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CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

DEAR ST. DOMINIC COMMUNITY,



St. Dominic High School takes pride in celebrating our students, our families, and our entire community since 1929.

Established first as Assumption High School, our roots and our history of building disciples of Jesus Christ in the Dominican tradition of Prayer, Study, Community, and Service has been at the center of all we have done through our years in existence.

There is no greater moment in our school year than that of Graduation. The celebration of years of academic, athletic, artistic, and spiritual development coming to a moment in time where students are forever a part of the history of St. Dominic High School. The recent graduation of the Class of 2023 lived out these incredible moments. St. Dominic honored 203 graduates as the Class of 2023. These graduates accomplished so much in their time at St. Dominic. \$14 million plus in college scholarships, tens of thousands of hours of community service, winning state championships, leading three mission trips, and most importantly growing in their faith of Jesus Christ.

Just as Graduation serves as our greatest tradition and celebration, the Living Rosary is another St. Dominic tradition lived out annually. The Living Rosary has occurred the first week of May for the past 28 years honoring the Blessed Mother. The living rosary originated from one of our Dominican Sisters, Sister Jeanne Margaret Stoltz. Sister Jeanne was celebrating her 50th Jubilee of becoming a Dominican Sister and wanted only to pray the rosary as a school community. Thus came the idea of praying a Living Rosary. Sr. Jeanne was our school librarian for 40 years. The learning commons is named in her honor. Sr. Jeanne, now in her 90's, continues to pray for our school daily from the mother house in Sparkhill, NY

I hope this issue of the Dominican provides you an inside look at the many great traditions, celebrations, honors, and most importantly families that make St. Dominic High School a very special community. It is through these many people and experiences that our students come to know Jesus Christ and they continue to develop into disciples. May God bless you and your loved ones this summer. Please continue to keep St. Dominic in your prayers.

Educating with a Higher Purpose,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Welby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping underline.

Jim Welby, President



The Class of 2023 toss their caps in the air as they celebrate the closing of their commencement ceremony.

CONGRATS, GRADUATES!

The 203 Class of 2023 Graduates closed the chapter to their high school careers this past May.

May 17, 2023 can be remembered as a beautiful evening as the St. Dominic community celebrated the Class of 2023. Parents, grandparents and other family members were filled with joy and pride, while the graduates felt a sense accomplishment along with excitement for what their futures have in store beyond the Crusader halls. Over 1,000 attendees including the graduates, their families, and the St. Dominic faculty and administration gathered at Crusader Stadium to celebrate this year's commencement.

Out of the 123 students who graduated with honors, 20 students graduated Summa Cum Laude and 34 earned Magna Cum Laude. In the group of graduates, one earned the distinguished honor of becoming a Missouri Scholars 100. **Anna Burcham** is one of the top 100 in the state to earn this award showcasing academic excellence.

Along with academic excellence, the Class of 2023 had a school record amount of student-athletes who committed to participate in athletics at the next level. 29 St. Dominic seniors signed their National Letter of Intent this past spring.

After St. Dominic, 94% of the class plans to continue on to 4 year universities or colleges, 4% will be attending trade schools, and 2% have jumped into the work force.

Two graduates who had the opportunity to speak during the commencement shared their reflections on their time at St. Dominic, and being a part of the Class of 2023.



“ It has truly been an honor and a privilege to be a part of this class. The memories along with the friendships I have made over these last four years will forever hold a very special place in my heart. Becoming more involved in the St. Dominic community has allowed me to learn more about myself as well as my faith.” - **Mary Kate Mulvaney**





Olivia Arrowood, Macle Drummond, Isabel Gonzalez and Faith Henke pose for a group photo in the Oak Grove before entering Crusader Stadium for the graduation ceremony.



President Jim Welby, Principal Stacy Stewart and VP of Mission and Identity and Fr. Patrick Russell pose with graduate Kevin Huber on stage.



“Coming to St. Dominic was the best decision I could have made, being here has taught me many life lessons. At the top of that list are our four pillars: Prayer, Study, Community and Service These aren’t just words. They are now a part of who we are, and are the foundation that will serve us as we embark on the next chapter of our lives. Thank you St. Dominic, your lessons will serve us well!”

- Marta Schrick

Honors Night is another tradition that celebrates our student body. Leading up to Commencement, during the last full week of school, St. Dominic holds an evening ceremony honoring the academic achievements of students from all grade levels. Awards are bestowed upon students from each grade who have mastered each academic department, selected by the teacher department leaders. Recognition is given for National Honor Society, service awards and special scholarship awards along with the seniors receiving their cords for achieving cum laude, magna or suma cum lauda honors.

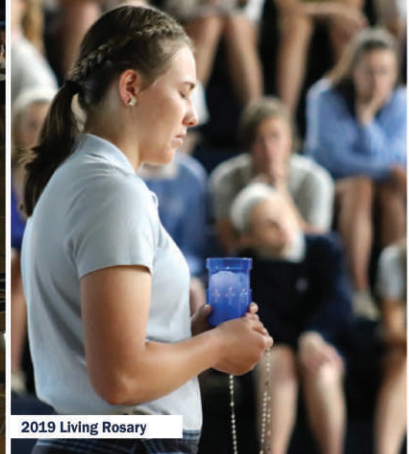
The 2023 Honors Night also held the inaugural white-coat ceremony honoring the students involved in the Project Lead the Way Biomedical Program. The 13 students completed their course by presenting their capstone project to a panel. Receiving their white coats at Honors Night was a tremendous display of their hard work and dedication to pursue careers in the biomedical field. ■



A group of freshmen pose with their department awards at Honors Night: Elise Cyr, Ava Grossman, Marianne Vomund, Madison Huff, Ben Dolitsky, Caitleen Doriman, Jodi Grobbe and Makenna Swier.



Seniors from the PLTW Biomedical Program earn their white coats at Honors Night. From left to right: Jenna Susai, Max Nash, Helen McKnight, Marissa Fischer, Kealy McFarland, Faith Henke, Addie Martinez, Elizabeth Dill, Macle Drummond, Abbie Dancus, Ella Cattlett, Katie Bergland and Rylee McDowell.



DOMINICAN TRADITIONS

THE LIVING ROSARY CONTINUES, CELEBRATING SPECIAL STAFF MILESTONES.

The tradition of the Living Rosary has been a constant at St. Dominic for 28 years. During this ceremony, a "live" rosary is made up of students and teachers holding candles representing each bead of the Rosary. As each decade is prayed aloud, the candles are lit until the entire rosary is complete. Around the display, the entire student body, faculty, staff and family guests pray the rosary together. This tradition was started in 1995, in honor of **Sr. Jeanne Margaret Stoltz, OP's** 50th Jubilee.

At the time, the St. Dominic President, Fr. Robert Finn, asked Sr. Jeanne how she would like to celebrate her jubilee as a school community. "Praying the Rosary!" was her response.



“ The Blessed Mother inspired me to ask that all the students pray the rosary together. We had never done that! As we know, the rosary was a great gift of the Blessed Mother and to St. Dominic. A few weeks later

I walked into the gym to see forty students and ten teachers seated on chairs forming a huge circle on the

gym floor and the bleachers filled with the students. A large statue of Mary was at the front. I was speechless at the sight. It is a scene that I will never forget! I hope Mary continues to bless each one who prayed the rosary in the gym that day. I am most grateful every May that this yearly tradition continues. May Our Lady continue to bless all those who honor her by saying the rosary." - **Sr. Jeanne Margaret Stoltz, OP**

The Living Rosary is a "living" reminder of the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill who founded St. Dominic, while honoring the Blessed Mother. We take this time to honor the senior class before they leave and congratulate those with outstanding service achievements. The Living Rosary allows our community to come together in prayer as the school year comes to a close.

While honoring the students, St. Dominic also honors our faculty and staff members with significant years of service milestones to our school. The following page shares a small spotlight on each faculty or staff member. →

Sally Garrett | 20 Years
Administrative Assistant



Sally is known for her genuine, smiling face that greets you as you walk into the front doors at St. Dominic. She is loved by the students for making them feel cared for, parents for her answer to any question they may have, and beyond.

“ I have worked at St. Dominic for 20 years and had our 3 sons graduate in 2007, 2010 and 2011. The changes that have taken place are incredible. The growth of our campus speaks for itself. The school continues to embrace a positive atmosphere for all employees and students.

I love that I can be part of such a wonderful community and encourage the kids every day to be a bright force in the world. It’s what the world needs more of!”

Frank Schlenke | 20 Years
Science Teacher



Frank Schlenke has juggled multiple roles during his time at St. Dominic. 2023 marked his 20th year teaching science to St. Dominic students. Frank also held the long-standing role of head coach for the boys baseball team, from 2003 to 2022, and is still very involved in the program. Frank is very grateful for the support from his wife, Rita, and son Nick '09, who also happens to be a teacher at St. Dominic.

Debbie Johnson | 20 Years
Religion Teacher



Religion Teacher, Debbie Johnson was honored for her 20 years of teaching. Outside of the classroom, Debbie facilitates the Outreach Club and CRU student organizations. She also gives much of her free time with helping run the scoreboards and

clock for the various athletic matches held on campus. When asked what she loves about her experience at St. Dominic, Debbie shared:

“ I love that I can come to St. Dominic everyday and share my faith with students, faculty and staff. This is truly life-giving. Being able to pray before school, in class and throughout the day is such a blessing and comfort.”

Nathan Tock '03 | 10 Years
Assistant Principal for Student Life



Nathan Tock started his career with St. Dominic as a student, and has stuck around our halls since. This Class of 2003 member returned to St. Dominic as a teacher in 2008. From there, Nathan

went back to school and earned his Masters, while also stepping into the role of Dean of Students. With the start of the 2023-24 school year, Nathan will step into the administrator role of Assistant Principal for Student Life. Nathan is married to Katelyn and together are parents to Lucas, Lilli and Layla.

“ I have been blessed to spend 15 years of my life within the halls of the St. Dominic community. As a student, as a teacher and now as an administrator. The thing that has always made St. Dominic special, are the people that inhabit these hallways. The sacrifices and the gifts that our community give to make this a special place full of caring, faith-filled, happy, loving people is what makes this community great.

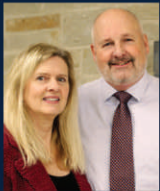
I appreciate the sacrifices that parents make daily to allow their students to grow in their love of Christ and to share this love with the community.”

Nathan shared one of his favorite memories from his time at St. Dominic, taking place at Living Rosary, 10 years ago. At that time, there was a tradition where seniors wrote a letter to a teacher who has impacted them. Nathan said he was completely blown away when Senior Kristin Wolf '13, hand delivered her letter to him. He did not expect a letter, but says it will forever be a favorite keepsake.

“St. Dominic kids never fail to surprise you in amazing ways and nothing is greater than watching my "kids" grow to be terrific adults. I am so blessed to get to interact with this community every day! ■

Evening of the Crusader HONOREES FEATURE

The 35th Annual Evening of the Crusader was held this past March. After months of preparing and planning, the evening successfully brought in tremendous support for our school. It is tradition that two members of the St. Dominic community are selected to be honorees for this event. Our 2023 Evening of the Crusader Honorees were: Theresa '81 and John Schnieders and Dave and Janet Heiligenstein.



Theresa '81 and John Schnieders are parents to Sarah (Kent) Gibson '08, Kelly (Thomas Vele) Schnieders '12, and Luke Schnieders '15. The Schnieders were very involved with Crusader Athletics and the Spirit Wear store during their time as St. Dominic parents. Both are now still active members of the St. Dominic community.

The Schnieders shared a few remarks on their experience with St. Dominic. Both attested to the incredible community our school upholds, being one of our strongest values.



“If you chose St. Dominic for your children and found a community for your whole family, we’re a lot like you. If you are continually impressed and inspired by the energy and vision of the St. Dominic faculty, administration, leadership, and student body, we’re a lot like you.” John shared, during his speech.



Dave and Janet Heiligenstein are parents to Nick Heiligenstein '12, Katie '14 (Jake) Hemphill and Nate Heiligenstein '19. The Heiligensteins were involved in: and to this day:

The Heiligensteins joked that they have “graduated out” 4 years ago, when their youngest completed high school. However, their bond to St. Dominic is still strong to this day.

Dave shared in his speech to the Gala attendees that:

“We try to stay connected as much as possible. I can honestly say that whatever we put into St. Dominic, we got back a whole lot more. Many of our best friends, both old and new, are from this community.” ■

ALUMNI *Spotlight*



Tom '76 and Kathy (Iffrig) Rothermich '75 are both alumni with strong ties to the St. Dominic community. They give credit to St. Dominic for how they met, becoming high school sweethearts, but state that their experience was much more than that. Both are thankful for the opportunities

to be involved in any high school activity that sparked their interest. Tom and Kathy understood the sacrifices their parents made in order to send them to St. Dominic, because they too, also made sacrifices to provide that education for their four children.

“We graduated from St. Dominic with not only a good education but also the values and motivation to live out our faith as we grew our family. Even though we moved around the country, we were thrilled that when we lived in Flint Hill, we were able to have our four kids attend high school there. They too, value the education they received. It made the transition to life after high school much easier.”

Tom and Kathy have been witness to the positive changes over the years at St. Dominic. From their time as students, the school's track was cinders and the performing arts stage was a portable structure that folded up for storage. Football games were played on a muddy mess and there was no air conditioning, they reminisce.

“Through all of the school updates, the education and Catholic core values have become even stronger. Because we are thankful for what our time at St. Dominic has given our family, and in hoping that many others can have the same opportunity, we have gladly helped support Catholic education, particularly St. Dominic.” ■

Tom '76 and Kathy (Iffrig) Rothermich '75, are parents to Sarah (Rothermich) Titus '97, Andy Rothermich '00, David Rothermich '03, Peter Rothermich '07.



Photo of Marvin Eisenbath's Family taken at Marvin's childhood home. Pictured left to right are: Julie (Eisenbath) Bell holding Macie Bell, Tom Bell, Hannah Eisenbath, Jackson Bell, Jordyn Bell, Rebecca (King) Eisenbath, Jason Eisenbath, Gage Eisenbath, Cole Eisenbath, Marvin Eisenbath, Elaine Bell, Donna Eisenbath, Ashton Russell, Cameron Russell, Nicole Russell, Derek Russell, Clayton Feldmann, Carter Feldmann, Jake Feldmann, and Kristal (Eisenbath) Feldmann holding Klaira Feldmann.



CRUSADER FAMILY TREE THE EISENBATH FAMILY

CRUSADER FAMILY TREE is a regular feature that profiles longtime St. Dominic and Assumption High School families, exploring how their roots intertwine with ours.

The Eisenbath roots run deep in Josephville, Missouri. In fact, if you find yourself on Hwy P in Josephville, you're bound to pass by Eisenbath Road - where the original family home still stands. Urban and Irene (Wilmes) Eisenbath, moved into the farmhouse built by Urban's parents, standing on his grandparents' land. This land was settled by early members of the family, who established themselves in Josephville as early as the 1840s as farmers - immigrating from Germany. Urban and Irene followed the family footsteps of farming while raising their 16 children.

The family connection to the Crusader community began when **Marvin Eisenbath** and his brother **Bernard Eisenbath** attended St. Dominic as members of the

Class of 1970. The brothers had 4 older siblings, with 10 of their younger siblings following the two through St. Dominic High School.



Photo of the Eisenbath Siblings with parents Urban and Irene seated centered. From left to right: Standing- Diane (Eisenbath) Williams, Marvin Eisenbath, Dorothy Eisenbath, Dennis Eisenbath, Joyce Eisenbath, Jeanne (Eisenbath) Childs, Carol (Eisenbath) Burkemper, Paul Eisenbath, Vernon Eisenbath, Debbie (Eisenbath) Wilfing, David Eisenbath, Urban Eisenbath Jr., Seated- Ronald, Rosemary (Eisenbath) Hackenwerth, Urban Eisenbath, Irene (Wilmes) Eisenbath, Donna (Eisenbath) Williams, and Bernard Eisenbath.

Marvin credits his mother, Irene, with encouragement from the priest at Josephville Parish, for why he, Bernard and his younger siblings attended St. Dominic. A decision he is very grateful for. The Catholic faith was very important to Marvin's mother, and it was important that her children were surrounded by this throughout their high school education. Marvin and his siblings understood the importance of the high school experience St. Dominic offered, and after graduation, this stuck with them.

Marvin met his wife Donna as they both worked in the food distribution industry. He and Donna successfully built their own company from scratch, Fair Market Inc. They started their business in their home in 1987. Marvin says it took hard work, building up day by day, and over 30 years later, they have a successful company to look back on.

Together they have four children, and now have grandchildren who attend or have gone through St. Dominic. Julie (Eisenbath) and Tom Bell are parents to **Jordyn '11, Elaina '20, Jackson '22** and future Crusader **Macie '30**. Derek and Nicole Russell are parents to Cameron and Ashton and live outside of Detroit, Michigan. Jason and Rebecca (King) Eisenbath are parents to Hannah, **Cole '21** and **Gage '25**. **Kristal (Eisenbath) '00** and **Jake Feldmann '98**, are parents to **Carter '25, Clayton '27** and future Crusader **Klaira '32**.

Marvin and Donna have a strong and constant relationship with St. Dominic, as past parents, current grandparents, and also as avid Crusader Football supporters! Both have stayed involved in major projects and campaigns, helping shape how St. Dominic has grown throughout history. Marvin serves on the St. Dominic Advisory Board, and both attribute their involvement for wanting to ensure their children, grandchildren and other

future Crusaders would experience the traditions, faith, and top-level education Marvin experienced as a student.

Their most recent leadership role supported the Called to Lead Campaign, that resulted in the naming of the Eisenbath Atrium, the beautiful entry space inside the Wies Family Center for the Sciences.



When asked "*Why St. Dominic?*", Marvin and Donna stood by their testament of how St. Dominic upholds the traditional values and pillars that it was founded on.



“ **St. Dominic not only lays the strong foundation for a successful future, but the teachers, coaches and administrators go above and beyond to instill a strong faith life, respect for others and discipline to succeed in their students. We have been so pleased to see this through our grandkids: Jordyn, Elaina, Cole and Jack from their time at St. Dominic.**”

Marvin and Donna choose to invest in what they believe in, which is providing a space for children to grow in their faith, their values, and their education.

Today, Marvin and Donna are active members of St. Theodore Parish. They are generous supporters and members of the Josephville and Flint Hill communities. Both have enjoyed traveling and spending time out West, while still being involved in their grandchildren's school and extra-curricular activities. ■

CRUSADER FAMILY TREE

The **Eisenbath** family legacy began in the 1970s when 12 out of the 16 children of Urban and Irene Eisenbath attended St. Dominic High School. Moving onward from these 12, there have been three generations of Eisenbath Crusaders.

GENERATION KEY:

■ First ■ Second □ Third

1970



Marvin Eisenbath '70
Bernard Eisenbath '70



Rosemary (Eisenbath) Hakenwerth '71



Paul Eisenbath '73
Carol (Eisenbath) Burkemper '74
Dennis Eisenbath '75
Ronald Eisenbath '76



David Eisenbath '78
Diane (Eisenbath) Williams '79

1980



Deborah (Eisenbath) Wilfing '82
Donna (Eisenbath) Williams '83



Joyce Eisenbath '85

2000



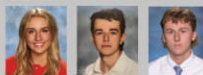
Kristal (Eisenbath) Feldmann '00
& Jake Feldmann '98

2010



Jordyn Bell '11

2020



Elaina Bell '20
Colton Eisenbath '21
Jackson Bell '22



Carter Feldmann '25
Gage Eisenbath '25

Clayton Feldmann '27

2030

Macie Bell '30

Klaira Feldmann '32

Crusader PRAYER WARRIORS

Many grandparents are frequent visitors to St. Dominic's campus, joining together to pray the rosary over their grandchildren and the entire St. Dominic community.



The Holy Spirit is what ignited the establishment of the Grandmother's Rosary, today known as the Grandparent's Rosary. This tradition was started in 2014, where grandmothers of St. Dominic students could use the chapel to gather and pray the Rosary together. Whether someone has a current grandchild at St. Dominic, or are grandparents to an alumni, all are welcome to join in prayer.

The main focus of Grandparent's Rosary is for it to be a simple way for the Crusader community to come together in a spiritual gathering, to honor Mother Mary, while praying over the student body, faculty and staff, and entire St. Dominic community.



In 2017, the large statue of Mary, the Lady of the Rosary was added to the chapel. A regular Rosary participant, Michael Blevins, was very passionate about the Blessed Mother Mary and the Rosary. He was a very skilled craftsman, and devoted much of his time making rosaries by

hand. The current rosary that the Lady of the Rosary statue holds was hand crafted and donated by Mr. Blevins.

As the rosary participation grew, a few additions were added to this program, with a goal to bring our Crusader families together through our faith. In 2020 the name of the monthly gatherings officially became Grandparents Mass & Rosary. Mass was now offered before the Rosary was prayed, so that many would not have to rush from their parishes to St. Dominic. After the rosary, grandparents are invited to enjoy donuts and coffee with their grandchild, in between class exchanges. This new set up has allowed grandparents to spend time together, grow stronger in their faith together, both with each other and with their grandchildren.



“Grandparents are so important to our school community. Our grandparents are the strongest prayer warriors of our community. It is so special for us to pray together with them for our entire school community. When I walk away from our grandparent's rosary I feel so close to our Lord.”



- Fr. Patrick Russell | VP of Mission & Identity

We are so thankful for the strong faithful group of grandparents who have participated in the Grandparents' Rosary program throughout the years. Their presence and prayers have helped build up the faith community at St. Dominic. We love our Crusader grandparents, and love having them on campus! ■

Rosary Wall: Inside the Fr. Bob Lane Chapel, a beautiful display to hang shared rosaries was added. This piece was made by **Karen Mueller '82**, and is dedicated to **Betty Blechle '57** - alumni, parent, grandparent, and faithful Grandparents' Rosary participant.



We ♥ *Our* **CRUSADER GRANDPARENTS!**



We hope to see you at
GRANDPARENTS DAY!

OCTOBER 8, 2023

Mass beginning at 9 am | Fallon Family Center
Brunch to follow

CRUSADER REUNIONS

Forever a Crusader! We love seeing alumni come back together as a class, check out these past reunions, along with those coming up!

1962



Pictured from left to right: Back Row: John Reed, Gene Childs, Ron Sachs, Rich Schmersahl, Jerry Boehmer, Ruth (Ebbesmeyer) Vomund, Bill Vomund, Jerry Schnyder, Alois Orf, Middle Row: Judy (Roettger) Webb, Cliff Gillette, Tom Gentemann, Frank Crain, Jim Eusterbrock, Nancy (Stegman) Molitor, Front Row: Joan (Krampe) Carroll, Jim Hunn, Betty (Obrecht) Isbell, Barb (Phillips) Hunsel, John Hunn, Ralph Vogelgesang, Ann (Prinster) Troutman, Mary (Sommer) Eusterbrock, Sandra (Dreckshage) Boland, Betty (Dreiswerd) Thake, and Mary (Schoene) Vehige.

The Class of 1962, the last graduating class from Assumption High School before becoming St. Dominic, held its 60th reunion in June of 2022. These Crusaders gathered at Stefanina's Restaurant, an O'Fallon staple. 29 out of the 58 classmates were in attendance, remembering the 11 from their class who passed away. The highlight of the event was getting re-acquainted and reminiscing on high school days!

2002



Pictured from left to right: Phil Weisman, Andy Prinster, Megan Tucker, Joe Maxiner, Hugh Bernhardt, Becky (Vomund) Weber, Mike Nangle, Scott Hoff, Katie (Fisher) Rottger, Ryan Mee, Sarah Bauer, Laura (Runge) Budke, Jeff Bauer, Kelly (McAndrew) Kersting, Brent Auchly, Jessica (Matthews) Hoffman, Rachel (Fowler) Auchley, Bridget (Van Voorn) Martin, Andy Calcaterra, Amy (Wulfert) Walton, Pat McEnaney, TJ Westhoff, Patrick Wilmes, Jared Kaelin, Danielle (Troha) Orf, Jose Cavazos, Mindy (Phillips) Piel, Jenny (Hawkins) Sheppard, Keri (Westhoff) Hohl, Eddie Griesenauer, Andy Walz, Katie (Maher) Brauss, Heather (Westhoff) Behrmann, and Ben Burkemper.



Pictured from left to right: Front Row: Keri (Westhoff) Hohl, Kelley (Pascoe) Stille, Rachel (Fowler) Auchly, Bridget (VanVoorn) Martin, Amy (Wulfert) Walton, Laura (Runge) Budke, and Sarah Bauer Back Row: Mindy (Phillips) Piel, Jessica (Matthews) Hoffman, Katie (Fisher) Rottger, Kelly (McAndrew) Kersting, Jenny (Hawkins) Shepard, and Danielle (Troha) Orf.

Another group of Crusaders celebrating a milestone was the Class of 2002. Their 20 year reunion took place in August of 2022. Over 50 alumni out of the total 142 class members gathered together at Dog Prairie in St. Paul, Missouri - another beloved gathering place in the local area.

2018



Celebrating 5 years already, the Class of 2018 is hosting a reunion gathering on **August 4th, 2023!** The group plans to meet at Rec Hall in St. Charles at 7:30 pm that Friday evening.

For the 2018 Class Reunion information, contact:
Melissa Ellis at melissaellis74@gmail.com.

1958



The Assumption Class of 1958 is excited to host their **65th reunion** this September! Come reunite and reminisce with your former Assumption classmates!

The reunion will be held on **Thursday, September 21st, 2023** for lunch at JJ's Restaurant in O'Fallon, at 11:30 am. Reservations are required and are due by August 25, 2023.

For the 1958 Class Reunion information, contact:
Margie Pickering at (314) 605-1814 or Judy Sachs at (636) 875-3539

1963



The Class of 1963 is planning their **60th Anniversary Reunion**, to be held on **September 23, 2023**.

The Class of 1963 was the first official graduating class under the school's new name, St. Dominic High School.

During this year's homecoming events, the Class of 1963 will be recognized as the Homecoming Honorees at the Alumni BBQ, and on the field prior to the Homecoming Football Game.

We encourage the **Class of 1962** (*the last graduating class from Assumption High School*) and the **Class of 1964** (*the first class to graduate from the current St. Dominic campus*), to join the Homecoming celebration!

For the 1963 Class Reunion information, contact: Marilyn (Prinster) Stuart at mjflashback31@yahoo.com or Rich Vehige at rich.vehige@gmail.com.

1983



The **Class of 1983** is celebrating their 40 year reunion on Saturday **September 23, 2023**.

Mass will be held at 5 pm, with festivities following at 6 pm, located at the Pezold Banquet Hall off Highway N in St. Charles.

For the 1983 Class Reunion information, contact:
Tim Blattel at (314) 393-0087 or timblattel@gmail.com.



FOREVER A CRUSADER



Don't miss out on this year's Alumni BBQ and Homecoming festivities!

SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

ALUMNI BBQ 5:30 PM | OAK GROVE

HOMECOMING GAME 7 PM | CRUSADER STADIUM

New Crusader Resource!

The St. Dominic Advancement Office is thrilled to present our very own **Crusader Family Business Directory**. This resource lists businesses owned by St. Dominic Alumni, current St. Dominic Parents, and more within our St. Dominic community!

We are proud of our Crusader Families and the businesses that they own and operate. We hope you find this directory helpful, and we encourage you to support these family businesses, as they have supported us!



Our Advancement Team has built this directory based on the information within our database. If you own a business that is not listed, submit the online application linked on the Business Directory page for your inclusion. We will review your submission as soon as possible. All business submissions are reviewed prior to being included in the Business Directory to help ensure that the business aligns with the teachings of St. Dominic High School. We offer this directory as a service to our community without representing or endorsing any company in the business directory.



Scan Me!

View the Crusader Family Directory Online!

Explore Crusader owned businesses from Auto, Contracting, Finance, Health + Wellness *and more!*

The Crusader Family Directory can be viewed on our website by visiting: www.stdominichs.org/about/businessdirectory. Or scan the QR Code above! Thank you for supporting our St. Dominic community!



ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL

LEGACY GIFT PLANNING GUIDE

Support what you believe in



Legacy gifts can be outright gifts or can come from your estate. Some also pay you an income.

What makes your gift a legacy?

You make a gift to St. Dominic



Your gift is placed into the Endowment Fund

Investment earnings are used



The original amount of your gift remains in the Endowment Fund and is your lasting legacy

Explore Your Options



Gifts from Life Insurance



Gifts from Retirement Plans



Gifts from Securities



Gifts from Wills and Trusts

These are the most common forms of planned gifts. Your professional advisor may also suggest other options.

LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

While building on ours...

Creating a planned gift is a wonderful way to leave a lasting record of your values and beliefs.

If you have already included St. Dominic in your estate plans, please let us know!

You can notify us by email or phone at:

sballard@stdominichs.org
(636) 240-8303 ext. 119.

LEARN MORE ABOUT PLANNED GIVING AND HOW YOU CAN LEAVE YOUR LEGACY AT ST. DOMINIC:
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"These, my much loved ones, are the bequests which I leave to you; have charity among yourselves and hold fast to humility"

- St. Dominic Guzman

CLASSES NOTES

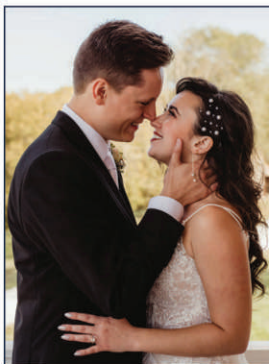
Once a Crusader, always a Crusader

We are happy to celebrate our graduates' career, family and community news!

*Submissions are edited for space and clarity.

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Abby (Malloy) Mueller '14 and **Kyle Mueller '14** were married in October 2022 at St. Paul Catholic Church. Abby and Kyle met at St. Dominic and have been together since! Abby started her own Private Practice as a Gut Health Dietitian, *Abby M Nutrition*. She worked both inpatient and outpatient at a hospital for a few years before specializing in functional nutrition with a focus on digestive health.

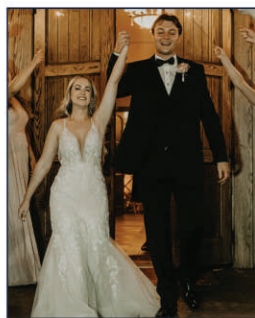


Adele (Linderman) Meyer '14 was a multi-sport athlete at St. Dominic and has always had a passion for sports. This passion led her to pursue a degree in Sports Management at Lindenwood University, followed by earning her Masters in Business Administration, with an emphasis in Management. Adele now works as a Group Sales Account Executive for the St. Louis Cardinals!

This past October, Adele married her high school sweetheart and fellow alum, **Chanse Meyer '14**.



Michael Laugeman '17, received the invitation from Jesus to become a priest during his time at St. Dominic. Michael dedicates his life helping others grow in their relationships with Jesus. He is in his 6th year of priestly formation at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary & his second year of theological studies. Michael is on track to be a deacon in 2025 and then ordained a priest in 2026.



Lydia (Keinrath) Beckmann '18 and **Keith Beckmann Jr. '18**

celebrated their wedding at St. Cletus Catholic Church in July of 2022. Both attended grade school at St. Cletus before attending St. Dominic together. The couple lives in New Orleans, Louisiana. Lydia

works in Dermatology and Keith is an Equity Research Associate, while also pursuing his masters from Tulane University.

IN MEMORIAM

We pray for the repose of the souls of St. Dominic and Assumption High School alumni who have passed away in 2022-23.

Please accept our condolences and apologies for any omissions. To report the passing of a graduate, please contact the advancement office at (636) 240-8303 ext. 122 or jbross@stdominichs.org.

NOVEMBER 2022

Shirley (Wehde) Rothermich '52

JANUARY 2023

Joe Cleaveland '76
Charles Kinamore '60
William Loeffler '78
Jim Schneller '61

FEBRUARY 2023

Donald Dickherber '52
Eugene Kersting '62

MARCH 2023

Denny Haislip '57
Monte Hustedde '85
Joan (Kruse) Krekeler '51
John Pund '55
Jacob Wright '10

APRIL 2023

Constance (Ginnever) Sebacher '61



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*May God the Father bless us, May God the Son heal us,
May God the Holy Spirit enlighten us. Give us eyes to see with, ears to hear with, and hands to do the work of God.
May He give us feet to walk with, and a mouth to preach His words of love and salvation.
May the angel of peace watch over us, and lead us at last by our Lord's gifts, to His eternal kingdom. Amen.
St. Dominic, Pray for us.*

Our students, faculty and staff begin each school day by saying the St. Dominic Blessing.
Know that we are praying for you daily.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8/12 SDAA Cornhole Tournament
- 9/13 SDAA Crusader Classic Golf Tournament
- 9/22 Homecoming Alumni BBQ
- 10/8 Grandparents Day
- 10/13 Crusaderfest
- 10/27-29 Fall Theatre Production
- 11/4 **NEW!** PALS Dueling Pianos Night
- 11/17 Celebrity Waiter Scholarship Dinner
- 12/27-29 SDHS Chick-fil-A Christmas Basketball Tournament
- 1/6/23 **NEW!** Alumni Euchre Tournament

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