

# SPIRIT OF

## St. Francis

ALUMNI & FRIENDS OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC SCHOOL,  
HUMPHREY, NE, NEWSLETTER



## SCHOOL HOUSE ROCK

### SENIORS ROCK THE STAGE

Watching the performance you'd never know Seniors Hannah Baumgart, Cael Classen, Kegan Hackerott Isaac Classen and Garret Zach (not pictured) had never performed for a crowd before. Read more about the high school rock band, boy band, and beginner instrumental band on page 6.

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# A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

FATHER ERIC OLSEN

It's hard to believe we are already in 2023 even though there is snow and ice on the ground. Christmas Masses have been celebrated and the new semester is just beginning, it doesn't seem possible that half of the school year is over already. Time really does fly!

Every New Year brings fresh hope, and 2023 is no different. I am excited to see how our kids grow in their Catholic Faith. Of course, this is our primary objective. Regardless of how beneficial our academics are, or how successful our athletics are, if our students are not growing in their relationship with Jesus Christ, there is really no reason for our school to exist.

Fortunately, evidence of this growth can be seen abundantly in our school. There is a new student-led youth group meeting regularly. We have

implemented a program where community members mentor groups of students in prayer techniques monthly, and, of course, the sacraments, including benediction, continue to be staples of our weekly routine.

Undoubtedly, 2023 will present some challenges that may appear overwhelming at first. However, I am hopeful that our faculty, staff and students are fortified enough in their prayer to rise with the Lord to overcome any obstacle.

I wish to thank all of you for your prayers and support. St. Francis depends on so many people for so many things and we are grateful for that support. Please continue to pray for us that the students entrusted to our care may grow in their love for Jesus Christ.



Fr. Eric Olsen  
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## WAYS TO GIVE BACK

There are many ways that you can help us further our mission at St. Francis. Here are a few suggestions:

- Remember St. Francis in your estate planning.
- Donations of grain.
- Blue and White Night sponsorships and auction items,

- Bazaar game prizes, auction items, and cash for expenses.
- Underwrite an issue of Spirit of St. Francis newsletter.
- Purchase items from the parish or a teacher's wish list.

To learn more about these opportunities and more ways to give back, please call the parish office at 402-923-0913 or contact Ashley Krings via email at [akrings@hsfschool.org](mailto:akrings@hsfschool.org).

*A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25*

# A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

JENNIFER DUNN

We continue our educational journey through the cold months of winter. St. Francis School is preparing for an accreditation review. Not only do we need to meet accreditation requirements for the State of Nebraska annually, we are required to host an accreditation review once every five years.

We are a member of the Cognia Global Network, and through their requirements for accreditation, we meet the requirements for the State of Nebraska's accreditation review. We earn accreditation through Cognia as a result of extensive internal preparation and a review by outside educators. The purpose of this review is to take a close look at all things regarding learning—the culture of learning, the leadership for learning, the engagement of learning, and growth in learning. A large portion of data gathered for the review comes from collected and analyzed perceptual and academic data. The perceptual data comes from surveys parents, staff, faculty and students complete. Through the analysis of both perceptual and academic data, we identify what we do well and where we can improve.

Cognia provides outside educators to visit St. Francis School in which they review us against the Cognia's performance standards. These performance standards are built upon

researched-based understanding of learning and they define high-quality education. Cognia's outside educators will be visiting St. Francis School this spring to conduct the accreditation review. The results of this accreditation review will be shared with the school in late spring or early summer.

Along with preparing for our accreditation review, we are also preparing for Catholic Schools Week which starts on the last Sunday of January. Catholic Schools Week gives us an opportunity to celebrate our Catholic education. We try to incorporate faith, fun and food throughout the week. It is also an opportunity to collaborate with Lindsay Holy Family School - another Catholic school within our Parish Cluster - to celebrate our Catholic faith together.

There is much preparation happening this time of year. Please keep us in your prayers. Our school is blessed in so many ways, and I want to thank you for your support. Whether it is through prayer, your personal gifts and talents, or financial means, we could not do this without you. Thank you and many blessings throughout 2023.



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FACULTY & STAFF**



# PRAY TOGETHER

## COMMUNITY COMES TO SCHOOL

Community stakeholders at St. Francis show support in various ways, and all the support they give is appreciated by those in the school. What better way can there be than for stakeholders to support the school through prayer? And even better than that is to pray with the students in the school. That is what happens the second Monday of each month of the school year.

This year, prayer groups that include community adults and students were formed, and they meet the second Monday of every month for 30 minutes. They gather to contemplate the Mass readings for the following Sunday using the WRAP (Write-Reflect-Apply-Pray) method of prayer. They are free to discuss their thoughts on the scripture as well as their own reflections on what the Word of God means to each of them during this time of prayer led by the adults in each group.

Prayer groups are organized by age and gender. It has been a good addition to St. Francis.

Ethan Bruland and Ashley Krings were instrumental in finding community members to volunteer their time to lead prayer groups. The adults who function as group leaders include Lindsey Kosch, Emily Zach, Sarah Classen, Mary Jo Lubischer, Sandy Wemhoff, Sue Wegener, Tina Sachau, Theresa Pfeifer, Halee Schnitzler, Cindy Kurtenbach, Mark Pfeifer, Luke Wieseler, Dustin Ternus, Brock Wiese, Ethan Bruland, Deacon Dennis Anderson, and Spencer

Eisenmenger, Deacon Kent Sachau, and Gene McPhillips. They are of a wide range of ages, occupations and faith journeys. Some are alumni. Some have children in school. Some are married into the community. Some are retired. But all have a stake in encouraging the students at St. Francis - future community leaders - to dig deeper into their Catholic faith and live it out in their daily lives. And all have agreed to be an example of prayer, contemplation and faith.

Prayer leader Lindsey Kosch shared her thoughts on the groups, "As a convert to the Catholic faith, coming from a small Protestant family with no opportunity to attend Catholic school, it's amazing to witness maturity and growth of disciples of Christ through these prayer groups. I'm privileged to have this opportunity to encounter our Lord through these students at St. Francis Catholic School."

During the time that the ten student prayer groups are meeting, the faculty are also meeting to contemplate and pray with the same scripture and prayer method. This time is valued because the faculty has little time to simply discuss faith, scripture and Catholic tenants with one another.

Mrs. Braun said, "I love the prayer groups simply because our students get to share their faith with stakeholders. Teachers can [and do] share their experiences, but students may get a new perspective hearing faith journeys and sharing ideas with new faces."

What better way to get in touch with the community than to have the community touch the school through

prayer. This has proven true through the first four meetings of prayer groups as junior, Emma Classen, and senior, Makenna Wietfeld, respectively, gave their thoughts on the experience.

"My experience with the monthly prayer groups has been super positive and beneficial to me in growing in my spiritual life. It has given me opportunities to pray with people I wouldn't normally pray with and learn more about them, which I feel will help bind the community together more closely."

"I think the prayer groups with people from the community helps me reflect on the things going on in my life and how God has influenced it. During our prayer group we talk about situations in our world today and how we can make a difference using God's word. Once I go to Mass and hear the readings, I immediately think about the conversations had in our prayer group. I think the group helps me to grow closer in my relationship with God."

When it comes time for the community leaders to leave the building, they tend to linger near the front doors of the school, chatting with one another, faculty and students. Their presence in the building, even for that short time, lends an air of comfort in knowing we are all on the same scriptural page.



## THE GREATEST CATCH

### DEFENDING STATE CHAMPS PLACE 2ND AT DISTRICTS

After last year's success, the one act team had high hopes for returning to state in 2022. The play, written by one of the directors, Vitoria Wiese, and titled "The Greatest Catch," featured a fishing village somewhere in America in the 1850's. The set, created by Tim Wiese and Rose Wiese, garnered high praise from judges throughout the year for its unique design. With fishing boats that jutted off the proscenium, to a staging area for gutting fish, and a quaint backdrop of cottages along the shore the actors had the perfect scene to bring a story to life. The villagers were split between two village fishing captains who eventually had to work together to save their village from being purchased by an outsider who would bring in more talented workers to take over the fishing operation. This they did with the realization that they needed one another to survive. All of the cast members provided "character" to the village, not as a chorus, but as individuals making up a community who knew the stories of the past.

The play received all ones from the judges at conference and placed first. At districts, the play received straight twos, and received second to Wausa who was the eventual state champion in class D1.

Cast members Matthew Brockhaus, Emma Classen, Jocelyn Dunn, Bella Foster, Bella Gaspers, Ava Hastreiter,

Emerson Krings, Lexi Morfeld, Isabel Preister, Jacob Preister, Makenna Wietfield, Seth Wiese and Owen Weidner were all recognized as outstanding performers throughout the season. Emma Classen was also named best supporting actress at the conference competition.



Though the hopes of a state berth were dashed at districts, the play itself was a success. The cast and crew worked hard to put on the best possible show they could, and it met with good reviews from judges throughout the season. Even more important, their directors were well-pleased with the effort of the kids and the transformation of the show throughout the season.

## SCHOOL HOUSE ROCK

FIRST YEAR BAND TO BOY  
BAND, WE HAVE IT ALL

December arrives each year with the elementary students anticipating showing off the songs they have learned at the annual Christmas concert in the gym and the high school choir ready to display their talent. This year was no exception, but those attending the concert were in for a big surprise!

The retirement of Mrs. Pam Goering, who successfully led the music program at St. Francis for many years, led to an arduous search for a replacement. But then Mrs. Dunn was contacted by Christopher Secuya, a man who had taught in Catholic schools in the Philippines and, having seen the job opening on a Benedictine college website, was interested in teaching in a Catholic school in the United States. After a great deal of communication among Mr. Secuya, Mrs. Dunn and the embassies in both countries, he was hired, pending legal immigration status into this country for himself, his wife and their two preschool-aged sons.

He arrived at St. Francis about seven weeks into the first semester, and within a week of his arrival, the sound of music wafted through the halls—not only vocal music, but instrumental as well. When it was clear he would be able to immigrate, Mrs. Dunn asked him what he would need that she could provide, and he requested drums, electric guitar, xylophone, saxophone, clarinet, bass guitar and other instruments. Mrs. Dunn was able to secure funds through Title IV, and the instruments awaited him. He—or rather the students—put them to good use under his guidance.



At both the elementary and high school music concerts, excitement filled the air as the audience anticipated the big reveal of what had been accomplished. Children as young as first grade took the microphone in their hands and sang solos while backed up by the chorus of their classmates. They smiled as they sang and danced with delighted energy. The audience responded in kind with each additional grade level taking the stage to show skill on the drums, the xylophone, the piano and recorders.

The finale brought together all of the students in kindergarten through high school choir gathered on and in front of the stage to sing a final Christmas song led by fifth grade student, Leighton Krings.

At the junior high and high school levels, the curtains opened to chorus members singing popular songs by Taylor Swift, the Backstreet Boys, Mariah Carey, Rick Astley and other contemporary artists. Not all of the songs were Christmas themed, but all were performed with joy as nerves faded away.

Students played keyboards, electric and bass guitars, and drums. Others (Hannah



Baumgart, Phillip Keller, Whitney Wegener, Jayda Krings, and Kali Jarosz) took the microphone, singing solos—which they never would have done had Mr. Secuya not given them that opportunity. As a choir they sang the “Carol of the Bells” to ring in the season.

The junior high students performed as a band on instruments including trumpet, saxophone, clarinet, and flute playing “Jingle Bells” and other familiar melodies.

The ending of the concert brought rousing applause from the audience who appreciated all that Mr. Secuya had accomplished with the students in just over two months. All are looking forward to the spring concert, anticipating what is to come in the St. Francis music program.



# A WORD FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

ERIC KESSLER

The winter sports season is in full swing which means a lot of practices and games for all our elementary, junior high, and varsity teams. It is an extremely busy time as we have teams from grade 3 to the varsity level competing in various basketball leagues and competitions and a very strong youth wrestling program as well. We are very fortunate for the improvements that have been made to the old gym as most of our elementary practices are held up there. A big thank you to all those who made those improvements possible.

Both our youth basketball and wrestling programs are very strong with great participation from the kids and very strong support from our parents and alumni. A HUGE thank you to all those who volunteer their time to coach our various elementary teams and programs. The foundation of our athletic programs is started and built in the elementary years, and we are very fortunate to have such strong youth programs in both wrestling and basketball that will ensure the success of our programs for years to come.

The Flyer and Lady Flyer varsity basketball teams are off to strong starts to the season. Both teams had some impressive early-season victories and are hopeful of what lies ahead. The month of January includes the conference

tournament held at Central Valley (Greeley) this year. February will include the sub district and district competitions to be held at sites yet to be determined. The season concludes with the state tournament the first and second weeks of March. Stay updated with game times, locations, and streaming possibilities on The Dispatch, HSF Athletics on Facebook, and Sycamore.

We have been trying to retire the jersey of St. Francis alum, Allison Weidner but, due to inclement weather, this has been postponed twice at this writing. Allison had a tremendous career for the Lady Flyers and had such a positive impact not only on our basketball programs but also our school. She has had a great start of her career as a Lady Husker. It has been so fun to watch her play for Nebraska and we are all very proud of our St. Francis alum.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Francis school and athletics. Go Flyers!!!!



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## PIN 'EM

### YOUTH WRESTLING PROGRAM

On the east wall of the high school gymnasium, there's a board full of wrestling records dating back to the late 90's. Head into the hallways and you'll find a trophy dating back even further, 1969.



Coach Jared Wiehn works with his sons, Devin (pre-k) & Preston (2nd grade), and Blaise Braun (pre-k) between matches.

With such a long history, it's no surprise that a strong passion for the sport still exists.

For several years past athletes and parents have tried to build a strong youth program. It was on-again-off-again for many years, but has been going strong since 2014 with an average of 30 kids participating each year.

This year the program is lead by coaches Ken Classen (1998), Craig Ternus (2005), Jared Wiehn (2003), Greg Hassenstab (2004) and Michael Ramaekers (2007).

The team is made of up of 34 athletes from pre-k to fourth grade, with a mix of boys and girls from St. Francis, Lindsay Holy Family and Humphrey Public School.

The wrestlers are offered opportunities to compete at area meets at Stanton, Elgin, Lakeview, Albion, Columbus, Wayne and David City to name a few.

Coach Classen said the kids are enjoying themselves and working really hard, but the year hasn't been without challenges. Because of high participation in all winter youth sports, finding time to practice is difficult.

Many alumni will remember when the wrestling mats were in the multipurpose room and had no impact on the use of the gyms. Over the last 20 years, many changes have been made to accommodate our ever-evolving school, and the multipurpose room turned into the weight-room. This pushed the wrestling program to the elementary gym, where it has to compete with youth girls and boys basketball schedules for court time.

The wrestling mats, which have been around since Coach Classen wrestled, are extremely heavy, requiring at least eight strong individuals to move them, making it nearly impossible to relocate and practice anywhere else. Coach Classen said, "If we had some of the more modern mats that one to two individuals can handle, it would make it more practical for us to practice in another location increasing flexibility in when we can practice."

The past and present wrestlers hope that the enrollment at St. Francis will continue to increase and, with it, an increased interest in expanding the program into junior high and high school in the future.



Second grader, McCoy Classen, son of Coach Ken & Sarah Classen worked hard to win his match 20 to 0, placing 3rd in his weight class at the Elgin meet.

# A WORD FROM DEVELOPMENT

ASHLEY M. KRINGS

It has been a busy fall. The Blue & White Night Committee started meeting late summer to plan for this year's event. While we had high hopes for a great event, we could have never imagined the success that would come. Thanks to the grace of God, hard work of the committee, generous donors and amazing attendees, we set two new records; the number of tickets sold (303) and netting the highest profit on record, (approximately \$120,000). This event provides much-needed funding for our school. Words are not enough to say thank you to everyone who helped make this year's event happen.

Now that Blue and White Night is a wrap, plans are in the works for the upcoming Alumni Banquet. This May will mark the 100th alumni celebration, and we plan to make it one for the books! The committee is currently working on plans to accommodate a huge crowd, since all class years will be invited to join in the fun. Mark your calendars now, and keep an eye out for information on the event coming early spring! The alumni celebration will be held on Saturday, May 27 on the St. Francis School grounds.

I have also been focusing on improving the way we bring information to you, our alumni and friends, through this newsletter, social media and our website. In the coming months, you can expect changes to the parish website, including

an updated school faculty and staff page. It is also my goal that, in the near future, we will be able to provide an option for electronic giving on the site.

While I work on that, I wanted to provide everyone with a simplified way of giving back. In this issue you will find a contribution envelope. If you'd like to give a gift, please fill out the form on the envelope, enclose your contribution and send it back to us. If now isn't the right time for you, feel free to save the envelope for a later date.

As we embark on 2023 I have high expectations of what is to come. Your prayers in the success of our parish and school are not only needed, but greatly appreciated.



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## TECHNOLOGY UPDATES

### CLOUD COMPUTING INCREASES BANDWIDTH DEMANDS

As technology evolves, so does the way students engage in education. Cloud computing has become a norm at school and with that comes a need for infrastructure improvements both inside and out.

The school has not had updates to its infrastructure for over 15 years. Our

network equipment has a bandwidth limit of 100 MBps.

In the last year we have increased our bandwidth capabilities throughout the interior of the building. This includes a new firewall, new gigabyte switches and new wireless access points. The updates we have done, and will continue to do, will increase our limits to approximately 500 MBps or five times our current capacity. The final portion of this upgrade is now focused on the exterior internet access.

Our Internet Service Provider (ISP) has agreed to split the cost of this investment, which will improve our internet bandwidth from less than 100 MBps to approximately 500 MBps. The total cost is estimated to be \$15,000, with our portion being half the total. Dick and Jane Zach generously donated back their money window prize money from the bazaar and increased that donation by another \$1,300 for a total of \$2,500 which has been directed towards these updates.

This upgrade will help HSF continue to provide the necessary technology-inspired services that the students need. It is important to note that HSF has never had to pay for internet access through Community Internet Systems, which has now been purchased by Applied Connective. Applied Connective has agreed to continue this practice.

In addition to the infrastructure updates, we recently received an anonymous gift of five new computer monitors for the high school library which had been on the wish list for some time. These gifts are greatly appreciated.

## WHIMSY & FAITH

### FAITH AND ART COLIDE FOR ALUMNI KATIE (KRINGS) MORFELD

Since she was old enough to remember, Katie (Krings) Morfeld, class of 2003, will tell you there are two things that were always constant; her relationship with Jesus and her affinity for art.

Katie remembers that when she was little, instead of reading books, she preferred to look at the pictures and see how they were drawn. Every time a school book order was sent home, she'd ask her mom for the "How to Draw" books. Nowadays, when she browses books at the St. Francis book fair, if a book cover catches her eye, she finds herself flipping through to see the pictures and reading the inside front cover to see what medium was used for the illustrations.

As a student at St. Francis, Katie was inspired by Mr. Dean Korus's art class. "I remember in junior high or high school, Mr. Dean had us do a 'thumb-



print project' and mine was a portrait of Jesus, which got good reviews from my family members." Katie reflects, "Going to a Catholic school absolutely had an influence on me as an artist, influencing what I would choose for my subject matter."

As a faith-inspired artist, Katie was drawn to The Fellowship of Catholic Artists in August of 2020. The group's vision is to bring together artists who are Catholic and to encourage, challenge and inspire each other to grow in art and faith. They meet on the first Friday of each month at the Holy Family Shrine in Gretna. The meetings vary from discussing art, hosting speakers, going on field trips to local art galleries, or bringing their art to the meeting and working together.

In October of 2021 the group began planning the "Life Is Beautiful: Visual & Performing Art Show" to share their art with others. The theme was chosen to be "A Celebration of Life", whether on paper, in written word, or through music. The show was meant to convey what is beautiful in the sense of our faith and belief in God. Katie's individual work displayed at the show included a "Portrait of Mary" pencil drawing, a "Portrait of Jesus" pencil drawing, intricate pen and ink designs, and some of her signature illustrations. The art show was also a celebration of the Holy Family Shrine's 20th Anniversary. A portion of the proceeds went back to the shrine. Information about the group and art show can be found on their website [fellowshipofcatholicartists.com](http://fellowshipofcatholicartists.com) or look them up on Facebook and Instagram



under "Life Is Beautiful Visual and Performing Art Show."

Katie has turned her art into a business which she named Whimsy & Faith. Most of her artwork is done at her home in Humphrey where she lives with her husband, Brandon, and their three kids Lexi, Ellie and Will. When she isn't working on her art or attending her kids' activities, Katie can be seen around the St. Francis parish office where she compiles the weekly church bulletin for the cluster parishes.

If you'd like more information about Katie's artwork or to purchase a print, you can contact her via email at [whimsyandfaith@gmail.com](mailto:whimsyandfaith@gmail.com).



# BELOVED ALUMNI

## MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

With 2022 at a close, we remember the alumni who have passed last year. We are thankful for the memories they left on our hearts.

If you know of someone who has passed that is not listed, please contact the parish office to help us update our records.

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

### January

- 24 - Donald Pfeifer (St. Francis Elementary)
- 27 - Carole {Reiner} Baumgart (1962)
- 28 - Kathleen {Foltz} Pfeifer (1944)

### February

- 6 - Norman Shemek (1947)

### March

- 20 - Thomas Wemhoff (St. Mary's)
- 21 - Florene {Bender} Finley (1947)

### May

- 4 - Victor Ternus (1970)
- 19 - Mark Foltz (1949)
- 27 - Karen Lachnit (1964)

### June

- 8 - Joan Fuchs (1951)

### July

- 11 - Sr. Nora Elizabeth Fuchs (1942)

### August

- 30 - Mary {Pfeifer} Olmer (1954)

### September

- 23 - CelieAnn {VanDyke} Baumgart (1943)
- 24 - James Maguire (1953)

### October

- 5 - Jon Leick (1976)
- 7 - Darlene {Kruse} Herchenbach (1954)
- 18 - Kathleen {Fehringer} Classen (1952)

### November

- 3 - Mildred {Sand} Preister (1940)
- 17 - Adele {Kelly} Hassenstab (1944)
- 30 - Donald Schaecher (1951)

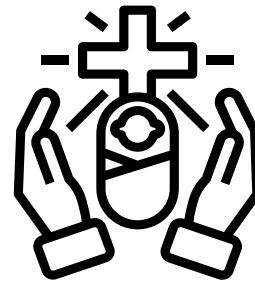
### December

- 14 - Thomas Hastreiter (1961)
- 15 - Richard Zuerlein (1973)
- 20 - Erna {Hemmer} Ternus (1950)
- 31 - Helen {Lewis} Zach (1948)

# CELEBRATING NEW LIFE

## ALUMNI EXPANDING THE FAMILY

Congratulations to our alumni who welcomed a new member in their family in 2022.



### **January**

11 - Graham Clifford, son of Trey & Rachel {Herchenbach} (2015) Jenkinson

### **February**

13 - Bo Mark, son of Keith & Brooke {Reichmuth} (2007) Sunderman

14 - Rory Rae, daughter of Tyler & Natalie {Pfeifer} (2010) Beranek

23 - Isabelle Grace, daughter of Blake (2012) & Cassandra Krings

### **March**

30 - Nyle Gregory, son of Zackery & Susan {Rollman} (2009) Lindsley

### **May**

21 - Ellie James, daughter of Dillon (2012) & McKenna Bender

### **June**

2 - Jalen Dennis, son of Jarod (2012) & Keisha {Wemhoff} (2012) Podliska

3 - Colton Michael, son of Nathan (2013) & Renee Classen

7 - Emrynn Rae, daughter of Erik (2001) & Dawn Baumgart

13 - Asher Allen, son of Christopher & Melissa {Classen} (2001) Braun

30 - Jayden Micahel, son of Caleb (2013) & Brooke Sjuts

### **July**

20 - Palmer Ann, daughter of Spencer (2011) & Mandi Wieser

### **August**

3 - Hadley Grace, daughter of Jackson & Halee {Keller} (2015) Schnitzler

22 - David Alan, son of Craig (2005) & Shelby {Krings} (2009) Ternus

26 - +Lux Michael, son of Trent (2010) & Brenna Classen

### **September**

15 - Lucas Alan, son of Adam (2000) & Cathy Jo Hamling

### **October**

8 - Sawyer Jean, daughter of Travis & Emily {Pfeifer} (2011) Albracht

9 - Kwade Henry, son of Kendal (2008) & Bailey Bender

19 - Noel Jean, daughter of Samuel (2014) & Emily {Huettner} (2013)

### **December**

21 - Scotlyn Marie, daughter of Jonathan & Erika {Pohlen} (2012) McKenzie

28 - Mason Robert, son of Austin (2009) & Cara {Eisenmenger} (2009) Wegener

Please keep us updated as your family grows. You can call the rectory at 402-923-0913 or email updates to [akrings@hsfschool.org](mailto:akrings@hsfschool.org).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

### Catholic Schools Week

Sun, Jan 29 - Sat, Feb

### District Speech

Wed, Mar 8 @ Franklin

### 500 Club Fundraising Dinner

Sat, Mar 18

### State Speech

Fri, Mar 17 @ Kearney High

### State FFA

Wed, Mar 29 - Fri, Mar 31

### Easter Break

Fri, April 7 - Mon, April 10

### Cogina Accreditation

Fri, April 14

### Junior-Senior Prom

Sat, April 15

## ATHLETIC

### Girls Sub-Districts & Sub-Finals

Tue, Feb 14 & Thurs, Feb 16

### Boy Sub-Districts & Sub-Finals

Tue, Feb 21 & Thurs, Feb 23

### Girls District Finals

Fri, Feb 24

### Boys District Finals

TBD - Feb 25, 27 or 28

### Girls State Basketball

Thurs, Mar 2 - Sat, Mar 4

### Boys State Basketball

Thurs, Mar 9 - Sat, Mar 11

### Track Season Opener

Mon, Mar 27 @ Humphrey

### Golf Season Opener

Tue, Apr 4 @ Osceola



A big thanks to everyone who contributed images and information to this issue! A special thanks to Tina Schumacher for all her hard work helping pull this together!

**Keep up with St. Francis at**  
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