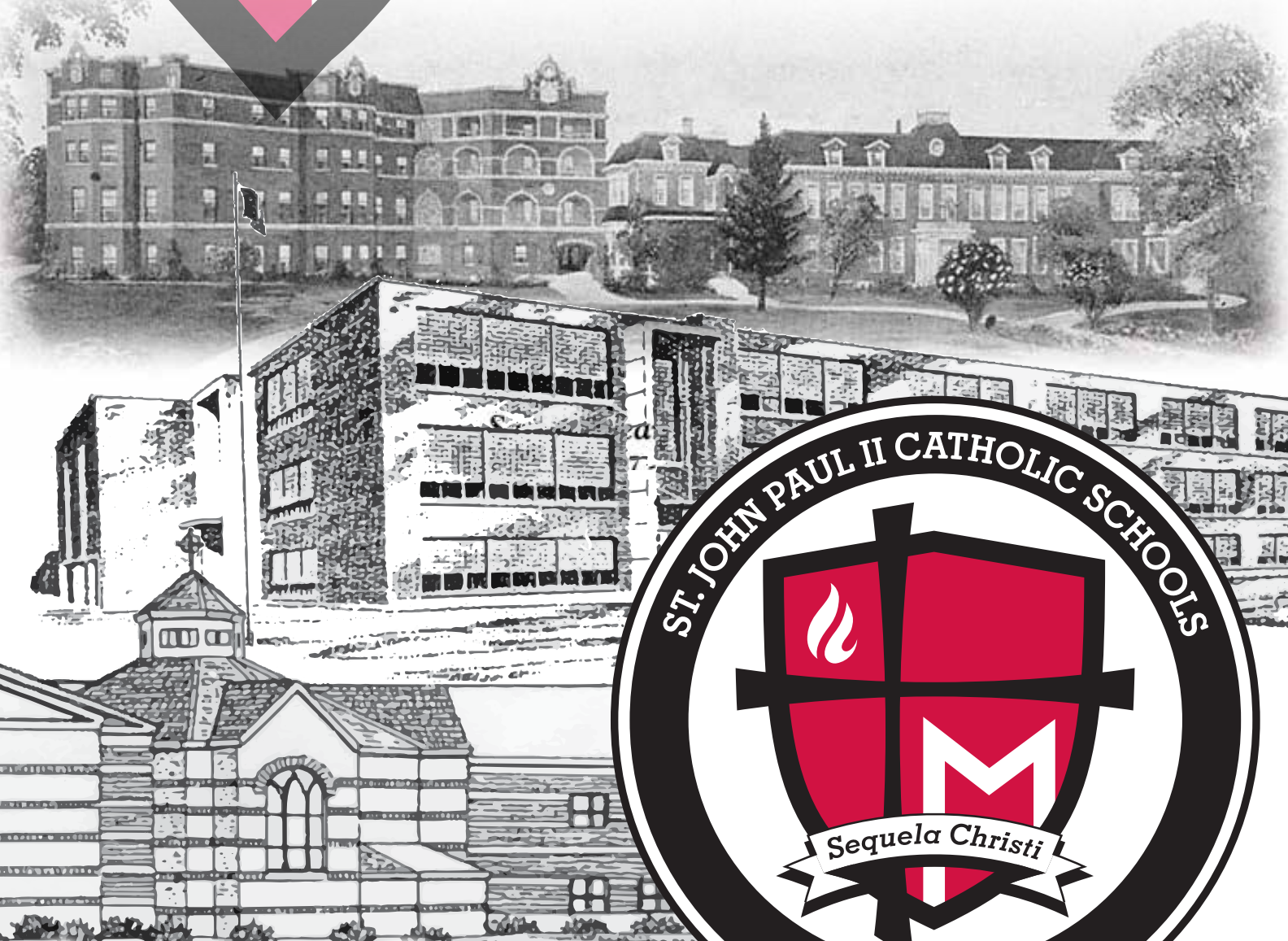


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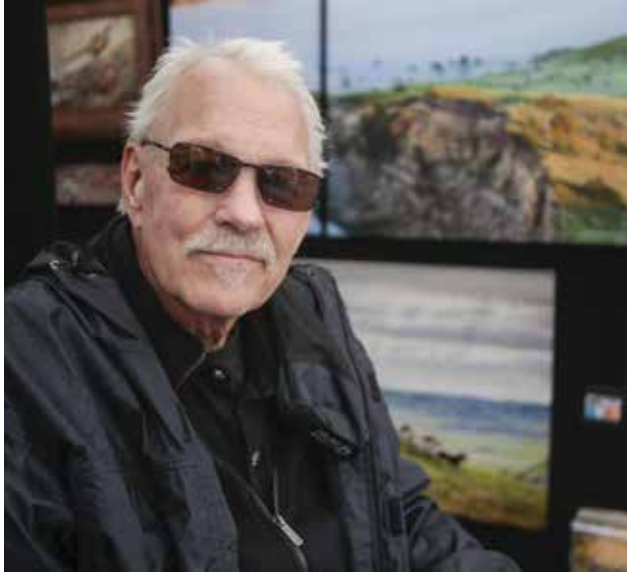
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PRESIDENT'S *Perspective*

"How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child!" -King Lear, Act I, scene 4

As an undergrad English major, I voluntarily and voraciously took to memorizing "purple passages" (the legendary Mr. Humphrey's phrase, my primary English Lit teacher and academic advisor at Saint John's University). "Purple passages" were those particularly powerful passages of insight and depth from the very best writers.

Shakespeare's quotation above so struck me when reading King Lear's lament about his daughters that I embedded it swiftly in my memory and being. Every Thanksgiving in particular, it poignantly and effortlessly returns to me. Now in my role as President, Shakespeare's insight inspires even more so, and gratitude is not a mere platitude in our Catholic school family.

I think of the following recent examples: *solicited and unsolicited donations from various benefactors; surprise phone calls and e-mails asking about our schools' needs; offers to pay tuition or lunch bills for struggling families; thanking our Veterans through our school programs; our generous volunteers in each school; our children who collected so much food for those in need through the annual Fill the Dome Thanksgiving Food Drive; the show of support for school families in need; thank you cards from alumni, staff, and community members; our generous, committed staff members; and stakeholders such as you.*

As the holy seasons of Advent and Christmas approach, let us give thanks indeed for all the blessings God has bestowed on us here in the JP II Catholic Schools.

"Give thanks to the Lord, Whose love endures forever."
(Psalm 107:1)

Speaking of gratitude, we are happy to highlight in this issue our new branding for St. John Paul II Catholic Schools. Turn the page to read the detailed explanation and background of our new crest and the traditional Deacon Shield.

The new crest boldly proclaims our heritage and identity. It incorporates essential elements of our origins, history, and identity as a Catholic school system.

The Deacon Shield did not go away. Rather, it's been standardized and extended to our students and teams in all five schools. All our students are "Deacons" from start to finish.

Again, read all about it as you turn the page. But allow me to finish with a thumbnail sketch of our history, origins, and identity.

The first Catholic school in Fargo opened on July 26, 1882 under the auspices of the Presentation Sisters from Ireland. The sisters opened a high school, Sacred Heart Academy, on September 8, 1897. Sacred Heart Academy became Shanley High School with the 1950-51 school year. Parish elementary schools staffed largely by the Presentation Sisters operated at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Anthony's Parish, Holy Spirit Parish, and Nativity Parish with K-8 configurations. The Christian Brothers served at Shanley

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Prayer for Catholic Schools

(Used with permission from the University of Notre Dame's "Alliance For Catholic Education")

Preface: ...[W]e recognize that our lives and our work are totally dependent upon God. Through prayer, we entrust to God our communities and all we do in service to Catholic schools, as we share Mary's conviction:

"Nothing will be impossible for God" (Luke 1:37)

Let us pray:

O Christ, our Teacher,

You invite Your faithful people to make disciples in Your name and to announce good news to the poor. We thank You for the gift of Catholic schools, where

*The message of Your life, death, and resurrection is proclaimed,
Christian community is experienced,
Service to our brothers and sisters is modeled,
And worship of You is cultivated.*

Increase our zeal for ensuring that all children and families can benefit from a high quality Catholic education, and that Catholic schools grow in their ability to nurture the soul of our nation.

*We ask this through the intercession of Our Lady, Mother of Catholic Schools.
Amen.*





"Deacon Sunrise" photo by Rebecca Raber

from 1964 to 1989. In 1987 the "Fargo Catholic Schools Network" was established as a collaborative network of schools. Shanley High School joined the network in 1989. A middle school configuration (grades 6-8) was adopted which eventually became Sullivan Middle School. Holy Spirit School in North Fargo and Nativity School in South Fargo continued as elementary schools. A new building for Shanley-Sullivan Schools opened for the 2002-2003 school year on a campus in the 5600 block of 25th Street South in Fargo. That building also houses the central offices for the school system.

With the vision for a Catholic school in West Fargo, we changed our name to "Bl. John Paul II Catholic Schools" from the previous "Fargo Catholic Schools Network" name shortly after the Pope John Paul II's beatification on Divine Mercy Sunday (May 1, 2011). Then Bishop Samuel Aquila wrote "Knowing Bl. John Paul II's love for youth and Catholic education, we place our Catholic schools, youth, faculty, and administration under his patronage and intercession" (Pastoral Letter, May 3, 2011). We became "St. John Paul II Catholic Schools" shortly after Pope John Paul II's canonization (April 27, 2014).

Trinity Elementary School opened in West Fargo for the 2015-16 school year, one of only fourteen new Catholic schools in the nation that year. The expansion helped to meet the need for access to a Catholic school in the fast-growing West Fargo community. All fifteen classrooms in the new school are now fully utilized.

Thus, today the St. John Paul II Catholic Schools include five Catholic schools: Holy Spirit Elementary School, Nativity Elementary School, Trinity Elementary School, Sullivan Middle School, and Shanley High School.

Eight sponsoring parishes provide oversight and support for our schools: Blessed Sacrament Parish (West Fargo), Holy Cross Parish (West Fargo), Holy Spirit Parish (Fargo), Nativity Parish (Fargo), Sts. Anne and Joachim Parish (Fargo), St. Anthony's Parish (Fargo), St. Benedict's Parish (Wild Rice), and St. Mary's Cathedral Parish (Fargo). The parish monetary investment in the schools helps to keep tuition relatively low compared with other independent schools in the area.

We see the providence of God and the sacrifices and generosity of so many people at work in the 136-year history of our Catholic schools. Thanks be to God for that history of generosity and excellence. Let us trust in the Lord and His grace as we face the future together.

UPCOMING *Events*

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 16

MARCH FOR LIFE

January 16-21

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 27-February 2

GIVING HEARTS DAY

February 14

ARIZONA ALUMNI & FRIENDS LUNCHEON

February 22

SPRING MUSICAL

March 21-24

DEACON DINNER AUCTION

April 27

SHANLEY GRADUATION

May 22

REUNION WEEKEND

June 21-23

36TH ANNUAL ROGER MARIS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 23-24

SHANLEY HOMECOMING

September 27-28

FOR A FULL LIST OF ACTIVITIES,
PLEASE VISIT:

<https://alumni.jp2schools.org/events>

THE ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CREST

THE FLAME

The Flame represents the Holy Spirit and the light of faith and knowledge. A lantern flame is also a traditional symbol of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, founders of our Catholic schools.

THE SEQUELA CHRISTI

"Following Christ"

St. John Paul II tells us; *"at the heart of catechesis we find, in essence, a Person, the Person of Jesus of Nazareth, the only Son from the Father...full of grace and truth, who suffered and died for us and who now, after rising, is living with us forever. It is Jesus who is the way, and the truth, and the life, and Christian living consists in following Christ, the sequela Christi."*



THE CROSS

The Cross represents Christ. It is the focal point of our belief: Jesus died on the cross to redeem humanity. The cross calls us to offer our sufferings and sacrifices for God, family, and neighbor. At the foot of the cross is Mary.

THE "M"

St. John Paul II was well known for having a deep and abiding love for the Blessed Virgin Mary. His devotion to her was evident in all that he did: his teaching, his prayer life, even his papal motto and coat of arms were dedicated to the Blessed Mother. **Totus Tuus** - *"I totally belong to you."*

MISSION STATEMENT

To inspire excellence by teaching the total person and fostering the following of Christ, as taught by the Catholic Church.

THE SHIELD

THE DEACONS

Our nickname, "Deacons," was adopted in the fall of 1934 for the teams of Sacred Heart Academy, forerunner of Shanley High School, and has been used ever since.

It is especially fitting for Catholic schools, since it is derived from the Greek and literally means "servants" or "those who serve" (Acts 6). The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that Jesus "made Himself the 'Deacon' or servant of all" (CCC 1570).

In light of our schools' mission, identity, and nickname, we expect our students to excel in serving God and neighbor.

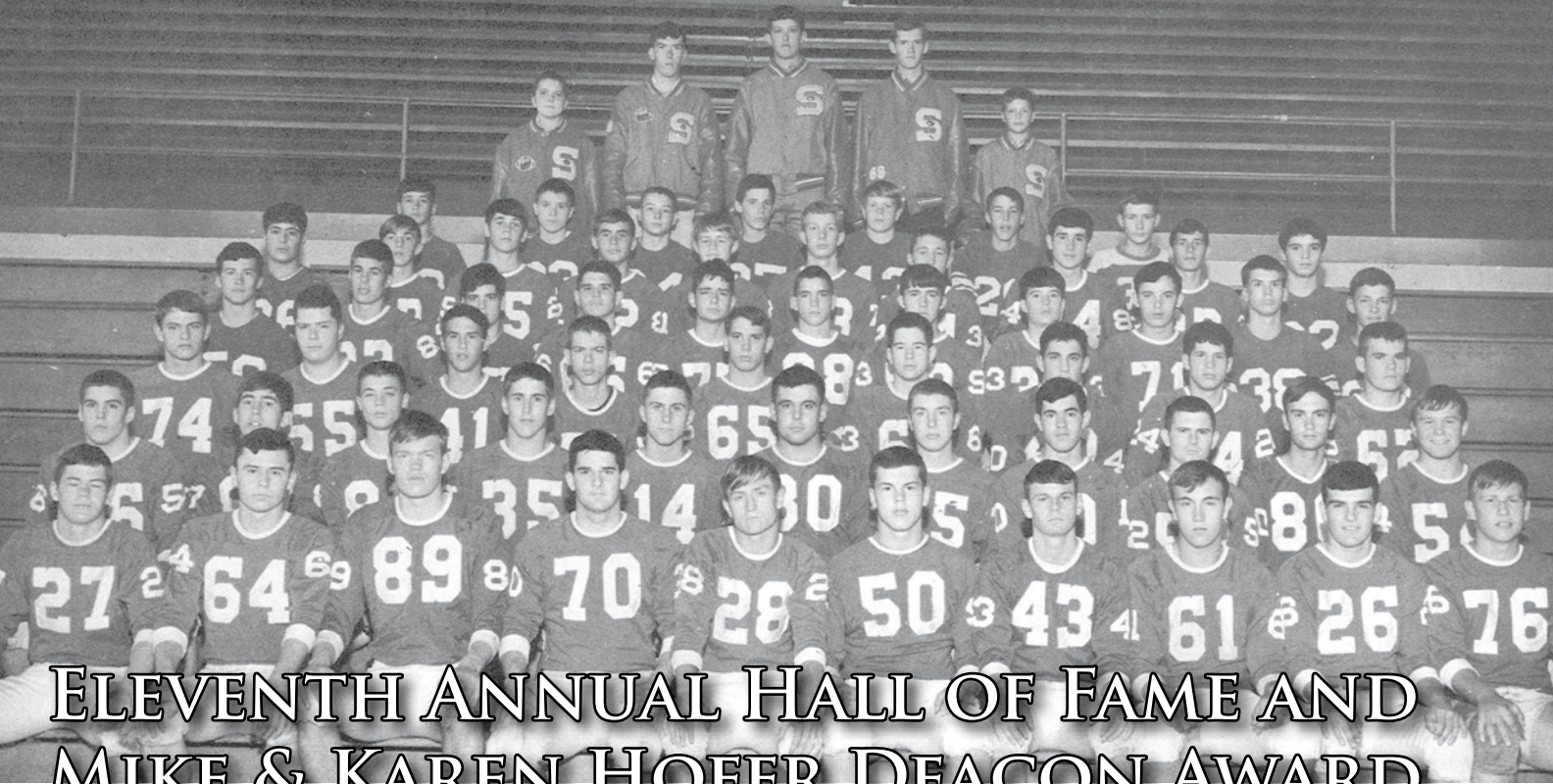


THE SHIELD

The Shanley Shield first appeared on football helmets in the fall of 1973. It was designed by Shanley art teacher Sr. Mary Virginia Deibert, PBVM with the help of her art students.

The shield signifies strength. The cross of Christ is centered on the shield as it is the center of our Catholic faith. The "S" represents "Shanley" high school, named for Bishop John Shanley (1852-1909), who served as first bishop of the Fargo Catholic Diocese.

Graduation from Shanley High School is the capstone for the St. John Paul II Catholic Schools student experience as Deacons.



ELEVENTH ANNUAL HALL OF FAME AND MIKE & KAREN HOFER DEACON AWARD

Ceremony

Above: 1967 Deacon Football Team

The St. John Paul II Catholic Schools honored the following individuals and team on Saturday, September 8th at the eleventh annual Hall of Fame and Mike & Karen Hofer Deacon Award Ceremony at Sts. Anne & Joachim Social Hall.

The St. John Paul II Catholic Schools Hall of Fame honors Sacred Heart Academy or Shanley High School alumni, teams, faculty or staff who during or after their time at SHA/SHS achieved a level of excellence deserving of recognition and who reflect honorably on the St. John Paul II Catholic Schools and its mission. Their accomplishments can be in athletics, fine arts, leadership, service, career or professional endeavors.

The 2018 Hall of Fame inductees were Michael Deutsch, Sue (Anderson) Jackson and the 1967 Deacon Football Team.



Michael Deutsch '68

Michael Deutsch graduated from Shanley High School in 1968. Mike lettered in football, basketball and track, was a



member of the Mythical State Champs in Football, Parade All-American, Captain of the boys basketball team, finishing 2nd and 3rd in State Basketball during his career. He was three-time Track High Hurdle Conference Champion.

Mike graduated from UND where he lettered in football and track. He was All-Conference and Most Valuable Player in the NCC. He led the Sioux to the 1972 Camellia Bowl where he was named MVP. He was named an AP First Team All American Running Back. He has been inducted into the UND Hall of Fame individually and as a member of the 1972 team. He has been selected to Shanley's Hall of Fame individually and as a member of the 1965, 1966, and 1967 Football teams.

Sue (Anderson) Jackson graduated from Shanley in 1968. She earned a B.S in Music Education from North Dakota State University, completed a Masters in Theology from the University of Notre Dame. In her professional career, she taught music, senior religion, theology.

Sue (Anderson) Jackson '68



Community service: chair for Cancer Crusade, elected Park Board



Commissioner, President of Birthright, member of PEO.

Catholic Service: Sue established a parish children’s choir, directed an adult choir, song leader 30 years, Board of Regents at University of Mary, Area Councillor for the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, is Co-chairperson for the Capital Campaign to rebuild Dickinson Trinity High School after the fire.

Internationally, Sue helped formulate the idea of a Malnutrition Center for God’s Child Project in Antigua, Guatemala. This hospital, Casa Jackson, is the largest in Central America. Recently Sue helped organize hundreds of women “sewing for a better world” making mid-wife aprons and momma bags for adolescent women and new mothers globally.

The 1967 Deacon Football team had an undefeated 10-0 season under legendary coach Sid Cichy. They were ranked 1st in the Nation in rushing with 352 yards per game, 2nd in



1967 Deacon Football Team

the Nation in scoring with 47.3 points per game, and 3rd in the Nation in total offense with 463 yards per game.

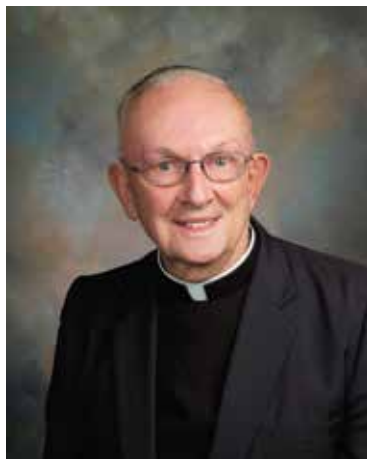


The “Mike & Karen Hofer Deacon Award” honors graduates, parents, staff, and friends who have exemplified the ideals of a Deacon (servant) through extensive service and outstanding contributions of time, talent and/or treasure to the St. John Paul II Catholic Schools.

The recipients of the 2018 Mike & Karen Hofer Deacon Award were Father Leo Stelten and Thomas McCormick.

Father Leo Stelten was ordained a priest of the Fargo Diocese on May 3, 1950.

Time and Talent: Fr. Stelten served as an administrator and teacher at Shanley High School, Vocations Director for the Fargo Diocese, and faculty member at Cardinal Muench Seminary and NDSU, teaching Greek and Latin. He also taught languages at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. In 1995, he published a Dictionary of Ecclesiastical Latin, now in its seventh printing. In retirement, he volunteered at the



Fr. Leo Stelten

Cardinal Muench Seminary Library.

Treasure: Fr. Stelten has been an ardent supporter of Shanley High School in general and its Latin program in particular.

Thomas McCormick is a 1968 Shanley graduate, the father of three Shanley graduates, and the grandfather of three current students in the St. John Paul II Catholic Schools.



TIME: Over the years Tom has served on several committees and boards relating to the Catholic Schools, Diocese, and Catholic-based organizations in our community.



TALENT: Tom and the company *Thomas McCormick '68* he runs, Northern Improvement, have been very generous of their talents, helping build many aspects of the school grounds.

TREASURE: Tom and the McCormick family have been very generous in sharing in their family’s great success with the St. John Paul II Catholic Schools.



Mike & Karen Hofer Deacon Award & Hall of Fame Nomination Form



Hall of Fame Award
Graduates, teams or employees

- ◆10 years since graduation
- ◆5 years since employment

◆Level of excellence in Athletics, Arts, Academics, Leadership, Service, Career or Professional either at SHA/SHS or following graduation

◆Reflect Honorably on the JPII Catholic Schools

Deacon Award
Graduates, parents, employees & friends

◆Exemplify ideals of a Deacon through extensive service and outstanding contributions of time, talent and/or treasure to the JPII Catholic Schools.

◆Reflect Honorably on the JPII Catholic Schools

Nominee: _____ Nominee Class Year or Employment Years: _____
(if applicable)

Address (if living): _____
Street City State Zip

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Profession: _____

Reason for Nomination (what, where, when including honors or awards):

Nominator's Name: _____ Nominator's Relationship: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Date: _____

Forms should be Postmarked by March 31st
JPII Catholic Schools
5600 25th Street South
Fargo, ND 58104
Attn: Joelle Shewey

ALUMNI NEWS

1950's

Barb (Kelly) Wenger ('53) and her husband, Fred, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married September 6, 1958, at Holy Spirit Church, Fargo.

Paul Schulz ('57) and his wife, Mary Jean, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on August 23, 1958 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo, ND. Paul & Mary Jean are the parents of **Stacey (Schulz) Kerns ('77)**, **Greg Schulz ('79)**, and **Christine (Schulz) Oliver ('81)**.

1960's

Tom '64 & Sharon (Cossette) '66 Fowler celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 15, 2018.

E. John & Brenda (Ouellette) Carlson '67 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo on July 13, 1968.

1990's

1990's

Michael Finch ('92) and his wife, Meghan, welcomed a son, Emmett Christopher, on July 24, 2018.

2000's

Megan (Uselman) Cavanagh ('02) and her husband, Taylor, welcomed a daughter, Nora Suzanne, on August 22, 2018.

Courtney (Welle) Lanes ('05) and her husband, Robert, welcomed a son, Logan Jacob, on June 13, 2018.

Melissa (Lewis) Casper ('08) and her husband, Michael, welcomed a son, Michael David Casper IV, on July 18, 2018.

Dominic O'Donnell ('08) and his wife, Angela, welcomed a daughter, Evelyn Lori-Anne, on October 5, 2018.

April Maertens ('09) is an elementary music teacher with the Fargo public schools. In September 2018, she played the role of Mary Poppins at the Fargo-Moorhead Community Theatre.

Chad Hingst ('09) and his wife, Kate, moved to Okinawa, Japan in August 2017. Chad was promoted to Captain in the U.S. Marine Corps in February 2018.

Paul Hoselton ('09) married Abby Klumb of Dismock, SD on August 8, 2015.

Karina (Johnson) Krosbakken ('09) earned her MA in clinical social work from the University of St. Catherine & St. Thomas, Minneapolis, MN.

Evan Marsolek ('09) earned a Master of Arts degree from Luther Seminary in 2016. He is currently enrolled as a Doctor of Philosophy student at Loyola University in Chicago.

Kristen (Lundberg) Seefeldt ('09) & Benjamin Seefeldt ('09) welcomed a son, Leo Benjamin, on December 18, 2017.

Jeffrey Shypkowski ('09) married Laura Kowatch on October 27, 2018.

2010's

Chenise Nesler ('10) married John Tandsater on September 15, 2018. Chenise teaches 5th grade at Nativity Elementary School.



James Opitz ('14) got engaged to Ashley Trosen in October, after returning from his 2nd deployment for the U.S. Marine Corps. They are planning a June 1, 2019 wedding.



Want to stay up-to-date on all the latest happenings at Shanley as they happen? "Like Us" on Facebook!! Just search for the Shanley Alumni page and click on the "Like" button.

Send Us Your News...

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone () _____ Class of _____

Since high school I have... _____

I am currently (working, retired, married, children, etc.) _____

One thing I would like others to know about me is... _____

Please return to: JP2 Catholic Schools , 5600 25th Street South, Fargo, ND 58104 or
email: maria.dahlin@jp2schools.org.

You may also send us your news via our alumni web site: <https://alumni.jp2schools.org>.

We reserve the right to edit for space and content.

REUNION *Re-caps* 2018

The second annual Shanley Reunion Weekend was held on June 22 - 23, 2018 with the following Classes participating:

- Class of 1973
- Class of 1978
- Class of 1983
- Class of 1988
- Class of 1993
- Class of 1998
- Class of 2003
- Class of 2008

A great time was had by all!



1968



1973



1988

1977- Surprise Mini-Reunion

There was a surprise 1977 mini reunion at the wedding of Judi Stoa's niece on September 22. (Rachel Stoa married Jake Shipp).



Laurie Bossart, Judi Stoa, Siobhan Powers, Jane Grove, Julie Lepine

1961- Gathering



Shanley graduates from 1961 met at the Fargo home of Sue Torson, front right. From the left are Sharon Wolf, Nancy Sullivan, Mary Lee Romuald, Kathy Lester, Mary Ellen Nilles, Anna Kiebke, Mary Jane Schaffer, and Jackie Cox.

Cox is wearing a t-shirt designed by Mason Thimjon '18. Sullivan was visiting from Washington, D.C., and Romuald drove from Minneapolis to share memories with their classmates who live in the F-M area.

SAVE THE DATE!

2019 Shanley Reunion Weekend

JUNE 21-23, 2019

Please Join Us:

CLASS OF 1969

CLASS OF 1994

CLASS OF 1974

CLASS OF 1999

CLASS OF 1979

CLASS OF 2004

CLASS OF 1984

CLASS OF 2009

CLASS OF 1989

Friday & Saturday, June 21 & 22

Events for All:

The Front Fenders at Franks!



(Friday: 7:00 - 11:00 pm)

Saturday: Alumni Fun Run/5K, School Tour and Mass at Shanley

Sunday, June 23 - Monday, June 24:

36th Annual Roger Maris Charity Golf Tournament Registration will be available soon at <http://www.rogermarisgolf.com>

Questions?
Please Contact:

Joelle Shewey

701.893.3225

joelle.shewey@jp2schools.org

ARIZONA ALUMNI & FRIENDS LUNCHEON

DATE:

Friday, February 22, 2019 -11:30 AM

at

LOCATION

to be announced

HOSTED BY:

Lynne Magnotto

REMARKS BY:

Bishop John T. Folda, Fargo Diocese

Mike Hagstrom, St. John Paul II Catholic Schools President

This event is complimentary, but the courtesy of an
RSVP is requested by **February 15, 2019**

Online at: <https://alumni.jp2schools.org/events>
or by filling out the form below and returning to:

ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Attn: Joelle Shewey

5600 25th St S

Fargo, ND 58104

ARIZONA ALUMNI & FRIENDS LUNCHEON RSVP

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Number Attending: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Shanley

Saturday, April 27, 2019

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DATE: Saturday, April 27, 2019

LOCATION: Fargo Holiday Inn (3803 13th Ave. S., Fargo)

TIME: 4:00 pm

PRICE: \$100 per ticket

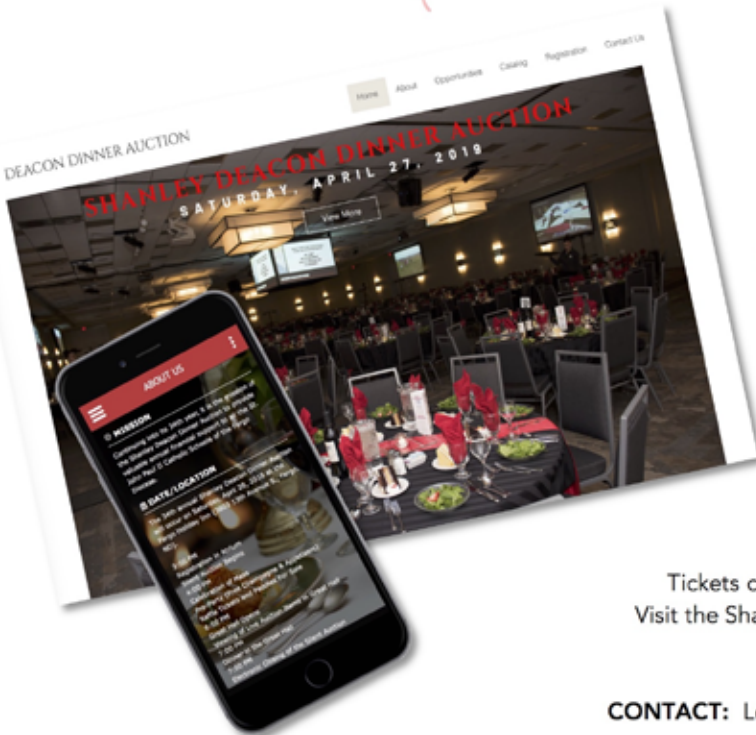
WEBSITE: www.deacondinnerauction.com

APP: Download the free app
[search for *Deacon Dinner Auction*] at your app store

NEW THIS YEAR:

Tickets can be reserved and paid for online beginning in November 2018. Visit the Shanley Deacon Dinner Auction website for ongoing updates, ticket reservations and emerging auction items.

CONTACT: Lee Hoedl, Auction Director; leehoedl@yahoo.com; 701.306.1266



GIVING HEARTS DAY

SAVE THE DATE FOR GIVING HEARTS DAY!

Thursday, February 14, 2019

On February 14, 2019, you have an opportunity to be a part of the most generous day of giving in our region. For a 24-hour window, this event inspires donors to multiply the results of their giving, and thus, multiply the impacts of nonprofits like the St. John Paul II Catholic Schools in preparing young men and women to be compassionate, responsible, faith-filled people capable of making a difference in the world.

Donations to the **St. John Paul II Catholic Schools** will be matched up to \$150,000 during this 24-hour giving event.

Give Online:

givingheartstoday.org

By Check:

Checks of \$10 or more must be made payable to "St. John Paul II Catholic Schools" and **DATED** Feb. 14, 2019. Checks must reach our office **ON** or **BEFORE** February 14, 2019 in order to count for Giving Hearts Day.





LOCAL DANCING DUO TO PERFORM

at prestigious tap festival

Mateo Leslie ('21)(left) and Patrick Kasper('87) have been invited to perform at the Twin Cities Tap Festival. Special to The Forum

A local dancing duo has been invited to perform at the prestigious Twin Cities Tap Festival later this month.

PATEO, consisting of Patrick Kasper and Mateo Leslie, will perform Thursday, Oct. 18, during the event. The festival showcases the top tap talent from across the region and brings together national artists and local tap professionals to share and learn about rhythm, music and the art of tap dance.

Kasper and Leslie have performed together for six years at local and national events, including a 2015 tribute show to Eddie Gasper and gigs for corporate clients.

In 2014, the duo traveled to Los Angeles where Leslie, now 15, was a featured contestant on "America's Got Talent." Leslie also was invited to compete in Chicago in 2016 for dance competition show "So You Think You Can Dance: The Next Generation."

In addition to tap, Leslie is an accomplished jazz and ballet dancer. Kasper is a respected dance instructor and choreographer who has presented dance and motivational workshops for the past 20 years.

After the tap festival gig, PATEO will perform Oct. 24 during the 1 Million Cups event at The Stage at Island Park, 333 Fourth St. S., Fargo, and the two will also work together in Shanley High School's production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" later this month.

Twin Cities Tap Festival classes and workshops take place at Minneapolis' Cowles Center for Performing Arts and the adjacent Hennepin Center for the Arts beginning Thursday and continuing through Sunday, Oct. 21. For more information, visit www.twincitiestap.com.



MOORHEAD NATIVE RELEASES BOOK

about experiences as a diplomat

Mary Ann Byron, author of "No Ordinary Life." Joel Plotkin / Special to The Forum

A woman who grew up here and attended Shanley High School drew from her experiences overseas for her first book - but she had to wait a long time to share her story.

Mary Ann Byron's "No Ordinary Life" was released earlier this summer by independent company Mountain High Publishing. She told The Forum it's a story about the experiences of young newlyweds who go overseas to South Africa, where "they come upon turbulent times and violent times because of the potential civil war."

The nonfiction work is set in the early 1990s as the recently freed Nelson Mandela works to negotiate the end of South Africa's apartheid, a critical step toward that nation's first democratic election in 1993 that would put Mandela into office in 1994.

"It's insights of love and diplomacy in a foreign country," she summarized.

It's also based on the real-world experiences of Byron, a diplomat, and her husband, Patrick McGhee, who was a special agent. But because of the delicate nature of

their work, the story had to wait to be told until McGhee retired.

"This book is something that's been in the works for about 25 years," she said.

Byron and McGhee now live in Denver.

Byron wrote the book with her friend, co-author Lori Windsor Mohr, and said it's been interesting to share the tale with the public for the first time.

But readers won't have to wait too long to read more from Byron: "No Ordinary Life" is the first in a three-book series. The second, which doesn't yet have an expected release date, focuses on the African country of Burundi, while the third installment will take place in the European nation of Malta.

She's also in preliminary talks with a company about possible movie rights, so her story might end up on the big screen someday, too.

"No Ordinary Life" is now available to purchase on Amazon.



SHANLEY GRADUATE MCGOVERN STEPS INTO STARTING ROLE

in his third year in the NFL

Connor McGovern ('11) (left), shown celebrating a touchdown of teammate Demaryius Thomas during an NFL game last year, is a Fargo Shanley High School graduate who is beginning his third NFL season with the Denver Broncos. Isaiah J. Downing / USA TODAY Sports

As he broke the huddle on the opening drive of his first professional start, Connor McGovern glanced across the line of scrimmage and immediately grasped how difficult life as an offensive lineman in the National Football League would be.

Thirteen weeks into the 2017 season, his second in the NFL, the Fargo Shanley graduate was inserted into the Denver Broncos' starting lineup at right guard for the team's game at Miami.

Knowing he was entering a challenging situation, McGovern's nervousness only intensified before the offense's first play. Glaring at him on the opposite side of the ball was five-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh.

"That isn't the easiest way to build your confidence," McGovern admitted.

But following an up-and-down final month of last season, McGovern, who played well enough to hold the starting right guard job, enters 2018 with a reaffirmed belief in his abilities.

"I made strides in all areas, the biggest being confidence," he said. "Just going out there and trusting my technique that I've worked on all offseason. Just going out and playing football."

Perseverance has proven to be a major asset for McGovern, who struggled to find a role in his first 20

months in the league.

A fifth-round pick in 2016, he never made it off the inactive list as a rookie. Seen as a potential starter on the interior line going into Year 2, McGovern instead spent most of training camp filling in for injured center Matt Paradis, who regained his starting role once healthy.

In the process, he lost out on needed reps, eventually finding himself backing up guards Ronald Leary and Max Garcia.

But following a season-ending back injury to Leary in late November, McGovern finally moved atop the depth chart, playing the final five weeks with mixed results.

There were highlights along the way, most notably a Week 15 game at Indianapolis, where the line keyed a season-best, 211-yard rushing performance in a 25-13 victory.

But by McGovern's own admission, he's "definitely got more work to get done," a statement echoed by football's analytical community.

For the season, Pro Football Focus rated him the No. 56 guard in the league with an overall score of negative-16.4.

And while he sees some value in such rankings, Mc-

Govern thinks they paint an incomplete picture of how the game is played in the trenches.

“Nothing against Pro Football Focus, but they don’t know the reasons for our blocking schemes,” he said. “Maybe they think I let up a guy but actually I was meant to do that (because) it was the running back’s guy, or whatever. I don’t really look at it or think about it very much.”

Despite playing far from home in his post-high school career, the 2011 Shanley grad has maintained a strong, active support system.

As they have for nearly every home game dating back to his freshman year at the University of Missouri, Connor’s parents, Keith and Rondi McGovern, will be in attendance Sunday, when the Broncos host Seattle in the 2018 opener.

The McGovern’s, who still reside in Fargo, have also been able to travel to numerous away games, with family members living in and around NFL cities taking them in and traveling with them to Denver games.

Having planned several road trips this season, Keith is most excited for an Oct. 7 visit to New York, where he expects around 20 of Connor’s relatives will be in attendance when the Broncos face the Jets.

“Our whole extended family’s been very supportive of him along the way,” he said. “It’s been really great for all us watching him achieve his goals. It’s been unreal.”

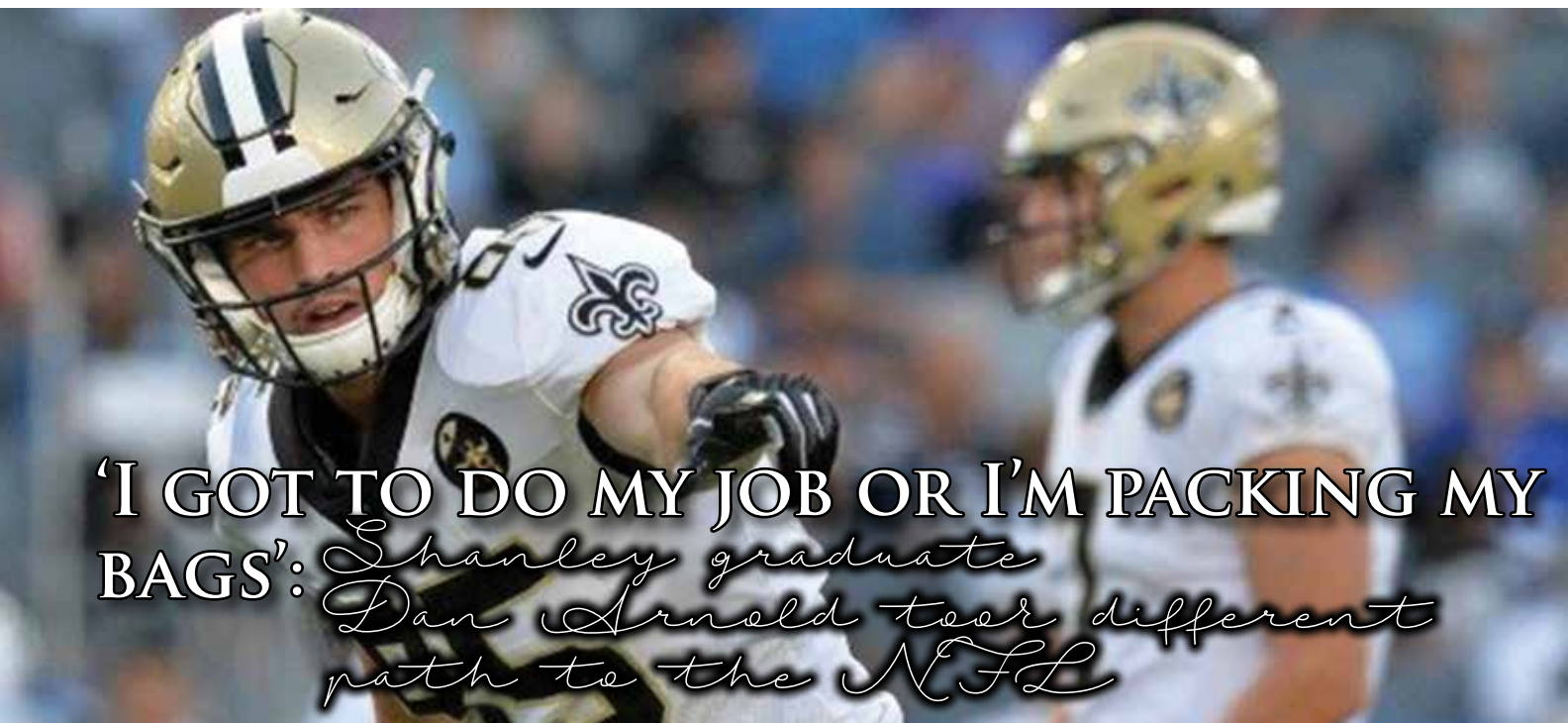
Opening an NFL season as a starter for the first time, Connor’s biggest goal is helping the Broncos erase the thought of last year’s dismal 5-11 finish.

To make the needed strides, the offense has preached the importance of continuity, starting with an offensive line that in 2017, used 16 different combinations and allowed 52 sacks, the third highest total in the league.

The Broncos are also hoping to solidify the quarterback position for the first time since the retirement of Peyton Manning. After starting three different, ineffective signal callers a year ago, the franchise parted ways with all three and brought in veteran Case Keenum, who helped guide the Minnesota Vikings to an appearance in the 2017 NFC Championship Game.

Three years removed from a Super Bowl win, the Broncos are clearly eager to get back to playing at a championship level. Having gotten his feet wet after playing 418 snaps in 2017, McGovern believes he can be a major building block in the franchise’s effort to return to the top of the NFL.

“Once that shock (of playing in the pros) goes away, you realize ‘Man, I can do this.’ That’s sort of the biggest stepping stone,” he said. And I think that’s one of the biggest areas I’ve improved on, telling myself I belong on the field and I can do this and I can be really successful at it. Once you realize that, the little voice in your head that says ‘You can’t do this’ disappears.”



‘I GOT TO DO MY JOB OR I’M PACKING MY BAGS’: *Shanley graduate Dan Arnold took different path to the NFL*

New Orleans Saints wide receiver Dan Arnold, a 2013 Fargo Shanley High School graduate, gestures before the snap during a preseason game against the Los Angeles Chargers. Jake Roth / USA TODAY Sports

Dan Arnold stood on the youth football field in Janesville, Wis., in fourth grade. He had told his dad he wanted to play in the NFL one day. Luke Arnold looked at Dan, his youngest son, and his two other sons

and told them to look at the six football fields filled with youth football players.

He asked them how many of those players would play football in high school? How many of them would be

starters in high school? How many would play football in college? How many would have a shot at the pros? Luke asked Dan, Nick and Tom if they were the best football players on that field. Luke, wanting to be realistic with his sons, told them it was a tall mountain to climb to get to the NFL.

"Daniel doesn't like being told he can't do something," Luke said.

Last Saturday, Luke was in a bar in Minneapolis with Nick to watch college football. He wasn't really watching college football. It was more the background noise, as Luke stared at his phone. The deadline had passed for NFL teams to make final cuts and he had no phone call from Dan. A call would've meant Dan, 23, was contacted to come in and told he was cut.

There was no call.

Dan, a Fargo Shanley High School graduate, had made the 53-man roster for the New Orleans Saints. The football player from NCAA Division III University of Wisconsin-Platteville, who told his dad in fourth grade he was going to play professional football, was in the NFL.

"We saw an article pop up from the local newspaper that they had cut the last tight end," Luke said. "I just looked at Nick and said, 'Oh, my God. This is actually happening.'"

'I think I need to find an agent'

Dan had been invited to walk on at the University of North Dakota and North Dakota State out of Shanley, but he was set on Platteville because he wanted to play immediately. It was December of 2016 when Dan came home for Christmas break. He had just wrapped up his senior season at Platteville, catching 65 passes for 1,176 yards and 16 touchdowns in 11 games.

"So I think I need to find an agent," Dan said to his parents.

Luke and Trish Arnold had begun to think the NFL could be a possibility during Dan's junior year of college. He had 24 NFL teams come watch him play during his college years. Luke and Trish went to every one of Dan's college games. Platteville is 500 miles from Fargo and nearly 700 miles from Bismarck, where the two moved Dan's senior college season. Their 2010 Chevy Avalanche has a lot of miles on it.

Trish called Dan a freak of nature because she was a track coach and watched him at 6-foot-5 run hurdles in high school. But football she wasn't sure about. Trish would watch people's reactions in the crowd to the way her son played. She thought there might be something special.

There still wasn't a lot of preparation for their youngest son wondering how to get an agent.

"Luke and I were like, 'How does one go about that?'" Trish said with a laugh.

Dan had decided to put his degree aside to pursue

the NFL after his senior season at Platteville. He figured his parents wouldn't be too happy, but they told him to go for it while he still could. He got invited to the Wisconsin Pro Day, but went undrafted in the 2017 NFL draft. He was invited to rookie minicamps for the Kansas City Chiefs and Saints. He was given No. 25 at the minicamp in New Orleans. He already had a No. 25 New Orleans jersey at home because former Saints running back Reggie Bush was his favorite player growing up.

When his parents got a picture of him wearing the No. 25 jersey for New Orleans they were at a restaurant that had a framed picture of Bush in his Saints jersey on the wall. They held up the phone with the picture of Dan next to the picture of Bush and took a picture.

"I chuckled," Dan said. "It's weird to think back, watching Reggie Bush play when I was younger and going out and buying his jersey and idolizing what kind of a player he was. Being able to be in the same organization was cool."

That almost didn't happen. He didn't get an offer out of either minicamp. The Baltimore Ravens had called Dan right after the last name was called in the 2017 NFL draft. They had offered him a one-day tryout, but took it off the table less than two hours later. The Ravens came back with a contract offer after the minicamps in Kansas City and New Orleans ended with no contract.

He was in a hotel in Baltimore, ready to meet with the Ravens the next morning when he got a call about New Orleans. He got on a plane the next morning, flew to New Orleans and he signed with the Saints.

The joy didn't last long, as he suffered a posterior labral tear in his shoulder less than two weeks after signing. He was put on injured reserve, but was not released. Dan hated watching. He studied film, put together film packages and took in everything he could, but he wanted to be on the field. He was at his apartment watching New Orleans in the conference semifinals against the Minnesota Vikings last season. He was packing his bags to go in and start working on film of the Philadelphia Eagles for the conference championship game when Minnesota Vikings quarterback Case Keenum ended the season for the Saints with a 61-yard touchdown pass to Stefon Diggs on the final play.

"No player, no one in the organization ever wants to see that happen," Dan said. "You move on from it and try to get better for next season. That's the motto right now. We know there was

more in the tank from last year and we want to prove we can be a contender for a Super Bowl."

Switching from receiver to tight end

Dan was antsy to get back on the field, but the Saints added depth at wide receiver in the offseason. In late May, Dan Campbell, the tight ends coach for the Saints, told Dan if he wanted to make the team he'd have to

move to tight end, a position he hadn't really played since Shanley.

Curveballs were nothing new to Dan. He won an Illinois Class 7A state football championship with Boylan High School (Rockford, Ill.) as a junior. Both his older brothers and his dad graduated from Boylan, yet, he was fine with moving to North Dakota for his senior year of high school when his dad got a job at Moore Engineering in West Fargo.

"He gave that up because he knew the family needed something better," Trish said. "That was tough for him."

In the 2012 North Dakota Class 2A state championship game, Dan moved from linebacker to defensive end for the Deacons. They won the state title. Throughout that season he would move to tight end when asked, amassing more than 1,000 receiving yards that season. He was also convinced to play basketball for the Deacons in his one year at Shanley. They won a Class A state basketball title as well.

"He was a kid that would do anything we asked of him," said former Shanley head football coach Rod Oksendahl. "He would do anything to help the team win. He was a great competitor. That was the thing that impressed me the most. That you can't coach."

Dan had dealt with change. The switch to tight end was just another change. He learned footwork and technique for blocking and put on 20 pounds, currently standing at 6-6 and around 237 pounds.

"I've definitely had a lot of change in my life," Dan said. "That's definitely a blessing. I think it's prepared me. Every new situation that has been thrown at me I've been able to adjust relatively well just because of the experiences I've had in my life. When you get a big monkey wrench thrown in your life you want to shut down and scream at the wall and it's not fair, but at the same time you got to be able to move on from it."

'I got to do my job or I'm packing my bags'

Dan admits he was awestruck last season when he'd see Saints quarterback Drew Brees or defensive end Cam Jordan or when he sat next to wide receiver Michael Thomas at meetings. He has a different mindset this season.

"I would say I got that out of my system," Dan said. "Now, going through training camp, you're here to do what you're asked by your coaches and you're going

to try to do that with the best of your ability. At that point, you're not looking who is across the line from you. I got to do my job or I'm packing my bags and going home. It comes down to you have to make this happen no matter what."

Trish is studying to get her PH.D. She wanted some time alone, so was more than happy to have Luke go to Minneapolis to hang out with Nick last Saturday. She studied, but she said she never stared at her phone more in her life, waiting to find out if Dan made the Saints. He had always told her the NFL stands for "Not For Long," so she should just take it in stride and enjoy the ride.

"Your time here is special," Dan said. "The next day is not guaranteed and a lot of players know that. I could actually go to the facility tomorrow and they could say we're going to release you. That's just the reality of the situation. You have that thought in the back of your mind that drives you to keep playing and keep working your butt off."

Trish got a text from Luke saying Dan made the roster last Saturday. The boys in the family were all Green Bay Packers fans, but she immediately changed her allegiance from the Chicago Bears to the New Orleans Saints. She's not sure where the family will watch the Saints game Sunday in Bismarck, but they'll be sure to find a TV.

The excitement in Trish's voice could not be contained when she realized Dan was calling last Wednesday. She said he doesn't get a lot of free time, as she answered his call. When she hung up she said he was calling about the Verizon bill, trying to convince her to stay on the family plan because it's cheaper. She laughed. He's still her youngest son. He just has an interesting job.

"I have a really nice picture of Daniel and Drew Brees just sitting there getting ready to do their thing," Trish said. "What a great thing to share your office with Drew Brees."

Dan isn't sure when this whole thing will end. Perhaps one day he can get off the Verizon family plan. For now, he's just taking it all in.

"It gets real now," Dan said. "You're playing the highest level of football. It'll be something I hold onto for the rest of my life."

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FORMER FARGO SHANLEY TEAMMATES

grinding away in professional golf

Grady Meyer '13 (left) and Thomas Strandemo '12 (right) tee off during a practice round Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018, before the Bobcat North Dakota Open begins on Friday at the Fargo Country Club. Michael Vosburg / Forum Photo Editor

They once were golf teammates who were part of a great run of teams at Fargo Shanley High School. These days, Thomas Strandemo and Grady Meyer are beating the bushes on the professional circuit trying to make it as individuals.

It's not been easy and it rarely ever is in the sport, especially on lower-end levels like the Dakotas Tour. Both will tee it up beginning Friday in the Bobcat North Dakota Open at the Fargo Country Club along with Riley Johnson from West Fargo, who is also beginning his rookie year in pro golf.

In a sense, all three are starting over. Strandemo played four years at Division I Louisiana-Lafayette. Meyer played four years at the University of Minnesota.

"I think I have the right mind for it," Strandemo said. "I'm learning a lot. I've been leaning on some guys who have been out here for a while and picking their brain."

Strandemo started this year trying to qualify for the Mackenzie Tour in Canada, which is that country's version of the PGA Tour. He finished in the middle of pack in its Qualifying School and didn't get any starts.

"So it left me kind of scrambling to find something to play in the summer," he said.

He's entered events on the Dakotas Tour, some state opens and independent tournaments. He finished in a tie for sixth at the Dakotas Tour's Bakker Crossing tournament in Sioux Falls, S.D., shooting 68-69-69.

"It's definitely tough but I like the grind," Strandemo said. "I like to travel and for a lot of people that wears

on them but I enjoy it."

It's been a grind for Meyer in staying healthy this summer. He's just returning from a foot injury from what he called "a freaky thing" stepping down from too high of a surface.

"That was a tough couple of weeks not doing much so I'm trying to get back into the swing of it," he said.

The Bobcat routinely has the full field of Dakotas Tour players. Six former champions are entered as is the current money leader in Brady Calkins from Chehalis, Wash., whose \$73,105 is the highest on the Dakotas Tour in the last five years. Calkins has won three times, finished second once and third twice.

Meyer said the most important thing is to stick to a routine that works.

"You have to figure out the areas you need to get better at and learn how to be a pro every day," he said. "It's hard but it's fun. It's fun to go out there and figure out how good you can get."

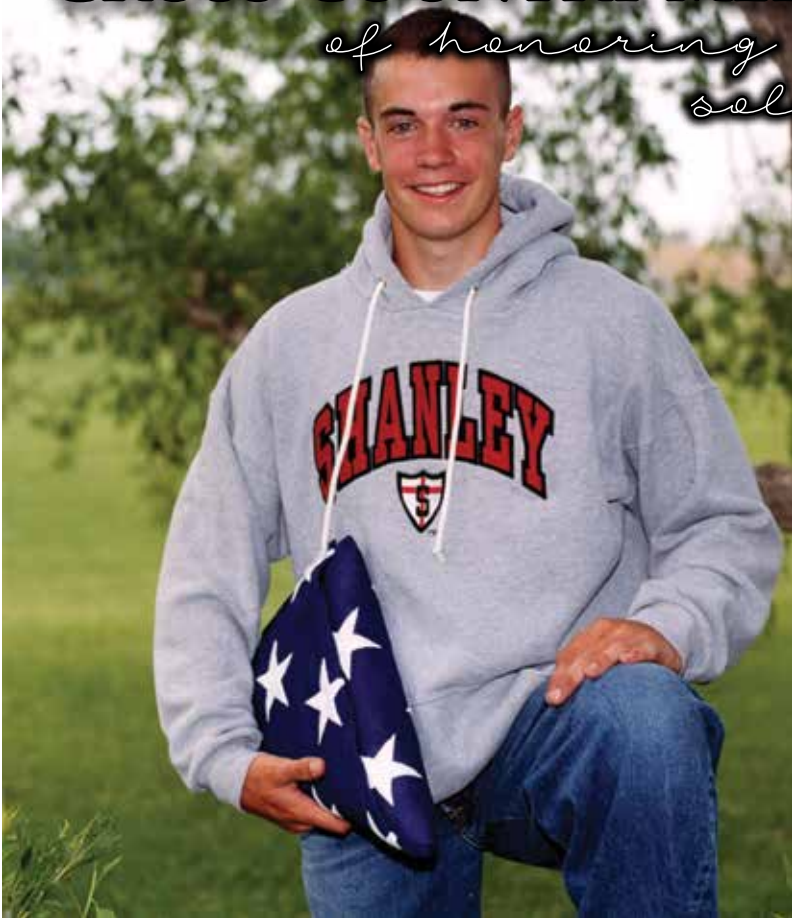
Both Strandemo and Meyer say they have no timeline in mind on how long they'll stick it out, if it comes to that. The general consensus: as long as you're improving, then keep going. Meyer called it a "constant process."

"As long as I feel like I still have a shot," Strandemo said, "I'll probably still do it. But I'm also a rational thinker and I feel like if I don't got it, then it's time to hang up the clubs. If I enjoy it, I'll still be doing it."

Results: www.BobcatNDOpen.com

CROSS COUNTRY MEET IN 11TH YEAR

*of honoring Shanley graduate,
soldier killed in Iraq*



Army Sgt. Andrew Nelson ('03) was killed serving in Iraq in 2007. Tuesday will be the 11th year of the Andrew Nelson Metro Classic cross country meet, named in honor of the 2003 Fargo Shanley graduate. Submitted photo

There was a wretched silence when the question was asked. Fargo Shanley-Oak Grove-Park Christian assistant cross country coach Greg Falde remembered being at West Fargo's cross country meet when two former runners told him. Shanley assistant cross country coach Courtney Banister came home from work and saw it on the news. Shanley head cross country coach Chris Foerster had just moved to St. Paul and gotten married a couple weeks previous when Falde called him to tell him.

But when Suzanne Nelson was asked what she remembers about Aug. 29, 2007, the day Staff Sgt. Andrew Nelson, her son, was killed in Iraq, there was a hopeless silence. It wasn't a matter of finding the words. The words were unreachable.

"Too much," Suzanne said. "No mother should have to go through that."

Suzanne had just talked to Andrew about what he was going to do when he got back from his third tour of Iraq. He had also done one tour of Afghanistan. The 22-year-old 2003 Shanley graduate was trying to decide which college he was going to study engineering when he returned home that spring.

Tuesday, Sept. 11, will be the 11th year of the Andrew Nelson Metro Classic cross country meet at Lindenwood Park. Andrew played football, ran track and was a captain for the cross country team at Shanley. He was the anchor of relays because coaches knew he would pass the runners he shouldn't at the very end of the race, just like he'd do when he was the fifth scorer at cross country meets.

"One time he was running hurt and he knew he was the fifth runner and he continued to race, so the score was the lowest it would be," Falde said. "He'd hold off people that were faster than him somehow."

According to the U.S. Department of Defense, Andrew died in Muqadadiyah, Iraq, while on foot patrol. He was with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division when insurgents attacked his unit.

"He learned from his father that you learn more by listening than talking," Suzanne said. "He was dedicated to doing well in school, and he loved helping other kids learn. He had some good teachers and mentors, who taught him how to study well, but he listened. He loved being able to listen to learn things rather than talking."

Suzanne didn't want to sign the papers for Andrew to enlist when he was 17. He warned her that he was just going to do it when he was 18 and didn't need her signature.

His grandfather served in World War II and his father in the Korean War, both with the Navy. Andrew's grandfather was on the USS Lexington, which was sunk in the Battle of the Coral Sea in 1942. More than 200 sailors died, but he survived, stranded in the water for hours helping his shipmates. Remains of the aircraft carrier were found recently in March.

Falde served in the Air Force for 20 years. Andrew talked to him about the military as a sophomore. Falde could see Andrew being good for the military. He was an Eagle Scout, finding the most joy in mentoring the younger scouts. He was always well groomed, in shape and respectful.

Falde wore his military uniform to his funeral.

"It was the way he carried himself," Falde said. "You could tell he was built for the military."

A year after Andrew's death, Falde and Jaclyn Petik, who was the Shanley cross country coach at the time, went to Suzanne in tears to ask if they could name their cross country event in his honor. Andrew would've wanted no part of it, but Suzanne was so touched by it, all she could do was nod in agreement when they asked.

"I was honored to know that they thought that much of him to rename the meet," Suzanne said. "Andrew would not like it at all. He was not one to seek glory. He wanted to be kept in the background and not be pointed out. He'd be there to support you, but not out front. I'm really honored that they do that. I really love to see the kids run for themselves because that's how he did it, to better himself. It was never about him though. It was always about the team and doing your personal best."

Foerster coached Andrew in track and cross country. He had just moved to St. Paul when Andrew died. On Sept. 7, 2007, the day Andrew was buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, Foerster walked outside of the new school he was teaching at just in time for a military plane to fly overhead.

"I'm not sure if that was for him, but I felt like he was there with me," Foerster said. "He was heavy in my heart that day."

Banister knew Andrew for 15 years, meeting him in second grade. They ran cross country and track together. Her parents always trusted Andrew with her, starting from the T-ball days when he would talk to her even though she was "the girl" on the team. He motivated her during cross country season when she was more focused on volleyball. Now, she's coaching runners.

When Andrew came home from a tour, he invited people over to see pictures of where he had been and what he did. Banister had just been studying in London for three months. Andrew made sure she stayed after,

so he could see all her pictures. That's something she'll never forget.

"He wanted to make sure I felt special and wanted to listen to my experiences," Banister said. "He had a great, positive attitude, a great love for others. He was proud to serve his friends, family, country."

Banister helped get a plaque, featuring an engraved photo of Andrew, up at Shanley. It's still there today, as some teachers purposely walk young students by it.

"You don't ever think something like that will happen," Banister said. "It seems like life stood still for him. We think of him as 22 when we're all getting married and having kids."

American flags will be everywhere at Lindenwood Park on Tuesday. Suzanne has only missed one Andrew Nelson Metro Classic. She will be there on Tuesday.

"It's a good day, but it's an exhausting day for me," Suzanne said. "It's good to see all the kids and parents."

On Tuesday, people will remind all the runners who Andrew was and what he stood for. Suzanne hopes they listen.

"His joy was in giving back and learning to better yourself and share your knowledge and taking care of others," Suzanne said. "We see that in a cross country meet, especially when like that one girl couldn't make it to the finish line and someone else picked her up. That's what it's all about. That's what Andrew would've done, help people make it across the finish line."



LEROY FISCHER (1930-2018)

"Once a Deacon; always a Deacon." -Shanley proverb

LeRoy Fischer was buried at 11 am Monday, April 23 at St. Joseph's Cemetery in north Moorhead with fifteen people, mostly family, in attendance, gravel trucks rumbling past, robins brightly singing, and the sun shining, soft and warm.

Myron "LeRoy" Fischer died April 16 at age 88. The past ten years he had been living with his niece's family and more recently in a nursing home in Parkers Prairie, Minnesota.

But those of us of a certain age remember LeRoy well.

Some may have termed him a "vulnerable adult." I preferred to think of him as one of the Bible's "anawim," the Lord's poor and humble people, beloved of the Father.

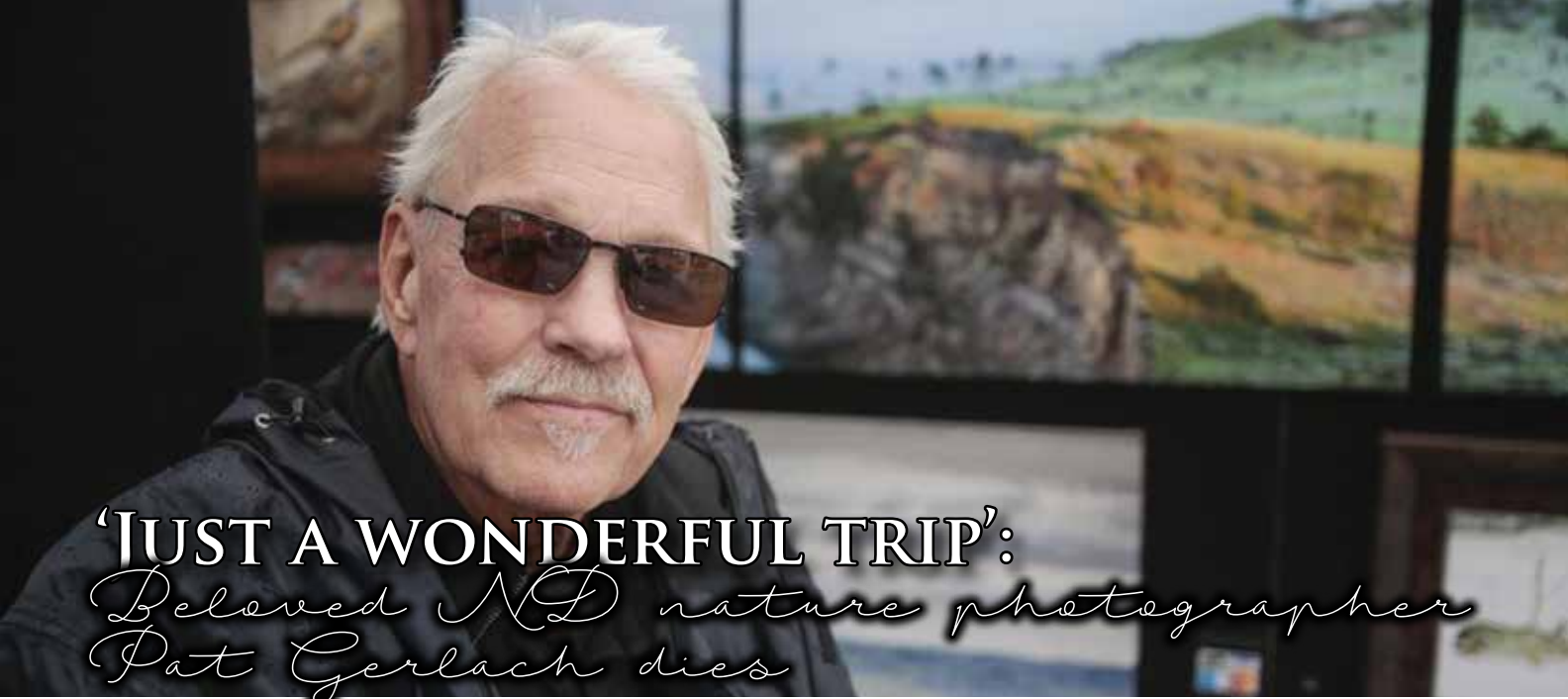
Though a number of his brothers and sisters graduated from Shanley, he did not. (Kathleen, SHS '53, is his only surviving sibling.)

Yet for decades he attended every Shanley athletic event he could, riding his bicycle there and back, wearing his red "Shanley Deacons" coat and hat. Football, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, baseball, and softball—he was ever-present and often in the front row cheering on his beloved Deacons. He was also a regular at 6:45 am daily Mass at St. Anthony's Church.

At the burial, we shared the committal prayer, the Lord's Prayer, and those memories of LeRoy.

He was buried with his Shanley Deacons jacket and the plaque the school *had given him years ago, naming him Shanley's "Number One Fan."*

Rest in peace, LeRoy. And when the Lord comes, may you go out to meet Him with all the saints in the Heavenly Kingdom.
AMEN.



'JUST A WONDERFUL TRIP':

Beloved ND nature photographer Pat Gerlach dies

Pat Gerlach ('65) sits in front of his work Thursday, July 19, 2018, in his booth at the Downtown Fargo Street Fair. Forum file photo

In 1977, at the age of 30, Pat Gerlach walked away from the office world he'd known as a printer, journalist and editor and declared that the outdoors was his new workspace.

For 40 years, the Moorhead native traveled the country, taking photographs of the landscape and the animals that roamed them. Gerlach's travels ended Thursday, Oct. 11. Surrounded by family and friends, he succumbed to the terminal cancer that had been diagnosed three years earlier.

Though he trekked across America, he was perhaps best-known and celebrated in North Dakota, where he settled down in Wing in 1999.

His photographs of the Badlands and wild horses, bison and birds gained him an audience not just in the Peace Garden State, but around the country.

"You have these intense moments where it's just you and them," he explained to a Forum reporter in July. "Those moments are so powerful, when they're done you feel drained. It's a humbling experience to be out there with wild creatures in their domain."

A regular at regional art and street fairs, Gerlach booked a series of shows this past summer knowing they'd likely be his last. The first was scheduled for Mandan, N.D., but before he could open, a storm whipped through and destroyed his tent and \$30,000 worth of prints.

He considered scrapping the rest of the dates, but his family rallied and convinced him to make it to the Downtown Fargo Street Fair, where he had first set up shop in 1978.

"It's pretty fitting for this to be the last one," he said from his tent on the first day.

The three-day show turned into a reunion for the artist

as friends from his years at Shanley High School, Minnesota State University Moorhead, The Forum and his father's Acme Printing stopped by to catch up and say "hi" and "goodbye."

The first day was rainy, but Gerlach still had a sunny disposition.

"The rain pretty much summarizes what it's been like for 40 years, always at the mercy of the weather," he said at the Street Fair, surrounded by his art. "I actually kind of dread the perfect day. I've found on a perfect day, a sun-shining, 70-degree day, all of my people, the people who like what I do, they're all out doing something. They're not going to canoe today or go hiking."

Perhaps fittingly, Gerlach died on a day when much of North Dakota was blanketed in snow.

"My favorite time of the year is that first snow," he said in July. "The early winter stuff. Animals are at their prime. To me, it's a very exciting time to be out there. You can feel the change of the seasons."

Even as the changing of the seasons meant he was getting closer to the end, he looked back with appreciation. "The last three and a half years have been the best, and happiest time of my life," he said. "It's been gratifying and humbling and so many different things watching it all grinding to a slow-motion halt," he said. "I'm sad to see it come to an end. I wish I could keep doing it for years and years. But I'm so grateful for the time I have had. It's been just a wonderful trip."

There will be no funeral as Gerlach and his wife Berni hosted a celebration with friends and family in June.

The family has asked that instead of gifts or flowers to consider donations to the National Park Foundation directly or through Pat's memorial campaign at [go-fundme.com/patgerlach](https://www.gofundme.com/patgerlach).

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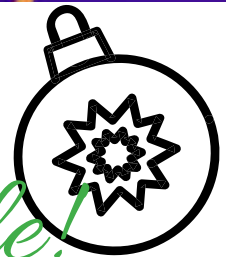
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TIMOTHY MURPHY

(1951-2018)

Requiescat in pace

"The Wisdom of God creates poets." --Rev. James T. O'Connor

"Christianity cannot send down deep roots, be handed on from one generation to the next, or flourish without language." --Professor Robert Louis Wilken

Poet Timothy Murphy lent his love of language to Shanley High School students (English, Latin, and Religion classes) beginning with the Class of 2011 and ending with the Class of 2017. Topics included King David's Psalms, Beowulf, Irish poetry with an emphasis on Yeats, the poetry of Robert Burns, Iambic Pentameter, Rhyme and Meter, and Latin classics and etymologies. He also made forays in Plato, Chaucer, Shakespeare, and Tolkien.

His aimed to give Shanley students what he would do for a seminar at Yale, his alma mater, exposing them to a depth and breadth of poetry uncharacteristic in our time. A dedicated and generous volunteer, he enriched our students with his expertise. Teaching was also a boon to him—in his words—"for my sanity, my sanctity, and my sobriety."

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Robert Penn Warren—Mr. Murphy's teacher and mentor at Yale—directed him to memorize tens of thousands of lines of poetry. Decades later, Mr. Murphy would recite poem after poem from memory for Shanley students. To hear him speak the original Anglo Saxon of Beowulf was to be spellbound.

For a number of years, he also generously awarded an Alan Sullivan Memorial Poetry Scholarship and a Timothy Murphy Poetry Scholarship to graduating seniors who demonstrated a deep appreciation for poetry. The English department determined the awardees. Shanley then sent the scholarship monies to the college of their choice.

Mr. Murphy's most recent books are "Mortal Stakes/Faint Thunder," "Hunter's Log," and "Devotions," published by the Dakota Institute Press. His final poems and collected works are on the publishing docket.

Raised Catholic, he left the practice of the faith for decades, only to return following a dramatic conversion experience on March 4, 2005. That profound experience is evident in the thirteen prolific years of writing poems which followed—including many new poems during his terminal illness.

Mr. Murphy was diagnosed with Stage-IV cancer in January, 2018 and passed away on June 30, 2018. His funeral was held July 3, 2018 at Sts. Anne & Joachim Church in Fargo.

Several weeks after the funeral, his family decided to donate Mr. Murphy's extensive collection of poetry books to Shanley High School in order to further the love of language which he so passionately shared with Shanley students. Combined with his previous donations of poetry books to our library, it is likely one of the largest collections of poetry in any high school in North Dakota. Plans for cataloguing and displaying the books are underway.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN.

Mr. Murphy wrote the following poem after teaching the poetry of Robert Burns at Shanley:

Burns Day

*I've just taught Burns to Bishop Shanley's sophomores,
taught Dunbar and recited Border Ballads
for kids clad in red polos or red sweatshirts,
all Shanley Deacons, sporting their school colors.
The Scots is hard, they have to pay attention,
much as they do when I am teaching Chaucer.
A pretty girl queried me, "What is 'bonny?'"
"Lass, you are bonny. Translate that as lovely.
Now we shall hear 'A Man's a Man for a' That,'
played by the band of young Paolo Nutini
for teenagers screaming in bonny Scotland."
I loose my knotted tie, Clan Chisholm tartan,
and bear a box of books out of the building.
A lad stops me to ask, "Sir, may I help you?"*

—January 25, 2012

IN MEMORIAM

(information from Fargo Forum or provided by families)

We extend our sympathies to the friends and families.

Claire (Tessier) Hahne ('39) passed away on September 28, 2018. Claire was the mother of **Bill Hahne ('64)**, **Bonnie (Hahne) Wallner ('68)**, and the late **Scott Hahne**.

Monsignor Allan Nilles ('41) passed away on October 31, 2018. Msgr. Nilles spent almost 70 years ministering to the needs of several generations of families and parishioners in eastern North Dakota.

Gertrude (Bertrand) Johnson ('45) passed away on February 5, 2018 in Barling, AR.

Bernard O. Wold ('49) passed away on February 6, 2018 in Fountain Valley, CA. Bernard was the brother of **Robert A. Wold ('56)**.

John "Jack" Sornsins ('50) passed away on May 21, 2018. Jack was the father of **Catherine (Sornsins) Matzke ('75)**, **Michelle (Sornsins) Ackman ('77)**, **Bradley Sornsins ('80)**, **Patrick Sornsins ('81)** and the late **John Sornsins** as well as the brother of the late **Earl Sornsins ('42)** and **William Sornsins ('46)**.

Thomas Felling ('51) passed away on May 19, 2018 in St. Helena, CA. Tom was the brother of **JoAnn (Felling) Schneider ('51)**.

John E. Driscoll ('52) passed away on January 15, 2018 in Phoenix, AZ. John was the brother of **Darby (Driscoll) Keaveny ('55)**.

Dolores (Ondrush) Klier ('52) passed away on June 29, 2018 in Fargo, ND.

Margaret Ann (Welu) Eastman ('53) passed away on August 1, 2018. Margaret Ann was the sister of **James Welu** and the late **Paul Welu ('55)**.

Shirley (Beede) Hoggarth ('53) passed away on June 19, 2018. Shirley was the mother of **Debbie Hoggarth ('71)** and **Terry Hoggarth ('73)**.

Richard K. Brunelle ('55) passed away on August 26, 2018. "Pete" was the brother of **Patricia (Brunelle) Barr ('48)**, **Maxine (Brunelle) Liversage ('51)**, and **Michael Brunelle ('63)**.

Joseph P. Grim ('55) passed away on August 15, 2018 in Pleasant Grove, UT.

Paul E. Johnson ('55) passed away on August 8, 2018. Paul was the brother of **Emily (Johnson) Morey ('57)** and **Lynn (Johnson) Leger**.

Deanna "Dee" (Dwyer) Scheer ('57) passed away on June 28, 2018. Deanna was the sister of **Mary (Dwyer) Chezick**, **Yvonne (Dwyer) Nordick ('60)**, **Greg Dwyer**, **Maureen (Dwyer) Cook**, **Janet (Dwyer) Tennison**, **Terri (Dwyer) Lauer ('72)**, **Pauline (Dwyer) Noon ('73)**, **Teresa (Dwyer) Rieniets ('77)**, **Colleen (Dwyer) Hillstad ('78)** and the late **Patricia (Dwyer) Wright ('62)** and **Bernadine (Dwyer) Medler**.

Lois (Cantlon) Nordstrom ('58) passed away on November 10, 2018. Lois was the sister of **Ruth (Cantlon) Dunicliff ('53)**.

Shirley (Wallington) Johnson ('60) passed away on April 18, 2018. Shirley was the sister of **Mary (Wallington) Curtis ('65)**, **David Birk ('73)**, and the late **Darlene (Wallington) Nelson ('55)** and **Cheryl (Birk) Wegner ('70)**.

James "Jim" Lobsinger ('61) passed away on July 31, 2018. Jim was the brother of the late **William Lobsinger ('51)** and **Jerome Lobsinger ('55)**.

Margaret "Peggy" Gayle (Williams) Antonelli ('62) passed away on July 16, 2018 in Raleigh, NC. Peggy was the wife of **Doug Antonelli ('60)** and the sister of **Gregory Williams ('64)**, **Jane (Williams) LaMont ('67)**, **Joan (Williams) Schuh ('67)**, **Deborah (Williams) Hinderliter ('69)**, **Michael Williams ('74)** and the late **James Williams ('51)**, **Jean (Williams) Wold ('53)**, **Kathleen (Williams) McCroskey ('57)** and **Laura (Williams) Jaffe ('71)**.

Richard Coryell ('62) passed away on August 5, 2018. Richard was the brother of **Bruce Coryell ('60)** and the late **Stan Coryell ('57)**.

Patrick Joseph Gerlach ('65) passed away on October 11, 2018. Pat was the brother of **Kathryn (Gerlach) Lester ('61)**, **Ann (Gerlach) Ulmer ('68)**, **Jane (Gerlach) Williams ('73)**, and the late **Michael Gerlach ('72)**.

James George "Jim" Hilber ('68) passed away on May 3, 2018 in McAllen, TX. Jim was the brother of **Carol (Hilber) Zimbrick ('62)**, **Jean (Hilber) Owen**

'64), Cathy (Hilber) Fugare ('65), Bob Hilber, Pat Hilber, Tim Hilber and the late Thomas Hilber ('58).

Kenneth "Ringo" Ringuette ('68) passed away on August 24, 2018. Kenny was the brother of Barbara (Ringuette) Miller ('58), Gene Ringuette ('64), Lavetta (Ringuette) Syverson ('66), Dana Ringuette ('72), Tom Ringuette ('76), and the late Leo Ringuette, Scott Ringuette ('63), John Ringuette ('74), and Renee Ringuette-Bearden ('79).

Sheila (Morrissey) Williams ('69) passed away on September 21, 2018. Sheila was the sister of Colleen (Morrissey) Keeling ('66), the wife of Rich Williams, mother of Kelly, Shannon, Patrick, Justin, and grandmother of Emerson, Elliot, Marley, and Van.

Patricia "Pat" Ann (Sweeney) Lehner ('71) passed away on October 15, 2018. Pat was the sister of Benita (Sweeney) Welch ('72), Gene Sweeney ('73), Nancy Sweeney ('77), Robert Sweeney ('80) and the late Mary (Sweeney) Harrum ('69).

Annette Hager ('72) passed away on August 19, 2018. Annette was the sister of Mike Hager ('66) and Dwight Hager ('69).

Jim Grossman ('73) passed away on October 20, 2018. Jim was the brother of Stephen Grossman ('74) and Patrick Grossman ('83).

Joseph T. Warwick ('74) passed away on April 12, 2018 in Peoria, AZ. Joe was the brother of Mary Lou Warwick ('69), Robert Warwick ('70), Ginny (Warwick) Warner ('71), Patrick Warwick ('77), Shawn Warwick ('79), and the late Mike Warwick ('73).

Theresa Kay (Andrews) Olmstead ('76) passed away on September 11, 2018. Theresa was the sister of Christine (Andrews) Haug ('77), Matthew Andrews, Eileen Andrews, and Michael Andrews.

Terence Michael Mulkern ('79) passed away on July 4, 2018. Terry was the brother of Kathleen (Mulkern) Smail ('73), Joe Mulkern ('76), Rita Mulkern ('77), Ann Mulkern ('80), and Paul Mulkern ('82).

Dan Sornsin ('79) passed away on August 12, 2018. Dan was the brother of Dr. James Sornsin ('70),

Jeanette Sornsin ('71), Peg (Sornsin) Smith ('73), Patt Sornsin ('75), Jeff Sornsin ('77), Chuck Sornsin ('82), and Dr. Beth Sornsin ('84).

Janna (Worner) Kunkel ('95) passed away on May 31, 2017 in Prior Lake, MN.

Doris Bower passed away on May 15, 2018. Doris was the mother of Dennis Bower ('71), Joan Bower ('72), Mary Ellen Bower ('74), Eileen (Bower) Hauff ('75), John Bower ('77), and Patricia Bower-Jernigan ('79).

Derek Bubach passed away on May 19, 2018. Derek was the father of Brian Bubach ('08), Aaron Bubach ('15), and Evan Bubach ('20).

Orville Buckhouse passed away on September 20, 2018. Orville was the father of Craig Buckhouse ('83), Denise (Buckhouse) Smith ('85), and Renae (Buckhouse) Hermen ('90).

Marie Jean Coryell passed away on August 7, 2018. Marie was the wife of Bruce Coryell ('60), the sister of Tommy Rheault, Kathleen (Rheault) Olerud, Leroy Rheault, Phyllis (Rheault) Hamilton ('63), and the mother of Jeanne (Coryell) Tittle, Jane (Coryell) Gerner ('80), Jodi (Coryell) Lloyd, James Coryell, and the late Janet Coryell.

Thomas Alan Ebner passed away on September 4, 2018. Tom was the brother of Brenda (Ebner) Richert ('76), Patricia (Ebner) Arneson ('79) and the late Michael Ebner ('86).

Jerome "Jerry" Ertelt passed away on June 24, 2018. Jerry was the father of Justin Ertelt ('96).

Frances H. (Sullivan) Fjeld passed away on June 3, 2018. Frances was the mother of Claudia (Sullivan) Lima ('64), Michelle (Sullivan) Herb, and Patricia Sullivan.

Robert "Bob" Friederichs passed away on August 23, 2018. Bob was the father of Marie (Friederichs) Hestdalen, Valerie (Friederichs) Noll, Robert Friederichs, Margaret "Peggy" (Friederichs) Rivard, Peter Friederichs, William Friederichs, Charles Friederichs ('86), and Matthew Friederichs ('88). Bob was also the grandfather of current Network students Cole, Lander, Paige, and Noelle Friederichs.

IN MEMORIAM

Davey Gereszek passed away on November 3, 2018 at the age of 81. Davey loved playing dice with the Shanley Charity & Justice classes during their weekly visits to Villa Maria over the last 7 years. He would wait at the door for their arrival.

Freda Hager passed away on October 7, 2018. Freda was the mother of **Michael Hager ('66)**, **Dwight Hager ('69)**, and the late **Annette Hager ('72)**.

Roger J. Haire passed away on October 21, 2018. Roger was the varsity basketball coach at Shanley from 1961-1964.

Kathy Hettenbaugh passed away on June 20, 2018. Kathy was the mother of **Brett Hettenbaugh ('13)**.

Evelyn Krogen passed away on October 30, 2018. Evelyn was the mother of **Barbara (Krogen) Samb ('74)**, **Bonnie (Krogen) Kupperion ('75)**, and **Mark Krogen ('80)**.

Dean Kulenkamp passed away on June 30, 2018. Dean was the father of **Larry Kulenkamp ('67)**, **Ann (Kulenkamp) Wilson ('70)**, and **Amy (Kulenkamp) Richardson ('78)**.

James "Jim" Amos Lindley passed away on October 3, 2018. Jim was the father of **Ann (Lindley) Gill** and **Patricia "Trish" (Lindley) Hoff ('85)**.

Rosario "Charito" (Rillo) Luistro passed away on July 17, 2018. Rosario was the mother of **Larry Luistro ('79)**, **Eileen Luistro ('81)**, **Allan Luistro ('82)**, and **Rob Luistro ('86)**.

Kenneth Raymond Meath passed away on August 5, 2018. Ken was the husband of **Darlene (Trottier) Meath ('52)**.

Barbara Nordland passed away on July 3, 2018. Barbara was the mother of **Eric Nordland ('83)**, **Russ Nordland ('88)** and **Douglas Nordland**.

Arnold Max "Arnie" Novodvorsky passed away on September 2, 2018. Arnie was the husband of **Kay (Benson) Novodvorsky ('54)**.

Rodney W. Perala passed away on August 25, 2018. Rod was the husband of **Sheri (Gross) Perala ('89)**.

Dorothy Renner passed away on August 19, 2018. Dorothy was the mother of **Karen (Renner) Donahue**, **Keith Renner**, **Nancy (Renner) Bock**, **Donna (Renner) Ackley ('81)** and the grandmother of **Brandon Donahue ('00)**, **Elizabeth Donahue ('03)**, **Andrea (Donahue) Green**, **Matthew Donahue ('12)**, and **Courtney Donahue ('17)**.

Leona Ann "Loni" Reynolds passed away on August 20, 2018. Loni was the mother of **James Reynolds**, **Robert Reynolds ('66)**, **Connie (Reynolds) Rosemeier**, **Donald Reynolds**, and **Charles Reynolds**.

Betteanne Rutten passed away on July 11, 2018 in Prescott, AZ. Betteanne was the wife of **Tom Rutten ('70)**.

E. Annette Sauer passed away on July 22, 2018. Annette was the mother of **Dr. Michelle Sauer ('89)**.

Arlene Seminary passed away on August 11, 2018. Arlene was the mother of **Diane (Seminary) Nicolet ('70)**, **Michael Seminary ('72)**, **Paul Seminary**, **John Seminary ('81)**, **Sarah (Seminary) Sieh ('85)**, **Jennifer (Seminary) Stark ('89)** and the late **Anne Catherine Seminary**. She was also the grandmother of **Madeline Stark ('14)**.

Sophia "Sophie" Van Hook passed away on May 28, 2018. Sophie was the mother of **John Van Hook ('62)** and **Tom Van Hook ('67)**.

Janice Wehage passed away on October 11, 2018. Janice was the wife of **Richard Wehage ('53)**, the mother of **Dan Wehage ('81)**, **Peggy Wehage ('84)**, **Kathy (Wehage) Dabbert ('89)**, the late **Patricia Wehage** and the grandmother of **Isaac Brooks**, **Carter Brooks**, **Isabell Dabbert ('17)**, and **Elizabeth Dabbert ('21)**.

If you would like to inform classmates and other alumni of a loved one's passing, please submit information either by phone or by email to Maria Dahlin at: 701-893-3233 or maria.dahlin@jp2schools.org.

SHANLEY DEACONS

Tradition of Excellence

In June, 2013, the Shanley Student Council considered: "What is the purpose of our Homecoming court?" and "Should we have a Homecoming Court?" and "By what criteria should members be selected?" That sparked a fruitful discussion, and beginning with Homecoming 2013, we have used the following instructions and balloting criteria for selecting the court members and our Homecoming King and Queen. *Royalty: "To serve is to reign."* Which of the following best represent



Shanley High School and its tradition of excellence? Which are true Deacons in their mindset of service and self-giving? Which treat others with kindness, compassion, and respect? Congratulations to this year's Shanley Homecoming Court, pictured above from left to right: Mary Noah, Daniel Wanner, Grace Beauchamp, Brayden Bares, Queen Jordyn Stroup, King Joe Mickelson, Andrea Pablo, Luke Noah, Theresa Rein, and Jake Pollard.



It's official. We had a "rowdy cheer" in lane 2 at the swim meet! #community



What an impressive 3rd place finish for the girl's golf team at State! Congratulations!



HALEY'S HOPE: SHANLEY SENIOR, A D-I FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

learns to deal with dyslexia

Fargo Shanley senior wide receiver Haley Bucholz has battled dyslexia and is committed to play football at the University of North Dakota. David Samson / The Forum

Haley Bucholz stood in the hallway during recess, his teacher unaware he could hear what she was saying to his mother in the classroom. He was in third grade, years away from verbally committing to play football for the University of North Dakota.

He stood in the hallway to overhear the teacher tell his mother he was hopeless.

Bucholz often missed recess. He was either slow to finish his math or made to stay by his teachers because he wasn't grasping a lesson. He didn't know what was wrong with him. Written words and numbers didn't register with him. He was terrified to write anything on the board and never would read aloud in front of the class. It seemed so simple for his friends and classmates. It seemed impossible for him.

Bucholz has dyslexia, a learning disorder that affects areas of the brain that process language. He had spent months traveling to St. Paul every Saturday and Sunday for six or seven hours of tutoring each day to catch up with his classmates after falling behind in first grade.

"It's amazing to get what a lot of people don't think you're ever going to get," said Bucholz, now a senior at Fargo Shanley. "This is about showing kids with learning disabilities that they can do anything, as long as they tell their peers what they have and those people have their back. We all learn differently."

'There were a lot of tears'

Bucholz's mom, Kari, never noticed her youngest child stand out on the football field. She didn't look for that. She didn't care if he was good at football.

He learned time by the length of Disney movies. Instead of telling him that supper would be ready in two hours, she'd say it'd be ready in one movie. He learned how to get places based off of remembering things along the route like an interesting house, a light pole or a pothole. When he was younger he often didn't know what day or month it was. It took tutoring every day to get him caught up with his classmates' reading level in middle school. He still can't write on a whiteboard in front of people and most likely will never be able to.

Kari does not watch Haley play football because he's good at it. She doesn't care about his 253 rushing yards, 371 receiving yards, three interceptions, 40½ tackles or five touchdowns from his junior season. She doesn't care about his three catches for 211 yards and two touchdowns last Friday against Jamestown. She watches him on the football field to see him smile. She sees him doing something that comes naturally after watching him work so hard for nearly everything else. "It's one of those things he can do without thinking," Kari said. "He has had to deal every day with something coming at him in school or life as a curveball. He doesn't have to work so hard on the field to have fun. This is like his gift for struggling through these other

things.”

Bucholz was able to use words well beyond his age at around 4 or 5 years old. His verbal communication with adults and interaction with other children was very good before entering the school system. Once he got to preschool he couldn't interact with typed words, didn't like reading in a group, didn't know his ABCs and wasn't understanding how to read smaller words.

“If you can't read words you can't write words,” Kari said. “If you can't write words you can't express how much information you have or how smart you are.”

Kari watched her son come home each day with less and less confidence. Doctors tested his hearing, sight, nervous system. There was no answer.

“There were a lot of tears, a lot of loss of confidence, a lot of frustration and anxiety trying to do homework,” Kari said. “We fought all the time. We got a private tutor before first grade, but that sad, little boy came back like a freight train in first grade. I couldn't figure it out. I didn't know what he needed. He didn't know how to tell me what he needed.”

In first grade, they stopped everything. Kari did some research and they tried some tutoring in St. Paul at the “Learn to Learn” private tutoring center. They did that for six months until Kari was able to tutor Haley herself.

“When I got to first grade it really hit me hard how far behind I was,” Haley said. “When I was younger I had no self-confidence. I was full of anxiety, I was insecure. You feel kind of left alone, alone with everyone else succeeding and doing well and everyone is getting compliments. They'd get stickers for spelling tests and a smiley face on their math quiz. I wanted so bad to get a sticker or a smiley face.”

‘Football has always been my release’

Football came with struggles as well. Haley was yelled at constantly because he'd go the wrong way on a play. He used to write “R” on his right hand and “L” on his left. He'd have 2468 on his right hand and 1357 on his left, so he knew which gap to run through if he was handed the ball. He soon realized defenses knew which way he was going based on what hand he lifted up to his face before each play, so he started raising both before every play.

“I've been blessed to have every coach adjust when I've told them what I have and this is the way it's going to be,” Haley said. “I'd always tell them that I might not get it right away, but if you believe in me and trust me, I'll eventually get it and give it my all. Everyone has done that for me and I couldn't ask for more.”

Shanley's plays do not have the words “right” or “left,” but “ours” and “theirs” to represent which sideline the play is going to, so Haley knows the direction of the play.

“It's a really cool story,” Shanley head football coach Troy Mattern said. “It's amazing what he's overcome to become a Division I athlete.”

Haley went to Landmark School in Beverly, Mass., the summer before eighth grade. Landmark is a school for children with language-based learning disabilities. He said it was the greatest experience of his life. He made friends from Greece, Egypt, Australia and Spain, some of whom he still keeps in contact with. There was only one reason he didn't stay at Landmark when fall came around. It didn't have a football team.

“Football has always been my release,” Haley said. “I couldn't go to school and not play football.”

Haley's Hope

Kari cried in the car when she was told Haley was hopeless in third grade. She told him she was going to do everything she possibly could to make sure he was successful. Haley would go to school, do his homework with his parents and for 30 minutes every night he would study reading comprehension. Things began to click before high school.

Haley has a 3.8 grade-point average at Shanley. The only thing he does differently is essay questions on tests. He will write bullet points and have to orally explain his answer to teachers.

Haley found a way to learn. His calendar on his phone is detailed, everything in his locker is organized and color-coordinated. He can't list the months, but he knows what day and month it is.

His older sister is studying to be a neurosurgeon. He says he'd love to have even a little bit of her brain and he'd trade in all his athleticism for it. At the same time, his path is his.

“I love the way I am,” Haley said. “I can have a severe learning disability and still be successful. It's OK to be different, not on pace sometimes.”

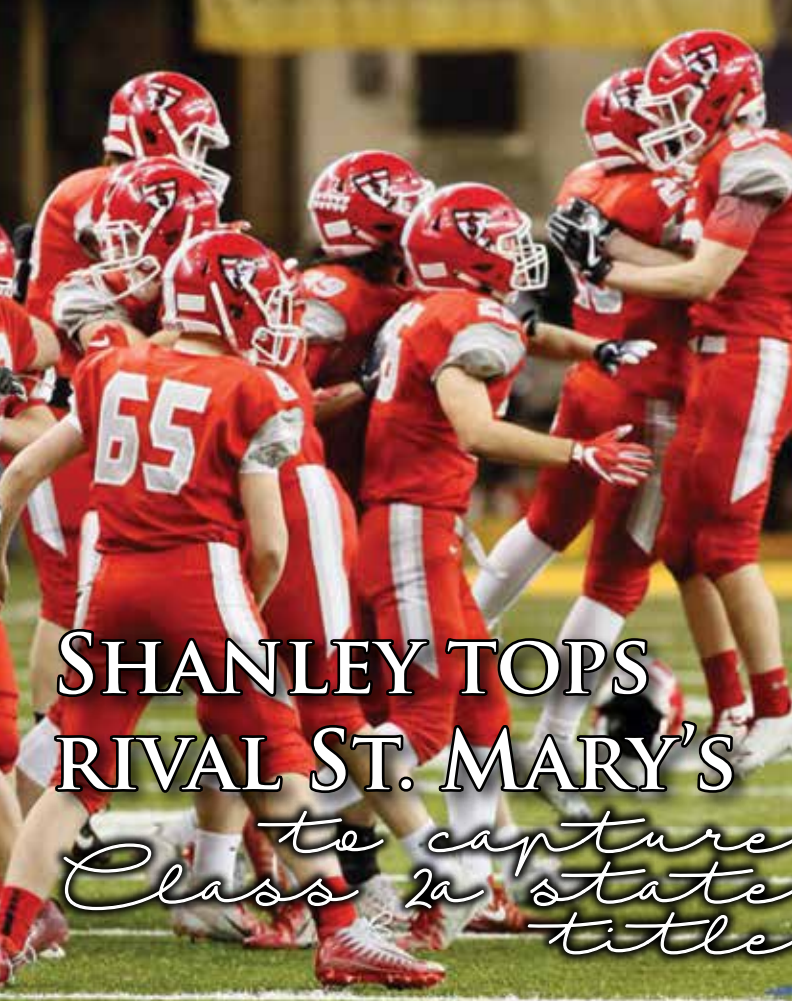
Kari started Haley's Hope in 2011, a non-profit organization based in West Fargo that will help build literacy skills, confidence and tutoring for those with dyslexia. She was an interior designer before her path changed with Haley.

“We just knew we needed to help more kids,” Kari said. “We're a full learning center. We do whatever it takes to help our kids.”

Every once in awhile Haley will look at his mom and ask if she can believe he's going to college. From second grade until high school he would ask her if she thought he was going to be able to pass and move on to the next grade. He eventually changed the question to whether or not she thought he'd graduate high school and he'd say to her that he probably won't be able to go to college.

His directions to college may not be what people are normally accustomed to, but he's getting there his own way.

“It may take me longer to learn things, but at the end of the day I'll get there,” Haley said. “Dyslexia is something I'm very proud of. I think it was a gift given to me. I couldn't be happier with how I turned out.”



SHANLEY TOPS RIVAL ST. MARY'S

to capture Class 2A state title

Fargo Shanley celebrates its victory against Bismarck St. Mary's for the North Dakota Class 2A football championship Friday, Nov. 9, 2018, in the Fargodome. Michael Vosburg / Forum Photo Editor

Fargo Shanley's football team will leave Class 2A at the head of the class. The Deacons topped rival Bismarck St. Mary's 28-21 Friday at the Fargodome for the North Dakota Class 2A championship.

Gone was the cloud of three straight losses in state championship games. Two of those losses came to St. Mary's, including last season, which served as Shanley's only loss.

The Deacons walked out of the Fargodome and into Class 3A, but they brought a Class 2A title home with them.

"They wanted it," Shanley head coach Troy Mattern said. "Bottom line is there's a lot of athletes that wanted it. They didn't want that same feeling we had last year, they stepped up and got it done."

Despite having two fumbles in the game that turned into 14 points for St. Mary's, Mattern kept going to senior quarterback Cade Busek on the final drive to drain the final 3 minutes, 42 seconds off the clock to clinch the title.

"He's a gamer," Mattern said. "We're in this football game because of him. There's no person we'd rather have the ball. When the game is on the line we want it with him. The way he played today was state-championship level and I couldn't be more proud of him."

Busek wanted the ball. "The fumbles are a horrible feeling because you know you let your team down," said Busek, who finished with 194 yards and two touchdowns on 41 carries. "Getting the ball shows how much faith the coach has in you. I want the ball in my hands. I've worked for the ball."

The game began in a here-we-go-again fashion for the Deacons, as St. Mary's went up 14-0 in the blink of an eye.

The Saints had third-and-6 on their own 23 and were eyeing three-and-outs on their first two drives. Drew Dosch went deep to Connor Puetz, who shook off a tackle, and was gone for a 77-yard touchdown. Busek fumbled on the next play from scrimmage and Reece Barnhardt dove on it on the Shanley 30. Four plays later, Cullen Curl punched it in from 1 yard out and it was 14-0 St. Mary's.

"I knew our offense had it in us," Shanley senior running back Austin Manuel said.

Shanley got on the board late in the second quarter, going 60 yards on 10 plays to find the end zone. On third-and-goal from the 1, Busek pushed it in to cut the St. Mary's lead to 14-7 at halftime.

Carter Kochmann opened the second half with a 60-yard run on the first play from scrimmage, breaking three tackles at the line of scrimmage. Two plays later, Manuel ran in untouched from 5 yards out to tie the game for Shanley.

"These kids face adversity all season and we didn't panic," Mattern said. "That touchdown we got before the half was huge. To come out on that opening drive and have that big, long play by Kochmann to make it 14-14, the energy just changed and we carried it from there."

Shanley took more than six minutes, using 14 plays to march 85 yards, to take its first lead of the game. Busek found the end zone again on a 1-yard keeper with 1:54 left in third.

Joe Kava ended the third quarter with an exclamation point for Shanley, getting a sack on a third down deep in St. Mary's territory. Manuel added his own exclamation point on the first play from scrimmage in the fourth quarter, sprinting 42 yards for a touchdown to put the Deacons (11-0) up 14 with 11:46 to go.

"Last year was fuel for us," said Manuel, who finished with 140 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries. "It was like, 'Why? What have we done. We need to work harder. We got to get them back.' We came out this summer and were grinding every day. We got better and better and it finally paid off."

Deacons had their chances to put the game away, but they fumbled on back-to-back possessions, one of which St. Mary's made them pay. Dosch was seemingly down in the backfield, but he somehow spun away and went 71 yards for a touchdown on third-and-10 to cut the lead to 28-21 with seven minutes to go.

St. Mary's got to the Shanley 38 on its last possession,

but would get no closer to the end zone, as Busek led a drive to drain the final minutes off the clock.

St. Mary's finished 9-2 this season with both losses coming to Shanley.

"Those feelings of defeat are feelings that never leave you, they're scars that never leave," Busek said. "This helps to close them a little bit."

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BSM--Puetz 77 pass from Dosch (Huber kick)

BSM--Curl 1 run (Huber kick)

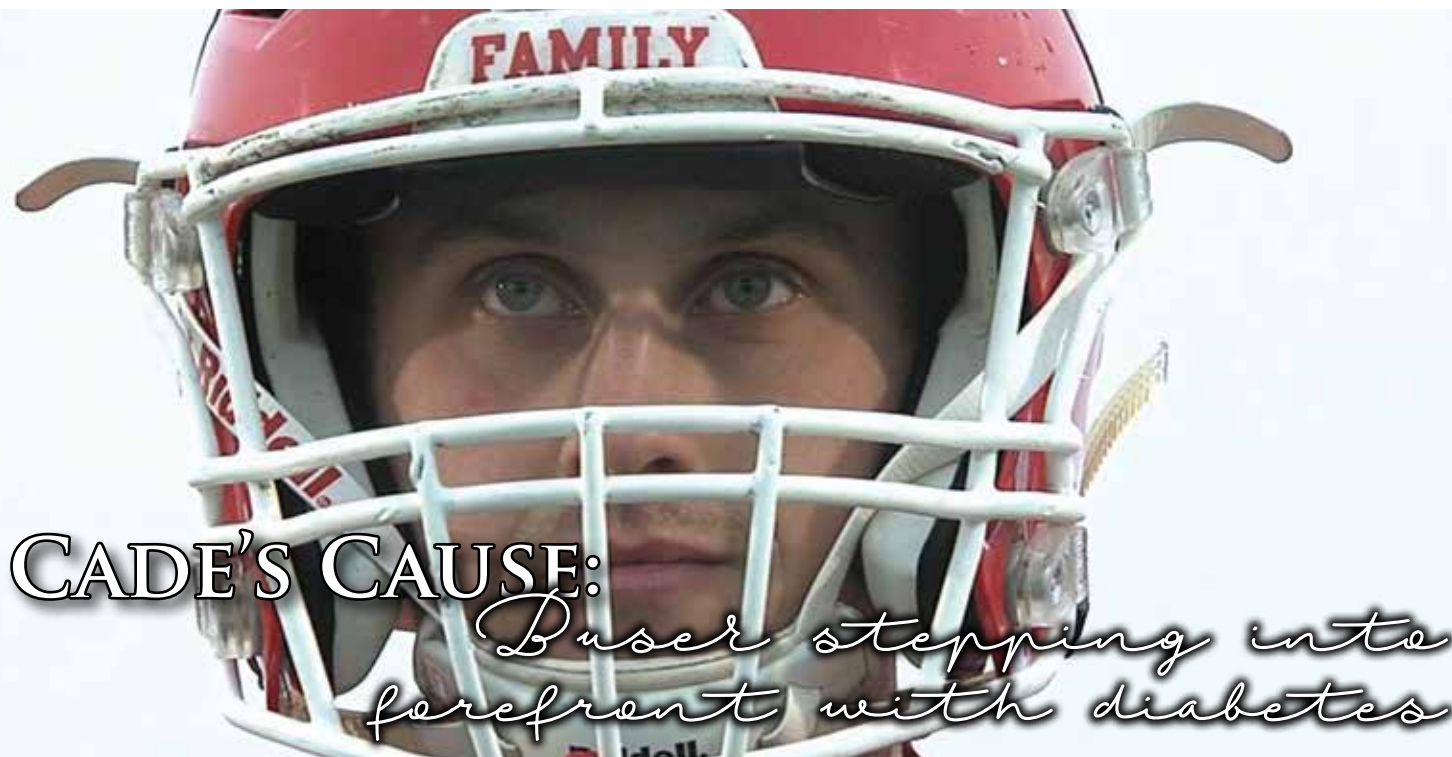
FS--Busek 1 run (Motschenbacher kick)

FS--Manuel 5 run (Motschenbacher kick)

FS--Busek 1 run (Motschenbacher kick)

FS--Manuel 42 run (Motschenbacher kick)

BSM--Dosch 71 run (Huber kick)



The Shanley quarterback Cade Busek/The Forum

The pressure of being the starting quarterback in the Dakota Bowl can be unbearable.

Waiting all your life for a chance to be a hero.

But don't talk about pressure with Shanley senior Cade Busek.

He's been dealing with real life issues since he was 12 years old.

Busek was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, but did not let that stop him from pursuing his dream of playing high school football. Busek was inserted into the starting lineup four games into last season for injured starter Kaden Kuehneman and went on to lead the Deacons to the Dakota Bowl, falling to Bismarck St. Mary's in the North Dakota Division 2A title game, 31-12.

"That's something that goes thru my mind everyday. I've got the quotes on my door reminding me of how I need to be better if I want to win this game" Busek said.

Over the last 14 months, Busek has moved to the forefront of battling this disease.

He's met younger kids who also have diabetes and become a role model for them.

"I got a lot of people telling me about the relationships they had with people that were diabetic, and that was cool to hear, after that, I started to meet people that were diabetic, and now I feel less on an island. It's the greatest feeling in the world that I go thru on a daily basis" Busek said.

"To be an advocate for diabetes at his age is remarkable, he's an example that everything can be accomplished. He wants his story told" said Shanley head coach Troy Mattern.

Busek participated in the JDRF walk in September in Fargo to help raise money to end diabetes.

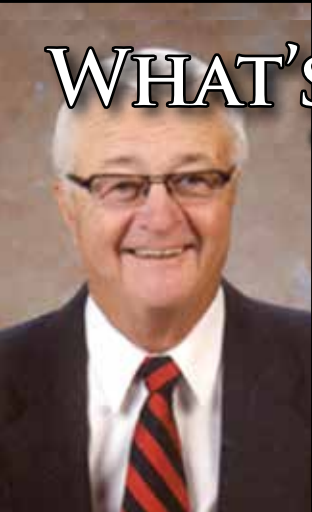
"I can make a difference with this, raise some money, and try and help so it doesn't affect someone else later, make their life easier. I think it's cool for someone in the community for them to look up to."

Busek says he doesn't have to check his blood sugar as often, and with new technology that's in development, it may allow for him to not have to check his blood sugar for months for a time.

Busek will lead Shanley in its final game in Class 2A Friday when they meet St. Mary's for the Dakota Bowl championship Friday at 3pm at the Fargodome.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOLS

Orv Kelly Shanley Scramble



Orv Kelly
1935-2012

Thank you to all the Teams who golfed this year;
it was a beautiful day to be out on the golf course!

Congratulations to our winners!

Mark your calendars for next year's Scramble
Monday, September 16, 2019 at the Moorhead Country Club

1ST PLACE NET



Randy Papacheck, David Manzey, Don Wold '61, Fred Schlanser, Bruce Bakke and Andy Dumas

1ST PLACE GROSS



Paul Noah '80, Rusty Papachek, Brad Conner, Mike Montplaisir, Keith McGovern and Jane Grove '77

2ND PLACE NET



Tony Keelin, Craig Christianson, Rick Kline, Scott Carew '80, Jerry Caulfield '67 and Tim Graveline

2ND PLACE GROSS



Kevin Wolf, Al Hager, Andy Knoll, Mike Bruckbauer, Cam Hager '12 and Mark Sornsins '86



JPII ACTIVITIES *Update*

The mission of St. John Paul II Catholic Schools is to inspire excellence by teaching the total person and fostering the following of Christ, as taught by the Catholic Church. The idea of the total person encompasses many facets of student's lives: physical, mental, spiritual, social, and emotional to name a few.

Student activities offer students the chance to grow in each of those domains while enjoying school even more and being part of a team. St. John Paul II Catholic Schools offers the following NDHSAA activities through Shanley:

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| Baseball | Speech |
| Basketball | Student Congress |
| Cross Country | Swimming and |
| Cheer | Diving - girls |
| Debate | Tennis |
| Football | Theater |
| Golf | Track and Field |
| Soccer | Volleyball |
| Softball | |

St. John Paul II Catholic Schools also offers the following NDHSAA activities through cooperative sponsorships through other schools:

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| Gymnastics | Swimming - boys |
| Hockey | Wrestling |

St. John Paul II Catholic Schools also offers a variety of student clubs and organizations:

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| American Heritage Girls | Quintessence |
| Art Club | Recorder Club |
| Audio/Visual Club
(Shanley TV) | St. Ann's (Belcourt)
Mission Trip |
| Bible Studies | Sandpebbles |
| Boy Scouts | Science Bowl |
| Chess Clubs | Service Club |
| Chimbote, Peru
Mission Trip | Spanish Clubs |
| Garden Club | Spirit Lake (St.
Michael's) Mission Trip |
| Girl Scouts | Student Ambassadors |
| Ham Radio | Student Councils |
| Journalism | Teens for Life |
| Junior Classical League | Tolkien Society |
| Math Club | Trap Shooting |
| National Honor Society | Weight Lifting Club |
| Philanthropy and Youth | Yearbooks |

North Dakota's Junior year ACT results have Shanley's Class of 2018 ranked first in the state in the ACT composite score with a 24.3 average. Our Class of 2017 was also first with a 24.2 average composite.

In the seven years of mandatory testing for all Juniors in North Dakota Shanley Juniors have finished 4th, 1st, 1st, 2nd, 2nd, 1st, and 1st—that's an average state-wide place-ranking of 1.6.

Congratulations to our entire system of schools for this consistent academic excellence!

THE JOY OF GIVING

Annual Memorial Mass

The 46th Annual Memorial Mass was held at
Shanley High School (Presentation Chapel)
5600 25th St S - Fargo, ND • Friday, November 2nd at 9:30am



This Mass is said each year to remember and pray for St. John Paul II Catholic Schools and Shanley High School alumni & friends who were memorialized with a gift to the schools during the preceding year. As a memorial donor and/or family member of someone who has been memorialized, we hope you were able to join us. The Mass exercises our duty and dignity to care for the souls of the faithful departed as part of our Mission "...to inspire excellence by teaching the total person and fostering the following of Christ, as taught by the Catholic Church".

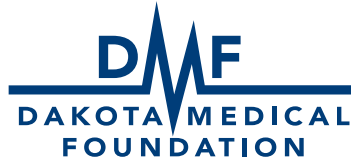
The deceased who were remembered by name and through a lighted candle and prayed for during this year's Mass:

Sister Mary Rosaria Acton	Jerome Dufault	Mary Alice Harrington Johnston '48	Craig Murie	Barbara Sornsin
Leroy Anderson	John Duginski	Sister Sylvia Jordan	Ann (Deutsch) Murphy '49	Dan Sornsin '79
Margaret "Peggy" Gayle (Williams)	Steve Duginski '60	David & Sally Kaspari	Timothy Murphy	John "Jack" Sornsin '50
Antonelli '62	Thomas E. Dunn, Sr.	Dick Kasper	Sister Winifred "Una" Murphy	Jerome Spaeth
Anthony Appel	John Dunicliff	Jack & Delores Kelly	Andrew Nelson '03	Terry Steinhouse
Marcella "Sally" Artz	Margaret Ann (Welu) Eastman '53	James Kertz	Randy Nelson	Colletta Stroup
Robert Artz	Mary Angela (Gruenwald) Edgar	Fr. Joseph Kieselbach	LaVon "Barbie" Ness	Allan Sturm
James E. Bailey '54	Kenneth Elstad '45	Helen J. Klaus	Msgr. Allan Nilles '41	Alan Sullivan
Nick Bailey	Jerome "Jerry" Ertelt	Dolores (Ondrush) Klier '52	Steve & Mary Lou Nistler	Larry '50 & Peggy Murphy Sweeney '50
Rodman Bailey, Sr. '51	Rachel Clarens Farnsworth	Kathryn (Brazell) Klontz '45	John Noah	Mark V. Sweeney '49
Roger Bannister	Charles & Marion Fischer	Harold & Mary Ann Klosterman	Harlan S. Nystrom	Sophie A. Swenson
Louise S. Barry	Myron LeRoy Fischer	Benjamin Gaffrey Knier	Joy O'Hearn	Adam & Johanna Thiel
Kay Eileen Berg	Wayne Fischer '72	Victor T. Knudson	Bud Olson	Leonard Thielen
Tom Bergeson '43	Ruth Flaherty	David M. Kramer, Sr. '57	Joyce Olson	Frank Thomas
Magdalena "Maggie" Bernhardt	John Fornes	Anne Krapu '05	Jeannette Partlow	Douglas Toliver '70
Elizabeth "Betty" Bortnem	Jeanette Foster	Audrey (Gavin) Krupich '49	Jon Peterson, Sr.	Bart Toulouse
Doris Bower	Robert "Bob" Friederichs	Dolores (Gavin) Krupich '48	Jon W. Peterson, Jr. '81	Matthew "Matto" Traynor
Margaret A. Breneman	John Gagliardi	Janna (Worner) Kunkel '95	Lorayne Primus	Betty Trom
Don Briel	Barbara (Kueneman) Gefroh	Joseph '23 & Harriet Kuppich	Dorothy Renner	Michael Trom
Cindy Briscoe	Roger A. Gendreau	Sidney Staszko Kuropchak '70	Jacob Riedman	Elaine Barth VanDeVoorde '80
Rosemary (Gerlach) Brown '60	Patrick Joseph Gerlach '65	Patricia LaFave	Bernice Riemer	Richard "Dick" Voight
John Bruns	Raeann Germain-Broste	Denise Savageau Lahn '81	Kenneth "Ringo" Ringuette '68	Sharon Vold
Derek Bubach	Don Graham '49	George '47 & Peggy Manning '48 Lavelle	Sharon Roach	Sister Jane Walker '39
Orville Buckhouse	Paul & Harriet Greving	Patricia "Pat" Ann (Sweeney) Lehner '71	Randall R. Rustad '68	Paul Wanner
Ruth Buckley	Joseph P. Grim '55	Randy Lemar '84	Jim Savageau '49	Margaret Wasche
Matthew Butler	Jerry Gruman	Carol Jean Lingen	Kevin Savageau '78	Cheryl Birk Wegner '70
Dr. Bruce Carlisle	Bonita (Wood) Gust '51	Jordy Neil Little	Zachary "Zack" David Savageau	Janice Wehage
Sid Cichy	Gerald "Jerry" Hamerlik	James "Jim" Lobsinger '61	Sister Yvonne Schafer	Paul Welu '55
Dwight Clark	Hazel Hamner	Daniel Logan	Gary Edward Scheffler '55	Laura Williams-Jaffe '71
Ray & Ginny Coleman	JoAnn Hardy	Mark Look	Wallace Robert Scheffler '51	Joan Winkels
Br. Michael Collins	Dr. Ryan B. Harrington '50	Rosario "Charito" (Rillo) Luistro	Judy Larson Schmitz '60	Margaret Winkels
J. Michael Collins '65	Dr. Hugh & Vera Hawm	Virginia "Ginny" (Mason) Lynch '42	John Schons	Tom Winkels
Rae Colliton	Jim Heising '49	Anton "Tony" Magelky	Wesley Schreiner	James '53 & Jean (Williams) '53 Wold
Edward Thomas (Tom) Conmy III '55	Kathy Hettenbaugh	Mary (Dullea) Marty '53	Ed Schultz	Donald Wood '47
Sandra Elaine Conzemius	Duane M. Hinsperger	James W. McCord	Kenneth Schwinden '55	Rita Wood
Marie Jean Coryell	Jerome "Jerry" Hirsch	Richard McGarvey	Bonnie (Bentley) Selves '60	Shirley Zander
Richard Coryell '62	Ronald Hoffart	Elizabeth McKelvey	Arlene Seminary	
Clifford '38 & Blanche Cossette	Shirley (Beede) Hoggarth '53	Michelle "Missy" McLennan '87	Lloyd Short '59	
Benora Lucy Cruff	Everett M. Holtz	Susan (Barry) Meckstroth '56	Lucy Shultz	
Kenneth Cruff	Betty (Brazell) Hopp '41	Judith "Judy" (Gaffaney) Mehl '60	Phyllis Simon	
Marjean Ann (McShane) DeCesare '62	Gertrude (Bertrand) Johnson '45	Charles "Chuck" Meighan	Gov. George Sinner	
Fred Desautels	Paul E. Johnson '55	Roy Montplaisir '53	Jeff Skuza	
Beth McGarvey Dronen '84	Shirley (Wallington) Johnson '60	Terence Michael Mulkern '79	William Michael Slattery	

The 47th Annual Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019. We will be praying for all those memorialized from November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2019. Memorials can be made through the Shanley Alumni website at <https://cdn.ymaws.com/fcsn.site-ym.com/resource/resmgr/docs/Memorials2017%281%29.pdf>. If you would like a family member of the deceased to be notified of the Memorial and invited to the Mass, please include their contact information.

Please keep in mind that it is NOT a requirement that the memorialized individual passed away in the last year. Memorial gifts can be made in memory of anyone at anytime - regardless of when they passed away and they will be remembered at November's Memorial Mass.

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