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HUMPHREY, NE, NEWSLETTER



### SHARING FAITH AT TEC

ALUMNI VOLUNTEER, CURRENT STUDENTS ARE CANDIDATES

On the weekend of March 18, several alumni volunteered for the 51st TEC (Teens Encounter Christ). This provided an opportunity for them to share their faith with candidates. The candidates were from surrounding areas; five were sophomores and juniors from St. Francis and one was a St. Francis graduate.

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# A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

FATHER ERIC OLSEN

Happy Easter from St. Francis!

Another spring is upon us and, with it, comes the most important celebration of the Church. Jesus Christ's resurrection is the source of all hope. If Jesus Christ can overcome the power of death, then nothing is beyond the power of His love.

This source of hope is an indispensable gift during this time in the history of St. Francis. This past February, the archbishop decided it was time to merge our school with Holy Family in Lindsay. Understandably, this is causing an immense amount of uncertainty. Uncertainty is the greatest torture the devil could ever devise. Theologically speaking, since Jesus Christ is the TRUTH, when certainty is hidden, so is Our Lord. This is why uncertainty is so frightening. Uncertainty hides Jesus from us.

The devil takes full advantage of the opportunity that fear provides. He uses two weapons simultaneously to torture us. First, he fans the flames of fear by dragging us deeper into the future. He fills this future with our visions of our worst fears so that we become even more anxious and afraid. Then he unleashes the second weapon...the past. He reminds us of the past to fan the flames of anger about past decisions made or things that might have been done differently.

There's only one remedy to this fear when it arises...come back to the present moment. The present moment, and the present moment alone, is where we find the security we lack because it is here that we find Jesus. This can be done by remembering that nothing in the past can be changed, and nothing in the future is certain. The only thing we can control is the present moment, and the present moment is the only place we find Our Lord.

It's no accident that all this is happening to us. When we reflect on all things that had to happen, from the big bang to the quirky way our parents met, we can see that Our Lord worked pretty darn hard to bring us into the world at precisely this point in time and in precisely this part of His creation. He did this knowing the strengths and weaknesses of everyone involved infinitely better than we do. Yet He still brought each of us to this moment, not to fail, but to succeed. We have a TREMENDOUS opportunity to show His love in the coming weeks, months and years, not just to each other, but to the region and the entire state as well. It takes a heroic effort on all of our parts to set aside the wounds of the past and the worries about the future. But we have the resources necessary to accomplish this because Our Lord Himself brought us here.



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## A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

JENNIFER DUNN

The calendar says spring is here. I am eagerly awaiting rain (thunder) storms, birds serenading me in the mornings, and daffodils and tulips adding much-needed color to the landscape. With all these fresh new beginnings, we also begin to bring the school year to a close. Soon we will be hosting the culminating celebrations of the year — the accreditation review, music concerts, track and field day, award nights, and graduations.

It is this point in the school year where our minds are struggling between staying in the moment and anticipating what next year will bring. The hiring season is upon us, and that has brought us two new hires for the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Brittany Dozler has been hired as the new junior high language arts teacher. She and her husband will be moving to Albion this summer.

The elementary will experience a little shake-up with the sixth grade position becoming available. Mrs. Nolan, who currently teaches sixth grade, will be leaving us at the end of the school year. She will continue teaching and will additionally be taking on a leadership position at St. John's Lutheran School. I thank Mrs. Nolan for her five years of service to St. Francis. Mrs. McPhillips, who currently teaches fourth grade, will move to sixth grade next year. Mrs. Tita Secuya has been hired to teach fourth

grade. She is the wife of our music teacher who moved his family from the Philippines to Humphrey this past fall. Mrs. Secuya taught elementary school in the Philippines and is excited to get back into teaching at St. Francis.

As both Fr. Olsen and Fr. Steve are preparing to transition out of our school community, it would be remiss of me not to mention other anticipations I have as I think about next year. My faith tells me God will provide us with the right leadership needed to direct and guide us where we need to go as a school and community. St. Francis School has been blessed with the opportunity to have Fr. Olsen spiritually and administratively lead us over the past four year. Few have the leadership and vision for Catholic education as he does. Fr. Steve will be dearly missed also by the students and staff alike as he takes time off to support the needs of his family.

I am incredibly grateful for a God that is all-knowing and who is in complete control. With the many uncertainties about our future, there is never a better time to rely on the Lord for guidance.

As always, please keep our school in your prayers and know we cannot keep this educational system operating without your desire and support for Catholic education.

Thank you and many blessings.



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# SPEECH TEAM BRINGS HOME HARDWARE

BY LEXI MORFELD, JUNIOR

This year the Holy Family/St. Francis speech team had seven members from the two schools. From St. Francis, Jocelyn Dunn (Humorous Prose/OID), Bella Foster (Poetry/Duet), Ava Hastreiter (Extemporaneous), Lexi Morfeld (OID/Duet), Owen Weidner (OID); from Holy Family, Seth Preister (Humorous Prose) and Seth Wiese (Serious Prose). The team was coached by Chelsea Preister and Andrea Steffen.

Practices began after Christmas break. The coaches, who are both teachers at Holy Family, met with St. Francis students in the HSF school library after school, while the two Seth's from LHF practiced there. The team also had a practice workshop at LHF in January, and speech alumni, including HSF alum Erin Pfeifer, provided encouragement

to help give the team ideas for their season.

The first meet of the season was held at Scotus Central Catholic in Columbus on January 21, where the OID placed second. The Oral Interpretation of Drama group of Jocelyn, Owen, and Lexi placed regularly throughout the season with their piece, "The Big Bang" by Jed Feuer and Boyd Graham. Jocelyn and Seth Wiese also placed consistently with their humorous and serious prose pieces, "Our Dumb Century" by Scott Dikkers, et. al. and "The Volunteer" by Vitoria Wiese respectively. In all, the team competed in seven meets including conference and districts.

Out of the seven members, Jocelyn, Owen, Lexi, Seth Preister, and Seth Wiese qualified for the state tournament in Kearney in three events: OID, humorous prose, and serious prose. There, Jocelyn Dunn placed third in humorous prose and Seth Wiese placed third in serious prose.

## READ ACROSS AMERICA

BY BROOKLYN MCKAY, JUNIOR

This year Dr. Suess Week was celebrated from February 28 through March 4 and, "Oh, the things that we do!"

Mrs. Huettner planned a full week of fun for the elementary students and faculty that included dress up days and activities.

On *The Lorax* Day students dressed up in green or camo shirts and each class



*Pictured back, left to right; Coach Preister, Seth Preister, Owen Weidner, Ava Hastreiter, Lexi Morfeld, Coach Steffen. Front, Seth Wiese, Jocelyn Dunn and Bella Foster.*



added together the number of trees in their yards for a friendly competition focusing on the environment.

The celebration continued with *What Pet Should I Get?* Day. Children were encouraged to bring a favorite stuffed animal to school to snuggle while reading books with the high school students.



Scarlet Kessler, daughter of alumnus Dustin and wife, Sarah Kessler, reads at the daycare to Maddie Bender, daughter of alumna Danielle (Wessel) and Jordan Bender.

The ball kept rolling as *Hooray for Diffendoofer* Day came around--a book that celebrates differences in people. This was a full on dress-up day for students who came to school as their favorite book character or an occupation beginning with the first letter of their first name. Harry Potter and other characters roamed the halls. On *I am NOT Going to Get Up Today* Day the elementary students wore pajamas to school and spent some time reading to children at Little Saints Daycare.

As is the tradition, the activities came to a close with *The Cat in the Hat* Day. Students wore their red and white striped top hats with pride and were encouraged to take Accelerated Reader



The fifth grade class show off their red and white hats on "The Cat in the Hat" day.

tests to see how many tests they could take in one day!

When the week was over, everything was tidied up and put away--but without the help of Thing One and Thing Two.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

BY TESSA DEETS, SENIOR

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is a big deal at St. Francis with both fun-and faith-filled activities. The celebration began on Monday morning with fresh-baked cinnamon rolls made by Rebecca Classen and her cafeteria staff.

The tradition of the CSW lunch choices continued, so on four of the days, the cooks served up menus requested by the high school classes. On Wednesday, while the high school enjoyed Pizza Hut pizza, the elementary students were able to have lunch in the gym with their parents. An added activity this year was a photo booth with costumes provided

by the one act team and photographers provided by the journalism class. Families were able to get fun group shots that they could download from the HSFDISPATCH!

There was bowling for students in grades 4 - 6, while students in grades K - 3 prepared cookie mix jars with notes for their parents.

Thursday began with Mass and in the afternoon, the students gathered in the church for a rosary and benediction.

The final event of the week was a CSW pep rally. At the rally, two videos were shown: One was made by Mrs. Micek and the web design students and featured students expressing why the Bible is important. The second was put together by Ashley Krings (as part of her job with development) with the help of high school students who gathered information. This video was made to shine a light on the teachers at St. Francis and to thank them for all they do. There were some also fun games and activities played by students in K-12.



*Sophmores (front, left to right) Ava Hastreiter, Isabell Preister, Bella Foster, Anna Stricklin, Nyla Kessler, Ty Classen, Andrew Kosch, (back) Mason Geilenkirchen and Eli Weidner show off their Catholic-themed t-shirts during CSW.*

CSW is a week that students look forward to each year to get to celebrate our Catholic school.



*Alumni Brandi (Weidner) & Spencer Eisenmenger pose with their children, who attend St. Francis School and Little Saints Daycare, during the CSW parent lunch.*

## A WORD FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

ERIC KESSLER

The school year is certainly flying by as it always seems to do this time of year.

The following is a quick recap of our winter sports season: Both our boys and girls basketball teams had very successful seasons. Our young boys team finished with a 16-7 record. They won the regular season Goldenrod Conference championship by finishing 9-0 against conference schools. Their season ended in a hard-fought sub-district loss to #3 rated Osceola. Unfortunately, the Flyers fell just short of receiving a wild card for the district final.

The Lady Flyers had another tremendous season. They won both the Goldenrod regular season and tournament championship as well as being named sportsmanship award winners for the conference. The Lady Flyers defeated Howells-Dodge in the district final to win their 6th straight district title and qualified for the state tournament. They won an exciting first round game against McCool Junction before falling to Falls City Sacred Heart in overtime in the semifinals. The Lady Flyers finished 4th after losing a hard fought battle to Shelton. Congratulations to all the coaches and players on a very successful winter sports season.

Our spring sports seasons are in full swing with our track and golf teams working hard while navigating the unknowns of spring weather. Both teams have high expectations for the season and strong leadership from our senior class. The track team will travel to Hartington for their district meet on May 8 with hopes of a large group of qualifiers for the state meet again held at Omaha Burke High School. The Flyer golf team will have their district meet this year at Pender with the hopes for qualifying their team for the state meet in North Platte for the second straight year.

A huge thank you and congratulations to Coach Dean Korus. He has decided to step down as head volleyball coach next season. He will continue to teach art and remain the head track coach. Coach Korus' record and resume is simply remarkable. He is a hall of fame

coach. More importantly he has influenced so many of our students over the course of his years at St. Francis, not just as a coach but as a teacher. He is a pillar of our school and has made St. Francis volleyball into one of the top programs in the state year after year after year. We are so thankful for all he has done for St. Francis and also very thankful he will be sticking around as a teacher and track coach next season. St. Francis alum Susan (Rollman) Lindsley will take over the volleyball program next year. Coach Lindsley has been an assistant under Coach Korus for several years and is excited for the opportunity and will do a great job as head coach of the Lady Flyers.

As the school year and sports seasons wind down, I would like to thank all our coaches and players for all their time, work, and efforts this year. The success we continue to have year after year in a variety of activities is a result of all the hard work, time and dedication our coaches and athletes put in. Also, a big THANK YOU to all the supporters of St. Francis School and athletics (Parents, alumni, boosters, volunteers, etc.) who give their time, financial support, prayers, etc, to help support our teams and school.

Go Flyers!



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# COACH FATHER ADDED SPARKLE

BY TINA SCHUMACHER

Fr. Steve got out of the classroom and onto the gym floor for Lady Flyer basketball this year. He was one of two coaches assisting head coach Bryan Reichmuth. The girls enjoyed his presence with the team.

Oftentimes both he and assistant coach Gary Bender could be found sweeping the gym floor before the start of practice while the girls were getting ready. If for some reason Coach Reichmuth could not be at practice, Coach Father and Coach Bender did



their best to run drills with the girls. However, some of the girls—who shall not be named—said that the two of them would often talk so much about the drill that there was little time to do the drill. But they enjoyed it all the same—more talking meant less running.

Fr. Steve was the one on the bench who took care of injuries that happened on the court. He was presented with a new med kit, which made him very happy. He was known for excessively wrapping



ankles, elbows, or cuts—just to make sure the girls were covered.

Before the conference tournament, he challenged the team to get a 5-second count or a 10-second press called on defense against their opponent. The girls got it the very first play of the game, so he paid up and bought them all ice cream.

At the team meal before the girls left for state basketball, the girls presented him with a sequined blue jacket to wear at the games. The first time he wore this jacket was at Blue/White Night. He agreed to put it on again, sporting the glitter under the lights of Pinnacle Bank Arena and Devaney Sports Center.

It is hard to take the priest from the pulpit; however, as the girls said with a smile, when Coach Father talked to us, it often felt like a homily. With any luck, they were inspired!



## A WORD FROM DEVELOPMENT

ASHLEY M. KRINGS

It's been a busy winter here at St. Francis, and as you heard earlier from Mrs. Dunn, things won't be slowing down any time soon. As I mentioned in our last issue, we wrapped up the Blue and White Night banquet, but there was still work to be done because the committee had offered a new experience for purchase on the live auction. A progressive dinner, complete with three courses, transportation and lots of fun memories was sold to the highest bidder.

The dinner took place on February 18. Guests were picked up by driver Luke Wieseler and escorted to church for Mass, then off to the hosts' houses. Danielle (Wessel) & Jordan Bender, with the help of Marie (Ternus) & Tyler Larson, hosted appetizers; the main course was prepared and provided by Katie and Justin McPhillips along with Crystal (Preister) and Chad Harper, who welcomed guests at their home outside of Humphrey. I had the pleasure of hosting the final leg, dessert, with my husband, Steve, at our home. Other



members of the Blue and White committee were present and helped entertain guests both on and off the bus. It was definitely a night to remember!

Now that I can finally say BWN 2022 is a complete wrap, we are in full swing preparing for the Alumni Celebration.

As we prepare for hundreds of St. Francis alumni to gather together in the halls of the school, I catch myself wondering about the pioneers of the St. Francis Alumni Association. In 1918 could they have fathomed where we would be over 100 years later? Did they imagine that nearly 2,000 students would pass through the doors of St. Francis School? Could they have ever dreamed that future generations would build a daycare in the place where the convent, once stood and that the daycare would be bursting at the seams with mini Flyers? It's these daydreams that I'm excited to reflect on with my fellow alumni on May 27 at the the Alumni Celebration.

Until then, God Bless.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Ashley M. Krings'.

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## BIG DREAMS. BIG FAITH.

THE JOURNEY OF ALUMNI,  
SUSAN (FOX) KORTH,  
BY TINA SCHUMACHER

"I never, in my wildest dreams, thought I would design and run a hospital. God has truly blessed me!"

How does a small-town, Catholic school girl born in the early 1950's become vice president and chief operating officer of Methodist Women's Hospital in Omaha?

Hard Work. Determination. Big Dreams. Family Support. And Faith.

Pat Fox often told his daughter, "There is nothing you can't do when you put your mind to it!" She proved him right over and over again.

Susan (Fox) Korth graduated from St. Francis in 1970. She thought she would attend college to be a teacher, as that is what everyone—women in general—did. However, her sister chose nursing as a career path, and Sue was intrigued. She decided to change her educational goal, giving nursing college a shot (pun intended), and she is glad she did.

"I love nursing and I am so thankful I chose this as my career. It has given me so many opportunities and potential different career paths. As I went through each semester and each rotation, my love was always obstetrics. It was a difficult field to get in the door, but eventually a door opened, and the rest is history."

It is some of that history that is the focus



of this article.

When Sue left Humphrey and the home of her parents, Pat and Rita (Vanderheiden) Fox (both St. Francis graduates), to attend college, she was "... excited and scared all wrapped into one." She admits it was an adventure heading to the big city, an adventure that came with 18 credit hours of classes the first couple of semesters. "I had to carry a pretty heavy load to graduate in four years."

Math classes for nurses are challenging, to say the least, and Sue came home for a little help on trigonometry from her high school math teacher, Sr. Thomas Ann. Always appreciative, Sue said, "She was gracious enough to help me on a couple of Saturdays. I'm not sure most teachers in larger schools would be so dedicated or generous!"

Just two years after her high school graduation and half way through her first degree, she married her high school sweetheart, Kelly Korth. Two years later, in 1974, she graduated from College of St. Mary with an AS (associate in



science) degree in nursing. "My first job was in the nursery at Immanuel Hospital. After six months, I was able to transfer to Labor and Delivery (L&D)," where she worked until 1980.

In 1977, she found herself on the flip side of L&D as she and Kelly welcomed their son, Brian. Their second son, Scott, was born in 1979.

A physician and colleague suggested she apply for an open position as clinical supervisor of a high-risk obstetric unit at Methodist Hospital. She got the job and earned certification in high-risk obstetrics at that time, working there from 1980-85.

Knowing she wanted to go into management, and needing an administrative degree to do so, she returned to college to earn two more degrees in the 1980's: a BS (bachelor of science) in Health Administration in 1986 and, to make herself marketable in a hospital setting, a BS in Nursing in 1988.

With her combined experience and education, she was able to move up the ladder, taking a job at Bergen Mercy Medical Center as a supervisor in L&D, where she worked from 1985-93. During her time there, she was instrumental in adding four birthing units and took on the responsibility of the Postpartum, Nursery and NICU (neonatal intensive care unit) areas.

She became certified in Lamaze and taught classes for expectant parents, which she enjoyed.

As her experience and opportunities grew, she felt the need to expand her

education further, so she returned to the classroom once again, obtaining an MS (master of science) in Public Health in 1993. Then in 1999, she graduated with a Ph.D. (doctorate) in Healthcare Administration.

Sue continued to work to achieve her goals, and with the support of her family, she was able to accomplish a great deal. "The basis of my success goes back to my relationship with my family. Family has always been in the forefront of my life. As I worked toward my advanced degrees, I studied next to my children. They encouraged me to continue my education. Kelly was my rock and always stood behind whatever next step I wanted to take. It was my younger son (Scott) who encouraged me to get my doctorate because he thought it would be cool to call me "Dr. Mom."



She wanted to know all of the ins and outs of hospital administration, so for two years (1993 – 95), she worked as a case manager for obstetrics at St. Joseph Hospital. During that time, she

felt that, in order to do her job well, she needed to understand the insurance world better. Therefore, she did some consulting work at Mutual of Omaha (1995 – 99), writing care plans for high-risk obstetrical patients. Eventually they hired her to manage the HMO (Health Maintenance Organization) Case Manager Department.

Sue's doctoral dissertation is titled "Childbirth Outcomes: A comparative study between Medicaid and Commercial Programs." Clearly she took to heart what she learned in her doctoral studies, her time in labor and delivery, as well as managing OB/GYN cases and writing insurance care plans, putting it all together into a dissertational study.

Having experienced some hospital administrations that were good and others that were not so great, she was determined to improve hospital administration for both medical professionals and the patients they serve.

Starting in 1999, Sue began working at the University of Nebraska Medical Center managing the Quality area. "I helped to start a Six Sigma Quality Program here and became certified in Six Sigma," which gives healthcare professionals in hospitals the tools and knowledge to perform well and accurately. The program also helps organizations deliver better performance and streamline their workflow.

Finding another niche for her specific knowledge and gifts in the summer of

2005, Sue began working for Accenture, a business management consulting firm based out of the United Kingdom, for several years as a consultant for improving patient flow. Her time at the Med Center and experience with Six Sigma was integral in her work at Accenture. She spent most of her time in Vancouver, Canada, flying there on Monday mornings and returning home on Thursday evenings. This was a big change for Sue as she said, "It was difficult for me being away from family, but we made it work."

Finally, after all of those experiences in both nursing and administration, "A friend sent me a note to say Methodist was building a women's hospital and I should apply for the job."

She did apply, and after many interviews, "... so many interviews I can't remember or count them all...", she was hired in the fall of 2007 to help design, build and organize the Methodist Women's Hospital in Omaha.

Her commitment and love for labor and delivery as well as her solid background in administration made her a perfect fit.

"This was the highlight of my career and a legacy that will not be soon forgotten. I was able to help design it from the ground up, open the facility, and watch it grow to the largest obstetrical care hospital in the state."

What does it take to design and build a hospital?

"I worked with HDR [a company that partners with clients to connect the right engineering, architecture, environmental and construction services

with the right experience and expertise for their project] to design and build the hospital."

In order to have the very best environment for women during childbirth, "We built mock-up rooms to try some things out, like arrangement of the room, the best side of the room for equipment, etc."

The committee gathered input from hundreds of medical professionals who walked through the model rooms with evaluation papers. The team then redesigned the rooms according to the suggestions and rebuilt them, getting it right. These rooms were then used for the orientation of the staff because they were the exact replica of the future real rooms.

During the building process, she walked through the construction site on a daily basis, making sure everything was going well.

She also interviewed all of the incoming nursing staff, even if they had a job at the current OB location. "My goal was to hire staff who truly cared for patients, who would not just come to work each day and put in their time."

To help the staff learn their way around the hospital, they were sent on orientation scavenger hunts. Staff was also required to go through cultural training to learn how to treat clients.

Sue took great pride and responsibility in the creation and quality of the hospital, meeting with ladies' groups to ask what services the hospital needed to offer as well as conferring with physicians routinely to make sure their

needs were met as well.

The hospital was opened in June of 2010 and Sue ran operations as vice president and chief operating officer for ten years until she retired. In those first 10 years, over 47,000 lives were brought into the world at Methodist Women's Hospital. Just doing the math on averages, that number must be over 60,000 after nearly 13 years.

She retired from Methodist Women's Hospital in November of 2018, but retirement did not mean an end to her commitment to medicine. She started her own consulting business and did some work at Boys Town to help them



*Now retired, Sue enjoys spending time with her boys and their beautiful families.*

open a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, along with multiple other process improvement initiatives.

Through nearly fifty years, her husband Kelly was by her side, passing away on May 5, 2021, just shy of their 49th wedding anniversary. Brian and Scott, their wives, and their families (6 grandchildren ranging in age from 13 to 18) live in Omaha. This is a blessing as she says, "I am very fortunate to have them so close!"



This amazing education and career journey, which has impacted so many lives, began in Humphrey at St. Francis!

Sue reflected briefly on this saying, "I cannot imagine a better place to grow up, a better husband, better kids, or a better career. St. Francis helped me build a foundation for my life, instilling in me the meaning of the Catholic faith. I do not know how I would have gotten through many a rough day without my Catholic faith."

These days Sue is making the most of retirement by attending daily Mass, spending time with friends, and traveling to warmer states in the winter. She is an avid golfer and enjoys spending time around water; she also likes to read and play computer games. These activities help to keep both her body and mind active. Her mini

Goldendoodle, Bailey, keeps her busy and provides companionship. She enjoys attending her grandchildren's sporting events, volunteering at the fish fries at her parish and going to the movies. Never one to shy away from new experiences, she recently learned how to play Mahjong.

Hard work, determination and education play a huge role in Sue's story; but big dreams, family support, & the Catholic faith are the foundation of her success.

Any alumna who has given birth at Methodist Women's Hospital and would like to share about your experience there with Sue, feel free to reach out to her through Mrs. Schumacher at [tschumacher@hsfschool.org](mailto:tschumacher@hsfschool.org). Your messages will be delivered! (Another pun! I just can't help myself.)

St. Francis has been the springboard for so many amazing stories. Stories of large and growing families, individuals embarking on vocational journeys or tackling seemingly insurmountable goals with the help of God's grace. We'd love to share more of those stories. Story ideas can be sent to Ashley at [akrings@hsfschool.org](mailto:akrings@hsfschool.org).

## 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*

## UPCOMING EVENTS



If you misplaced your RSVP form for the Alumni Celebration, please contact Ashley Krings at the parish office at 402-923-0913 or send an email to [akrings@hsfschool.org](mailto:akrings@hsfschool.org).

**District Track at Hartington**

Wed, May 10

**High School Awards Night**

Thurs, May 11, at 6:30 pm

**Graduation**

Sat, May 13, at 1 pm

**District Golf**

Mon, May 15, at Pender

**Last Day of School**

Wed, May 17

**State Track**

Fri, May 19-Sat, May 20

**State Golf**

Tue, May 23-Wed, May 24

**Alumni Kickball Tourney**

Sat, May 27

**100th Alumni Celebration**

Sat, May 27

**Alumni Golf Tournament**

Sun, May 28



A big thanks to everyone who contributed images and information to this issue!

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Catholic Schools Week had freshman jumping for joy, and seniors grinning while twinning in their Catholic t-shirts!