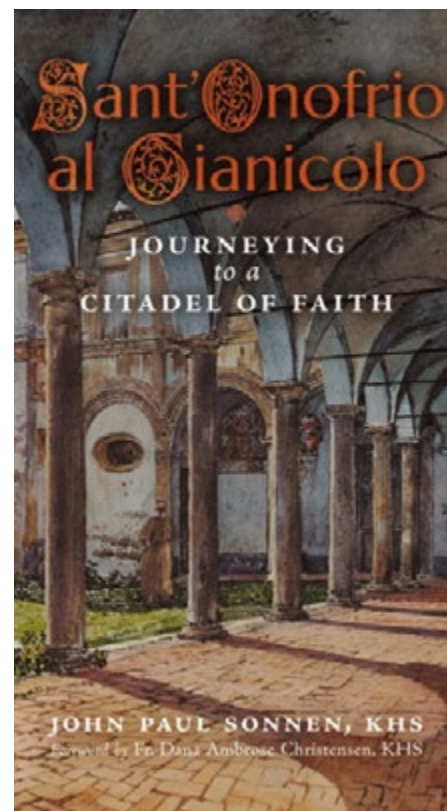
Photo by Emmet Kowler

in St. Paul. This year, Dana and I also moved to Duluth, where I report on arts and entertainment for the Duluth News Tribune. Dana teaches at Denfeld High School."

## Class of 1997

John Paul Sonnen is a published author! He has written an account of his favorite Renaissance church in Rome. The book, entitled *Sant'Onofrio al Gianicolo: Journeying to a Citadel of Faith* (AROUCA Press, 2021), was written and laid out with pilgrims

in mind, with a focus on the aesthetical, historical, and literary foundations of Sant'Onofrio. JP first visited this often-forgotten church when he was a nineteen-year-old freshman at the University of St. Thomas during spring break 1998. He describes this hidden gem as one of Rome's best kept secrets.

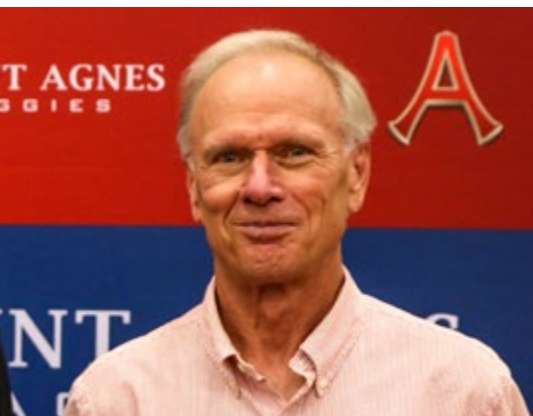


The book touches on diverse subjects that include poetry, art, architecture, the papacy, Renaissance culture, history, the lives of the saints, institutions such as monasticism, and the spirit of pilgrimage.

## Class of 2018

Samantha (Trusty) LaFond writes, "Our daughter Ila turned one at the beginning of September, and our little boy Marcel was born at the end of September! We are happily starting our little farm out in North Dakota."





## Past Faculty and Coach

Mr. Dick Ghizoni was inducted into the Minnesota Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame this past October. Coach Ghizoni became head coach of the Saint Agnes boys basketball program in 1986 and led the Aggies for the next 23 seasons. Under his leadership, the basketball team won five Conference and Section titles in 1994 and 1995. The 1994 team holds the record for most wins in a season and they went on to become the Class A State Champions. Ghizoni also coached for three years at Mpls Southwest followed by seven years at Hill Murray where he again holds the record for most wins in a season and

## ~~Correkshun:~~ CORRECTION

In the last edition of the Aggie Archives we mistakenly stated that Mr. David Johnson was the first male lay teacher to teach in the grade school. It was pointed out by our sharp alumni audience that Mr. Peter Olson, class of 1961, taught 8th grade for three years starting in 1965. Our apologies to Mr. Olson and thanks to Theresa (Ripka) Tschida '70, his student, for the correction.

a 2011 Conference title. Coach Ghizoni is a six-time Section Coach of the Year, and member of the 400 wins club with an overall record of 450-302 as a head coach. Ghizoni also coached baseball for 23 years including a 1998 Section title at Saint Agnes. Congratulation to Coach Ghiz!

## REUNIONS

### Class of 1972 50-Year Reunion



The class of 72 held their 50-year reunion at the Pool & Yacht Club in Lilydale on October 8. Ron Hauth kicked it off by welcoming classmates, acknowledging those who have passed, thanking the reunion committee, and



presenting Ann Quickstad with an engraved vase for all her efforts keeping everyone in the loop regarding events and more. After a delicious Italian buffet, many took advantage



of the beautiful evening and outdoor fire pit. It was a great turnout with approximately 85 classmates and spouses in attendance. Everyone had a good time catching up with each other. The night was to end at 11PM but some stayed out by the fire well past midnight. A Facebook group was created for the 1972 classmates to stay connected and learn about upcoming events.

### Class of 1973 Upcoming: 50-Year Reunion

July 14, 2023

Midland Hills Country Club.

If you have not yet received a notification or if you have any information to find the following classmates, please contact Cheri (Pierson) Yecke at [cyecke@gmail.com](mailto:cyecke@gmail.com):  
Joe Dabe, Rosalind (Ehrnreiter) Zarembinski, Annette (Guggemos) Hefti, Rita (Guggemos) Fiedler, Nancy (Mencacci) Borden, Terry Novacyzk, Roxanne (Peckham) O'Donnell, Timothy Reid, John Straka, Karen Thury, Bob Treacy, Don Klecker and Janet (Nistler) Busse, Deborah (Brazier) Mims.

### Class of 1974 Upcoming: 50-Year Reunion

Bob Steigauf and a small group met recently in St. Paul to discuss a steering committee for a 50th class reunion. Is your contact current with the Alumni Office? Send updates to [alumnioffice@saintagnesschool.org](mailto:alumnioffice@saintagnesschool.org) or to Bob at [rsteigauf@aol.com](mailto:rsteigauf@aol.com).





## Class of 1982 40-Year Reunion

The Class of 1982 held their 40th class reunion on November 5th at Saint Agnes in the Gruden Hall gymnasium. We had a great turnout! The school contributed the venue and set up. Dinner and cocktails were



catered by Skinner's Bar and Restaurant. It was wonderful to see so many friends in such a familiar setting. Walking the halls brought back so many memories of special teachers and classes. Pictures are filtering on to the 82 Aggies Facebook Page. We all wished that our 50th reunion wasn't so far away, but there was a lot of chatter about doing something more informal for the 45th. Stay tuned! A special thanks to Ben Seitz, Carla Warner, Steve Kosel, Mary (Rausch) Kosel, and Tom Wallrich. A very special thanks to Mary (Hilpisch) Appel for handling all the logistics with the school. Go Aggies!!!

## Class of 1987 35-Year Reunion

The class of 87 had a very successful reunion at Crooked Pint on October 15.



Over 50 people attended. The class sang the Aggie rouser not just one but two times and even sang the Our Father. Two classmates, Matt Wegner and Steven Burton, both traveled from California for the event and were the lucky winners of two Aggie sweatshirts for longest distance traveled. Deceased classmate Sean Smith's mom, Mary, and sister, Jenny, were invited as guests of honor. So much fun was had that they are already talking about the 40th!

## In Memoriam

Mary (Brunner) Berg, 1942  
 Ida (Bacigalupo) Bye, 1942  
 Irene (Boyden) Borovansky, 1945  
 George Leier, 1945  
 Helen (Wimmer) Bukowski, 1945  
 Yvonne (Brower) Traeger, 1949  
 Gerald Patrick, 1949  
 Patricia (Sailer) Karp, 1949  
 Merton Lassonde, 1950  
 Anthony Roberts, 1950  
 Robert Kane, 1952  
 Richard Knoche, Spouse of Dolores Reno 1952  
 Marlene (Mueller) Braun, 1952  
 Dennis Hurley, 1954  
 Maureen (O'Donnell) Mergens, 1954  
 Alice (Borocki) Phillippi, 1955  
 Rodney Frantzen, 1957  
 Daniel Ivory, 1957  
 Patricia (Godbey) Readell, 1960  
 Patricia (Weinholzer) Hasslen, 1960

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

Christine (Byerly) Chapman, 1962  
 John K Connolly, 1962  
 Constance (Exley) Flaherty, 1962  
 Brian Juaire, 1962  
 Thomas Leach, Jr., 1962  
 Patricia Wbrsky, 1962  
 Janet (Fine) Olson, 1963  
 Mary Jean (Gallivan) Mandel, 1963  
 Mary Jane (Geissinger) Mader, 1963  
 Arlene (Himmel) Widmer, 1963  
 Richard Moeller, 1963  
 Joseph Mueller, 1963  
 Gerald Och, 1963  
 Mary (Parnell) Johnson, 1963  
 Roman Pasquale, 1963  
 Connie (Zusan) Unze, 1963  
 Nancy (Larson) McVeigh, 1964  
 Thomas Gerlach, 1965  
 Ronald Klotz, 1966  
 Thomas Heimerl, 1969

Kathleen (Pinski) Janisch, 1969  
 Cynthia (Wright) Collett, 1975  
 Angela (Vasterling) Frantz, 1982  
 Mary (Walker) Davis, 1982  
 Mary (Schmitt) Harrington, 1937 GS  
 Deloris (Steager) Greenstein, 1938 GS  
 Patricia (Burke) Maslow, 1938 GS  
 Marion (Graupe) Sanders, 1942 GS  
 Thomas Maurer, 1952 GS  
 Sandra (Moeller) Johnshoy, 1958 GS  
 Daniel Stoffel, 1958 GS  
 Sr. Ursula Foley, CSJ, Past Faculty  
 Robert Whalen, Past Faculty  
 John G. Burns, Sr., Past Parent  
 Pearl Juelich, Past Parent  
 Robert Pohl, Past Parent  
 James Shrake, Past Parent

\*GS=grade school alumni \*CC=commercial class alumni



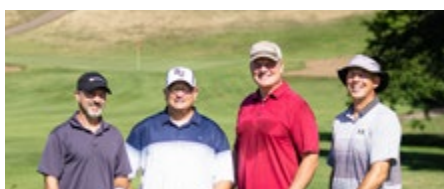


# AGGIE OPEN 2022

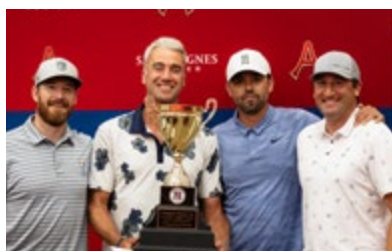


Despite the nearly 100-degree temperature, our supporters continue to come out to take part in the Aggie Open in support of Aggie athletics! In an effort to get more golfers in the game, we added a 9-hole Par-3 Challenge in the morning. Every hole was converted to a par-3 and each of the holes had an opportunity to win \$5000 cash with a hole-in-one. Nine lucky golfers had a final shootout for \$100,000! Unfortunately, there were no big winners this year, but it sure was fun! We can't wait to try it again!

A huge thank you to our upper-level sponsors: Mike Parizino, Kirkland Family, and Warner Family Fund, as well as all our golfers, sponsors, and donors. With all the support, we raised over \$60,000 for Aggie Athletics! What a tremendous help to our programs and student-athletes.



**Be sure to save the date of July 17, 2023** for next year's tourney and send an email to [Advancement@saintagnesschool.org](mailto:Advancement@saintagnesschool.org) indicating you'd like to be notified of early bird registration.



Adam Olson, Mike Dahlstrom, Joe McKean and Pete Vogel claim the Msgr. Bandas Cup



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## Catechesis Through Sacred Art: Vestments

“Ohs!” and “Aahs!” readily come from our young students, as well as the seasoned high school altar servers, when they see a particularly beautiful liturgical vestment. The artistic theme or image which is depicted on the vestments and exquisite craftsmanship, especially the fine needle work, are wonders to behold. They are superb tools for *catechesis*. Both at Holy Mass and during visits to the sacristy, our students have long had the opportunity to learn more about their faith through our liturgical vestments.

The chasuble worn by the priest during Holy Mass is shaped like the kind of poncho a shepherd would wear. Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd. The chasuble is meant to remind us that at Mass Jesus is guiding His flock with His truth and feeding them from His very Body and Blood.

When the Feast of St. Martin has fallen on a school Mass day, usually Thursdays, I have told the students about how the Roman soldier, Martin, encountered an under-dressed and cold beggar. Martin took his cape and cut it in half, giving one piece of it to the poor man. Later Martin discovered in a vision that it was really Jesus in disguise. After Martin became a Bishop of Tours, a small church was built to hold the surviving half of Martin's



cape. The little building was named after the “little cape”, or in French, “*chapelle*”. This is where we get our word for small churches, chapels. The students are always amazed to discover the origin of the word chapel!

The colors of vestments also teach! Every liturgical season and Feast Day has an assigned color for the vestments to be worn. Each color has its own meaning. Red—worn on Pentecost, Palm Sunday, Good Friday and the Feast of Martyrs—signifies the fire of the Holy Spirit and the Blood of Christ and Martyrs. Green—worn on Sundays and weekdays of Ordinary Time, symbolizes

that our spiritual lives should always be verdant, i.e., growing. Purple—worn during Advent and Lent, signify the penance, waiting and self-denial. Rose—worn only on two days, the Third Sunday of Advent

(Gaudete Sunday) and the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)—indicates that the time of waiting or penance is almost over and that either Christmas or Easter is almost here! White—worn for Christmas, Easter, Holy Thursday, Solemnities, Feasts of our Lady, and non-martyr Saints—connotes celebration and purity. Black is worn for All Souls Day and at some funerals; it carries with it the meaning of sorrow and death.

If you are interested in learning more about the truth, goodness, and beauty that is present in the liturgical celebrations of our parish and school, I encourage you to consider searching for the Church of Saint Agnes or *The Sacristy* on YouTube, and subscribing to catch up on all of the videos that we have produced so far, as well as to look forward to forthcoming videos in the series.

In Christ,

*Rev. Mark Moriarty*  
Fr. Mark Moriarty







# Whispers OF THE PAST



1961

Dietitians, Lunch Ladies, Cafeteria Workers—whatever you call them, these selfless individuals have been chopping tomatoes, slicing cheese, baking bread, and punching in lunch codes from the very beginning. Though much of their work is done behind the scenes and may go unnoticed (especially by the cold lunch crowd), the men and women who have prepared and served our students and teachers their lunches over the years have been invaluable to everyday life at Saint Agnes. Thank you, Lunch Ladies, for nourishing our students and serving every tray with a smile!



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