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Stronger Together

The fourth quarter closing last school year of our building and move to remote learning was a difficult experience for every school, but especially a Catholic school. As a Catholic school, we pride ourselves on building community and being present and engaged with each other. We know that we are STRONGER TOGETHER and that became our motto for the 20-21 school year. That bond has led to an outstanding start to this school year. In a time where some Catholic schools are closing around the country, we are experiencing great success. Enrollment has increased from last year and we are in the first year of a new career education program. Our campus ministry program is growing and having a positive impact on the faith lives of our students and our teachers. I am proud of the Catholic identity of our school and the outstanding academic and extra-curricular programs our school offers. We are determined to make sure our students have a great experience and not let COVID-19 derail us. That determination comes from knowing we are STRONGER TOGETHER!



Jeff Ohnoutka, Scotus President

SEF 16

I know you believe in our school and in our service to the Church and I ask you to support Scotus Central Catholic through our SEF 16 campaign, "Stronger Together." As of October 15, the campaign has pledges and donations totaling \$905,165 of the campaign goal of \$1,275,000. Please consider joining me by offering a three-year pledge of support for our school and you will accomplish these important and essential goals:



- A. Main Goal: Provide tuition assistance to every student attending Scotus over the next three school years.
- B. Stretch Goal #1: Help us respond to the pandemic with important safety measures including touchless faucets, auto flushers, hot water heaters, stairwell windows that can be opened to improve ventilation, LED lighting and moving our attendance desk next to the school's main entrance for screening everyone entering the school.
- C. Stretch Goal #2: Install a new hardwood floor in the Dowd Activity Center. The original 1980 floor has only 2-3 years of usable service remaining and this will be a perfect time to recognize coach John Petersen and his former staff's

accomplishments by naming the floor the Coach John Petersen Court.

Our goals for SEF 16 really focus on continuing to provide an affordable Catholic education and improving the infrastructure of our building. Both of these goals are extremely important in helping us accomplish our mission as a Catholic school.

~ Jeff Ohnoutka, President

New Staff

Scotus welcomed six new staff members this fall and they are strong leaders in the classroom. Jill Brichacek is our new Guidance Counselor replacing Pam Weir, who retired last spring. Jill will also be an assistant coach for girls' high school basketball and track. Brichacek grew up on a farm north of Schuyler, Nebraska and graduated from Schuyler Central High School. After high school, she attended Nebraska Wesleyan and earned her bachelor's degree in psychology and a minor in coaching. Brichacek was attracted to Scotus because of our tight knit community. Jacob Duhey is a new English teacher. He teaches 8th grade literature and 11th grade English. He is also an assistant high school football coach and assistant junior high track coach. Duhey grew up in Mission Viejo, California and went to San Juan Hills High School. After high school, he attended Doane University and earned his bachelor's degree in English. Additionally, he earned his Master's in English from UNO. Duhey was attracted to Scotus because he learned to appreciate small classes while at Doane, and he said getting to know each student is an important aspect of education. Alex Meyer is a new Social Studies teacher. She teaches American History I and II. She is also an assistant high school volleyball and track coach. Meyer grew up in Superior, Nebraska and graduated from Superior High School. After high school, she attended UNL and earned her bachelor's in secondary social science education. She was attracted to Scotus because of the teaching and coaching opportunities, along with the ability to live out and practice her Catholic faith.

Sam Rose is a new Math teacher, replacing Julie Blaser who retired last spring. He teaches 7th grade Math and Algebra I. He is also an assistant high school football coach and assistant junior high track coach. Rose grew up in Louisville, Nebraska and graduated from Louisville High School. After high school, he attended Concordia University and earned his bachelor's in science and education with a math endorsement. Rose was attracted to Scotus Central Catholic because of its commitment to the success of students in academics and activities. Annie Sokol is a new Science teacher. She teaches 8th and 9th grade science. Sokol grew up in Duncan, Nebraska and went to Columbus High School. After high school, she attended UNL and earned her bachelor's of science in animal science and also earned her master's in secondary teaching with an emphasis in natural sciences. Sokol was attracted to Scotus because of the supportive staff, great student body and the ability to grow in her faith. Annie is married to Scotus graduate Pat Sokol '96. Dana Ritzdorf is our new Campus Minister and she also teaches 8th grade Religion. Ritzdorf grew up in York, Nebraska and graduated from York High School. After high school, she attended Northwest Missouri State and earned her bachelor's in elementary education. Ritzdorf was attracted to Scotus Central Catholic because of the strong community and the strong Catholic identity within the school.

Taylor Dahl, Marketing Director

Here and There...

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BROOKE (OLMER) KRINGS '14 – graduated on August 2, 2020 from the College of St. Mary, Omaha, with a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies, MSPAS, PA-C. She is also certified by the National Commission of Certification of PAs. On September 18, 2020 Brooke married Tanner Krings and the couple now resides in rural Humphrey, NE.

Worth Noting

- Seniors Benjamin Juarez Mendez, Camille Pelan, Madelyn Blaser and Emily Ferguson were named as this year's Scotus Believers and Achievers. U.S. Bank® and the Nebraska School Activities Association sponsor this recognition program and the award winners at the state level will be announced later this fall.
- At half-time of the homecoming football game, l-r: Eugene "Geno" Williams, Monica Boeding '10 and Ted Wemhoff, were introduced as this year's new inductees of the Shamrock Athletic Hall of Fame.



- Also at halftime of the homecoming game, Joe Puetz '01 (left) and Nick Puetz '97 (right) were recognized as this year's Alumni of the Year. Shown with Joe and Nick are their parents Judy & Gary Puetz.



- The Scotus boys had 2 medalists at the Class C UNK Cross Country Invite and won the team title. Michael Gasper finished 15th and Ross Thorson finished 18th. The Scotus girls finished in ninth place and were led by Olivia Fehringer who finished in 8th place

- At the Centennial Conference cross-country meet, the Scotus boys won the title with Nick Schultz finishing 5th, Ben Juarez – 7th, Ross Thorson – 8th, Michael Gasper – 11th and Caleb Schumacher – 27th. In the JV division, Scotus freshman Logan Erickson finished in 1st place, Alex Medina – 4th, Chris Adame – 22nd and Evan Ostdiek – 30th .

The girls finished in third place with Olivia Fehringer at 4th, Whitney Klug – 9th, Emily Ferguson – 13th, Serena Swiatek – 27th, Jasmine Jackson – 37th and Josie Sliva – 38th . In the JV division, Lily Dohmen finished in 2nd place.

- The Scotus girl's golf team won the Centennial Conference Golf Meet in Lincoln with a team score of 372, just edging out Lincoln Christian by one stroke. Shamrock medalists included: freshman Cecilia Arndt - 1st; junior, Alaina Dierman - 6th; sophomore, Ella Nahorny - 11th; junior, Abee Hutchinson - 14th and senior, Jaelyn Podolak - 19th. Later in the season Cecilia Arndt was the first place finisher at the Scotus Invite and carded a score of 74. She tied Jacy Gasper's 2010 school record for 18 holes of golf. The team placed third at Districts and qualified for the state tourney where Cecilia finished in 9th place and as a team Scotus also finished in 9th place.

- The 40th annual Gala dinner/auction will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2021. This is the school's largest annual fundraiser and all proceeds are used to balance the annual budget and keep tuition expenses low for our school families. Shamrocks from around the world can participate by donating items for the auction, bidding online for silent and super silent auction items and purchasing a Gala lottery ticket for the \$12,000 lottery first prize. If you have an item to donate, or wish to receive an invitation to attend the event, contact Janice Rosenquist in the Scotus development office: 402-564-7165 ext. 154 or jrosenquist@scotuscc.org.



- The 2020 Homecoming candidates were: back row, l to r: Kade Wiese, Ross Thorson, Evan Bock, Ben Kamrath, Michael Gasper & Josh Faust; front row, l to r: Shelby Bridger, Jaelyn Podolak, Maddie Blaser, Camille Pelan, Tanley Miller, & Clarissa Kosch. The Homecoming queen was Tanley Miller and the king's crown was given to Josh Faust.

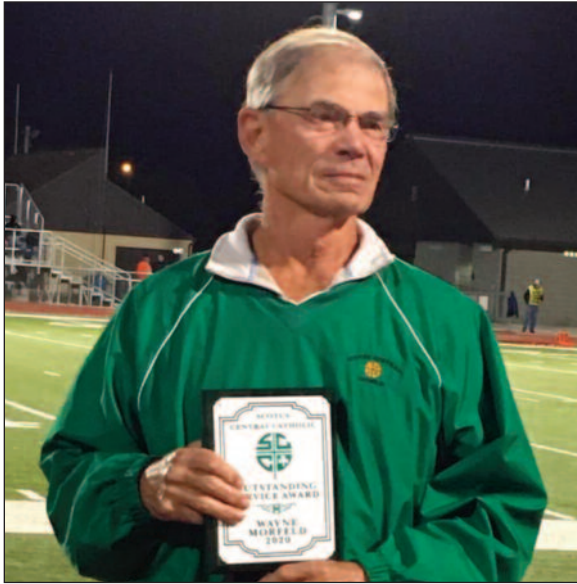


- Senior Ava Kuhl signed her letter of intent to play basketball at Doane University. Pictured above with Ava are her parents Rusty & Andrea and to her left is Doane women's head coach Ryan Baumgartner.



- The Scotus chapel's pews were refinished and fitted with kneelers late this summer and they are a beautiful part of the remodeled chapel. Remodeling also included new carpet and LED lighting.

• At halftime of the October 2nd game, former Scotus president, Wayne Morfeld was recognized with Scotus Central Catholic's 2020 Outstanding Service Award.



• Last spring the officers of Shamrock Club and Scotus Mothers agreed to join forces and pool their resources to form the new Scotus Booster Club. This new organization will perform the functions of the past clubs and more. The Club is excited to welcome all parents and Scotus supporters as it begins this new venture together in support of our students

New Prayer Box

Standing outside of the Scotus Central Catholic High School Chapel entrance is a beautiful bronze Prayer Box. It is a symbol of a community that will open their hearts to you in prayer. We extend a far reaching invitation to anyone seeking God's love and mercy, grace and peace, to place a heartfelt prayer request inside the Prayer Box.

Whatever season of life or faith journey you may be experiencing, we will prayerfully embrace your prayer request. As the Prayer Box becomes full, we will place your prayer request in a sacred place and will continue to pray for you, always.

We offer a note of gratitude to Fred Hoppe, bronze sculptor, for designing and creating the prayer box. We are most appreciative for the financial support from the Scotus Class of 1999, the Scotus Booster Club and the Knights of Columbus Council 938.

A prayer community is forming and they invite all of you to pray for the intentions placed in the prayer box.



Karen (Gdowski) Mroczek '73,
Prayer Box Project

Striv

Starting this fall Scotus Central Catholic home activities will be live streamed via Striv! We are excited to provide the Shamrock Nation another avenue of watching Scotus games and activities--especially for the alumni, supporters and families outside of Columbus! Striv provides an outstanding streaming service for over one hundred Nebraska high schools. Not only does this give our students competing in a basketball game or the band concert a larger audience, Striv also gives our students real life experiences working with different types of technology, learning elements of a broadcast, video production, media and so much more. This was a huge selling point for Scotus to join the #StrivCommunity. Scotus also plans to offer marketing benefits to our advertisers in the Dowd Center through our Striv events. Save this link and access our live streams of activities during the school year!

<https://striv.tv/channel/columbus-scotus/>



• 129 Scotus Students participated in the 2020 Life Chain in Columbus on Respect Life Sunday.

Shamrock Open

The 13th Annual Shamrock Open was another success even with challenges presented by the pandemic. Originally set for June 6, 2020 the event was eventually moved by tourney organizers, Nick Puetz '97 & Joe Puetz '01 to July 25th. Fifteen foursomes competed for the tourney's outstanding flight and flag prizes. An outdoor sack lunch dinner concluded the afternoon's activities at Tiburon Golf Course in Omaha.



Capturing first place in the first flight and given the traditional honor of wearing the coveted Shamrock Open Jackets were, 1-4: Jeff Herdzina '94, Mike Shotkoski '94, Shawn Reid and Jason Mielak '94. Even with reduced participation, the tourney provided a day of entertainment and camaraderie and also raised \$10,674 to support improvements for the Scotus athletic department.

Platinum Sponsors:

Atlas Retirement Planning & Wealth Preservation (Joe Puetz '01)
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 Obrist & Company (John Obrist '96)
 Scotus Alumni/Alumnae Soccer (Jon Brezenski '98)

Memorials

(Received between 7/10/2020 and 10/14/2020)

Dean Brabec

Family & Friends

Carolyn (Backes) Cielocha '59

Deanna Augustin
 MM Dean Cerny
 MM Travis Bock
 MM Richard Borer
 MM Ed Brezenski
 Janet Brezenski
 Deb Christ
 MM Mike Dreesen
 Dan Duren
 MM Dave Duren
 Diane Duren & Drew Collier
 MM Jerry Duren
 MM Mark Duren
 Darlene Elston
 MM Gerry Engelbert
 MM Cory Faust
 MM Jim Fehringer
 MM Jerome Gates
 Rick Grubaugh
 Kelly Hajek
 MM Allan Haney
 MM Tim Harrington
 MM Ed Heimann
 MM Hank Heimann
 Ken Heimann
 Kitty Heimann
 MM Steve Heimann
 MM John Hoebing
 Deanna Hoffman
 MM Greg Jarecke
 MM Dwayne Johnson
 MM Jim Kamrath
 Brian Kochanowicz
 MM Craig Kucera
 MM Dave Kudron
 MM Paul Kudron
 Theresa Kumpf
 Elaine Kurtenbach
 MM Mark Kurtenbach
 Gary Kruse
 MM Dwayne Lanc
 MM Joel Long
 DRM Larry Malicky
 MM Bob McKenzie
 Kim Meyer
 MM Galen Moes
 MM Al Niedbalski
 MM Mike Novicki
 MM Pat Novicki
 MM John Petersen
 MM Tom Pillen
 MM Joe Plance
 Lenore Pokorny
 MM Gary Puetz
 Pat Puetz
 Alice & Sandra Rhode
 MM Pat Sackett
 MM James Schumacher
 MM Rick Schumacher
 MM Larry Sleddens
 MM Fred Spies
 Alice Staroscik-Chleboun
 SWR Institute
 MM Brett Thompson
 MM Dick Tooley
 MM Tim Tooley
 MM Dick Van Dyke
 Doug Van Dyke

MM John Whitehead
 MM Vern Younger
 MM Rick Zoucha
 MM Gary Zywiec
 Class of 1985

Mary (Kretz) Crumley '71

MM Dan Bowmaster
 MM John Clark
 Mary Feehan
 MM Dean Foltz
 MM Bob Kretz
 MM George Kretz
 Mary Kretz
 MM Richard Nosal
 MM Marv Papa
 MM Bill Wondra
 Nieces & Nephews

Don Gokie

MM Rick Zoucha

Cecilia Heimann

MM James Fehringer
 MM Ed Heimann
 MM Bob Rickert
 Friends & Family

Joseph Keiter

MM John Schueth

Mary (Hughes) Mertz '64

MM Chuck Hagel
 MM Mike McCoy

George Pelster

MM Gary Puetz
 MM Jack Young

Helen Podraza

MM Dave Duren
 MM Larry Sleddens
 MM Rick Zoucha

MM Leland "Bud" Sackett

MM Pat Sackett

Teresa (Tworek) Schwank '45

Janet Brezenski
 MM Gregg Mellinger
 MM Mike Placzek
 MM Tom Zabawa

Carol (Starostka) Seim '60

MM Ted Starostka

Virginia (Miller) Sindelar '54

MM Larry Sleddens

Charles Stuart

Gene Konwinski

Edna (Stemppek) Sutko

Janet Brezenski
 MM Larry Dohmen

Chad Swierczek '89

MM Travis Bock
 MM Boyd Jones
 MM Greg Van Dyke

Jayne (Uphoff) Westering '70

Jolene Wojcik

Cec Williams

MM Keith Brown
 Carroll Ebner
 MM Jim Feehan
 Loretta Feehan
 Mary Feehan
 Dave Harrington
 MM Henry Heimann
 Elaine Kurtenbach
 MM Jeff Pekarek
 MM Gary Zywiec

John Willis

MM Al Beiermann



Alumni/nae Soccer Tourney

The 13th Annual Scotus Alumni Soccer tournament was held on August 7-8, 2020 at the Warren and Shirley McLaughlin Activity Field. There were 129 players in the men's and women's tournament (91 men and 38 women.) There were nine men's teams - six in the Green Division and three in the Gold Division. The women fielded four teams.

This year's winners were: **Men's Green Division – 2003/04/06,**



Men's Gold Division – 1992-95, Women's Division – 1994-2002, 2020. The weekend concluded with an evening social at Sahara. A big thank you to our tournament sponsors, including Evan Trofholz ('98) Grounds Care, Runza and Joe Niedbalski '97, Sahara and Jeff Thiele ('81) and Nicole Frauendorfer-Saalfeld ('04) and Mike and LaVonne Kaup. Next year's tournament will be held August 6 and 7, 2021. Thank you to all who attended and participated in the weekend!

Green Division – Team of 2003-2012. Kip Kudron ('08), Austin Zach ('06), Wade Wemhoff ('03), Wes Zach ('04), Eric Puckett ('06), Kyle Fritz ('03), Joe Held ('04), Chad Trofholz ('04), Chris Schumacher ('06) and Jake Huss ('12)

Gold Division – 1992-95. Scott Rogers, Grace Diederich, Sam Diederich, Shawn Diederich ('92), Kyle Diederich ('95), Brian Wesel-Draper ('95), Matt Evans ('95), Michael Lange, Eric Beiermann ('94), Jason Brezenski ('95), Erik Hash ('94), Denny Sliva ('95) and Scotus Boys Head Coach PJ Miller.

Womens Division – 1994-02, 2020. Samantha Tonniges ('20), Scotus Girls Soccer Assistant Coach Bridget McPhillips, Kim (Codling) Brandenburg ('94), Katie (Korth) Severa ('02), Sarah Henry, Kara (Kudron) Perry ('98), Jordan Irsik, Amanda (Sackett) Sapcutt ('00), Lindsey Brezenski, Scotus Girls Soccer Head Coach Kristie (Korth) Brezenski ('98)

State Championship Celebrations

With the pandemic and because many Shamrocks played on both teams, it was decided to combine the individual 25-year celebrations for the 1995 volleyball team's state championship and the 1995-96 girls' basketball team state championships into a single recognition event. The combined celebration will be held on the evening of Friday, January 22, 2021 and both teams will be recognized at half-time of the Scotus girls' varsity home basketball game with Fremont Bergan. Tip off time for the girls' varsity game is 6:00 p.m. Come celebrate two chapters of the storied tradition of Shamrock athletics on this date and join the crowd as we chant, "Go Rocks!"

Chip Kaup Classic

The Fifth Annual Chip Kaup Classic was held on July 25th at The Elks Country Club. Nearly 100 golfers participated in the annual event that awards character based scholarships to both a senior boy and girl Scotus soccer player. Due to the generosity of the nearly 40 sponsors, the scholarships were increased for the fifth straight year to a total of \$10,000. Congratulations to this year's Chip Kaup Memorial Scholarship winners, Samantha Tonniges and Tyler Vaught, who were each awarded \$5,000 to help with their college expenses! They are extremely deserving of the award and do a great job of representing the person for which the scholarships are named after. The tournament has three separate flights and the winners were:

- Chipper Flight - Fernando Nietfeld and Bryan Mechtenberg
- Hacker Flight - Cabe Debower and Dalton Taylor '17
- Ladies Flight - Shelby (Johnson) Schlautman '10 and Steph (Levos) Johnson '06

The Chip Kaup Classic committee continues to be humbled by the overwhelming support of the community and looks forward to carrying on this tradition well into the future. Next year's tournament, also to be held at The Elks, is scheduled for April 24, 2021. To sign up or for more information, please e-mail ChipKaupClassic@gmail.com.



Pictured above are tourney organizers and scholarship winners.



In Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of the following deceased alumni, alumnae and friends of Scotus Central Catholic.

Carolyn (Backes '59) Cielocha - survived by daughter, Lisa '85 (Todd '85) Duren; sons, Mike '79 (Kelli Lippstreu '79), Tim '81 (Caree), Darin '88 (Sheila); sisters, Joan Kurtenbach, Joyce Wieser, Marilyn (Bill) Haney; brothers, Duane (Lois) Backes, Earl (Lenore) Backes, Ken '58 (Jane) Backes, Bill '61 (Ginny) Backes; sister-in-law, Sandy Backes; ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mary (Kretz '71) Crumley – survived by her husband, Lester; son, Brian; sisters, Marge '55 (Marvin) Papa, Marilyn '60 (Bill) Wondra; brothers, George '67 (Teresa), Robert '69; sister-in-law, Mary Kretz; and many nieces and nephews.

Y'Vonne (Pfeifer '48) Dineen – survived by daughters, Michele Stewart, Cheryl Dineen; sons Michael, John; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In Sympathy cont'd

Linda (Week) Galley – survived by her husband, Vincent '54; daughters, Kim (Dan '83) Korger, Lori Hall; sister, Karen Schumacher; brothers, Dennis (Dee), Jim; seven grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Cecilia (Pfeifer) Heimann – survived by daughters, Janet '65 (Larry) Shriver, JoAnn '69 (Jim) Spurgin, Mary Clare '77 (Barry) Bruns, Laura '83 (Bob) Lauenroth; sons, David '71 (Tsuneko), William '73 (Teresa); sister, Mary Ann Tudy; sisters-in-law, Cathy (Henry) Pfeifer, Dee (Joe) Pfeifer, Pat (George) Heimann; brother and sister-in-law, Ben and Ethel Heimann; seventeen grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Norma Konwinski – survived by her sister, Marian (Charles) Smith; sister-in-law, Elaine (Bierman '58) Konwinski and several nieces and nephews.

David Moss '66 honorary – survived by his wife, Mary (Kaltenbach); stepdaughter Kelly Reed; brothers, John (Stella), Robert '70; many nieces, nephews, cousins; and two grandchildren.

Helen Podraza – survived by her husband, Ambrose; daughter, Stacey '83 (Terry) Brockhaus; sisters, Lucille Beck, Collene (Richard) Murphy, Debra Carfield, Diane (Steve) Lickliter, Jaci (Mike) Peterson; brother, Ronald (Lue) Jensen; and sister-in-law, Patty Glidden.

Corrine (Sebek '57) Rickner – survived by sons, Mike (Janelle) Rickner and Jim Rickner.

Teresa (Tworek '45) Schwank – survived by daughter, Jennifer (Marc) Desaulniers; sons, Todd (Diane), Tom (Jenny), Fred '73 "Fritz" (Nancy); sister Angie '40 Slovinski; nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Carol (Starostka '60) Seim – survived by daughter, Michelle (Lance) Vines; sons, Price (Nancy), Wally (Stacey); sisters, Peggy '67 (Ron) Pfeifer, Donna Wilch; brothers, Ted '62 (Katie) Starostka, Wally (Lyn) Starostka, Tim (Ardith) Starostka; sister-in-law, Leslie (Steve) Jones; brother-in-law, Fred (Joanne) Seim; seven grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Wayne Seim – survived by his wife, Carol (Starostka '60); daughter, Michelle (Lance) Vines; sons, Price (Nancy), Wally (Stacey); sister, Leslie (Steve) Jones; brother, Fred (Joanne); sisters-in-law, Peggy '67 (Ron) Pfeifer, Donna Wilch; brothers-in-law, Ted '62 (Katie) Starostka, Wally (Lyn) Starostka, Tim (Ardith) Starostka and seven grandchildren. Wayne passed on 7/14/2020 and Carol on 9/20/2020.

Virginia (Miller '54) Sindelar – survived by daughters, Karen (Lee Kobza) Overturf, Connie (Tim) Foltz; sons, David (Christine Hennig), Mark (Tammy); sister, Janet (Norman) Zimmerman; nine grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Jim Skalak – survived by his wife, Lois (Irwin '66); daughter, Tracy (Jason) Lawrence; sons, Gregory, Steven (Donna), Daniel (Jill); brother, John; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Edna Sutko – survived by daughter, Gina '86 (John) DeBord; sons, Frank Torczon III '69, Tim Sutko '73, Joe Sutko '81; sister, Karen Terry; brother, Ron (Connie) Stempel; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Deloris Ann (Nekl '52) Svoboda – survived by daughters, Doreen Coleman, Darlisa (Matt) Meger; sons, Donald, Dale; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild on the way.

Jayne (Uphoff '70) Westering – survived by her husband, William B; daughters, Molly (Mark) Hunter, Emily (Josh) Kropf; sons, William H. (Amy), Matthew (Earl Zweifel); mother, Renalda Molacek, sisters, Jackie '73 Loseke, Penny '75 Kamp-schneider; brothers, Kent, Tony; and seven grandchildren.

Cecilia "Cec" Williams – survived by her daughter, Ann '76 (Larry) Reynek; sons, Dennis '61 (Connie) Ritter, Tim '72 (Kathy), Tom '78 (Tami); sisters, Pat (Larry) Borgerding, Mary (Dennis) Gere, Lynn Moran, Geraldine Moran, Trudy Moran; brother, Jim Moran; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

John Willis – survived by his wife, Joan (Coufal '66); daughter, Nikki (Kurt) Sander; son, Derek (Ronni); sister, Betsy (Joe) Willis-Heskew; four grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lawrence "Ziggy" Zywiec '65 – survived by his wife, Joyce; daughter, Lesley; sons, Shane (Heidi), Brent; sister, Delores '58 Case; and seven grandchildren.



In Memory of Chad Swierczek '89

We wish to acknowledge with gratitude a gift from the estate of Chad Swierczek '89. In his final plans Chad remembered his alma mater, Scotus Central Catholic High School with a gift in the amount of \$9,000. Chad directed that half of his gift be invested in computer technology and half in athletic equipment. Chad's support will touch the lives of every student at Scotus and we remember him and his family in our prayers. Chad's parents are Dave '70 & Mary (Murphy '70) Swierczek and he is also survived by his children, Nicole (Kyer) Halpin, Natasha, Kaitlyn and Troy; his siblings, Stacy '93 (Matt) Soward, Brett (Kim), JJ '99 (Misty) and Adam '02 (Ashley Bowns '06), special friend, Becky Jorgenson, and many nieces and nephews.



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Reunions

Class of 1980. The 40th reunion for the Scotus class of 1980 **has been postponed to 2021.** Please update your preferred e-mail and phone contact information by sending it to Mark Kurtenbach at: mark.kurtenbach@licor.com.

Class of 2010. Planning is still underway for this reunion.

Scotus Mission Statement

Scotus Central Catholic High School assures all students the opportunity to receive a faith-based Catholic education through academic excellence and diverse extracurricular activities.

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17th Biennial Alumnae Volleyball Tourney Registration

The 17th Biennial Shamrock Alumnae Volleyball Tournament will be held on
Saturday, November 28, 2020. *Thanksgiving weekend.*

Registration deadline is Monday, November 2. All Scotus alumnae are welcome & invited!

Cost is \$35 (checks may be made out to: Kim Dreesen or Venmo @Kim-Dreesen)

Please clip and send form to or contact for more information::

Kim (Rickert) Dreesen, 362 S Deer Creek Pl, Columbus 402-290-6529 OR email: kkdreesen@yahoo.com

Shanna (Melliger) Niedbalski, 3478 25th Ave, Columbus 402-276-4071 OR email: smniedbalski@gmail.com

Name: _____ Year graduated _____

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Email: _____

T-shirt size: S M L XL XXL (circle one)

At the conclusion of the tournament, a party will follow for all the players & significant others.

40th Annual Gala

Thank you to everyone who played a part in making the 40th annual Gala dinner/auction another success. This is the school's largest annual fundraiser and all of the general proceeds are used to balance the school's budget.

Special thanks go to our Gala committee co-chairs: Tim & LeAnn Parker, Bobby & Rachel Pensick, Joe & Amy Wemhoff, Dan & Jill (Hoebing '84) Clarey, Mike & Nicole Fleming and Joe & Shelly Steffensmeier. Kudos to next year's vice-chairs who also contributed in a big way this year: Tim '81 & Caree Cielocha, Cory & Tricia Faust and Matt & Sharee Jedlicka.

This year's event offered new challenges because it was conducted as a hybrid fundraiser—with both in-person guests and at-home guests participating. Guests who participated through at-home parties were able to view a live stream of the in-person activity which was hosted this year at the new St. Bonaventure Parish Center. Scotus marketing director, Taylor Dahl, was instrumental in coordinating the live and virtual activities and the online auction bidding through our platform host, Qtego.

Contributions to support the **Gala special project** to enhance the hot water distribution throughout our school currently total: \$20,792 of the \$40,000 goal.

Gala Lottery Winners were:

\$12,000 Grand Prize: Barbara (Tognetti '69) Brakenhoff

\$500 each: Richard McPhillips, Gary & Chris Bock, John Hogue and Leonard Kaslon.

Rifle Raffle Winner: Marcus Faltys

Gala Raffle Winners:

\$1,500 in HyVee Gift Cards:
Denise Waggoner

\$500 Scheels Gift Card:
Ronnelle Preister

Jewelry Winners:

Dr. Michelle Sell, Nicole Fleming

We will report more on the event financials on social media and in the next Shamrock Lines. Thanks again Shamrock Nation and be sure to reserve April 9, 2022 for next year's Gala!



Volunteers make final preparations for Gala 2021.

Alumni/nae Hoops Returns

The 38th annual Scotus Alumni Basketball Tourney was held at Scotus on March 26-27. More than 125 Shamrocks forming 15 teams returned to their home court to participate. Although participation numbers were down due to COVID, those who attended provided a spirited competition and enjoyed great memories together.

Team 2017 captured the A Division title over Team 2009/2015 with a score of 59-47. In the B Division Team 2006/04/07 outlasted Team 2018/11 with a 45-39 victory. And because of numbers the A division did not have a final game and the women played just one game.

The alumni basketball tourney was the brainchild of former Scotus teacher and basketball coach, Frank Spenceri and it is one of the longest continuous running and best attended high school alumni basketball tournaments in the state.



Participating in the **Women's Division** were: front row, l-r: Bree Ackermann, Jordan Chohon '12, Morgan Duren '11 and Grace Wickham '18; back row, l-r: Allie Johnson '16, Alex Meyer, Payton Chohon '14, Melissa (Schmidt) Kosch '01, Elle Klink, Eastyn Klink '17 and Kristie (Korth) Brezenski '98.



A Division Champions were, l-r: Duncan Paczosa '17, Matt Hoenk '17, Trevor Halligan '17, Tate VunCannon '17, Cody Mroczek '17, Dalton Taylor '17, Evan Chohon '17 and coach Cam Grandy.



B Division Champions were: front row, l-r: Wes Zach '04, Chad Trofholz '04, Ryan Ames '04 and Danny Zach '07; back row, l-r: Brian Malicky '04, Dominic Heimann '04, Joe Held '04, Eric Puckett '06 and Austin Zach '06.



C Division Champions were, front row, l-r: Mike Cielocha '79, Scott Spenceri '83, Bill Kurtenbach '74; back row, l-r: Dave Harrington '82, Ron Starzec '81 and Bret Kumpf '81. Not pictured: Pat Novicki '78, Joe Pensick '81 and Doug Duren '81.

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CATHY (HUHMAN) PLACZEK '59 - submitted the following copy: "Many of us in our retirement years turn to our forgotten talents. Over the years, I've always loved sketching and drawing. After retirement in 2001, I attended several classes on watercolor painting to learn different techniques.

As I turn 80 this year, I've created a new business. I paint watercolors and design greeting cards to sell at my site "Original Cards by Sorella" on Facebook. Many people like something original so I've been successful in my endeavor. I would find it interesting to hear how other graduates have been challenged in retirement. Maybe a new column for the newsletter?..." (Cathy is also a Master Gardener with the Douglas County extension office.) Shown is one of Cathy's card designs.



The 23rd annual William & Barbara Gerhold Family Teacher of the Year was Scotus teacher, Deb Ohnoutka. In the photo with Deb is Mass celebrant, Fr. Jim Heithoff, and friends of the Gerhold family, Mike and Nancy Munson.

Deb is a 7th grade English and Literature teacher at Scotus Central Catholic. She has taught at Scotus Central Catholic for 14 years. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Family & Consumer Science from UNL and later added an English & Reading teaching degree. She is a member of St. Bonaventure Catholic Church, was a previous Stewardship committee member and is a greeter and usher. She was also on the Scotus Craft Boutique Committee for three years and she has been a Scotus School of Faith small group leader. Deb and her husband, Jeff, have been members of St. Bonaventure Parish since 2006, and their 5 children all attended Scotus: Katie '11, Ryan '12, Kristen '14, Megan '17 and Lindsay is currently a sophomore. Jeff is currently President of Scotus Central Catholic.

Your Will

Consider including Scotus in your will. By naming Scotus as a beneficiary of your will you can enjoy the knowledge that you have helped preserve Scotus' future financial security. Our school's legal name is: Scotus Central Catholic Secondary School of Columbus, Nebr.



14th Annual Shamrock Open



The date for the 14th Annual Shamrock Open has been set for Saturday, June 5, 2021 with a shotgun start at 1:00 pm. The tournament will be held at Tiburon GC in Omaha, and it is open to everyone! Players can count on a tourney known for its excellent flight and flag prizes, good food and exceptional camaraderie!

Sponsorships are available and especially encouraged from class years and Shamrock business owners. Funds raised through the event are used to support the Shamrock athletic program.

For more information about registration or becoming a tourney sponsor, contact Nick Puetz '97 at: shamrockopen@gmail.com or Joe Puetz '01 at puetzfinancial@gmail.com or John Schueth in the Scotus development office at jschueth@scotuscc.org, 402 564 7165 ext. 109.

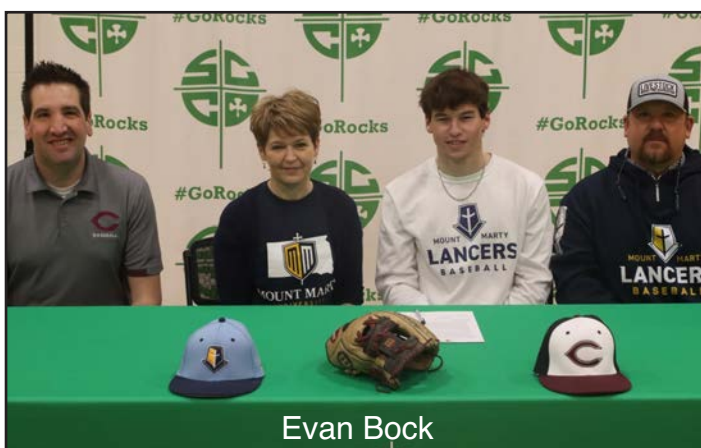
Worth Noting

• **The Junior High Quiz Bowl Team** competed in the Nebraska Science Quiz Bowl. The Team of Jessica Jackson, Becky Policky, Brody Splittgerber and Quinn VunCannon placed in the top 4 out of all teams. The team of Sofia Karges, Raya Kluever, Ava Rickert and Abby Schumacher also did well but did not advance into the top 12 after the first two rounds.

• **The Scotus speech team** had an amazing year under coaches Melanie Mimick and Becki Zanardi. The team placed first in the Scotus Invite, captured the Centennial Conference Championship for the first time in 18 years, finished as the District B-3 Runners-Up and sent seven students competing in six events at State. Top District medalists were: tourney champion in Informative, Emily Ferguson; tourney champion in Oral Interpretation of Drama, Maddie Blaser, Noah Korth, Luke Przymus, Chris Adame, and Zoe Euteuener; tourney champion in Serious Prose, Noah Korth; tourney runner-up in Duet Acting, Maddie Blaser and Luke Przymus; tourney runner-up in Informative, Josh Styskal and 3rd place in Serious Prose, Chris Adame. The Shamrock team finished the state competition in 7th place and medalists included: state runner-up in Serious Prose, Noah Korth; 4th place in Oral Interpretation of Drama (OID), Maddie Blaser, Luke Przymus, Chris Adame, Noah Korth and Zoe Euteuener; and 5th Place in Duet Acting: Maddie Blaser and Luke Przymus.



State Speech Competitors



Evan Bock

• Two Shamrocks qualified for the **2021 NSAA Class B State Wrestling** championships in Omaha. At 160 pounds, junior Riley Eickmeier finished in 4th Place at Districts and lost two at state. At 170 pounds, senior Ben Kamrath also finished in 4th Place at Districts and was able to capture one win between two losses at state.

• For the first time in memory, the **Scotus Mock Trial** members did not advance a team to the state competition, placing 2nd in the regional competition. The team had to compete virtually from the Scotus media center and looks forward to a normal Mock Trial season next year!

• Senior Kaira Dallman competed at the **State Swim Meet** in Lincoln



Oklahoma

• Scotus presented the musical, "**Oklahoma**" February 12-14 in Memorial Hall. Seating had to be limited due to Covid but the cast and crew did an excellent job!

• The **Centennial Conference all conference basketball** selections included first team selections: Josh Faust, Kamryn Chohon and Janae Rusher. Earning Honorable Mention were: Garrett Oakley, Grace Mustard and Camille Pelan.

• Scotus offered its annual Blood Drive on March 3rd with 136 attempted donors providing 117 units of whole blood and 10 double red units for a total of 127 productive units collected! There were 50 first-time donors.

• 2020-21 Winter Season **NSAA Academic All-State** winners: Basketball - Josh Faust, Camille Pelan, Janae Rusher, Kaden Young; Speech - Maddie Blaser, Noah Korth; Wrestling - Ben Kamrath, Ben Littlefield.

• The **Scotus powerlifters** took 3rd place in Class B at the state powerlifting competition with senior Kade Wiese named as the boys best lifter at the meet. Wiese set a state squat record of 615 pounds in the 242-pound weight class. 8 Shamrocks won medals at the meet. Kade Wiese and Katelyn Bayer won first place with Michaela Kresha taking state runner-up, Este Lesiak finishing third and Olivia Ehlers, Adriana Cieloha, Ashtyn Preister and Madison Wittwer all at fourth place. The team was led by Coach Tom Woodward.

Senior Evan Bock signed his letter of intent to play baseball at Mount Marty University, Yankton, SD. Evan was joined by his parents, Jolene (Sokol '89) & Travis '89 and CHS baseball coach Jimmy Johnson (far left).



- State FBLA Leadership winners were: Emiliano Rodriguez, 6th, Computer Problem Solving; Chris Adame, 5th, Networking Infrastructures; and Hannah Pflum, 3rd, Organizational Leadership.



Senior Kamryn Chohon signed her letter of intent to play volleyball at Central Community College-Columbus, NE. Kamryn was joined by her parents, Stacy & Joe (shown) at the signing along with Scotus coaches Janet Tooley, Bree Ackermann, and Alex Meyer, and Central Community College head coach Abby Pollart.



Scotus biology teacher, Joan Lahm was named the Archdiocese of Omaha Rural School Teacher of the Year. You have touched so many lives and you are a Shamrock for life. Pictured with Joan is her husband and Scotus Activities Director/Assistant Principal Merlin Lahm.



Scotus is pleased to announce that Brady Vancura '11 will be the new assistant principal starting this fall. Vancura will replace Angie Rusher who is moving back into the classroom full time at Scotus. Brady has a passion for Scotus Central Catholic, and we are excited to have Brady in our school system. Vancura has six years of teaching experience at Beatrice Middle School and at Columbus High School. He has a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Peru State College along with a master's degree in school administration from Chadron State College.



In Sympathy

William Robert Brown '60 – survived by his wife, Karleen; daughter, Heather (Ben Soreff) Brown; son, Ryan (Nikki Cammarata); sister, Marilynne (Fritz) Bergman; five grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Imelda “Millie” Eckholt – survived by daughter, Kathy (Jim) Harrin; sons, Steve (Kim), John '81 (Connie); sisters-in-law, Marilyn Grasso, Helen Eckholt, Mary Ann Schaecher; twelve grandchildren; thirty-three great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces.

Janet (Micek '75) Kleveland – survived by husband, Brian; daughter, Malia (Brian) Wojtasek, sisters, Charlotte '68 (Paul) Beran, Anita '69 (Russ) Aguilar, Karen '71 (David) Maurstad; brothers, Kurt (Chrissy), Gary '77 (Kaye), Jon, Brian (Jeanne); and four grandchildren.

Edward Kloke – survived by wife, Joan; daughter, Judi '82 (Larry) Griffiths; son, Bob (Peggy); brothers, Gene, Joe; five grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; several step-children and step-grandchildren.

Mary (Liss '55) Kosek – survived by her husband, James; sons, Daniel (Pamela) Cuba, Dean Cuba, David (Nancy) Cuba, Darold Cuba; sister, Helena (Rod) Chinn; brothers, Edward (Pat) Liss, Robert '60 (Peggy) Liss; sister-in-law, Jan Liss; seven grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; nine step great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

James “Jim” Lange – survived by sisters, Barb '66 (Gail) Johnson, Mary Ellen '69 (Ron) Reed, Fran (Tom) Settje; and many nieces and nephews.

Janet (Bernt '73) Long – survived by sons, Travis (Tracy), Mike (Shayla Christiansen '06); sister, Sue (Benny) Noyd; brother, Joe '70; four grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Susan Love – survived by her husband, John; daughter, Abbi

We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of the following deceased alumni, alumnae and friends of Scotus Central Catholic.

'81 (Edward) Forney; sons, David '83 (Michelle), Mark '86 (Michelle Bierman '86); brothers-in-law, Jim (Mary) Love, Gary (Cindy) Love; fifteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Dolores (Nickolite '47) Luchsinger – survived by her daughter, Debbie (Robert) Wood; sons, Bruce (Barbara), Scott (Karen); seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and two step great-grandchildren.

Margaret (Melliger '46) Nosal – survived by her husband, Rich; daughter, Sharon Robbins '71; sons, Darold '72, Lester '76 (Terri Weiler '78); eleven grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren.

JoAnn (Mataya '55) Peitzmeier – survived by daughters, Denise (Tim) Emal, Diane Pryor, Mary Jo (Dan) Seberger; son, Tim; sister-in-law, Helen Mataya; former husband, Duane Peitzmeier; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

John Penne – survived by daughter, Susan '77; son, Douglas '71; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Larry Reimers – survived by his wife, Liz; daughters, Susan '80 (Ross) Hulke, Becky '86 Donahey, Joan '88 (Tom) Pet-sopoulous; sons, Gary (Kari), Mike '91; sister, Kathryn Lux; brother, Kenneth (Gayle); ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Leo Thiele '52 – survived by brother-in-law LeRoy Sprunk Sr., many nieces and nephews and many friends.

Dr. Donald Vrbka – survived by his wife, Margaret “Peg”; daughters, Carmen (Charles) Mebus, Caroline (Ralph) Juliano, Claudette '85; son, Greg (Nancy); sister, Evelyn Patterson; brothers, Gary (Candy), Bob (Dottie); sisters-in-law, Leona Hastreiter, Polly Vrbka; brother-in-law, Tony (Elka) Hastreiter; seven grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

SEF 16 Update

To date, 726 individuals and businesses have donated or pledged a total of \$1,201,187. Thank you! It has also been gratifying to receive first-time donations from 47 alumni and alumnae. We are now only about \$73,813 short of the \$1.275 million dollar goal to provide tuition assistance to every Scotus student for three school years, replace the floor in the Dowd Activity Center and make safety and energy efficiency improvements to our school. The campaign is not closed, in case you wish to participate—make your check payable to Scotus Central Catholic, or donate online through the school's PayPal account by using the donate button on the school's website at this link:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=KW7JPY4BHLMUL

Reunions

Class of 1971. The 50th reunion for the Scotus Class of 1971 will be on Friday and Saturday, August 13-14, 2021. Friday night will be at Wunderlich's with a meal and festivities. Plans for Saturday are still in the planning stages, possibly a tour of the school and the new parish center, also meeting up with the CHS class of 1971. For more information contact: Al Niedbalski at al@insservcolumbus.com or Larry Honke at noraudio@cableone.net or Kathy Jackson at kjacksn@megavision.com or Pat Bogus at bbogus@frontiernet.net. More information to come later!

Class of 1980 - Save the date! The 41st reunion for the Scotus class of 1980 is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, August 20- 21, 2021. Friday night festivities are to join the Scotus Class of 1981 at the Beer Garden of Glurs Tavern. The preliminary plans for Saturday include Mass with Fr. Carl at Scotus (4:00 pm) and then it's off to Chris Dreifurst's place east of Columbus for dinner and drinks. Please update your preferred e-mail and phone contact information by sending it to Mark Kurtenbach at: mark.kurtenbach@licor.com.

CLASS OF 1981. The 40th reunion for the Scotus Class of 1981 will be on Friday and Saturday, August 20-21, 2021. Since last newsletter PLEASE NOTE change of places for both evenings. Friday night festivities are to join the Scotus Class of 1980 at Glur's Tavern in the beer garden; on Saturday, there will be a Mass at Scotus at 4:00 pm with the Class of 1980 and in the evening, the '81 class will have their own gathering at the home of Ron (and Donna) Starzec on White Tail Lake in Columbus. Please watch for a more detailed mailing to come this summer. For more information or to help with planning contact Johna (Konwin-ski) Duren, mjduren@cox.net; Ken Heimann, ken_heimann@msn.com; or Lana Torczon, lane.torczon@kcmo.org.

Class of 1991. Our 30-Year Class Reunion will be August 6-7 in Columbus. On Friday August 6 we will gather at Mike Woerth's house on the lake, starting at 1 p.m. The plans for August 7 are TBD. Please email your contact information to Cory Christiansen at jenandcory@aol.com and Megan Tooley at megstooley@gmail.com. There will be updates on Facebook under the class of 1991 listing.

Class of 2001. The class of 2001 is planning a 20 year reunion on Saturday, July 17, 2021 in Columbus. Plans include a school tour, golf outing and dinner at Shadows Restaurant and Pub. Please check the Facebook page for our class "Scotus Class of 2001" and RSVP Jeff Kosch at jjkosch@outlook.com.

Class of 2010. We are planning our 11th class reunion for August 28th. Plans include golfing in the morning (contact Eric Tubbs), a tour of the school, and a gathering at Steve and Marie Zach's house. Please email your contact information to Laura (Zach) Roberts, lauramzach@gmail.com and check the SCC Class of 2010 Facebook page for updates.

NOTE: The horse racing dates at Ag Park have moved to the weekends of June 11 through July 2nd.

Memorials

(Received between 1/18/2021 and 4/19/2021)

Isabella Abbott
Kathi Mimick Hurner

Elizabeth Boettcher
Karen Beck
MM Pat Sackett

Marvene Bruner
Bonnie Kudron

**Carolyn (Backes '59) Cie-
locha**
MM Dave Zabawa

**Class of 1975 Deceased Mem-
bers**
MM Dave Zabawa

Imelda Eckholt
MM Vern Younger

Cec Feehan
Gregory Aliff

Virginia Guenther
MM Boyd Jones
MM Mike Pile
MM Fred Spies
MM Tim Tooley

Gene (Wieser '53) Hayden
MM Robert Roy

Janet (Micek '75) Kleveland
Friends
MM Gregg Melliger
MM Dave Zabawa

Michael Knopp
MM Jeff Ohnoutka
MM John Schueth

Dr. Harold Kreski '45
Marvin Boyle

Ron Liebig
MM Gary Puetz
Wednesday Afternoon Club

Susan Love
Courtney Riegert

**Dolores (Nickolite '47)
Luchsinger**
Mary Nickolite

Bernard Nitsch
Bernice Nitsch

**Margaret (Melliger '46)
Nosal**
MM Vern Younger

Ambrose Placzek '56
MM Milo Herink

Leo Thiele '52
MM Alan Calta
MM John Schueth
MM Vern Younger

Tim Thomas
Bonnie Kudron
MM Dave Zabawa

LaVern Thraen '53
Louis Kosiba

Eugene Tworek '63
MM Stanley Tworek

Dr. Donald Vrbka
MM Vern Younger

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Leon & Cec Williams Estate

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Children's Scholarship Fund

Contributions to the Children's Scholarship Fund are still needed. To date we have raised \$14,282.76 towards our 2021 Columbus three-parish goal of \$26,000.

The 2020-21 school year marks the 19th year that the Children's Scholarship Fund of Omaha has provided tuition assistance to students in our Columbus Catholic schools. Since its inception in 1999, CSF has provided \$799,109.65 in scholarship support to students in the Columbus Catholic Schools! The beauty of the program is that every dollar raised in Columbus and from our alumni and alumnae is matched and returned to qualifying Columbus Catholic school families in the form of tuition scholarships! In most years we raise nearly \$21,000, submit that sum to CSF-Omaha and in return our schools receive on average a combined \$50,000 to \$65,000 in scholarships. These scholarships help, on average, 70 students attending one of our four Catholic schools, grades K-8. Not a bad investment!

If you would like to support the Columbus effort for CSF, send your checks, payable to Children's Scholarship Fund to the Scotus development office or make an online donation to Scotus designating your gift for CSF. We'll make sure your gift is included in our local CSF fundraising goal! Your donation may be tax deductible. CSF is a designated 501 (c) 3 nonprofit, and you will be helping our parish families afford the cost of attending one of our Catholic schools. For more information about CSF, contact John Schueth at Scotus: 402 564 7165 ext 109 or jschueth@scotuscc.org.

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State Journalism Champions!

The Scotus Journalism team captured the state Class B title again this year. Rounding out the top 6 finishers were 2nd place Elkhorn, 3rd place Adams Central, 4th place Scottsbluff, 5th place Grand Island Northwest and 6th place Lincoln Pius X. Competing as one of the smallest schools in Class B, Scotus has now earned state titles in 2021, 2018 and 2017 and finished in 3rd place in 2019 and 2016. Here are the individual results:

1st Place: Janae Rusher News Writing

2nd Place Keira Feehan Advertising; Keira Feehan News/Feature Photography; Josh Faust & Kade Wiese Broadcast News

3rd Place Kate Maguire Headline Writing; Kade Wiese Info Graphic; Noah Korth Newspaper Layout; Keira Feehan Photo Illustration; Kade Wiese Broadcast PSA

4th Place: Ava Kuhl Editorial Cartooning; Emily Ferguson Entertainment Review

5th Place: Gavin Brabec Sports News; Janae Rusher Newspaper Layout; Jaelyn Podolak Yearbook Layout

6th Place: Janae Rusher Advertising; Noah Korth Editorial Writing; Emily Ferguson Headline Writing; Grace Mustard News Feature; Cassie Kouma News Writing; Katelyn Bayer, Ashley Steiner, Olivia Fehringer YB Theme Development

7th Place Camille Pelan Headline Writing; Janae Rusher, Kade Wiese, Ava Kuhl, Emily Ferguson, Kate Maguire, & Noah Korth In-depth

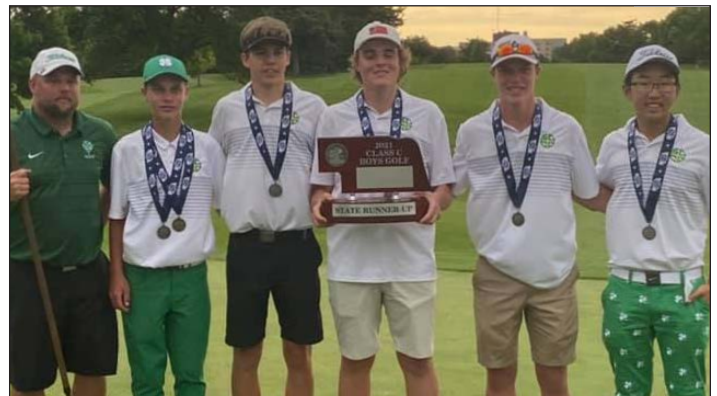
8th Place Sierra Quinn & Grace Sinclair Broadcast News



Golf State Runner-Up

The boys' golf team, under coach Tyler Swanson, won several tournaments this year and ended their season as the 2021 Class C State Runner-Up, losing to Neumann in a one-hole team playoff. Freshman, Nicklaus Fleming, tied for 4th place individually shooting a 160. Other state team players were Nolan Fleming (T19), Seth VunCannon (27), Patrick Arndt (31) and Josh Faust (T74).

Pictured l-r: Coach Swanson, Nicklaus Fleming, Josh Faust, Seth VunCannon, Nolan Fleming, and Patrick Arndt.



Welcome Class of 2021!

Joining the ranks of Scotus alumni and alumnae this spring were 54 graduates. The Class of 2021 will be remembered for how they persevered through a year in a pandemic. In the end, the graduation ceremony was held in the Dowd Activity Center with few restrictions. Class president, Janae Rusher gave the senior address. Named as the Spirit of Scotus Award winner was Emily Ferguson, daughter of Derek & Cheryl Ferguson.

Katelyn Bayer	Joshua Faust	Benjamin Juarez	Tanley Miller	Evan Ruskamp
Laura Bettenhausen	Keira Feehan	Mendez	Grant Neville	Nicolas Schultz
Madelyn Blaser	Olivia Fehringer	Benjamin Kamrath	Chau (Lily) Nguyen	Joel Schumacher
Evan Bock	Emily Ferguson	Olivia Klug	Alex Novicki	Simon Schumacher
Gillian Brandt	Bryce Foreman	Noah Korth	Christina Oakley	Jordon Skipton
Shelby Bridger	Brennan Frewing	Clarissa Kosch	Elizabeth Parker	Justin Sliva
Kamryn Chohon	Sebastien Fritz	Cassie Kouma	Camille Pelan	Josh Styskal
Kaira Dallman	Michael Gasper	Michaela Kresha	Simon Pichler	Ross Thorson
Alli Demuth	Nathaniel Gokie	Ava Kuhl	Jaelyn Podolak	Kade Wiese
Matthew Dolezal	Trenton Hamling	Este Lesiak	Ashtyn Preister	Madison Wittwer
Anna Ehlers	Jake Heesacker	Ben Merrill	Janae Rusher	Kaden Young

Post-Secondary Plans of 2021 Graduates! 54 Graduating Students in the Class of 2021 including: 1 International student
 • Enrolling in a 4 year college- (n=35), 65% • Enrolling in a 2 year college- (n=15), 28% • Joining the Military- 1
 Joining the National Guard- 1 • Entering the workforce- (n=2), 4%

Shamrock Hall of Fame

The 2021 Hall of Fame inductees include one booster and one athlete. Dave Placek, a graduate of the Class of 1970 played football and basketball during his Shamrock career and he was on the school's first state championship football team during his sophomore year. However, "Tweet," as he is commonly known by, was recognized for his work as a booster of Shamrock athletics. In 1983, Tweet, Al Niedbalski '71 and former head basketball coach Frank Spenceri formed the original committee that started the Shamrock Alumni Basketball tournament. This tourney continues today and it brings back to Scotus hundreds of Shamrock graduates, both men and women, and is an event that many other schools emulate but cannot match in participation numbers. Tweet's next venture was to help create the Columbus Softball Association and he reports that nearly every Scotus coach has played in the league for the powerful, Tweets Sport Shop team. Tweet always enjoyed high school athletics and the spirit of competition at the high school level. He even tried his hand at coaching one year and was the Scotus freshmen boy's basketball coach in 1974. Then, in 1975 Tweet took a seat at the Scotus basketball score table and he became the team's score keeper. He says he took the position "because it was the best seat in the house" and he's been taking care of the score book for the Shamrocks ever since—that's 45 years of dedicated service!

Amber Ewers Watson is from the Class of 2011. Amber was a multi-sport athlete excelling in volleyball, cross-country and in particular, track. Amber tried one season of volleyball her freshmen year and then transitioned to cross country after that for her fall sport. In cross-country Amber was a member of the 2009 team that captured the district title with Amber named to the all-district first team. In 2010 the girls' team again captured the district title and ended in 5th place at state. That year, Amber earned second team all-state recognition. However it was in track that Amber excelled all four years of high school. In her freshman year, Amber ran the 200 at districts at a current school record time of 24.5 which is also the 5th all-time fastest in Nebraska. Her resume at State Track was even more exceptional. Amber qualified in 4 events each of her 4 years at State, placing in 13 of those state track events and leading the girls state track championship team in 2009. In 2008, she finished in 4th place in the 100, 5th place in the 200 and she was on the 3rd place 4 x 100 team. In 2009, she finished 3rd in the 100, 1st in the 200, 1st in the 400 and she was on the 1st place 4 x 100 team that ran a school record time of 49.99. In 2010 she placed 2nd in the 100 and 200, and in the 400 she placed 1st, won the all-class Gold, and set a school record time of 57.41. She also ran the 800 finishing in 7th place. And in her senior year, battling injury all season, Amber was still able to earn three state medals with a 3rd place finish in the 100, 6th place in the 200 and a first place medal in the 400. Besides her athletic accomplishments, Amber was All Conference academic excellence 2008 through 2011, academic all-state in cross country 2009 & 2010 and academic all-state in track & field 2010 and 2011. She was the 2011 Scotus Athlete of the Year and went on to run track at the University of South Dakota.



Hall of Fame Inductees Dave "Tweet" Placek '70 and Amber Ewers Watson '11

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SISTER WINIFRED MOERSEN '45 - celebrating her 75th year as a Sister of Saint Francis of Colorado Springs. Congratulations and thank you for your lifetime of prayerful service to the Church! Anyone wishing to send a card can contact Sister Winifred at: Mount St. Francis, 7665 Assisi Heights, Colorado Springs CO 80919-3837.

CURT MELLIGER '74 - announced the release of his second book, *Where the Weeds Grow* from Ozark Mountain Publishing.

Curt's first book *Heaven Here on Earth* explored how and why the Ultimate is accessible to mere mortals. This second collection of essays further delves into the mysteries, the wonders, the wild things of this ever-amazing world. Curt currently lives in southwest Colorado where he is busy working on his latest bucket list. *Where the Weeds Grow* may be ordered online at ozarkmt.com, amazon.com, or barnesandnoble.com, or by calling 800-935-0045. For more info, visit curtmelliger.com.



SISTER TERESA MARIE WOZNY '07 - professed her final vows with the School Sisters of Christ the King on Sunday, August 1st at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ, Lincoln NE.



SISTER MARY CHIARA MIDDENDORF '16 - professed her first vows with the School Sisters of Christ the King on Sunday, August 1st at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ, Lincoln NE.



Athletes of the Year. Named as the 2021 Athletes of the Year were Kamryn Chohon and Josh Faust.

State Championship Celebrations

It's time to celebrate the 25-year anniversaries of several state championship teams and we plan to do it on Friday Sept 10, 2021 at the Shamrock home football game with David City Aquinas! Honored teams will include: 1995 Volleyball, 1996 Volleyball, 1995 Girls Basketball, 1996 Girls Basketball and 1997 Boys Soccer. There will be a pre-game gathering of honored players and their families at the stadium, free admission to one of the biggest football games of the season, recognition of honorees on the field at half-time and a post-game gathering at the KC Hall. Come celebrate five chapters of the storied tradition of Shamrock athletics on this date and join the crowd as we chant, "Go Rocks!"



Shamrock Open. Capturing first place, first flight, shooting 18 under at the 14th Annual Shamrock Open and wearing the treasured and now iconic Shamrock Open Jackets were, l-r: Derek Lahm '13, Josh Abels, Nicolle Barmettler and Joe Hill. The tourney was a success with 28 foursomes participating. Proceeds from the tourney will be used to help fund the new motorized winches for the side baskets in the Dowd Activity Center.

Worth Noting

- The annual Scotus Booster Club **Craft Boutique** is set for Sunday, December 5, 2021 at Scotus. The boutique usually features 100 or more vendors and runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Check out details at the Scotus Facebook page at: Scotus Central Catholic High School or email organizers at: scotuscraftboutique@gmail.com.
- The 40th annual **Gala** dinner/auction was a success netting approximately \$227,000. An additional \$20,792 was also raised through the event to improve the hot water distribution within the school. Together, this is the largest amount of money raised at any of the previous 39 Gala events.
- The **NSAA Spring Academic All-State** award winners were: Golf - Josh Faust, Kade Wiese; Journalism - Cassie Kouma, Janae Rusher; Music - Ben Juarez, Josh Styskal; Soccer - Kamryn Chohon, Carter Filipi, Ava Kuhl, Ross Thorson; Track & Field - Emily Ferguson, Michael Gasper, Ben Juarez, Clarissa Kosch.
- Playing on the **CHS baseball** team that qualified for the state tournament were Shamrocks Evan Bock, Jack Faust, and Kaden Young. Seniors Evan Bock and Kaden Young received all-state honorable mention.
- **State track qualifiers** included: Michael Gasper, Jake Heesacker, Ben Kamrath and Nic Schultz - 4x800 Relay; Garrett Oakley - long jump; Clarissa Kosch - long jump, triple jump; Chloe Walker - discus; Hailey Steffensmeier - shot put; Anna Ehlers - high jump and triple jump; Grace Mustard - 100 hurdles; and Olivia Fehringer - 800m, 1600m. At the state meet, the boys didn't medal but the girls' team finished in 16th place. Medal winners were Anna Ehlers 7th high jump, Clarissa Kosch 6th triple jump, Grace Mustard 2nd 100 hurdles and Chloe Walker 7th discus.
- The **soccer teams** had very successful seasons, both qualifying for the state tournament. The girls' team ended the season with a 13-5 record and ranked 6th at the end of the year. They defeated Ralston 6-0 in the district final and then lost 0-1 in a shootout to Lincoln Lutheran/Raymond Central in the first round at state. Libbie Brezenski was named to All-State and honorable mention went to Kamryn Chohon, Ava Kuhl, Kate

Maguire, Tanley Miller and Grace Sinclair. The boys' team compiled a 12-7 record and ranked 6th in the final ratings. They defeated Schuyler (for the 3rd time) in the district final 2-0. At the state meet, they lost in the first round 0-2 to Mount Michael. All-State members were: Chance Bailey and Frank Fehringer. Honorable mention went to: Josh Bixenmann, Trenton Cielocha, Matthew Dolezal and Ross Thorson.

- In **District Music**, Scotus students earned 16 Superiors, 5 Excellents and 2 Good ratings:
 - Camille Cox—Piano—Superior
 - Stephanie Hoenk & Hannah Pflum—Tenor Sax duet Superior
 - Luke Przymus—Vocal solo-- Superior, Outstanding Performance Award
 - Lizzie Parker & Josh Styskal—Trumpet duet—Superior
 - Camille Cox—Vocal solo--Superior
 - Jasmine Jackson—Alto Sax—Superior
 - Emily Ferguson—Clarinet—Superior and Perfect Score
 - Josh Styskal—Trumpet—Excellent
 - Cassie Kouma—Flute—Superior
 - Freshmen Vocal Ensemble—Good
 - Hannah Pflum—Tenor Sax—Excellent
 - Dominic McPhillips—Tuba—Superior
 - Seniors Vocal Ensemble—Excellent (Maddie Blaser, Noah Korth, Clarissa Kosch, Michaela Kresha, Janae Rusher, Josh Styskal)
 - Stephanie Hoenk—Alto Sax—Superior
 - Juniors Vocal Ensemble—Excellent (Chris Adame, Roxy Beshaler, Eden Broberg, Kyanne Casperson, Camille Cox, Jesse Dreifurst, Abee Hutchinson, Berlin Kluever, Dominic McPhillips, Jake Melliger, Hannah Pflum, Luke Przymus)
 - Guys Octet—Excellent (Chris Adame, Mark Buhman, Jesse Dreifurst, Noah Korth, Dominic McPhillips, Jake Melliger, Luke Przymus, Josh Styskal)
 - Senior Mixed Quartet—Superior (Maddie Blaser, Noah Korth, Michaela Kresha, Josh Styskal)
 - Janae & Joanna Rusher Duet—Superior
 - Girls Trio—Good
 - Drumline—Superior
 - Clarinet Ensemble—Superior
 - Flute Ensemble—Superior
 - Saxophone Ensemble—Superior
- Seven Shamrock band members were selected to the 26th

- The **Chip Kaup Classic** was held at the Elks CC on April 25th. The event attracted 124 golfers on a great day. Ross Thorson and Camille Pelan each received a \$5,000 scholarship from the tourney to help with college expenses.

Pictured: Chip Kaup Scholarship winners along with tourney organizers and Kaup family members.



- Seven Shamrock band members were selected to the 26th annual **Masonic All-Star Marching Band** which performed at halftime of the Shrine Bowl: Hannah Pflum, Olivia Ehlers, Logan Erickson, Nicole Peterson, Bryce Follette, Nick Ehlers, and Jamison Kozak.
- In June, Scotus junior Brooke Lehr was crowned **Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska** and her older sister, Bailey Lehr '19 was crowned **Miss Rodeo Nebraska**.



The Outstanding Service Award was established 40 years ago to recognize individuals who have served Scotus Central Catholic High School with distinction. This year's award winner, Mrs. Patti Salyard, has an outstanding record of dedicated service to Scotus which comes from her deep commitment to her Catholic Faith, and an unwavering dedication to the mission and vitality of this school.

Patti joined Scotus in the year 1995 and completed her 26th year of teaching Keyboarding, general business, accounting, and computer applications at Scotus. Her first classroom was the IBM computer lab—the monitors alone were the size of a dorm refrigerator! In her first year Patti also agreed to sponsor the FBLA program at Scotus. At the time there were 204 members from just the senior high and it was the second largest FBLA chapter in the Great Plains Region. She survived that first year and has been the FBLA sponsor also for 26 years. That's a lot of trips with students to area businesses and rest homes, serving business dinners, Secret Santas for the faculty and staff, state leadership competi-

tions and nights behind the Scotus concession stand. And in recent years, Patti also found a way to help with our Scotus musicals.

Patti has been a wonderful teacher for our students, and it is this example of long-term dedication to Scotus by our faculty that makes our school so successful.

Alumna/Alumnus of the Year

Named as the 22nd annual Alumnus of the Year was Jason Mielak of the Class of 1989. Jason served on the Scotus School Board from September 2012 through August 2020 and he was elected an officer at his first board meeting. After 8 years of service on the board, most people would say they have paid their dues to the school and step away. But Jason's commitment to Scotus is for the future and he continues to attend Board and committee meetings as a non-voting member.

With more than 25 years of legal experience as an attorney, Jason brings several valuable skills to every meeting: he has an amazing ability to listen... he approaches every discussion without personal bias or emotion, has an understanding of our Catholic Faith and he has good old fashioned common sense. These strengths have led him to be an important counselor for the Scotus administration, as well as for our pastors and board members. His contributions to the school's strategic planning, budgeting and policy development have been effective and impactful and we hope he will continue his involvement with Scotus for many years to come.

Jason received his BA degree from UNL in 1993 and his Juris Doctor degree from UNL in 1996. He is a member of the Platte County Bar Association, Nebraska Bar Association and Nebraska association of trial attorneys. His wife, Lynn, is finishing her 24th year of teaching at St. Bonaventure School and she was the 2020 Archdiocesan Rural Teacher of the Year. Together Jason and Lynn have two children, Hannah '17 and Allison '20 and they are members of St. Bonaventure Parish.



Scotus president, Jeff Ohnoutka presents the Alumnus of the Year Award to Jason Mielak '89.

14th Annual Alumni/Alumnae Soccer Tournament

This year's tourney will be held on August 6-7, 2021 at the Warren & Shirley McLaughlin Activity Field. For more information, contact Jon Brezenski '98 at coachbrez@gmail.com

Recently Lost Alumni/nae

The Shamrock Newsletter was returned by the post office as undeliverable to the addresses on file for the following Shamrocks: Dustin Becher '03, Shane Borer '90, Christopher Goettsche '93, David Gubbels '00, Scott Jones '89, Kourtney Kaminski '88, Joe McMeekin '74, Dale Miksch '73, Theresa (Horne) Poulas '93, Mike Quattrocchi '84 and Tricia (Korger) Wilson '89. If you have their correct mailing address, please contact the Scotus development office.



In Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of the following deceased alumni, alumnae and friends of Scotus Central Catholic.

Gustaf “Gus” Bernt – survived by his wife, Linda; sons, Michael (Sabrina), David (Jamie); sisters, Donna Aldrich, Judy Davis; brothers, Ron ’61 (Connie), John ’67 (Beth); two grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

George Bixenmann, Jr – survived by his wife Judy (Coufal ’62); daughters, Lisa (Nick) Daniel, Mary (Kyle) Schanbacher; sons, Garrett (Nichole), Brett (Dana), Scott (Staci), Matt (Melissa); sisters, Debra ’70 Atkinson, Chris Bixenmann, Rebecca ’76 (Doug) Behle, Beth ’82 (Mike) Hoeft; brothers, Charles ’64 (Peg), Richard ’67 (Connie); sixteen grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; four stepsons; and many nieces and nephews.

Gary Brezina – survived by his wife, Patricia (Bartholomew ’67); daughters, Katie (fiancé Dustin Garth), Laura (Jeffrey) Sprunk; sons, Daniel Brezina, Joseph (Janel) Gragert, Kevin Gragert; sister, Kathy (Rodger) Treat; eight grandchildren and one nephew.

Patricia (O’Hearn ’72) Cieloha – survived by her husband, Donald; daughter, Shannon; sisters, Colleen (Masoud) Shirazi, Erin ’78 (Dave ’78) Kantor, Bridget ’92 (Shawn ’92) Diederich; brothers, Callen ’74 (Carol), Kevin (Lynette), Brian ’77 (Cheryl), Terry ’81, Mike ’81 (Patti), Dan (Carolyn); and three grandchildren.

Harvey Ditter – survived by daughter, Michelle (Gail Crowe) Ditter; sons, Chad (Jamie), Scott ’04 (Celeste); and five grandchildren.

Elizabeth Hegi – survived by husband, Don; daughter, Karen (Joe) Strawn; sons, Eric ’88 (Kerry), Nathan ’94; sisters, Karen ’62 (Peter) Ward, Marilyn ’63 Broz, Patrice (Roy) Orr, Mary Ellen Watchorn, Christine Kuta; brothers, Tim (Elaine) Kuta, Terry Kuta; sister-in-law Nancy (Jim) Hegi-Cuba; brothers-in-law, Dick Hegi, Bob (Linda) Hegi, Dennis Kruse; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Terryl Noonan Baker Hendryx – survived by husband, Ronald; daughters, Angela Baker, Nicole Baker (Brent Bockert); son, Jeremy (Kara); parents Donald ’56 and Dolores; sister, Kim (Todd) Pestal; brothers, Rick (June) Noonan, Jack Noonan, Dave (Kay) Noonan; one niece and three grandchildren.

Virgil Lassek (honorary ’53) – survived by his wife, Rosemary; daughters, Jackie (Collyn), Judy, Jen ’88 (Clint); son, Jeff ’85 (MJ); sister Carolyn Lassek; brother, Gene (Dorothy); and eight grandchildren.

Bob Legenza ’62 – survived by his wife, Carolyn; daughter, Tiffany (Scott) Buckendahl; son, Rick (Debbie); sister, Joan ’60 (Gene) Wiebelhaus; brothers, Jim ’67, William ’68 (Nancy); four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Larry Moseman – survived by his wife, Kathy; daughter, Debi (Scott) Pittock; son, Matthew ’95; and seven grandchildren.

David Mullin – survived by his wife, Joan; daughters, Mary (Larry) Nolte, Jenna ’92 (F.J.) Higgins, Colleen (Ken) DeCesari; sisters, Kay Mikwold, Sally (Kevin) Gallagher, Francie, Debbie (Mike) Sullivan, Norma (Butch) Kirkland, Hilary (Tim) Christo; brothers, Henry (Nancy), Bob (Donna), Dennis (Ruth); six grandchildren, one great-grandchild and many nieces and nephews.

Camilla (Moersen ’43) Nelson – survived by son, James (Sheila); sister, Sr. Winifred Moersen ’45 OSF; one grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mary Loretta (Hilger ’58) Rezapour – survived by daughter, Lynette (Tod) Allen; sons, Kamran, Christian (Tracey); brother Charles ’70; seven grandchildren and a niece and nephews.

Daniel Riley – survived by his wife, Sandra; daughters Maria ’81, Angie ’82 (Chris True); sons, Hugh ’84, John ’86; sister Maree Riley; and six grandchildren. Dan was an active fundraising volunteer for Scotus.

Michele Schumacher – survived by her husband, Paul, daughters Kristen ’00, Nicole ’00 and many friends.

Rose Ann (Vanek ’51) Schwartzner – survived by daughters, Christal, Linda (Johnny) Jeffrey; sons, Douglas (Charlotte), Joseph (Wanda); brother, David ’55 (Patty Sleddens ’58) Vanek; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Angeline (Tworek ’40) Slovinski – survived by daughters, Sharon ’67 (Phil) Whitefoot, Julie ’74 (Michael) Kunes, Debra ’75 (Gerald) McPhillips; son, Bill ’82 (Beth) Slovinski; ten grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Brandon Thomas – survived by wife, Lisa; daughter, Brittany Korgie-Thomas; mother, Joette (Roy ’74) Mecek; sister, Niki Thomas; brothers, Tony ’94 (Christina), Scott (Maria), Michael (Lola Belaud) Mecek, Dan Mecek; sister-in-law, Crystal (Justin Petersen) Ahlstrom; grandmother, Gloria Roy; parents-in-law, Scott and Christine Ahlstrom and many nieces and nephews.

Patricia Weiland – survived by daughters, Theresa ’85 (Steve) Seipel, Julie (Tony) Fiegenger; sons, Tony (Julie), Greg (Kris Stachura ’83), Jason; sister, Jackie Scheer; brother, Michael (Mavis) Kloppel; sisters-in-law, Shirley (Ralph) Wolken, Rose Weiland; seventeen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Patricia Wiese ’82 – survived by her daughter, Catherine (Taylor) Sander; mother, Mary; sister, Pam ’79 (Basil) Campbell and many cousins.

Reunions

Class of 1971. The 50th reunion for the Scotus Class of 1971 will be on Friday and Saturday, August 13-14, 2021. Friday night will be at Wunderlich's with a meal and festivities. Plans for Saturday are still in the planning stages, possibly a tour of the school and the new parish center, also meeting up with the CHS class of 1971. For more information contact:

Al Niedbalski at al@insservcolumbus.com or
Larry Honke at noradio@cablone.net or
Kathy Jackson at kjacksn@megavision.com or
Pat Bogus at bbogus@frontiernet.net.

More information to come later!

Class of 1980. - Save the date! The 41st reunion for the Scotus class of 1980 is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, August 20-21, 2021. Friday night festivities are to join the Scotus Class of 1981 at the Beer Garden of Glur's Tavern. The preliminary plans for Saturday include Mass with Fr. Carl at Scotus (4:00 pm) and then it's off to Chris Dreifurst's place east of Columbus for dinner and drinks. Please update your preferred e-mail and phone contact information by sending it to Mark Kurtenbach at: mark.kurtenbach@licor.com.

CLASS OF 1981. The 40th reunion for the Scotus Class of 1981 will be on Friday and Saturday, August 20-21, 2021. Since last newsletter PLEASE NOTE change of places for both evenings. Friday night festivities are to join the Scotus Class of 1980 at Glur's Tavern in the beer garden; on Saturday, there will be a Mass at Scotus at 4:00 pm with the Class of 1980 and in the evening, the '81 class will have their own gathering at the home of Ron (and Donna) Starzec on White Tail Lake in Columbus. Please watch for a more detailed mailing to come this summer. For more information or to help with planning contact Johna (Konwinski) Duren, mjduren@cox.net; Ken Heimann, ken_heimann@msn.com; or Lana Torczon, lane.torczon@kcmo.org.

Class of 1982. The 40-year class reunion for the Class of 1982 is tentatively set for June 2, 3, and 4, 2022. Viva Las Vegas. Fly in on June 2nd for a social hour or five. June 3rd and 4th there will be many activities to choose from. I will be reserving a block of rooms at the Flamingo Hotel and Casino. Any suggestions, feel free to call: Bob Kuta 402-910-7593 or Jay Jarecki 531-247-9095.

Class of 1991. Our 30-Year Class Reunion will be August 6-7 in Columbus. On Friday August 6 we will gather at Mike Wozner's house on the lake, starting at 1 p.m. The plans for August 7 are TBD. Please email your contact information to Cory Christiansen at jenandcory@aol.com and Megan Tooley at megstoolley@gmail.com. There will be updates on Facebook under the class of 1991 listing.

Class of 2010. Plans are underway to celebrate an 11-year reunion on August 28. A school tour will be provided in the morning and more activities will be scheduled. To help with planning contact Laura (Zach) Roberts, lauramzach@gmail.com.



Memorials

(Received between 4/20/2021 and 7/20/2021)

Patricia (O'Hearn '72)

Cieloha
MM Jim Bator
Louise Bridges
Frenzel Family of CO
MM Tim Harrington
MM Ed Heimann
MM Harold Krings
Judith Puetz
MM Dale Smith
MM Ray Staroscik
Friends & Family

Bob Gangel

Janet Brezinski
MM Kevin Collins
MM Dave Duren
Judith Dworak
Dick Gdowski
MM Paul Jazwick
Imogene Jilek
Gary Kruse
Theresa Kumpf
MM Don Mroczek
MM Larry O'Neill
DRM Joe Quattrocchi
MM John Schueth
MM Bob Stachura
MM Ray Staroscik
DRM Jay Trofholz
MM Gene Trouba

Virgil Lassek (honorary '53)

MM Butch Christiansen
Daniel Duren
MM Dave Duren
MM Gerry Engelbert
Louis Kosiba
MM Gary Puetz
Paul Shotkoski
MM Ron Starzec
MM Doug Van Dyke
MM Russell Vetic
MM Richard Willms
Phyllis Zoucha
Class of 1985

Bob Legenza '62

MM Gary Puetz

Camilla (Moersen '43) Nelson

Winnie Olson
Patricia Puetz

Margaret (Melliger '46) Nosal

Diane Blahak
MM Tim Harrington
MM Boyd Jones
MM Brent Melliger
MM Gregg Melliger
MM Len Nosal
MM Mike Placzek
MM Dennis Ryba
MM Fred Spies

Ambrose Placzek '56

MM Len Nosal

Larry Reimers

Alice Staroscik-Chleboun

Dan Riley

Janet Brezinski
Dick Gdowski
Rick Grubaugh
Courtney Riegert
DRM Dan Rosenquist
MM John Schueth
MM Bob Soulliere
MM Tim Tooley
MM John Whitehead

Michele Schumacher

MM Mark Ingram

Teresa (Tworek '45) Schwank

Marvin Boyle

Jim Skorupa

MM Len Nosal

Leo Thiele '52

Janet Brezinski
Carroll Ebner
MM Mike Krzycki
MM Gregg Melliger
David Sprunk
LeRoy Sprunk

Tim Thomas '74

MM Paul Jazwick

Memorial donations can be made online using the school's PayPal account. Simply go to the Scotus website, www.scotuscc.org, look for the gold donate button and using your credit or debit card designate your memorial in the name of a loved one on the line that says "Add special instructions to the seller:" Scotus will send you a tax receipt letter in return and also try to inform the family of the deceased of your expression of sympathy and support.

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Presently, we have 94 individuals who get their newsletters by Email. Let us know if you want your future copies to come by Email and send your request to: jschueth@scotuscc.org.

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New Endowed Scholarships

Scotus Central Catholic is grateful to two families who recently created endowed scholarships to help students attend Scotus. The Henry and Betty Heimann Family Scholarship was created by Henry & Betty and their three children, Bob '80, Sue '82 and Jim '83 to help one boy and one girl who complete their sixth grade at St. Bonaventure Elementary School and who enter Scotus for the seventh grade. The scholarship was created to celebrate the family's long ties with St. Bonaventure Parish & School and Scotus Central Catholic.

The second scholarship was created to honor the late Patricia (O'Hearn '72) Cieloha. Patti's husband, Donald, made the donation with support of their daughter, Shannon, and it will be entitled, The Patricia O'Hearn Cieloha Scholarship. This award celebrates Patti's close ties with Scotus and it will also provide tuition assistance to a student attending Scotus

As endowed scholarships, the corpus of the two scholarship funds will never be spent and only the annual earnings will be distributed through the awards.

Annual Appeal 2021

The Shamrock Nation is so wonderful! You believe in the mission of Scotus Central Catholic, to provide a Catholic faith-based education to our students, and we so much appreciate your support! Your generosity provides the academic excellence that will challenge our students, the career development skills to prepare them for lifelong learning, and the faith development that will keep them grounded in their love for God, desire to serve others and respect for their individuality. Through this fall's annual appeal, Scotus will present a new opportunity for you, our stakeholders, to make a difference in the lives of our students. Your generosity will help Scotus continue its service to the Church, empower our faculty to be successful educators and make needed facility improvements. More information will come in the mail. You have done so much to make Scotus a special place for both faith development and learning and we know we can count on your support again this year!



Mark Your Calendars!

The 40th annual Gala dinner/auction will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2021 and this year's theme is "Under the Big Top." This is the school's largest annual fundraiser and all proceeds are used to balance the annual budget and keep tuition expenses low for our school families. Although our virtual 2020 was a success, we had to make several large refunds of purchased auction items that had to be cancelled. Consequently, we really need the Scotus nation to rally around this event and make it successful!

Because of the changes we had to make for last Gala, our 2020 co-chairs, Dan & Jill Clarey, Mike & Nicole Fleming and Joe & Shelly Steffensmeier have offered to serve a second year as co-chairs along with the 2021 co-chairs: Tim & LeAnn Parker, Bobby & Rachel Pensick and Joe & Amy Wemhoff. We are also pleased to announce that the 2021 vice-chairs are: Tim '81 & Caree Cielocha, Cory & Tricia Faust and Matt & Sharee Jedlicka.

At this point, we hope to provide both an in-person experience and online bidding for those unable to attend in person. Updates will be provided on social media and on the school's website.

Like previous years, the Gala will offer amazing auction items and you can register to bid online for all of the silent and super silent auction items by going to the school's Qtego bidding site. For the first time, anyone can purchase tickets to the Gala Lottery and the new Gala Raffle online using a debit card. Debit card transactions will be processed through the Scotus PayPal account using the donation link on the school's web site. The Gala Lottery (which features a first place \$12,000 cash prize and four-\$500 second prizes) has only 600-\$100 lottery tickets available for purchase. New this year, the Gala Raffle will feature a first place prize of \$1,500 in groceries at Hy-Vee and a second prize of a \$500 gift card to Scheels. Raffle tickets will be \$25 each.



If you would like to participate by donating an item for the silent or oral auctions, volunteer to help, or if you wish to receive an invitation to attend please contact our co-chairs, vice-chairs or Janice Rosenquist in the Scotus development office: 402 564 7165 ext. 154 or jrosenquist@scotuscc.org. Your involvement will be key to our event's success and that's why we urge you to mark your calendars today!

No. 000	Gala "Under the Big Top" Lottery II	No. 000
Name: _____	A Benefit for Scotus Central Catholic High School	\$100.00
Street: _____	Five Chances to WIN! Only 600 Tickets Printed	
City: _____	First Prize: \$12,000	
State/Zip: _____	2nd Prize: \$500	4th Prize: \$500
Phone: (____) _____	3rd Prize: \$500	5th Prize: \$500
Email: _____		
Ticket Seller: _____		

No. 000	Gala Raffle	No. 000
Name: _____	A Benefit for Scotus Central Catholic High School	\$25.00
Street: _____		
City: _____	First Prize: Groceries for a Year at Hy-Vee	
State/Zip: _____	(\$125.00/month for 12 months)	
Phone: (____) _____	Second Prize: \$500 Gift Card to Scheels	
Email: _____		
Ticket Seller: _____		

SEF 16 Update

Members of the Shamrock Nation: your response to the SEF 16 fund drive has been wonderful, especially in light of the extraordinary times we are living in because of the virus.

To date we have 702 individuals and businesses who have donated or pledged a total of \$1,164,402. Thank you! It has also been gratifying to receive first-time donations from 47 alumni and alumnae. We are now only about \$111,000 short of the \$1.275 million dollar goal to provide tuition assistance to every Scotus student for three school years, replace the floor in the Dowd Activity Center and make safety and energy efficiency improvements to our school. The campaign is not closed, in case you wish to participate—make your check payable to Scotus Central Catholic, or donate online through the school's PayPal account by using the donate button on the school's website or this link:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?cmd=_sxclick&hosted_button_id=KW7JPY4BHLML



Children's Scholarship Fund

The 2020-21 school year marks the 19th year that the Children's Scholarship Fund of Omaha has provided tuition assistance to students in our Columbus Catholic schools. Since its inception in 1999, CSF has provided \$799,109.65 in scholarship support to students in the Columbus Catholic schools!

The beauty of the program is that every dollar raised in Columbus and from our alumni and alumnae is matched and returned to qualifying Columbus Catholic school families in the form of tuition scholarships! In most years we raise nearly \$21,000, submit that sum to CSF-Omaha and in return our schools receive on average a combined \$50,000 to \$65,000 in scholarships. These scholarships help, on average, 70 students attending one of our four Catholic schools, grades K-8. Not a bad investment!

If you would like to support the Columbus effort for CSF, send your checks, payable to Children's Scholarship Fund to the Scotus development office or make an online donation to Scotus designating your gift for CSF. We'll make sure your gift is included in our local CSF fundraising goal!



Your donation may be tax deductible. CSF is a designated 501 (c) 3 nonprofit, and you will be helping our parish families afford the cost of attending one of our Catholic schools. Individual donations can also be dropped off at the Columbus rectories or at the Scotus development office. For more information about CSF, contact John Schueth at Scotus: 402 564 7165 ext 109 or jschueth@scotuscc.org.

Reunions

Class of 1980 - Save the date! The 41st reunion for the Scotus class of 1980 is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, August 20- 21, 2021. Friday night festivities are to join the Scotus Class of 1981 at the Columbus Races at Ag Park. The preliminary plans for Saturday include Mass with Fr. Carl and then it's off to Chris Dreifurst's place east of Columbus for dinner and drinks. Please update your preferred e-mail and phone contact information by sending it to Mark Kurtenbach at: mark.kurtenbach@licor.com.

Class of 1981. The 40th reunion for the Scotus Class of 1981 will be on Friday and Saturday, August 20-21, 2021. The Class of 1981 is coordinating with the Class of 1980 to be together for the horse races at Ag Park on Friday evening; and then on Saturday evening, the class will have their own gathering at the home of Mark Duren's parents at Wagner's Lake. For more information or to help with planning, contact: Johna Duren, mjduren@cox.net; Ken Heimann, ken_heimann@msn.com; or Lana Torczon, lane.torczon@kcmo.org. More information to come!

Class of 1991. Our 30th Year Class Reunion is in the planning stages but potentially on hold due to Covid. Please email your contact information to Cory Christiansen at: jenandcory@aol.com and Megan Tooley at: megstooley@gmail.com. There will be updates on Facebook under the class of 1991 listing.

Here and There...

-- Tell us What's Happening in Your Life!

E-mail to: jschueth@scotuscc.org Photos encouraged!



COLLIN DREHER '20 - United States Marine, Collin Dreher stopped by Scotus. Collin left last summer for boot camp and took part in basic training at Camp Pendleton near San Diego, California. This month he heads to North Carolina for job training in Motor T Mechanics. He will be fixing trucks for the Marine Corps. He said Scotus Central Catholic really helped prepare him for the Marines by teaching him time management skills and turning in assignments quickly. Thank you Collin for stopping by and thank you for your service!



ISAAC OSTDIEK '19 & CALEB KOSCH '19 are current seminarians at Saint John Vianney College Seminary. They spent a day in January at Scotus to speak to students about seminary life and growing in their faith.

HELEN MAE (HENGGELER) WITT '39 – wrote to share that she will be celebrating her 100th birthday this coming July and in anticipation of her birthday she sent a donation to Scotus Central Catholic. Helen graduated from St. Bonaventure High School and she added, “I was a married homemaker (my husband died in 2002) all of my life, but I was still fortunate enough to have a residential street named after me here in Lincoln [NE] in 1995. So this is my 25th anniversary for that too!” Congratulations and all the best to you Helen, you are a great Shamrock!



HAILEY FAUST '17 – was a Homecoming candidate at UNL this past fall. The Homecoming Crowning took place during half-time of the Nebraska vs Penn State University football game.

— Would you like to create a Scholarship? —

Whether it's an annually funded scholarship or one that is endowed, scholarship support has become an essential means to help students and their families afford a Scotus education. Many Shamrocks have established scholarships through direct gifts, planned gifts from their estate, memorials received by the family and pooled gifts from family, friends and classmates. Don't forget to use your company's matching gifts program to help establish your scholarship.

Annually funded scholarships are awards that are either funded entirely each year by a donor, or the donor provides a larger sum and then scholarships at a set value are annually awarded until the gift is entirely used. We suggest that annually funded scholarships be a minimum of \$250 in value.

Endowed scholarships, established with a suggested minimum gift of \$5,000 provide perpetual scholarships for Scotus students. The corpus of the gift, in this example, \$5,000, is never spent and the annual earnings of the corpus are used to fund the annual scholarship. Additional contributions to the scholarship's corpus are always welcomed.

Scotus will develop a gift agreement with the donor for both annually funded and endowed scholarships. The gift agreement provides the donor an opportunity to name the scholarship, identify the selection criteria used to award the scholarship to a student and suggest who makes the scholarship selection. Scholarships can be established for students with financial need, or to recognize student achievement in academics, activities, etc. at Scotus. Ideally, we hope your scholarship will benefit students attending Scotus and not provide assistance paid for Scotus students attending post-secondary schools.

Worth Noting

- The 17th Biennial Alumnae Volleyball Tourney was cancelled due to the pandemic and may be rescheduled for next year.
- The Shamrock boys cross country team finished as district runners-up and the girls' team finished third and also qualified as a team to the Class C state meet. Michael Gasper was the top Shamrock boy at State finishing in 19th place. The Scotus boys finished 7th as a team. Olivia Fehringer was the top Shamrock girl at State finishing in 16th place and the girls team placed 11th overall.
- In October, twenty new members were inducted into the Scotus Chapter of the National Honor Society. The new inductees were one senior, Nicolas Schultz, one junior, Jacob Melliger and eighteen sophomores including: Shelby Brandenburg, Elizabeth Brezenski, Mark Buhman, Daniel Cline, Ava Creemers, Jackson Faust, Ted Fehringer, Jasmine Jackson, Bohden Jedlicka, Brennen Jelinek, Samantha Johnston, Maysa Kuhl, Claire Rickert, Mason Roberts, Alexander Settje, Shayleen Smith, Hailey Steffensmeier, and Nicholas Zoucha. For the 2020-2021 school year, there are now 71 sophomores, juniors, and seniors who belong to the Scotus Chapter of National Honor Society. The Scotus Chapter of National Honor Society is sponsored by Mrs. Dusel-Misfeldt.
- The Student Council raised \$1,150 for the St Vincent de Paul/Simon House in Columbus through its annual "No Shave No Sock/Shoe Rule November fundraiser. The Simon House is a nonprofit organization that helps the less fortunate.
- The 2020 Fall Season NSAA Academic All-State winners were: Golf - Cecilia Arndt, Alaina Dierman; Cross Country - Olivia Fehringer, Emily Ferguson, Michael Gasper, Nicolas Schultz; Volleyball - Anna Ehlers, Kate Maguire; Football - Josh Faust, Kade Wiese; Play Production - Maddie Blaser, Clarissa Kosch.
- Scotus parent, Stacie Roberts won the \$1,000 Dash for Cash lottery sponsored by St. Joseph Parish, Platte Center. The lottery raised \$13,095.78 for tuition assistance awards at Scotus.
- Scotus Central Catholic won a Cornhusker award in the broadcasting category by the Nebraska High School Press Association. Scotus Central Catholic was one of two high schools in Nebraska to receive this award, the other being Millard West. The Cornhusker award is the highest ranking award handed out by the NHSPA. To receive a Cornhusker award the broadcast programs must demonstrate excellence in all areas of scholastic broadcast production. These programs effectively

integrate writing, video, and sound to give viewers an excellent product. Three stories from the 2020 spring video production class were critiqued in four categories: Verbal, Visuals, Audio, and Talent. The three stories that were selected were Cyberbullying: PSA (produced and edited by senior Matt Dolezal.) A Night to Shine: Broadcast News Story (produced and edited by 2020 graduate Brea Lassek). Lastly, the Scotus Central Catholic Musical: Broadcast Feature Story (produced and edited by 2020 graduate Sarah Bichlmeier).



• The Scotus one act team presented "Macbeth – A Tale of Darkness" and placed third at the Centennial Conference Performance hosted at David City Aquinas HS. Luke Pryzmus (best male actor), Maddie Blaser, Noah Korth, Clarissa Kosch, Kyanne Casperson and Zoe Euteneuer all received acting awards. The team later finished in second place in the B-4 district competition in York.



• Seniors Gillian Brandt, Maddie Blaser & Madison Wittwer coordinated an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Dec 30th. It registered 41 donors, collected 31 pints of whole blood and 6 units from Power Red donations for a total of 37 units collected. Scotus will also host its annual blood drive on March 3rd.



• Members of NHS, FBLA, Student Council and Band participated in the SEF 16 phonathon which was conducted on eleven evenings last fall. 54 student volunteers phoned for a combined 81 hours and raised more than \$18,000 for the campaign.



Covid restrictions led the band students to improvise with their mask requirements.

• Want to learn more about Scotus? Go to the school’s website at www.scotuscc.org, then to the “Publications” tab and you will see links to the alumni newsletter, annual report, school board meeting minutes, Shamrock Lines parent newsletter, archives of the school newspapers currently named Rock Bottom and archives of the school’s yearbooks.



In response to the pandemic, Scotus students had to spread out in the cafeteria at lunch time during the first semester. In addition everyone had to face the same direction and wear masks when they weren’t eating.



Due to Covid restrictions, half of the student body attended the school Mass in the Dowd Center and half in St. Bonaventure Church (shown above) on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

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State Championship Celebrations Postponed

With the current limitation of attendance at basketball games to just parents of players, we were forced to cancel our plan to celebrate the 25-year anniversaries for the 1995 volleyball team's state championship and the 1995-96 girls' basketball team state championship. The combined celebration was set for Friday, January 22, 2021. We hope to celebrate the 25-year state championship anniversary of these two fine teams along with the state championship teams of 1996 volleyball and 1996-97 girls' basketball together sometime next year!



In Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of the following deceased alumni, alumnae and friends of Scotus Central Catholic.

Isabella Abbott - survived by daughter, Cindy '75 (Dave) Fox; sons, Patrick '65 (Katie), Michael '68 (Mary), Stephen '72 (Sandi Yosten '72), Kevin '76; nineteen grandchildren and thirty great-grandchildren.

Elaine Bonk – survived by daughters, Debbie '74 (Bryan) Jackson, Bev '78 (Joe) Dahlkoetter; son, Tim '79 (Kathy Korger '76); brother, Raymond Alt; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Melvin J. Bottger – survived by his wife, Sandra; daughter, Ginger '84 (Martin) Apprich; son, Troy (Karen); grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Marvene Bruner – survived by daughters, Nancy (Tony '66) Zabawa, Jane '74 (Bob) Pelan, Ruth '77 (Gary) Foltz, Joyce '79, Michelle '85 (Brian) Nelson, Mary '87 (Josh) Isley; son, Allen '69 (Mary); twenty-two grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mary Ellen Greenlee – survived by son, Scott '82 (Kris); sisters-in-law Elaine Geilenkirchen, Judy Greenlee; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild and many nieces and nephews.

Aloysius Johnson – survived by sisters, Ruth Norre, Mildred Johnson; brother, Br. Pauli Johnson '51; one niece and one nephew and their children.

Dr. Harold Kreski '45 – survived by sons, Phil (Denise), Joe (Susan), John; seven grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Peggy Kruse – survived by her husband, Dennis; daughter, Jamie (Chris) Leishman; son, Jason (Michelle); sisters, Karen '62 (Peter) Ward, Marilyn '63 Broz, Betty (Don) Hegi, Patrice (Roy) Orr, Mary Ellen Watchorn, Christine Kuta; brothers, Tim (Elaine) Kuta, Terry Kuta; five grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Mary Lou Kunneman – survived by her husband, Richard; daughters, Dr. Sara '98 (Sean) Carlson, Betsy '99 Kahlandt, Kelsey '04; sisters, Diane (Don) Birkel, Betty Jo Kodad; brother, Fred (Donna) Hoppe; sister-in-law, Carolyn Hoppe and seven grandchildren.

Frank Laska – survived by his wife, Donna; daughters, Patty '79, Julie '80 (Jim '78) Kielian, Karen '82 (Rick) Lesiak, Linda '83 (Bill) Nickeson, Melissa (Shannon) White; sons, Tim (Kim), Tony (Shannon), Tom (Becky); sisters-in-law, Fran Hupp, Jane (Bob) Pensick, Velma Dreifurst-Shupe, Bev Dreifurst; brother-in-law, Dale Holley; twenty-nine grandchildren; twenty-six great-grandchildren with one arriving in December; and many nieces and nephews.

Ronald “Ron” Liebig – survived by his wife, Jeri; daughters, Sheryl '81 (Michael Abegglen), Gina '86 (Brett Miles), Judi '87 (Jerry '88) Szatko, Kara '89 (Mike) Furlong; son, John '84 (Pam); sisters-in-law, Mary Liebig, Judith Schaffer, OSB, Nancy Schaffer; brother-in-law, Paul (Doris) Schaffer; fourteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Elaine Markytan – survived by daughters, Carol '70 (Herb) Strong, Mary '73 (Dennis) Fisher, Joyce '75; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

John A Miksch – survived by his wife, Jeanette; daughters, Alice (Dan) Steck, Jean (Brian) Fink; son, Paul; sisters, Margaret Miksch, Mary (Betty) Reinig; brother, Fr. Joseph Miksch; three grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

William “Bill” Neal – survived by his wife, Mary Ann; son, Keith '85 (Lisa); brother, Cecil “Lee” (Jeanette); brother-in-law, Jim Sweeney; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Josephine “Jo” Placzek – survived by her husband, Ambrose '56; daughter, Amy Jo; sons, Rodney (Carolyn), Scott (Bobbie), Russell '88 (Pat); sisters, Irene (Lonnie) Kava, Theresa (Bill) Tarnick; brother, Johnny (Sharon) Kielian; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Ambrose Placzek '56 – survived by daughter, Amy Jo; sons, Rodney (Carolyn), Scott (Bobbie), Russell '88 (Pat); sister, Minnie White; brother, Jim (Vi) Placzek; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Ambrose passed away six weeks after his wife, Jo.

In Sympathy cont'd

Carol Sand – survived by daughters, Michelle '88 (Brad) Stirek, Nicole '93 (Justin) Vossen; son, Mike '85 (Brenda); sister, Mary (Al) Sand; brothers, Duane (Mary) Luetkenhaus, Dave (Diane) Luetkenhaus. Dan Luetkenhaus, Joe (Rhonda) Luetkenhaus; sisters-in-law, Susan Brandt, Mary (Dick) Nathan, Charlene (Gary) Yindrick, Danette (Lowell) Stone; eight grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Mary Jane “Jani” “Janie” Schmeits – survived by Jan; daughter, Nicole '96 (Michael) Geiler; sons, Sean '94 (Mariel) Harding, Chad '05 (Kristin), Evan (Abbey Jo); father, Jim (Marci) Brodecky; sisters, Nancy (Keith) Agamennone, Char Henderson; brothers, John (Anita) Brodecky, Jeff Brodecky; seven grandchildren and many other relatives.

Elizabeth “Betty” (Gregorius '55) Siemek – survived by her husband, Gerald; daughters, Cindy, Linda Hensel, Sandy (Kirt) Verbeek, Stacey (Kirk) Click; sons, Terry, Bill (Jill); sister, Joan '54 (Dick '52) Tooley; fourteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Jerry “Muggy” Siemek – survived by daughters, Cindy Siemek, Sandy (Kirt) Verbeek, Staci (Kirk) Click, Linda Hensel; sons, Terry, Bill (Jill); sister, Rosemary '57 Korus; fourteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. (Jerry's wife, Betty, passed just 3 months earlier.)

James “Jim” Skorupa – survived by his wife, Cissy; sister, Marian '57 (Bill) Dostal; brothers, Frank '68 (Peggy), Joe '70 (Dorothy); and many nieces and nephews.

Martin Taylor – survived by daughters, Joan '75 (Kevin) Benet, Carol '80 (Bob) Seuss; sons, Jim '79, Dave '79, Jerry '82, Tim '84; sisters, Helen McMartin, Becky (Kevin) Kretz; brothers, Ted (Judy), Ed (Carol); sisters-in-law, Bonnie Taylor, Joyce Taylor, Francie '53 Berlin, Leona '53 (Charles) Rogers, Bernie '59 (Bill) Podraza; brother-in-law, Marc Baue; six grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Timothy Thomas '74 – survived by daughter, Niki; sons, Tony '94 (Christina), Scott (Maria), Brandon (Lisa); sisters, Rebecca Kohlbecker (honorary alumna '66), Pamela '68 Lopez, Mary Lynn '71; seven grandchildren and a host of extended family.

La Vern Thraen '53 – survived by his wife, Vonnie; daughter, Lori Esser; son Larry; sisters, Carol '55 Michael, Pattie '63 Jonas, Kathy Abbot; brothers, Denny '62, Jim '63, Tim; three grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and in-laws.

C. Thomas White – survived by daughter, Michaela '72 (Albert Macchietto); sons, Thomas '75 (Barbara), Patrick (Jennifer); sister-in-law, Darlene White; former wife and close friend, Lynn White; four grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials

(Received between 10/15/2020 and 1/18/2021)

Isabella Abbott
MM Vern Younger
Jane Gehlbach

Elaine Bonk
MM Keith Brown
MM Vern Younger

Marvene Bruner
Kathleen Heimann
MM Paul Jazwick
MM Vern Younger

Carolyn Cielocha
MM Bill Backes
MM Dennis Duren
MM Len Fleischer
Jane Gregorius
MM Chuck Hagel
MM Bill Kosch
Platte County Ag Society

Class of 1943 Deceased Members
MM Dick Ternes

Class of 1975 Deceased Members
MM Jerald Barkmeier

Ken Euteneuer
Mary Euteneuer

Don & Lucille Figgner
Friends & Family

1941 Football Team
MM Dick Ternes

Cecilia (Pfeifer) Heimann
MM Vern Younger

Mary Lou Kunneman
MM Mike Dreesen
MM Scott Harsh
MM Paul Jazwick
MM Gregg Melliger
DRM Jim Pillen
MM Gary Puetz
MM Bob Rickert
MM Gene Trouba

Frank Laska
Patricia Laska
MM Pat Novicki
MM Gary Zywiec

Ron Liebig
MM Vern Younger

Doris Melliger
Karen Jones

Mary (Hughes '64) Mertz
MM Peter Ward

David Moss (Honorary '66)
Bill Mimick

William “Bill” Neal
Class of 1985
MM Vern Younger

Josephine “Jo” Placzek
MM Vern Younger

Helen Podraza
MM Jerry Duren
Carroll Ebner
MM Pat Engelbert
MM Greg Jarecke
MM Mark Krings
Gary Kruse
MM Paul Kudron
MM Herman Schumacher
MM Vern Younger
Friends & Family

Carol Sand
MM Dave Duren
MM Richard Keller
Gary Kruse
DRM Larry Malicky
MM John Schueth
MM Mike Shotkoski
MM Larry Sleddens
MM Dick Tooley
MM Tim Tooley
MM Vern Younger

Mary Jane “Janie” Schmeits
MM Vern Younger

Lila Schueth
MM Mark Ingram
MM Randy Johnson
Scotus Faculty

Teresa (Tworek '45) Schwank
MM Vern Younger

Jim Skalak
Bill Mimick

Gene Steffensmeier
MM Mike Dreesen
Peg Steffensmeier &
Gene Steffy Ford
Friends & Family

Edna Sutko
MM Vern Younger

Kathryn (Kuta '59) Sweenie
MM Peter Ward

Chad Swierczek '89
MM Bill Kosch

Jayne (Uphoff '70) Westering
MM Vern Younger

Cec Williams
MM Tom McGuire
MM Vern Younger

John Willis
Bill Mimick

Lawrence “Ziggy” Zywiec '65
Anonymous

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The codicil, as you probably know, is an appendage to a will that adds to or modifies something in the will. For example, if you want to change the personal representative named in your will, you can do so with a codicil. If you want to add the name of someone to receive a bequest, you can use a codicil. If you want to delete the name of someone, a codicil will work fine.

1. Codicils are effective.

They do the job. They are just as legal and binding as the main document. Some of our alumni/alumnae and friends may want to add Scotus Central Catholic to their wills and others may want to adjust the amount they had previously decided to give. In either case, this can be done effectively through a codicil.

2. Codicils are inexpensive.

You would probably be surprised to learn the relatively low cost of a codicil. It is considerably less than the expense of drafting an entire will. A quick call to your attorney will tell you just how reasonable this service is compared to other estate-planning documents.

3. Codicils are easy.

The codicil presents an easy way for our friends to include Scotus Central Catholic in their estate plans. It's not necessary to go through the time and expense of redoing the entire will; all it takes is the creation of a brief legal document that is then stored in a safe place with the will.

On your codicil, or in your will, consider gifting a fixed amount or a percentage of your estate to Scotus Central Catholic. Or perhaps gift to Scotus all or a percentage of what is left of your estate after the distributions to your family members and loved ones.

If you would like more information about how you can include Scotus Central Catholic in your estate plans, contact the Scotus development office. Our school's legal name is, *Scotus Central Catholic Secondary School of Columbus, Nebr.*