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Alumni Taking Their Faith To The Next Level!

For our Aquinas Community, there was much pride as two Aquinas graduates were ordained on May 26 & 27. Augustine Reimers (left), Class of 2016, was ordained a deacon. Scott Nemec (middle), Class of 2015, was ordained a priest. Rev. Scott Nemec is currently assigned to Hastings St. Cecilia's Parish and School.



Sr. Guadelupe, Aquinas Class of '13, took her first vows

We are blessed that Sr. Guadelupe (Marissa DeWispelare) Class of 2013, professed her first vows of chastity, poverty and obedience as a Marian Sister of the Diocese of Lincoln on August 13th.



(from left to right) All smiles from Deacon Augustine Reimers (class of '16) Rev. Scott Nemec (class of '15) and Aquinas Catholic Chief Administrative Officer, Rev. Michael Ventre during ordinations.





A Message from Aquinas Catholic School's Chief Administrative Officer

Greetings to you all! Once again, we begin a new school year. I hope you and your families are doing well and that your summer was filled with fun and relaxation.

A heartfelt welcome to the new alumni Class of 2023! I wish you all the success in this new stage in life. I am confident that you will do great things.

This year we had notable turnover in staff due to retirements, two new positions and staff moving to new positions elsewhere. I am grateful to Mrs. Sharon DeWispelare (22years), Mrs. Sandy Vavrina (33 years) and Mrs. Helen Ostdiek (27years) for their hard work and dedication to our schools.

At Aquinas Elementary, we welcome Ashley Emswiler (Kindergarten, class of '18), Jessica Romshek (4th Grade) and Lori Wessling (Para, 2nd Grade) to our teaching staff. At Aquinas MS/HS, we have two new positions Sara Miriovsky (School Counselor) and Roger Gallaway (IT Media Specialist, Library). We also welcome Lizzie DeWispelare (MS English, Class of '17), Joan Cech (Art), Katerina Jakub (English, Theology, Class of '13), Deacon Bob Veirgutz (Band, Theology) and Alina Strong (Business Manager).

Lastly, we welcome two new priests, Fr. Bill Holoubek (Theology), the new pastor of Bruno and Abie and Fr. Stephen Graeve (School

Chaplain), the new pastor of St. Peter's and St. Joseph's in Bellwood. I look forward to working with them and having them assist us in building our Catholic identity and mission at Aquinas!

Our alumni are doing amazing things. This summer alone we were blessed with multiple marriages of alumni, alumni coming back to our school to teach and new parents sending their children to Aquinas for the first time. Additionally, it was a proud moment watching Augustine Reimers (Class of '16) ordained a deacon and Scott Nemec (Class of '15) ordained a priest in May. Also, this August Sr. Guadelupe (Marissa DeWispelare, Class of '13) took her first vows as

a Marian Sister of the Diocese of Lincoln. Keep up the great work and know how proud we are of all of you! Please stay connected via our website www.aquinas-catholic.com for the 2023-2024 calendar and activity schedule. I encourage you to sign up on the website for the Monarch Minute, our monthly e-newsletter. Also, follow us on Facebook, Twitter & Instrgram! Lastly, send us updates of what you and your family are doing so we can share this with our Aquinas family!

Prayers for you and your families,

Fr. Michael Ventre
Fr. Michael Ventre



A Message from Aquinas Catholic Advancement & Alumni Office

Inow have my first year under my belt! Thank you to everyone that has sent me emails about alumni news and big events that have happened in your lives!

Many of the classes got together this past summer and had some really great class reunions. One of the most fun parts of the

job is seeing the great turnouts for the reunions!

The Alumni Phone-a-thon will be held in November again to help kick off the Annual Appeal. This event has become more important than ever with the increase in tuition and with parishes struggling to keep up with assessments

during these erratic times.

Many of you didn't have to pay tuition while you attended school here or it was minimal. Please consider helping the students at Aquinas today by increasing your annual giving to the Phone-a-thon? Our alumni gave more last year than ever before, and

your gifts were greatly needed and appreciated.

As always, please stay in touch with us. We love to hear from our alumni whether it is to share exciting news or to ask for prayers. We are here for you!

Sincerely,
Michaela Moravec

News and Notes

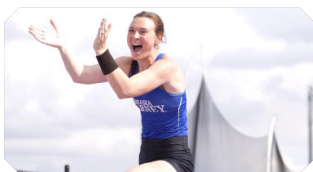


Rick Grubaugh '76 got the honor of welcoming **Russ Moravec '77** into the Nebraska Auctioneers Hall of Fame!

Russ has been in the auction business for 43 years!



The American Heart Association announces **Jackie(Egr) Pueppke '94** to Lead the 2023 Omaha Go Red for Women Movement! Go Red for Women is a worldwide initiative of the Association designed to increase women's heart health awareness and serve as a catalyst for change to improve the lives of women locally, nationally and globally.



Gabrielle Oborny (2020) finished her Junior year at University of Nebraska-Kearney in May where she has been pole vaulting for the Track team since her freshman year. While competing both indoor and outdoor track seasons, she has been in the

All Time Top 10 list of UNK pole vaulters. For the outdoor season of 2022, Gabrielle broke the school record with a vault of 12' 5.5" (3.80 meters). During the indoor season for 2022-2023, she had a record-breaking vault and now also holds the indoor school record with a vault of 12' 5.25" (3.79 meters). This spring Gabrielle had another great outdoor season with a record-breaking vault of 13' 1.25" (4.01 meters) that qualified her to go to the NCAA DII National Track Meet in Pueblo Colorado at the end of May. Gabrielle finished the season by placing 16th at that meet. Gabrielle will be competing both indoor and outdoor seasons for one more year.



Emily Heermann '15 had her first solo art exhibit this summer at the Bone Creek Museum of Agrarian Art. She is the daughter of Shane and **Ann (Ptacek) '85 Heermann**. Her favorite subject to paint is anything that involves animals.

Anna Kobza '16 was awarded second place in the graduate student paper/presentation competition and second place in the 3



minute thesis competition. Anna is a first-generation cattle producer and Ph.D student in feedlot management. She got the opportunity to talk on Fox News about the "Yellowstone" TV series and how it compares to reality. She said that "a lot of the land issues they talk about, some of the reservation stuff is very realistic" and that "generational issare are a very real thing for multi-generational ranches."



Ron Mimick - Aquinas Activity Director and Head Football Coach for 32 years - Will be inducted into the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame this fall. He is the ninth coach to reach the 300-win milestone in football, he's been at Aquinas since 1991. His football teams have won seven state titles and been in two other finals, and his boys track teams have won two titles and been runners-up twice.

The National School Loan Program (NSLP) Board of Directors has named **David Macoubrie** as the New President and CEO. Previ-

ously David served as Executive Vice President and CEO, overseeing operations including the student advocate and financial aid teams. He has been with Inceptia for almost 35 years! Inceptia is a non-profit organization that provides innovation and leadership to higher education access and success through engaging and empowering students and streamlining processes. For over 35 years, Inceptia and NSLP has helped millions of students achieve higher education at schools nationwide. David and his wife: Kim live in Lincoln and have 4 children and 1 granddaughter. **David graduated from Aquinas in 1984** and from Wayne State in 1988. David is the son of Bill and Helen Macoubrie, St Peter's



Bellwood.



John Paul Svec (son of John & Deb Svec) and **Jazzy Beringer** (daughter of Kevin & Deb Beringer) **both**

2016 graduates of Aquinas, passed their BAR Exams this Summer and are now both officially Attorneys at Law!



Mini Monarchs

Joel '04 and Cassie Vrbka, baby boy Beau Douglas, born December 6, 2022.
 Nicholas '18 and Elizabeth(Benes) Andel, baby girl Andrea Rose, born March 4, 2023.
 Travis '07 and Kristine(Fiala) '11 Polacek, baby girl Indy Marie, born March 7, 2013.
 Kirby(Pelan) '13 and Franklin Crawford, baby girl Lennon Te'Aira born March, 29, 2023.
 Jared '06 and Shannon Bemis, baby girl Blakely Ann, born April 4, 2023
 Robert '04 and Miriam Daro, baby boy Solanus Peter, born April 4, 2023
 Connor '17 and Ashley(Eller)(Kindergarten Teacher) '18, baby girl Hollie Jean, born April 4, 2023
 Emily(McCawley) '05 and Brian Locke, baby boy Blair, born April 12, 2023
 Neil '08 and Katrina(Kovar) '07 Sabata, baby boy Will Charles, born April 27, 2023
 Andrew '11 and Sara(Slater) Buresh, baby girl Lydia Josephine, born May 1, 2023
 Spencer '13 and Katerina(Reimers) '13 Jakub, baby girl Johanna Catherine, born June 25, 2023
 Ashley(Byers) '08 and Max Heisterkamp, baby girl Margaret Jo, born July 3, 2023
 John (Science Teacher) and Malinda Wehrs, baby girl Monica Rose, born June 29, 2023
 Matt '02 and Sara Wellman, baby boy Eli Robert, born July 5, 2023
 Michael '13 and Carter Byers, baby boy Lane Francis, born July 10, 2023
 Jake '10 and Cortny(Novacek) Shonka '10, baby girl Ann Marie Doris, born July 11, 2023
 Trent '15 and Morgan Smith, baby girl Frances Magdalene, born July 27, 2023
 Anthony Kobus '06 and Cora Colson, baby girl Aspynn Illene, born August 9, 2023
 Cody '13 and Kate(Holy Family Director) Krafka, baby boy Calvin Daniel, born August 17, 2023
 Greg '11 and Kelly Kobza, baby boy Jase Gregory, born August 18, 2023



Monarch Vocations

Priests

+Rev. Rudy Oborny '63
 Rev. Jim Meysenburg '81
 Rev. John Birkel '82
 Rev. Doug Daro '09
 Rev. Matthew Kovar '13
 Rev. Scott Nemecek '15

Religious

Sr. Marilyn Geiger, OSF '62
 Sr. Frances Pytlik, ASC '65
 Sr. Frances Stanislav, MS '66
 Sr. Patricia Ann Hanus, MS '70
 Sr. Barbara Smith, ASC '71

Sr. Jeanette Rerucha, MS '77

Sr. Mary Markita Kratochvil, TOR '99

Sr. Fiat Marie Eller, CK '10

Deacon

Augustine Reimers '16

Seminarians

Jon Kadlec '16
 Cody Hein '18

Postulant

Marissa DeWispelare '13

Novice

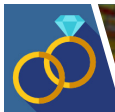
Br. Caleb Joseph (James Buresh '13)

Ryan '14 and Katie Vavrina, baby boy Fischer Alan, born August 21, 2023

Seth '13 and Rebecca Hoffman, baby boy Harlyn Curtis, born August 29, 2023

Help us share the good news!

Contact the alumni office at
michaela-moravec@cdolinc.net



Monarch Marriages

Will McCawley '11 to Lindsay Coffin, August 12, 2022

Jorda Beringer '14 to Trevor Carlson, June 10, 2023

Will Reiter '17 to Bridget Sisco '19, June 24, 2023

Jake Rech '14 to Haley Menke, June 24, 2023

Veronica Kobza '18 to Sam Clark, July 8, 2023

Hannah Moravec '19 to Blake Hessler, July 29, 2023

Ryan Nemecek '18 to Karissa Dicke, August 11, 2023

Please pray for our alumni who are priests, religious, postulants, novices and seminarians.

2023 Reunion Honor Years



**1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999,
2004, 2009, 2014, 2019**

Class officers will be reaching out to you soon about Summer of 2024 reunion plans. Make sure your contact information with the Alumni Office is updated with us so that they will be able to send you information. Class officers, keep us posted regarding your reunion plans so we can share them on facebook and in the spring newsletter.

2022 Alumni Scholarship Recipients



Krae Lavicky is attending the University of Nebraska at Omaha where he will be majoring in Business Administration. He is the son of Jason and Tori(Hotovy) '97 Lavicky.



Antonia "Toni" Wachal is attending Northeast Community College where she will major in General Studies. She is the daughter of Andrew Wachal and Julie Schmid '98.



Share Your News

We are excited to share all the great things our alumni are up to. If you or another alumni have some news to share for the newsletter you can upload a picture and story online at aquinas-catholic.com/alumni/ or email the alumni office at michaela-moravec@cdolinc.net

SAVE THE DATE

GOLD RUSH
Battle of the Bands
Saturday, April 6, 2024

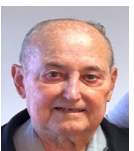




In Memory Of...



Dianne "Danni" (Richter) Moody, died March 12, 2023. **She was a graduate of Aquinas Catholic High School in 1965.** She was born to Clarence and Verda(Spalding) Richter. Dianne is survived by her husband: Ernest; children: Brian(Nancy) Zitek, Corina Zitek, Brenda Zitek, Ann Zitek, Rob Moody, Terri(Paul) Fatka; siblings: Dean (Sharon) Richter, Mike (Deb) Richter, Colleen (Rick) Waldman, Judy (Pudge) Osborn, Peggi Carabajal; 7 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and former spouse: Gene Zitek.



Larry May, died on April 6, 2023. **He was a graduate of the first graduating class from Aquinas in 1962. He was also on of the first Editors and Class Presidents at Aquinas.** He was born to Iven and Anne May. Larry is survived by his wife: Sandy; children: Angie(Pete), Keith (Joanne), and Benjamin (Sandy); 4 grandchildren; sisters: Loretta, Pat, and Annette; brothers: Bob, Keith, Ed, Joe and Ken;



and his in-laws. **Clarence Greguras**, died on April 17, 2023. **He was a graduate of Dwight Assumption High School in 1959.** He was born to Edward and Marie(Hain) Greguras. Clarence is survived by his sons: Bob (Tamara Arnce) and Gary; step-daughters: Mary(Tom) Dobesh and Kaye(James) Nichols; 5 grandchildren; and sister: Mary Beth(Sam) Smith.

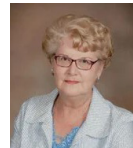


Wilma (Vanis) DeWispelare, died on April 18, 2023. **She was a graduate of Marietta High School in 1950.** She was born to William and Agnes(Vodicka) Vanis. Wilma is survived by her children: Deb Birkel and Mike DeWispelare; 4 grandchilren; sister: Dorothy(Ed) DeWispelare.



Betty Kozisek, died April 23, 2023. **She worked at Aquinas over the years as a custodian and a bus driver.** She was born to Fred and Mary(Kadavy) Hunt.

Betty is survived by her son: Mike(Patty) Kozisek; daughters: Pam Kozisek and Tish(Tom) Mispagel; sister: Dorothy Vavrina; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; and several nieces & nephews.



Bonnie Riha died May 10, 2023. **She was a graduate of Aquinas High School in 1965.** She was born to William and Helen(Aerts) Riha. Bonnie is survived by her siblings: William (Mary Jane) Riha, Ron Riha and Betty Jane Wachal.

Thomas Merrill died May 25, 2023. **He was a custodian at Aquinas High School in the early 2000's.** He was born to Cecil and Helen Merrill. Thomas is survived by his wife: Joyce, daughters: Erica(Ryan) Richard, Becky(Ryan) McCreery, Patrick(Lindsey) Merrill, 8 grandchildren, brother: Rodney Merrill, sisters: Cece(Joe) Bechtel, Vivian Harris, Vicki(Dave) Mauro, and Sandy(Edd) Bass.

Patrick Pflum, died

June 21, 2023. **He was a graduate of Aquinas Catholic High School in 1984.** He was born to James and Rose(Kadavy) Pflum. Patrick is survived by his mother: Rose; and siblings: Mary(Lon) Malmkar, Michael Pflum, Catie Pflum, Anne(Jack) Strain, Linda(Rod) Bohlender, Diane(Mike) Stittle, Jean(Anthony) Miranda, Chris(Jon) Karn, Mark(Brenda) Pflum, Angela(Enrique) Gutierrez, Brian Pflum, Scott(Heather)Pflum, Denise(Brian)Eddy and Eric(Coren)Pflum.

Carol Vrbka, died June 23, 2023. **She was a graduate of Dwight Assumption in 1959.** She was born to John A. and Louise(Hoffbauer) Tesina. Carol is survived by her daughters: Mary Vrbka and Anne Vrbka; granddaughter: Anastasia Cure.



Joan Riha, died June 24, 2023. **She was a graduate of St. Mary's High School in 1958.** She was born to Joseph and

In Memory Of...



Hattie(Weverka) Samek. Joan is survived by her children: Barb(Chuck) Brandenburgh, Chris (Rhonda) Riha and Jeanne(Steve) Sheridan; 8 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.



David "Jack" Svoboda, died June 27, 2023. He was a graduate of Aquinas Catholic High School in 1972. He was born to Lad & Marge(Rech) Svoboda. Jack is survived by his mother: Marge; siblings: Marvin Svoboda and Sherri Svoboda.



Doris (Birkel) Smith, died June 28, 2023. She was a graduate of St. Mary's High School in 1960. She was born to Matthew & Mary Birkel. Doris is survived by her husband: Jim Birkel; children: Steve Smith, Lynn(Mark) Sloan, Dan(Jessica) Smith and Kate Smith; 5 grandchildren: 1 great-grandchildren.



Raymond Kohout, died July 3, 2023. He was a

graduate of Aquinas Catholic High School in 1972. He was born to Frank & Helen(Hromas) Kohout. Ray is survived by his siblings: John Kohout, Elaine Tomasevicz, Francis (Joyce) Kohout, Margaret Bartek and Ernest Kohout.

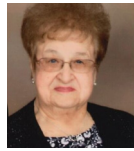


Steve Plasek, died July 16, 2023. He was a graduate of Aquinas Catholic High School in 1968. He was born to Joseph & Emily(Rolenc) Plasek. Ray is survived by his wife: Julie(Swantek) Plasek; children: Kevin(Colleen) Plasek, Victoria(Richard) Hain, Cynthis(Ryan) Stara, Steven F. Plasek, and Laura(Shaun) Warriner; and 15 grandchildren.



Leo Birkel, died July 29, 2023. He was a graduate of Aquinas Catholic High School in 1968. He was born to Thomas & Betty(Martin) Birkel. He is survived by his wife: Betty(Garhart) Birkel; children: Bonnie(Doug) Luethke, Mike(Bobbie Jo) Birkel, Joshua Birkel;

9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Siblings: Pat(Kerwin) Brown, Don Birkel, Marty(Susan) Birkel, Deb(Jim) Litchfield, Sandy(Terry) Litchfield, and Bob(Teresa) Birkel.



Janice Makovicka, died August 10, 2023. She was a graduate of Dwight Assumption Catholic High School in 1958. She was born to Frank & Martha(Navratil) Pavel. Janice is survived by her husband: Val Makovicka; children: Kevin(Melody), Alan(Laura) and Annette (Tim) Helman; 16 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.



Stanley "Bud" Karel, died August 17, 2023. He was a graduate of Aquinas Catholic High School in 1968. He was born to Stanley & Anna(Kucera) Karel. Bud is survived by his mother-in-law: Eleanor Komenda; children: Michael(Lisa) Karel, Rebecca McKelvey, Jody(Jon) Hartman; 8 grandchildren and many nieces & nephews.



Charlene (Ebel) Mees, died August 19, 2023.

She was a graduate of Aquinas Catholic High School in 1967. She was born to John & Eileen Ebel. Charlene is survived by her husband: David Mees; children: Stacy(Dana) Buhr) Lineweber, Ryan(Kerri) Mees; 4 grandchildren; sister: Dee Ebel and sister-in-law: Shirley Fox.



Michael Schmit, died August 26, 2023. He graduated from Aquinas Catholic High School in 1984. He was born to Loren & Irene Schmit. He is survived by his father: Loren; and siblings: Marcia, Steve, Mary, John, Michele, Susan, Jean and Lorin.



May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



Summer Reunions- 2023

Class of 1963 Front Row: Margaret (Rerucha) Meysenburg, Judy (Birkel) Helgoth, Judy (Miratsky) Roubal, Janet (Jisa) Bolton, Marjorie (Schmid) Chatterson, Judy (Cermak) Vanis, Joyce (Matulka) Smith. Back Row -- Bob Codr, Larry Geiger, Bob Hain, Jim Helgoth, Carol (Cockson) Dvorak, Bob Hilger, Virginia (Mastera) Geiger, George Klein, Dave Morbach. Not pictured: Carol (Maca) Niemann



Class of 1963 Celebrating their 60th Year Reunion

Class of 1968 Front Row: Shirley(Jakub) Masek, Diane(Roh) Furasek, Carm(Bartuken) Kimminau, John Messing, JoAnn(Fricke) Messing, Randy Dolezal, Ron(Cork) DeWispelare
Middle Row: Marie (Cockson) Vandenburg, Aloha (Stara) Schmid, AJ Spatz, Frank (Doc) Ekstein, Greg Hraban, Tom Hain, Mary (Birkel) Schoenbein, Len Chmelka, Nick Hottovy, Sue (Geiger) Hraban, John Coufal, Ellen (Havlovic) Jirovsky, Carol (Meysenburg) Johnson, Cindy (Gabel) Treadway. Back Row: Dan Nantkes, Tom Hottovy, Mike Adamy, Arn Hottovy, Ken Kotera, Mike Vanous, Jerry Hain, Larry Sabata, George Pekarek. Not pictured: Mary (Helgoth) McCawley and Marvin Shalon



Class of 1968 Celebrating their 55th Year Reunion



Class of 1968 Celebrating their 50th Year

Class of 1973 Front Row: Mary Beth (Brannen) Wehenkel, Dan Policky, Lora(Matulka) Higgins, Susan Nicolas, Connie(Hain) Bredemeyer, Eileen(Jirovsky) Caskey, Mary (McCawley) Didier, Deb(Helgoth) Kirshenman, Ann(Cockson) O'Dell.
Middle Row: Mary(Woita) Roberts, Sharon (Bear) Danaher, Judy(Rech) Pollak, Mary Clair(Ingwersen) Sanley, Paula(Behrns) Kriz, Diane(Schmid) Ward, Barb(Schmit) Petrik, Joyce(Janicek) Thorson, Bonnie (Hain) Hentzen, Sue(Eller) Birkel, Linda (Geiger) Lau, Jan(Padraza) Kucera, Judy(Urbaneck) Dyer,

Teresa(Birkel) Wayne. Back Row: Dennis DeWispelare, Bill Zegers, Kelley Longenecker, Dennis Kriz, Ed DeWispelare, Steve Ptacek, Rick Dolezal, Bob Samek, Nick Vandenberg, Bob Zegers, Leo Kosizek, Bruce Meysenburg, Dave Brezina and Tom Hottovy.

Once a Monarch, Always a Monarch



Class of 1978 Celebrating their 45th Year Reunion

Class of 1978

Front Row: Cathy (Stara) McCawley, Karen (Kindler) Palensky, MaryAnn (Svoboda) Mattingly, Ann (Peters) Miller, Lori (McCawley) Santilla
 Middle Row: Jim Rerucha, Rich Polacek, Dan Lyons, Susan Romshek, John Roh, Carla Meysenburg, Diane (Kush) Moravec, Bruce Bartukek
 Back Row: Jerry Liss, Curt Zavodny, Bill Gillespie, Mark Moravec, Doug Denison and Dan Ingwerson
 Not pictured: John Woita

Class of 1983

Front Row: Carol Krenk Schoenhofer, Lynn Vavrina Hall, Theresa Ostry Novak, Linus Meysenburg
 Middle Row: Renee Zegers Pokorny, Sherri Svoboda, Doris Divis Redler, Michele Yindrick
 Back Row: Tim Hoeft, Dan Engel, Bill Hanus, Ron Brecka, Bill Voboril, Mike Siroky, Galen Pokorny, Tim Heimer, Paul Birkel



Class of 1983: 40th Year Reunion



Class of 1988: 35th Year Reunion

Class of 1988

Front Row: Cindy (Kovar) Backemeyer, Lisa (Brecka) Stallbaum, Deni Hilger, Cassie (Hough) Phillips, Charlie Medinger, Becky (Rech) Thorson, Brian Hanus. Back Row: Deb (Vanis) Ossian, Lisa (Rezac) Nickolite, Carol (Juranek) Browning, Charlie Medinger, Greg Romshek, Lee Nickolite, Lyle Jakub, Bob Pachta, Dean Buresh, Dale Zimmerman, Jeff Phillips.

Welcome Back All Alumni!



Still a Great Day to be a Monarch



Class of 1993-30 Years

Front Row: Nicole (Schmitt) Pechous, Jenny (Brecka) Sloup, David Juranek, Pamela Hough, Renee (Birkel) Asche, Brian Phelps. Middle Row: Brian Kozisek, Erin Hotovy, Wendy (Romshek) Sliva. Back Row: Janet (Reisdorff) Buman, Jason Vanis, Eric Semin, Dean Stara, and Tony Moravec. Not Pictured: Chris Polivka



Class of 1998-25 Years

Front Row: Lee Vavrina, Denise (Meysenburg) Bryson, Tracey Matulka, Jeff Brezina, Laura (Egr) Daro, Justin Baldinger, Pam (Brabec) Scott, Todd Anel. Back Row: Cori (Kerkman) Moberry, Scott Bomar, Jeff Kopecky, Jason Lonsdale, Dave Vandenberg, Tony Kobza and Kelly Kadavy.



Class of 2003 - 20 Years

Front: Britni (Schmid)Ruth, Nicole (Smith)Kobus, Lesley (Schmidt)Holloway, Shae (Hilger)Perillo, Jimmy Buell, Brian Prothman and Aaron Kobus. Back: Craig Kerkman, Scott Fiala, Andrew Kobza, Ray Hough, Jamie (Didier)McClintic, Philip Zegers, Adam Kobus, Tony Kreikemeier and Paul Janak



Class of 2008 - 15 Years

Front Row: Jessica Bartunek, Michelle(Dinkelman) Jakub. Back Row: Allison(Struebing) Dallegge, Britny(Novacek) Brichacek, Brandon Eller, Alyssa(Meysenburg) Prunty, Neil Sabata, Andy Palik, Justin Fiala, Paul McCawley, Aaron Gratz and Elisha(Birkel) Davis.



Class of 2018 - 5 Years

Back row: Tyler Vavrina, Daniel Reiter, Kyle Ruth, Gavin Rech, Sam Wisnieski, Nick Anel, Dawson Schwang, Nathan Uhrmacher, Jacob Kadlec, Josh Roh. Middle Row: Brandon Timoney, Trevor Siroky, Kyle Petree, Michael Coufal, Isaac Archuleta, Madelaine Comte, Julie Anna Humlicek, Sarah Juranek. Front Row: Mason Helgoth, Nolan Maguire, Matthew Nadrchal, Hollie Emswiler held by her mom Ashley (Eller) Emswiler, Becky Roh, Veronica Kobza-Clark

Gifting Opportunities



Yes, I want to help a student in need!

2023-24 Tuition

Name: _____

High School
\$4,005

Address: _____

Middle School
\$3,238

City, State Zip: _____

Elementary School
\$2,430

Tuition rates are listed to the right. Whether you can donate a full tuition scholarship, half or make a contribution, all donations to the Scholarship Fund are greatly appreciated.



Who gave YOU the gift to attend Catholic school?

Phone-a-thon

Local Aquinas alumni will be calling you to ask for donations to the Aquinas Annual Appeal through the phone-a-thon. We appreciate the support of our alumni and look forward to visiting with you in November.

You can easily give online at www.aquinas-catholic.com and click

Support Us

Do we have your current phone number? Call us to update at 402-367-3175

Alumni are giving students scholarship opportunities!

Schaecher Family Scholarship Fund and Intel's matching donation fund is offering \$1000 scholarship in the Engineering and Applied Sciences field. Mark Schaecher ('79) recently retired from Intel Corp. will be offering this yearly scholarship to Aquinas Alumni. Students eligible for assistance must be graduating high school senior who attended Aquinas High School and intends to continue their education at a four-year university in the Engineering and Applied Sciences field. Consideration will be given to academic achievement, financial need, and the student's community service record.

For more information on how to start up a scholarship or how to help out the students, please contact Michaela Moravec.



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Student Safety is a Top Concern at Aquinas

To assist in the safety of our Aquinas MS/HS students and using funds provided by generous donations at Gold Rush 2023, a few changes have been made or are in the process of being implemented. One distinct change was moving the offices of Mr. Zysset, our principal, and Mrs. Shonka, the school secretary. By moving their offices to south and west side of their previous office space, they are now able to see who is entering the building. Previously they've had to rely on the camera situated out front, which do not always provide a clear view of those entering, but the windows in their offices provide a clear, upfront view of anyone wanting to enter the school. Other office staff were moved into the previous office space. This change has prevented unnecessary traffic throughout the school, which provides more security.



Additionally, there are plans to redo the front entrance and replace the glass with bullet proof protective glass. In the

locker rooms, alarms will be placed on the doors to prevent them from being propped open during the school day. Students are still able to exist through other doors on the back side of school, and they enter by buzzing in if they happen to be outside in the back during the school day, such as a high school student returning from a class at DCP or senior service. New fire and tornado evacuation practices have been installed and are beginning to be practiced so students and teachers become familiar with the adjustments. Other safety measures in place from previous school years continue to be reviewed, updated, and practiced.

Please pray that these safety measures do not have to be used in a real-life situation. Unfortunately, we live a world that requires precautions to be put in place. The safety of students and staff is imperative, and we ask that you continue to pray for our school, community, and country.

