



HOLY NAME CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Meet Holy Name Catholic School's New Principal

By Victoria LaFave



**Principal
Michelle Brief**

ESCANABA—Holy Name Catholic School has named Michelle Brief as its new principal. Holy Name's former principal, Nathan Vande Hey, recently started a new position as Director of Advancement at Chesterton Academy of the Holy Family in Lisle, Illinois. (Holy Name High School is also part of the Chesterton Schools Network.)

Brief has an impressive amount of experience in education, having taught at the elementary level (early childhood, developmental kindergarten, first grade, third and fourth grades) for 19 years. For five of those years, she taught at St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, which has campuses in Peshtigo and Marinette, Wisconsin. She also worked in administration for two years, serving as principal of St. Thomas, and briefly working as principal for both the St. Thomas Aquinas Elementary School in Peshtigo, and the Catholic Academy's middle and high school in Marinette.

She feels that serving Holy Name is a calling for her in ensuring that area families will be able to provide their children with an exceptional Catholic education.

"Holy Name Catholic School is a tremendous asset to our local community," Brief said. "It is evident that this school has positively impacted generations of local families. I am excited to meet the Holy Name families and see all the classes and extracurriculars that the students at Holy Name participate in and look forward to attending as many events as I can."

Along with overseeing faculty and staff at Holy Name, making policy decisions, and assisting in strategic planning, she will also spend time building relationships with the teachers, staff, students, families, and the many supporters who have all helped Holy Name thrive.

"I am so thankful and blessed to start this new chapter of my life here at Holy Name Catholic School," Brief said. "I am looking forward to working with the staff and helping build the next chapter at Holy Name. We are aiming to ensure that Holy Name continues to be a proud beacon of quality Catholic education in the central U.P."

Brief holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education, a master's degree in early childhood, and is currently attending Educate-WI through St. Mary's University in Minnesota to obtain her principal licensure.

Holy Name's Pastoral Designate, Father Timothy Ferguson, pastor of St. Joseph and St. Patrick's Parish in Escanaba, says he looks forward to working with Brief in helping move Holy Name School forward.

"We are excited to welcome Michelle Brief as Holy Name's Principal," Father Ferguson said. "Michelle brings to this position an impressive resumé, a great deal of educational experience, and a new perspective to Holy Name. Her passion for the school will make her an asset through this time of transition. She has a strong Catholic faith and exceptional communication skills, and her leadership abilities will be crucial in empowering staff members and connecting them with students and their families."

Brief currently lives in Menominee with her husband Keith and their son Hunter. She and her family are active in the outdoors, and enjoy hunting, camping and "just being out in God's beautiful nature." They are members of Holy Spirit Church in Menominee and sometimes enjoy Mass at Holy Redeemer in Birch Creek.

Victoria LaFave works as marketing director at Holy Name Catholic School.

Holy Name Catholic School, with the elementary building located at 409 So. 22nd Street, Escanaba, and Holy Name High School—A Chesterton Academy building located at 2203 7th Ave. So., are accepting new students for the 2025-2026 school year. For more information, call (906) 786-7550 or search "Holy Name Catholic School Escanaba" on Facebook or visit holynamecrusaders.com.

Meet Holy Name High School - A Chesterton Academy's New Headmaster

By Victoria LaFave



**Headmaster
Erin Viau**

Holy Name Catholic School has recently named Erin Viau as the high school's new headmaster. She assumed her new role on August 18.

Holy Name High School's previous headmaster, Mark Surrell, worked with Erin extensively, training her and giving her the necessary background information about HNHS.

Viau graduated from Northern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in social work and worked for public health for 18 years in area schools doing drug and alcohol prevention. For the past six years, she served as the Executive Director of Tri-County Safe Harbor, the domestic violence shelter in our area. She taught high school Faith Formation classes at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Bark River prior to moving to Gladstone.

Erin and her late husband, Tim, have two children, Ellamaria, who is in fourth grade at Holy Name and Asher, who is two years old. "Since Tim passed away in January, he has been my, Ellamaria's and Asher's guardian angel," Erin said.

Erin loves to spend time with her family, and travels with her kids on road trips whenever she can. She and her family are active members of All Saints Catholic Church in Gladstone. Erin has been involved in the Diocesan Youth Ministry as part of the planning team for the Yahweh's Yoopers Steubenville trip for 20 years.

Viau says that this new position is a blessing. "From the moment I accepted the position, I have felt God's presence and guidance. I am confident that this is where I am meant to be, and I am looking forward to becoming more involved in the Holy Name family, not only as a parent but now as faculty. I am excited to work with the amazing high school students at Holy Name High School—A Chesterton Academy. It is my honor to be able to help them realize their full potential, but most importantly, to help them become who God has called them to be!"

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Meet Holy Name Catholic School's New Chaplain



Fr. Robb Jurkovich

As chaplain of OSF St. Francis Hospital, a typical day in Father Robb Jurkovich's life involves ministering to the sick and dying. Now, his days will also be spent teaching Holy Name students about the Catholic faith. He recently returned from sabbatical in Europe, where he completed a pilgrimage to Camino de Santiago (Way of Saint James).

Most Reverend John F. Doerfler, Bishop of the Diocese of Marquette, recently announced that Father Jurkovich will serve as part-time chaplain at HNCS's middle school this school year. He will continue serving as part-time chaplain at OSF St. Francis Hospital.

Jurkovich has had extensive experience in different locations and parishes across the Diocese of Marquette. Before serving as chaplain of OSF St. Francis Hospital, he served as pastor of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Ironwood from 2012 through 2019. While in Ironwood, he taught Catholic faith classes to students at All Saints Catholic Academy until 2017, when the school closed. Prior to that, he served for six years in Menominee as pastor of Resurrection Parish and as an administrator of Holy Spirit Parish. Before this appointment, he was associate pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Escanaba, and St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Wells.

Father Jurkovich celebrated his 21st year as a priest in June. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 11, 2004, by Bishop James H. Garland at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette.

Born in Marquette, Jurkovich said he had a calling to the priesthood in high school but played three years of football at Northern Michigan University before answering that call. His six years in seminary included studying at the University of St. Thomas in the Twin Cities, a semester in Rome, and four years at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.

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“I am looking forward to working with young people and teaching them about the beauty of the Catholic faith,” Fr. Jurkovich said. “One of the great gifts God has given me is being able to teach the faith.”

Father Jurkovich feels that God will continue guiding him in using his experience in leading people toward knowing and serving God at the school in his new position. “God calls us to use our talents and gifts in various ways,” he said. “Having the ability to recognize and answer that call is important. Though my role as school chaplain is a bit different, it will allow me to use the gifts that God has given me to the benefit of the students. The rest will be in God’s hands.”

Meet HN’s New Faculty & Support Staff

Holy Name welcomes the following new staff members this school year – Mrs. Meaghan Jensen, Mr. Stephen Czach, Mrs. Allison Ellis, Mr. Damien Ellis, Mrs. Isabella Bink, Mrs. Jessica Nyquist, Mrs. Vicky LaMarche, and Mrs. Maddi Lynch, and Mrs. Bobbi Farley.



Mrs. Meaghan Jensen, Holy Name’s new middle school humanities (literature, poetry, writing, grammar & history), said she is truly honored to join the faculty at Holy Name Catholic School. She graduated with her Bachelor of Arts Degree in early childhood education from Florida State University and her Master of Arts in teaching from Walden University.

“It is a joy and a privilege to be part of a Catholic classical school where education is truly centered on forming the whole child - mind, body, and soul - for this life and for eternity,” she said. “St. Augustine is known for saying, ‘The soul grows by learning.’” I believe the study of literature and history through the trivium is a powerful way to encounter truth, goodness, and beauty which each are intertwined delicately. Through the great stories, historical events, and timeless questions of the human experience, students will not only develop critical thinking and communication skills but also grow in virtue and wisdom.

“I am especially excited to walk with students during these formative years, helping them discover not only who they are, but also who God is calling them to become. I look forward to partnering with staff and parents in this sacred mission as we grow together in our Catholic faith, learning, and love for what is true.”

A strong advocate for the timeless wisdom of classical education, Mrs. Jensen homeschooled her two children for five years with the proven classical approach; her children are HNCS middle schoolers.



Mr. Stephen Czach, Holy Name’s new middle school math teacher, is from Macomb County, Michigan. He graduated from Michigan Technological University with his Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering.

He says one of the biggest turning points in his life was his Catholic high school experience. “It was there that I decided to fully embrace the faith as my own. I am happy to say that it has been the center of my life ever since. My teachers taught me a way of thinking, reasoning, and living that has influenced the way I have approached life ever since. Without the loving guidance of my teachers, I would not be the man that I am today. Having experienced the incredible impact a virtuous teacher can have on a young adult; I hope to have the same positive impact on my students.”

Besides his passion for teaching and learning, he says he really enjoy being outdoors. “Whether it’s skiing, hiking, camping, hang gliding, or just staying active, I am always happy to be outside. I also really love living my faith. I am always eager for some good chapel time or to talk theology with anyone who is willing. I am excited to be a part of the Holy Name family!”

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Mrs. Allison Ellis is thrilled to step into the role of general music and choir, & drama teacher for Holy Name. A proud graduate of St. Norbert College (Class of 2011), she brings over a decade of experience in vocal instruction and choral music education to the position. Throughout her career, Allison has shared her passion for music with students across the Fox Valley and Green Bay area through her private vocal studio, church choir direction, and musical theatre direction, fostering young talent and inspiring a love for singing in every ensemble she leads.

In addition to her work as an educator and musician, Allison and her husband Damien are parents of six children. She is a long-time advocate and supporter of the arts and of Holy Name. Her deep roots in the community and heartfelt commitment to youth music education make her a wonderful addition to our school community. Allison looks forward to continuing the tradition of musical excellence and creating meaningful experiences for every young Crusader.



Mr. Damien Ellis Music has been a lifelong passion for Mr. Ellis, and in this pursuit, he graduated with a Bachelor of Music Cum Laude from Saint Norbert College with an emphasis on piano and vocal education. Mr. Ellis has always enjoyed sharing his passion for music through teaching, performing, and composing. He and his wife Allison are proud parents of six children. In addition to musical pursuits, he also loves spending time with his family, playing board games, hiking the outdoors, reading, and gardening. He was previously employed at St. Mary's & St. John the Baptist Catholic Parishes in Menasha, WI as choir accompanist and cantor/musician and held an in-home piano studio.

Damien is very excited to be joining the Holy Name Crusaders as its new Band Director. "Joyfully living out our Catholic Faith at home, at work and in our community is one of the great ways to contribute to our culture," he says, "and what a great opportunity this will be!"



Mrs. Isabella Bink, Holy Name's new sixth grade Catholic Faith teacher and ninth through twelfth grade art teacher, says she is "beyond excited to be teaching at Holy Name." She graduated from Central Michigan University in 2021 with her Bachelor of Science degree in psychology and child development, and soon after, moved to Florida to start her teaching career. Her first year was spent at a top-rated classical academy in Miami, where she taught second grade. At this school, she says she quickly fell in love with the school's unique

approach to education.

She then continued teaching—this time for third graders and pre-kindergarten through fifth grade art—in Fort Lauderdale for two years before returning to Escanaba with her husband. After taking some time off to explore other education roles in the community, she says she is excited to be back in the classroom. Isabella says her goal is to create a learning environment where all students feel supported, challenged, and inspired to grow – both academically and personally. "Teaching has been an incredibly rewarding journey!" She added, "Of the four schools I have worked at, Holy Name has been the best."



Mrs. Jessica Nyquist A familiar face around Holy Name, Jessica Nyquist has spent the last couple of years serving as a substitute teacher at the school and is excited to now permanently join the Holy Name faculty. She is teaching 9th and 10th grade philosophy and literature, as well as leading a physical education class in HNHS's weight room. Jessica graduated from Bay College in 2004 as a member of Phi Theta Kappa and with Presidential Honors. Twenty years later, she completed a bachelor's degree in English summa cum laude from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and brings both academic excellence and a love for classical education to

the classroom.

She and her husband, Jake, have been married for over 21 years and are the proud parents of eight children—with their first grandchild expected this fall. Outside the classroom, she enjoys gardening, sewing, and teaching fitness classes at Northern Lights YMCA. She also leads the local Well-Read Mom Book Club and is an active member of All Saints Parish in Gladstone. She attributes her love for all things literature as a gift from her mother who emphasized and exemplified the importance and vitality of literacy at an early age. Her favorite weekends are spent visiting with family and savoring slow mornings with plenty of coffee.

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Mrs. Vicky LaMarche says she is very happy to be the new office manager at Holy Name Catholic School. She has enjoyed teaching at Holy Name in different roles for many years but is excited to start serving the school in a new way.

She is a graduate of Lake Superior State University with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education and an associate's degree in hospitality management and an associate's degree in business. She and her husband are the proud owners of Donut Connection in Escanaba, which she says has been a very fun adventure for their family. They have one son and are in the process of permanently adding twins to our family. She said she is happy to see all the returning and new faces at Holy Name and encourages families to stop by the office and say hello.



Mrs. Maddi Lynch, pictured at left with her husband and children, joined Holy Name this year as the new receptionist. She earned her associate's degree from Bay College in human services. Mrs. Lynch was born and raised in Escanaba. She and her family are parishioners at Saint Anne's Parish. She and her husband Chris have four children: Christopher, who is in Mrs. McNamee's class this year; twins, Matthew and Theodore; and Rosemary. They also have two dogs, a cat, along with chickens and ducks. In her free time, Mrs. Lynch enjoys doing all sorts of crafts, spending time with her family, camping, and being outdoors. She loves drinking coffee and enjoys making seasonal coffee syrups.



Mrs. Bobbi Farley, pictured at left with her daughters and husband, joined Holy Name as the new lunch duty aide. Mrs. Farley recently worked as a delivery driver at the Dominos store in Gladstone and previously worked at retail stores and another fast-food chain. She has an associate's degree in law enforcement that she started at NWTC in Green Bay and finished at Bay College. She is married to Bradley Farley who works at the Escanaba paper mill and volunteers on the Gladstone Volunteer Fire Department, as well as Cub Scouts and the American Legion Riders. She has two daughters—Faith, who is in kindergarten at Holy Name, and goes to Cub Scouts; and Serenity, who is in 6th grade at the Gladstone Junior High, has transferred from Cub Scouts to the Troop, and plays basketball. She has a horse named Kid, and a dog named Puppy. She enjoys helping where she can support her family and community.

Holy Name Catholic School celebrates both HNCS and HNHS Classes of 2025



Pictured are the following eighth grade graduates in the Class of 2025: Anna Renner, Annalise Cooper, Mara Bradfield, Layla Frizzell, Anders Anderson, Logan Kamerschen, Samuel Chouinard, Evan King, Henry Trottier, Koeller Hayes, Kinsley Williams, Johanna Nyquist, Rayne Martin, Olivia Cady, Kinley Hastings, and Vanessa Mabie.

Both Holy Name High School - A Chesterton Academy and Holy Name Catholic School celebrated the Classes of 2025 at the end of May with Masses and graduation ceremonies. First, the eighth grade Class of 2025 started its commencement events on May 27 with a special Mass celebrated by Father Timothy Ferguson, concelebrated by Father Francis DeGroot and Father Robb Jurkovich, and assisted by Deacon Bob Berbohm and Deacon Terry Saunders. Following Mass, a graduation ceremony was held in the Holy Name Gymnasium with awards and honors given to students. At the ceremony, Class Representative Annalise Cooper gave the commencement address, sharing memories with her fellow classmates. She expressed

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her gratitude to her family members for their support throughout her years at Holy Name and for helping her grow in her faith and talked about their accomplishments and fun experiences as a class.

HNCS Pastoral Designate Father Ferguson, who is the pastor of St. Joseph and St. Patrick's Parish and St. Thomas Parish in Escanaba along with St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Wells, gave the final blessing at the graduation ceremony. Also at the graduation ceremony, all the graduates were given handmade, blessed rosaries and prayer books as graduation gifts. The class of 2025 chose the following as their class Bible verse: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." — Psalm 23:6. The Crusader Athletic Awards went to Logan Kamerschen and Annalise Cooper. The Crusader Christian Citizenship Awards went to Samuel Chouinard and Anna Renner. The top five academic students in the HNCS Class of 2025 are: Logan Kamerschen, Anna Renner, Annalise Cooper, Kinsley Williams & Mara Bradfield.

Later that week, on May 30, the 12th grade Class of 2025 celebrated with its own Mass at St. Anne Parish in Escanaba, which was celebrated by Father Francis DeGroot, concelebrated by Father Timothy Ferguson, and assisted by Deacon Terry Saunders. Following this Mass, the students held a graduation ceremony, in which students gave their own commencement addresses, along with a commencement address by Father Ferguson, who quoted the late Winston Churchill, former British Prime Minister, saying, "Never give up."

Father Ferguson went on to say, "I can say many things to you, but I think the most important thing is that simple phrase, 'Never give up.' You've been given many opportunities in life. You've already faced many challenges, and more lie ahead. You can do it; we have confidence in you. Never give up." The ceremony then followed, with the five 2025 graduates each giving a speech describing their positive experiences at HNHS. Graduate Patton Nyquist summed up his experience at Holy Name High School: "Holy Name didn't just prepare me academically; it shaped the way I see and engage with the world. As I prepare to attend Michigan Technological University this fall, I feel confident and grounded," he said, continuing, "Today, I am not only ready to take on the challenges of higher education, but also to live a life rooted in integrity, guided by faith, and committed to truth. I am deeply grateful to Holy Name for the formation I have received here. Wherever God leads me next, I know I won't be going unprepared. Holy Name has equipped me—mind, body, and soul."



Pictured are the 12th grade graduates, Class of 2025: Brooklyn Pendergraft, Melody McBroom, Patton Nyquist, Noah Pendergraft, and Marcel Raiche.

Holy Name Catholic School and Holy Name High School—A Chesterton Academy are currently offering open registration to students for this school year. Please call the school office at (906) 786-7550 for more information.

Financial Review

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

Revenue		Expenses	
Tuition and Fees	\$ 805,864	Salaries and Benefits	\$ 1,768,898
Tuition Assistance	191,864	Instruction	69,064
Parish Subsidies	390,594	Student Transportation and Activities	17,837
Diocesan Revenue	94,480	Administration	433,407
Donations and Fundraising	877,542	Occupancy	115,760
Rental and Investment Income	162,945	Capital Outlay	18,671
Other Income	24,344	Hot Lunch Expenses	92,395
Hot Lunch Revenue	89,713		
Total Revenue	\$ 2,637,346	Total Expenses	\$ 2,516,032

Year End Fund Balance:

\$ 693,861

Total school revenues were less than the budgeted amount because tuition and donations receipts were less than expected. Those negative results were offset by better than budgeted interest and investment income. Weaker receipts were offset by lower-than-expected personnel and instruction expenses compared to budgeted amounts, resulting in a positive bottom line for the year of \$121,312 which was much better than the budgeted \$1,269 positive bottom line.

Holy Name Alumni & Supporters Award Scholarships to Graduates



Holy Name Catholic School is pleased to announce that the following scholarships were awarded to HNHS—A Chesterton Academy graduates this past May. Our HNHS alumni have generously provided scholarships in the amount of **\$33,250 for our five students** who graduated on **May 30, 2025**. The following are the scholarship award winners, along with our generous donors:

Kenneth & Patricia Gartland Top Boy Award (\$2,500) was awarded to **Marcel Raiche** by **Mr. & Mrs. Gartland**. \$10,000 in scholarships were given out to those graduates attending a college/university or trade school, which includes a \$2,500 scholarship to the top academic boy and \$2,500 to the top academic girl.



Kenneth & Patricia Gartland Top Girl Award (\$2,500) was awarded to **Brooklyn Pendergraft** by **Mr. & Mrs. Gartland**.

Kenneth & Patricia Gartland College Scholarships (\$5,000 total—\$1,667 each) were awarded to **Melody McBroom, Patton Nyquist, and Noah Pendergraft** by **Mr. & Mrs. Gartland**.

Harry & Sandy Krebs Scholarship: \$10,000 in scholarships (two \$5,000 scholarships) were awarded to **Melody McBroom and Noah Pendergraft** by **Mr. & Mrs. Krebs**.

BJ Stupak Memorial Scholarship (\$5,000) was awarded to **Patton Nyquist** by former Headmaster **Mark Surrell**, on behalf of **Bart and Laurie Stupak**.

Robert & Sherri Bink Scholarship (\$5,000) was awarded to **Marcel Raiche** by **Mr. & Mrs. Bink**.

Anna Nelsen Scholarship (\$2,000) was awarded to **Brooklyn Pendergraft** by former Headmaster **Mark Surrell** on behalf of the donor.

Donna Richer Memorial Donor Advised Fund (\$1,000), created in memory of her late husband **Dale Richer**, HNHS Class of 1958, was awarded to **Patton Nyquist** by former Headmaster **Mark Surrell**, on behalf of **Donna Richer**.

Holy Name High School Scholarship (\$250) was awarded to **Marcel Raiche** by former Headmaster **Mark Surrell**, on behalf of the donor.



Meet Holy Name Catholic School's new Director of Advancement and Business Director

Holy Name Catholic School/Holy Name High School is pleased to announce two new employees. Jane Arts has been hired as the school's new Advancement Director. Arts will replace Michelle Bink, who worked as HNCS & HNHS Alumni/Development Director since 2014. Amy Lawrence has been hired as the school's new Business Director. Lawrence replaces Margaret Renner and Todd C. LaFave, who both worked part-time in the business/payroll/accounting roles at Holy Name.



Jane Arts

Jane worked closely with Michelle Bink to ensure a smooth transition. Building upon the strong foundation that Michelle built, Jane has been tasked with building upon that success. Since tuition only covers about 35 percent of the actual cost, we are especially grateful for our wonderful supporting parishes and donors for supporting us financially. Jane is Holy Name's lead person in raising money to keep our tuition costs down. Michelle Bink says she feels she is leaving her position in great hands. "Jane is going to do great in continuing the mission of serving family, friends and alumni of Holy Name."

"I love my new community and wanted to find a way to be of service," Jane said. "I am thrilled and humbled to have been offered such an integral role at Holy Name, and look forward to meeting all the Holy Name families." She grew up in the suburbs of Chicago, attending Prince of Peace Grade School in Lake Villa, then graduating from Carmel High School for Girls in Mundelein, Illinois. In the spirit of service, she worked at a local hospital in the ICU and emergency room monitoring cardiac patients. During that time, she also volunteered as a crisis counselor with domestic violence survivors. Jane then worked as a dispatcher in the 911 Center at the local Sheriff's office. In her nearly 25-year tenure as a dispatcher, she was humbled and honored to receive certifications and awards from Northwestern University, as well as the National Emergency Number Association and Association of Public Safety Communications Officials. After her husband retired from a federal law enforcement role, he asked her if she would consider moving to the Upper Peninsula. They had vacationed in the U.P., and since he has a large extended family here, she happily said "Yes."

Jane can be reached at jarts@holynamecrusaders.com or ext. 202



Amy Lawrence with her husband David and children Jacob and Emily, and their family dog

On the business side, Amy Lawrence spent weeks training for her new position with LaFave and Renner, where she learned the state requirements and human resources work, along with the accounting, payroll, and bookkeeping tasks. Amy brings with her a wealth of knowledge in bookkeeping and accounting to Holy Name, having worked for over 25 years in the financial services industry. She and her husband David live in Hyde with their two children, Jacob and Emily, and are familiar with Holy Name. "Both of our children began their academic journeys at Holy Name in preschool, so we have a long history as Crusaders," she said. "Jacob graduated in 2022 from HNCS and is a senior at Bark River-Harris High School. Emily is currently an eighth grader at HNCS. Both keep busy with track, football, cheerleading, and volleyball. I am now looking forward to getting to know the Holy Name family as a member of the staff."

The Lawrence family are members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Bark River, and Amy is proud to be a Charter member of the Heart of the North Lions Club and has also volunteered at the Bark River Lions Off-Road Races for over 35 years. Amy generously gives her time as a volunteer at Holy Name, helping organize HN's annual Spring Fling Fundraiser.

Though Michelle Bink is moving on to the next chapter in her life, she looks back on her 11 years at Holy Name with gratitude: "I am so thankful for the time I have spent working at Holy Name Catholic School," she said. "I will forever be grateful for the people I have worked with and the connections I have made with alumni and friends of Holy Name. The generosity and the love of Holy Name from alumni and supporters inspired me every day to continue to do God's work."

Amy can be reached at alawrence@holynamecrusaders.com or ext. 203

Did You Know?

Did you know you can help a child attend Holy Name through a directed gift to the Scholarship Fund?

Dr. Patrick D. Cashin (HNHS '61) and Dr. Ann M. (Wheeler) Cashin do just that. Each year, they generously support the Tuition Fund, making a Catholic education possible for two students! Thank you, Drs. Patrick and Ann Cashin!

Holy Name Alumni, Supporters & Former Staff Memorials

Holy Name Catholic School and **Holy Name High School** (formerly **St. Joseph Catholic High School**) have a rich history in Escanaba. Our great school has many distinguished graduates who are doing amazing things with the lives that God gave them. In this section, we are honoring the people we know of who have passed away recently, and have attempted to highlight the lives they have lived. We are continually amazed by their accomplishments. The following are Holy Name/ St. Joe's alumni, former staff members, supporters and benefactors—of whom we are aware—who passed away recently.



Mildred "Mickey" C. Marenger, St. Joseph High School Class of 1948, died May 21, 2025. She was born Oct. 9, 1929 to Arthur and Irene (Burgo) Pouliot. After graduating from SJHS, the former Mildred C. Pouliot married Harold H. Marenger on

Oct. 13, 1948 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Escanaba. Harold preceded Mildred in death on Oct. 17, 1993. They were married for 45 years and raised seven children together—Christine, Nanette, Rebecca, Edward, Marc, Karen, and Leslie. Mildred worked at the Terrace Bay as a waitress in her younger years when big bands would perform. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Flat Rock. Mildred enjoyed hunting small game with her husband, along with camping and was an avid crafter. She is survived by her seven children, 21 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by baby Joseph at birth; her siblings, and son-in-law.



Edward J. "Jim" Greis, HNHS Class of 1955, died on Aug. 11, 2025. Jim was born Jan. 13, 1937, son of Peter and Lillian Esther (Rasmussen) Greis. He was in the first graduating class of HNHS. On Oct. 4, 1958, Jim married the former Sharon Ann Miron at Holy Family Church in Flat Rock. They raised four children and

celebrated 60 years of marriage before Sharon's passing in 2019. He worked as a foreman at Mead Paper Corp. and retired in December 1993 after 33 years of service. Among survivors include his children, Mary, Carol, Lynn, and James, along with his grandchildren, other family members, and friends.



Mary L. Carrington, HNHS Class of 1957, died on March 29, 2025. Mary was born June 16, 1938, the daughter of Albert and Alvina (Carlson) Willette. Mary attended Bay de Noc College, graduating with an LPN certification in 1979. She

was married to John Carrington from Oulu, Finland on December 9, 1961 for 7 years. She loved attending plays at Players de Noc, making puzzles, reading books, watching ice skating and spending time with her friends and family.

Mary is survived by her children, John and Sylvi; grandchildren, Tara, Nick, and Andrew; her sister, Suzanne; and three great grandchildren, Tyler, Triston, and Shyanne. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Michael; her brother, Albert; sisters, Patrica and Marilyn; and brother-in-law, John Chansler.



Clifford James O'Donnell, Jr., HNHS Class of 1957, died on June 13, 2025. He was born June 26, 1939, to the late Clifford James Sr. and Bernice Jean (Brazeau) O'Donnell. After graduating from HNHS, he later graduated from St. Norbert's College in De Pere, WI. Clifford worked

as the manager at the Michigan Employment Security Commission in Houghton until his retirement. He married Barbara Joan Spaulding on April 15, 1967. She preceded him in death. Besides his wife and parents, he was also preceded in death by daughter, Anne; sister, Jacqueline, and brothers-in-law, Peter Kutches and Lester Gallagher. He is survived by daughter, Laura; grandchildren, Emily and Tyler; great-granddaughter, Kiara; sisters, Barbara and Deborah, and brothers, Dennis and Michael.



Barbara J. Collins, HNHS Class of 1960, died on August 9, 2025. She was born Jan. 10, 1942, the daughter of Leo and Helen (McDonnell) Lancour. After graduating from HNHS, she attained her LPN degree. She married Earl A. Collins on July 10, 1964, and worked for many

years as an LPN and as an EMT for Edgerton EMS. Later, she worked as a Deputy Coroner for the Rock County Medical Examiner's Office, from which she retired. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, crocheting and family trips to Escanaba. Barb is survived by two children, Kathy and Michael; three grandchildren, Kali, Laci and Eric; great-granddaughter, Addie; four siblings, Terry, Tom, Mary, and Bonnie; dear friend, Judy; and other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Earl; daughter-in-law, Sonja; and maternal aunt, Jane McDonnell.

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Mary Jo Hade, HNHS Class of 1960, died on June 25, 2025 in the home she shared with her daughter in Jackson, Michigan. Mary was born July 18, 1942 in Escanaba, the daughter of Robert and Mary Helen (Chaison) Gasman. She was a

proud graduate of HNHS and attended secretarial school in Milwaukee after high school. Mary worked in customer service for DTE Energy (MichCon) for over 32 years, retiring in 1998. She also volunteered with a variety of programs for decades in Delta County, and was a proud benefactor of Holy Name. Mary met Charles “Terry” Hade of McFarland at a street dance in Escanaba while visiting her parents. They were married on July 18, 1964 in Escanaba. Mary is survived by her daughter, Marnie. She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, her parents, brother Robert Gasman, stepparent Nellie (Johnson) Gasman, stepbrother Gregg Johnson, stepsister Karyl Grimes, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.



Margaret A. Viau, HNHS Class of 1960, died on April 29, 2025. Margaret was born Sept. 4, 1942 in Escanaba, daughter of Joseph Arthur and Marie Lillian (Neault) Potvin. After graduating from HNHS, she attended the Wisconsin Accredited School of Cosmetology. After graduating from cosmetology school, Margaret worked at

Hurley’s Beauty Salon and at Potvin’s Tavern. On Nov. 6, 1971 Margaret married Kenneth T. Viau; they spent 53 years together before her passing. She then began cooking for Bark River Schools and opened her own catering business, Margaret Viau Catering. She catered and cooked for 20 years before “retiring.” Among survivors include her husband, Ken; children, John, Joe, and Danielle; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Along with her parents, Margaret was preceded in death by her brothers, Jack, Joe, Jim, and George.



James Robert Wahl, HNHS Class of 1961, died on April 4, 2025. James was born June 16, 1943 to the late Anthony and Harriet Wahl in Escanaba. As a young man, James learned to speak fluent German from his maternal grandmother. He learned to play the piano from his mother, and as his father was a pharmacist, he spent many hours working

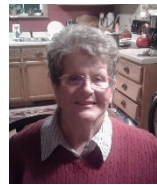
at Wahl’s Drug Store. He attended St. Patrick’s Grade School and HNHS, graduating in 1961. While at Holy Name, he was active in Band, Camera Club, and Greek. James graduated from NMU in 1965 with a bachelor’s degree in foreign languages and biology. He taught at Racine, Wis. grade school for a year and went on to get his master’s degree in 1967-68. He became an instructor at the U of W Green Bay in German Language. James went to the University of Michigan; in 1978 he earned his Doctorate in

German Languages. James was a telephone translator operator in languages for U of M until retiring around 2003. James is survived by his sisters, Patricia and Mary; his brothers, Francis and Ray; many nieces, nephews and cousins.



Alice Cory, HNHS Class of 1961, died on March 28, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. Alice’s greatest joy in life was her family and her love knew no bounds. After graduating from HNHS in

1961, she earned her degree from the Wisconsin College of Cosmetology in Green Bay in 1963. That same year, she married James Cory, and together they raised seven children. Beyond her professional pursuits, she found her true calling in nurturing her family. She was devoted to her Catholic beliefs and ensured that her children attended Mass every Sunday, instilling in them the same strength of spirit, faith and commitment to family and God that she exemplified. She was preceded in death by her parents, Dalliba and Anna (Schaut) Lawrence, her husband, her brothers, William (Corrine) and David, and her sister, Nancy. She is remembered by her seven children: Dan, Marci, Mike, James, Jill, Kelly, and Barry; her 15 grandchildren; and sister-in-law Bernie Lawrence.



Hope Emily Hansen, former volunteer Foster Grandparent at Holy Name, died on April 21, 2025. Born Aug. 14, 1943, in Standish, Michigan, Hope was the daughter of Marvin and Medley (Ensign) Hansen. She was known for her deep love for the Lord, devotion to her faith, her

family, and her community. Affectionately called “Gramma,” Hope was the heart of her family and cherished the special bond she shared with each of her grandchildren. Later in life, she found her calling as a Foster Grandparent at Holy Name Catholic School — a role she deeply loved. Hope is survived by her children, Timothy, Tracy, Heidi, and Joseph; grandchildren, Neva, David, Stephen, Asia, Elizabeth, Mikaela and Ericka; great-grandchildren, Tavi, Edyn, Cylis, Avalon and Indigo. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.



Joyce Marie Osterberg, HNHS Class of 1962, died May 15, 2025. Joyce was born April 14, 1944, daughter of Norman and Yvonne (LaFleur) Druding. After graduating from Holy Name, she spent her working career as a dental assistant in Escanaba for nearly 25 years. Joyce

married Dale Osterberg on June 24, 1961; they spent 64 loving years together. In earlier years, her favorite place to be was the cabin on the Escanaba River with family. Every Friday the couple would go out to dance and listen to music. Joyce was a member of All Saints Catholic Church and a past member of the Gladstone Yacht Club.

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In addition to her husband, Joyce is survived by daughter, Kathy; son, Jay; brothers, Daniel, Robert; sister, Donna; granddaughter, Jenna; and great-grandson, Tanner. In addition to her parents, Joyce was preceded in death by her sister, MaryJo and infant daughter, Caroline.



June Schoen, HNHS Class of 1962, died on June 27, 2025. She was born Sept. 12, 1944, daughter of Allen and Daisy (Heim) Smith. On Aug. 31, 1963, the former June Smith married Clyde Schoen in Bark River. During June's working years, she was employed with Community Action Agency Head Start for 15 years where she obtained her CDA. June then opened the first licensed group home daycare in the U.P. and was head cook at North Central

Area School before her retirement. June spent 45 years perfecting her sugar cookies; she made them for many events all over the U.P. Among survivors include her husband, Clyde of Powers; children, Marcia, Mark, Lynn, Matt, and Dan; grandchildren, great-grandchildren; siblings, Kathy, John, Bob; and many nieces and nephews.



Mary Ann Hale, HNHS Class of 1964, died March 1, 2025, in Kenton, Tennessee, under the care of her daughter Evelyn. Mary was born April 19, 1946, to the late Ned and Eva (Thivierge) Short,

who brought her home to Rapid River. If not there, Gladstone was where she grew up and spent most of her days, living simply, but fully and enjoying family and friends. After graduating from HNHS in 1964, Mary attended NMU for a year, earning her MRS degree. Mary helped her then-husband, R. John Hale, with the clerical work and bookkeeping of his family sign business, Hale Outdoor Advertising Co. All merely distractions. Mary's real calling was to be a mom. Thus, her true life "work" began in December after marrying John on February 17, 1968. Mary also worked as Religious Education Facilitator at All Saints Catholic Church in Gladstone. She is survived by her four children, Karen, Evelyn, Ken, and Jackie; four grandchildren; one brother; one sister; and two sisters-in-law; nieces, nephews, cousins and many more extended family.



Daniel Anthony DeRouin, HNHS Class of 1965, of Cape Coral, Fla., formerly of Wells, died on Sept. 7, 2024. Dan was born Feb. 20, 1947 in Escanaba to Emil and Yetive (Nontelle) DeRouin. After graduating from HNHS in 1965, Dan joined the Marine Corps, serving a tour in Vietnam and time in the states for four

years. After being home for six months, he decided to go back into the military, but this time into the Army where he was sent for a second tour to Vietnam. Dan returned stateside to serve as a recruiter, putting in another four

years. Once returning home, he joined the National Guard for two years. Dan is survived by his children, Danette, Dale, Rodney and Frank; grandchildren: Libby, Dale Jr., Reese, Ty, Lynsy and Travis; three great-grandchildren, sisters, nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Dan was preceded in death by brother-in-law, Fred Kukura.



James F. "Jim" DeGrand, HNHS Class of 1965, of St. Pete Beach, Fla., died on March 16, 2025, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's Disease. He was born on Aug. 31, 1947, son of Mark and Katie (Rodman) DeGrand. He grew up in Escanaba and attended HNHS. James also

attended Ferris State University where he earned an associate's degree. James married the former Judy Mannebach on April 20, 1968. They spent over 55 years together and raised two children, Tammy and Tony. After getting drafted into the U.S. Army in 1968, he transferred to the Michigan National Guard and earned the rank of Master Sergeant while achieving several awards. He retired after 20 years of service in 1988. Jim and his family moved to Lansing for his job with the Highway Design Department at MDOT. Both Judy and Jim served as youth advisors at their church, Sunday School teachers, and were also involved in mission trips. Survivors include his wife; daughter, Tammy and husband Mike; son, Tony and wife Nancy; grandchildren, Jake and Jack Leal, and Tim, Tyler, Megan, Sean, and Katelyn DeGrand; brothers, Jerry, Bob, Don, and Ron; sisters-in-law, Marilyn and Marlaine, and several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his brother, Tom; and brothers-in-law, Tony and Tom.



Richard Allen Norby, HNHS Class of 1966, died on March 25, 2025, at D.J. Jacobetti Michigan Veterans Home in Marquette, after a long illness. Richard was born Dec. 13, 1946 to Donald and Violet Norby. After graduating from HNHS in 1966, he volunteered to join the

Army, where he served two terms in Vietnam, including Saigon. On May 5, 1973, Richard married Faye Pakarinen, to whom he was married almost 52 years. Richard retired after 30 years from Mead Paper, where he drove heavy equipment. A proud Yooper, he loved rummage sales, stock car races, old cars, convertible club, wintering in Florida, attending the U.P. State Fair, and spending time with the guys at Camp 30 South hunting camp. He loved his devoted wife most of all. Richard is survived by wife, Faye; his sister, Helen; sisters-in-law, Mary Ann, Julie, Debra; his sons, Donald, Raymond, and Matthew, close friends, nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents; his brother, Gerald; his siblings-in-law, Jim Lang and David and Paula Pakarinen; and his beloved dog, Tukeers.

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Janet M. "Jan" LaVigne, HNHS Class of 1966, died May 7, 2025, at Cedar Hill Assisted Living. Jan was born April 10, 1948, daughter of Alfred and Norma (Larson) LaVigne. She was raised in Schaffer; after graduating from HNHS in 1966, she worked at OSF St. Francis Hospital in various clerical positions before she retired in May of 2011. Jan was a devoted member of St. Anne's Church in Escanaba. She loved attending auctions and enjoyed decorating, making stained glass sun catchers, and working in her flower garden. Among survivors are her son, Todd Lantagne; grandchildren, Ashley, Nick, Alex, and Molly Lantagne; six great-grandchildren; and siblings, Charles, Bev, Pat, James, and Theresa. Along with her parents, Jan is preceded in death by her son, Brent Lantagne; sister, Rosie; and brothers-in-law, Don Goodreau and Jim Buckland.



Timothy B. Dailey, HNHS Class of 1966, died on April 5, 2025. Tim was born Sept. 11, 1948, in Wayne, MI to John and Lorraine (Duquette) Dailey. After graduating from HNHS in 1966, Tim enlisted with the U.S. Army on Nov. 13, 1967, serving in the Vietnam War until

June 1970. After his service, Tim moved home to Escanaba where he worked as DJ for WDBC. Tim worked in several other positions including as an electrical salesman, a partner for Superior Satellites, and as owner of TJS Services prior to his retirement. On Aug. 20, 1982, Tim was married to Judy (LeMonds) Dailey. In his early years, Tim enjoyed playing baseball and competing in track. Tim loved reading and spending time with family or the disabled veterans at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center. Tim will be deeply missed by his wife, Judy; two sons, Sean and Steven; mother, Lorraine; siblings, John, Mike, and Katie; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his father, John; sister, Colleen; his first wife, Lois Bryers-Dailey, and their infant daughter, Ann Marie.



William "Bill" R. Peltier, HNHS Class of 1967, died May 12, 2025. He was husband of Trudy; father to five children: Chad, Joe, Adam, Dr. Dan Peltier, and Carrie; grandfather to six grandchildren: Kayddin, Olivia, Aubrielle, Louis, Emerson and Morgan; brother to Jim Peltier; brother-in-law to Craig Johnson

and Holly Foran (Hugh) of White Lake, Mich.; and uncle to numerous special nieces and nephews. Bill was born July 8, 1949, son of Chuck and Shirley (Norden) Peltier. After graduating from HNHS, Bill attended Michigan State University, earning a bachelor's degree in biological and physical science in 1971. On Dec. 16, 1972, Bill married Trudy in Birmingham, Michigan. In 1975, he earned his Master of Arts in Education Administration at Eastern

Michigan University. In total, Bill's career in education spanned 44 years, retiring as superintendent of Tahquamenon Area Schools in 2004, and then re-retiring as superintendent of Moran Township School District in 2015, after serving there for 11 years. Along with the many achievements at Tahquamenon Area Schools, Bill served the residents and guests of Luce County as an Emergency Medical Technician. He joined Luce County Ambulance Corp in 1976, serving through 2005.



Lawrence J. Wanic, HNCS Class of 1967, who served as HNCS Interim Principal in 2007-2008 school year, died on April 12, 2024. He was born Sept. 10, 1949, the son of Louis I. and Mary A. (Kaszycki) Wanic. Lawrence was raised in LaBranche, and married the former Susan M. Johnson on Nov. 20, 1970.

Lawrence was the community school director in Powers beginning in 1972, and then became the Bark River-Harris Principal. Following his retirement in 2005, he filled in as Interim Principal at Holy Name for one year prior to Joseph Carlson being hired as principal in the 2008-2009 school year. Among survivors are his wife, Susan; two sons, Jason (Mariah) and Jordan; granddaughter Caitlin and other family members. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son Corey and father-in-law, Arthur J. Johnson.



Frederick "Freddy" Nelson Albrecht, HNHS Class of 1971, died on Feb. 11, 2025. He was born June 22, 1953, in Menominee, to Charles and Virginia (LeClair) Albrecht. While growing up in Gladstone, he attended All Saints Catholic

School and was a member of the last graduating class of HNHS in 1971. A talented and creative woodworker and carpenter, he established Albrecht's Siding and Trim in 1979. In the years following, he sided and remodeled countless homes, businesses and churches. Fred is survived by his daughters, Alasha and Brooke; granddaughters, Jasmine, Emily, Alayna and Scarlytt; great-grandson, E.J.; his former wife, Kathi Aos; sister, Elizabeth, and brothers, Michael and Peter; many nieces and nephews and life-long best friend, Pete Meyer. He was preceded in death by his parents and former wife Susan Hughes.



Arthur W. Ziebell III, HNCS Volleyball coach for many years, died on Aug. 4, 2025. Born Feb. 24, 1964 in Madison, WI, the son of Arthur William and Karen Ann (Heath) Ziebell, Jr., Art graduated from Escanaba High School. At the age of 16, he began working at Elmer's County Market, where he worked as the Bakery Manager for many years. On Nov. 3, 1984, Art married the former Beverly K.

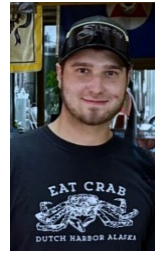
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Zawacki. They shared 40 years of marriage and had three daughters, Charissa, Jenilee, and Katherine. Art and Bev both had a passion for volleyball, coaching together; they enjoyed doing anything and everything together. He is survived by his wife, father, mother, three daughters, grandchildren, brother-in-law, and many nieces & nephews.



Jacob R. Veaser, HNCS (8th grade) Class of 2011, died April 4, 2025. Jake was born March 16, 1997, the son of Wade and Cynthia (Bizeau) Veaser. After graduating from EHS, Jacob left to pursue a career in Alaska alongside his father as a commercial fisherman. He spent a summer on the F/V Arctic Lady and continued his fishing career on the F/V Lady Alaska as the chief engineer and relief captain. He loved being in Alaska and took pride in working on the Bering Sea for the last 9 years. He easily made friends with many of the fishermen and loved to make people laugh. In earlier years, Jacob enjoyed playing baseball and football and was part of the Holy Name 2010 (8th grade) undefeated football team. Jake enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, watching the Detroit Tigers, Detroit Lions and spending time with his beloved dogs. In addition to his parents, Jacob is survived by his brother, Christopher and nephew, Mads; Grandma Lois Bizeau and Grandma Donna Veaser; aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Jacob is

preceded in death by Uncles Brian and Michael Sr., Grandma Sharon Veaser, Grandpa Ralph Veaser and Grandpa Robert Bizeau.



Eric Robert Mallard, HNCS (8th Grade) Class of 2013, died on March 25, 2024. Eric was born March 24, 1999 in Manistique to Scott and Julie Mallard, and moved to Escanaba when he was two years old. He turned a childhood love of playing with trucks and his “machines” into a career as a heavy equipment mechanic, primarily with Ponsse North America. His job at Ponsse began as a work-study program in high school. After high school, he moved to Florida for a short time and worked at Ring Power Corp., servicing Caterpillar equipment. When he came back to the U.P., he eventually returned to Ponsse. His coworkers there were among his closest friends, and he was excited about a promising, long-term future with the company. Eric loved being in the woods, riding his side-by-side with friends, going to camp, and enjoying the U.P.’s natural beauty. He was a loyal friend who always had a listening ear when someone was in need. In addition to his parents, Eric is survived by his sister, Kristin; grandmother, Margie Stockton; his aunt, June; girlfriend, Lucy Sliva and many great aunts, great uncles and cousins.

We would like to pass along our sympathy and prayers to the family members and friends of all our above alumni, former staff, supporters, and students and thank them for their support of Holy Name. If you would like Holy Name students and staff to celebrate a Mass for your loved one, please call the school office at (906) 786-7550 for details on how to sponsor a day or arrange a Mass.

Crusader Cornerstone

☀️ Serve – Lead – Shine! ☀️

Holy Name is excited to announce the launch of a brand-new **Crusader Service Club** for our high school students! The student-led club will provide opportunities to serve our school, parishes, and our wider community through meaningful projects and volunteer efforts. This is a chance for students to grow in leadership, build friendships, and live out their faith in action. Stay tuned for more details on how to get involved — and encourage your high school students to be part of this exciting new tradition of service!

☀️ Something Special is Coming... ☀️

Behind the scenes at Holy Name, a Legacy Gift Project is quietly taking shape. Though we aren’t quite ready to share all the details, we can say this: It’s a gift rooted in love, faith, and commitment to our Crusader family. Legacy giving is a powerful way to make a lasting impact. Whether directed to the Crusader family, your home parish family, or another Catholic organization that speaks to your heart, such generosity helps ensure faith and community continue to thrive. The best is yet to come, as we prepare to reveal a project that will honor the past, celebrate the present, and inspire generations to come.

☀️ A Fresh Start... ☀️

Gear Up Crusaders! Announcing our Annual Drive: A fresh Crusader start in a refreshed Crusader Locker Room! Our beloved vintage locker room has served us well for decades, but it is ready for a much-needed facelift—bringing fresh safety updates and practical improvements. We are in the planning stages of creating a brighter, safer locker room and we would love for you to join us. Please reach out if you would like to help to Jane Arts, HN Director of Alumni & Advancement at 906.786.7550 Ext. 202. Thank you for your generosity.

Then & Now

For our 'Then & Now,' we are featuring **Nicholas "Nick" A. Nolde, HNCS (8th grade) Class of 1994 and former HNCS teacher**, who died on Dec. 2, 2021.

Then

Nick played in Holy Name's School Band during his eighth-grade school year. The school band was then under the direction of Mr. Merrier. In the below 1994 HNCS yearbook photo, Nick is pictured playing drums on the far left. In the right photo, he is shown playing the drums in one of many bands he performed in locally.



Nick Nolde was born on Aug. 22, 1980, in Escanaba, the son of Patrick and Mary (DeMay) Nolde. After graduating from HNCS in 1994, and EHS in 1998, he went on to get his secondary education degree from CMU. Following graduation, Nick pursued his dream to become a Major League umpire in Daytona Beach, FL; he umpired at multiple levels in minor league baseball. After living the mobile lifestyle of an umpire, God gave him the calling to move home to be closer to family and friends.

Upon returning home, Nick reconnected with his old classmate—the former Jessica McCarthy. Nick and Jess were married on Aug. 14, 2010, and together shared 11 years of marriage and raised two children, Leo and Livea, who are current HNCS students. Nick began his teaching career at Holy Name, then at Bark River, and later worked as Athletic Director at EHS.

While teaching, he officiated many levels of baseball and basketball. Shortly thereafter, Nick was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor. He was a true warrior and lived longer than any prognosis ever given to him. Nick had a love of music, arranging and implementing the local Lake Shore Live event. He was a drummer in numerous bands including The Jam Band and Speedy Beef. His faith and family were the driving forces throughout his battle with cancer. Nick is survived by his wife, Jessica; his children, Leo and Livea; mother, Mary DeMay; father, Patrick Nolde; sister, Rachel; brother-in-law, Pedro Sandoval; brother, Stephen (Sarah); mother-in-law, Tina (Jim) Jensen; father-in-law, Ed (Sue) McCarthy; brothers and sisters-in-law, Jason (Jaime) McCarthy, Ed McCarthy, and Erin (Luke Liechty) McCarthy; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews. Nick was preceded in death by grandparents, Louie and Jean Nolde (paternal); and Pete and Willa DeMay (maternal); uncle, Richard DeMay; aunts, Lisa DeMay and Laurie Gardner; and stepfather, Gregg B. Johnson.



Now

As you can see in the 'Now' picture, Holy Name's Band program is back up and running this school year and is under the direction of Mr. Damien Ellis. (See **Damien's Bio in the 'New Staff' page of this newsletter**.) In this picture, our middle school band practices in our new band room (Leo Nolde, son of the late Nick Nolde and Jessica Nolde, is pictured in the back – 3rd from the left). Thanks to our generous donors for making Holy Name's new band program a reality!

Holy Name Fall Sports Teams





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