



MY FIRST YEAR AT HOLY NAME HAS BEEN A BLESSING



It's hard to believe that my first year as Principal at Holy Name Catholic School and Holy Name High School—A Chesterton Academy is almost complete. As we enter this final quarter of the school year, I can honestly say that this has been one of the absolute best years of my life in the education field. I am so blessed to have the best staff that any administrator could ask for. The teachers and staff at Holy Name truly care about the students and the school. They go above and beyond duties that are asked of them to make sure that the students have everything they need to succeed.

I worked very hard to build the morale of our staff this year and I believe that I have accomplished that goal. Holy Name isn't just a school; it's a family. You can feel it as soon as you walk through the doors. Everyone looks out for each other, prays together, supports one another, and strives to be the best person God intended them to be.

In addition to an amazing staff, I have also been blessed with the most incredible students and families. Everyone has been so welcoming and patient as I learn names and family members. The absolute favorite part of my day is every morning when I greet the students at Convocation, they reply, "Good morning, Mrs. Brief!" It puts a smile on my face and reminds me of why God placed me as the leader of Holy Name.

The students amaze me every day with their kind-

ness and respect for themselves and their neighbors. They impressed me several times this year with events such as Entrepreneur Day, building the Martyr Museum for the All Saints Festival, the Talent Show, coming together to work the Fish Fries, and countless other times where they demonstrated their kindness and love for Jesus.

I was also able to attend many of the students' extra-curricular activities this year. We have many talented athletes and I enjoyed watching them play basketball, volleyball, and run cross country, and this spring I look forward to enjoying a track meet or two. I also enjoyed listening to the beautiful sounds of our middle and high school choirs and bands, as well as being impressed with the skills of our high school drama students as they performed like pros in *Letters from the Titanic*.

In closing, I have also been blessed to have met several wonderful donors and benefactors this year. I remember holding the first donation check this past fall as I choked back tears of joy, and sat speechless at the kindness of our community. Throughout the year, donations continued in times of need as God answered our prayers.

Of all the things I have learned and encountered this year, I can confidently say that being a part of Holy Name has helped me grow as an administrator, but more importantly, it has helped me grow in my faith. The Holy Name family and community has touched my heart and my faith in ways that I never knew were possible. This first year has been such a blessing, and I look forward to many more years at Holy Name Catholic School.

God Bless,

Michelle Brief

MY FIRST YEAR AS HEADMASTER OF HNHS



I honestly cannot believe that it is almost the end of my first year as Headmaster at Holy Name High School—A Chesterton Academy. How do I even put into words how amazing this year has been? Starting a new job can bring so many emotions and believe me, I felt them all—excitement, nervousness, apprehension, and self-doubt were all evident, but what I felt most was God’s peace. I knew from the second I walked into the doors at HNHS that this was where God meant for me to be. There have been hills and valleys and most certainly a learning curve this year, but the students, parents and staff have given me grace, and we have had a great year!

As a parent of a Crusader who is in the elementary school, being part of the staff brings on a whole new meaning to the term “Crusader Family.” The staff at our school are absolutely the best of the best. The support and teamwork that they exhibit every day is second to none. Every-

one has been so helpful and welcoming, and I’m so grateful to be part of this team!

The support from the parents and families this year has been incredible. I can say that the words of encouragement, the phone calls and emails, and their patience with me as I’ve learned the ropes mean more to me than they will ever know. I’m thankful that God has placed them all in my path this year.

Holy Name High School students are like no other. I’ve seen these amazing young people grow in so many ways—academically, personally, and spiritually. They’ve worked on their friendships, their classwork, and their relationships with God. They have met challenges with grace and patience. Amidst trials and frustrations, they have pushed through and persevered. It has been an absolute honor for me to be alongside them as they learn and grow and become the people God has intended for them to be. I’m grateful for the opportunity to serve God in this capacity and am looking forward to being part of this amazing school for years to come!

- God Bless, Erin Viau, Headmaster

IN MEMORIAM - HOLY NAME ALUMNI

Holy Name Catholic School and Holy Name High School have a long history in Escanaba. We who work at this great school would like to remember our Holy Name alumni—who we know of—who have passed away recently:

Robert S. Rodman	87, HNHS Class of 1955	died Oct. 6, 2025
Louis J. Gendron	87, HNHS Class of 1957	died Oct. 30, 2025
Joyce Ann Culliton	86, HNHS Class of 1958	died Jan. 29, 2026
Kathy Burak	HNHS Class of 1960	died Nov. 20, 2025
Jeanne Lauzon	84, HNHS Class of 1960	died Feb. 11, 2026
Merrie Bea Stankowicz	83, HNHS Class of 1960	died Feb. 26, 2026
Frances Gravelle	80, HNHS Class of 1964	died Jan. 5, 2026
Maxine Judith Engel	79, HNHS Class of 1964	died Aug. 31, 2025
James R. Bonifas	79, HNHS Class of 1965	died Nov. 20, 2025
Nancy J. Casey Fulton	76, HNHS Class of 1967	died Oct. 21, 2025
Kathryn A. Engman	HNHS Class of 1967	died Aug. 15, 2025
Sally M. Couchene	76, HNHS Class of 1967	died Nov. 24, 2025
Dean Anthony Schoen	75, HNHS Class of 1968	died Oct. 7, 2025
Lynn A. Spalla	75, HNHS Class of 1968	died Nov. 8, 2025
Mike Anderson	74, HNHS Class of 1969	died Jan. 18, 2026
Patricia Ann DeAgostino	72, HNHS Class of 1971	died Dec. 27, 2025
Richard A. Belanger	71, who attended HNHS until it closed in 1971	died Feb. 15, 2026
Patricia A. Delveaux	71, who attended HNHS until it closed in 1971	died Jan. 24, 2026

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 purchase a Mass.

A GLANCE AT OUR HNHS 2026 CHESTERTON ACADEMY GRADUATES

Below is an introduction to our seven exceptional students graduating from HNHS—A Chesterton Academy on Friday, May 29; they are the third class of graduates since HNHS closed 55 years ago. You can change a life forever by sharing the gift of a higher education or technical/trades training not only for these seven graduates, but for graduates for years to come.



Peter Chouinard of Gladstone, son of Tim and Amanda Chouinard, is a member of St. Joseph & St. Patrick Parish in Escanaba, where Peter volunteers as an altar server, as well as at St. Anne Parish during their daily school day Masses. He has also served as a lector, and was active in HNHS's

track and cross country teams during his freshman and sophomore years. In his free time, he enjoys reading, drawing, traveling, getting to meet new people and try new things. His favorite memory of HNHS was traveling to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life, particularly during his senior year. After high school, Peter will attend Bay College for two years, and then transfer to Michigan Technological University to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in software engineering. Peter said that he would encourage others to attend HNHS because, he says, "You really learn how to grow into the person God intended you to be." Peter would like to thank his family for their support, adding, "especially my mom for always being there for me through everything. I would like to thank my dad for always being such a good role model and showing me what it means to be a man. Lastly, I would like to thank my siblings for always having so much fun with me."

Eadi Diebolt of Gladstone, daughter of Jeffery and Jeni Diebolt, is a member of Grace Church in Gladstone, where she enjoys volunteering to help out in the church nursery, along with assisting with Grace Church's Vacation Bible School and Operation

Christmas Child. In her spare time, Eadi enjoys painting, reading, hiking and working out. Her favorite memory of HNHS was traveling to Washington, D.C. each year for the March for Life pilgrimage. After graduating from HNHS—A Chesterton Academy, she will attend Ecola Bible College in Cannon Beach, Oregon, where she plans to spend one year as an academic 'gap year' to grow in faith before committing to a career and a college. Eadi said that she would encourage others to attend HNHS because, she says, "Holy Name is unlike any other high school, and grants opportunities unlike anywhere else. It offers a special community unique to the students. Classes are different and allow students to learn at their own pace with more individual help." Eadi said she would like to thank her mom and dad for "making her come to Holy Name High School."



Piper Diebolt of Gladstone, daughter of Jeffery and Jeni Diebolt, is a member of Grace Church in Gladstone, where she enjoys volunteering with her church's youth group Worship Team. Like her sister Eadi, she also volunteers for her church's Sunday nursery, and enjoys performing plays during the summer for her church's Vacation Bible School. In her spare time, Piper loves drawing and crafting, whether it be making a duct-tape dress, cardboard swords, jewelry, or sculptures. She also enjoys playing the piano, taking walks in silence, kayaking, and doing research projects. She described her favorite memory of HNHS: "Last year's drama production was defi-



nately a highlight; the jokes, laughter, and time spent with friends will always be a fond memory,” she remembers. “We had a great time performing, laughing, and playing cards backstage. It was a blast.” After graduating, she plans to attend Arizona Christian University to study theology and

obtain her teaching certificate with the goal of becoming a theology teacher. She also keeps busy outside of school hours at a variety of jobs, including cleaning peoples’ vacation homes, being a baby sitter, and working as a lift operator at the ski lift.

Piper said that she would absolutely encourage others to attend HNHS. She explained: “I’ve done it all—public school, home school, and private school. There is nothing out there like our Holy Name High School. Want community? Check. Strong education? It’s there. I cannot recommend it enough.” She added: “Without the spiritual, financial, and physical support of my parents, I would’ve gotten nowhere. Thank you to my classmates, who’ve made Chesterton Academy feel like home from the very first day I stepped foot in the school.”

Taylor Hastings of Rapid River, daughter of Damon and Jackie Hastings, is a member of St. Joseph’s Parish in Perkins. She has participated in Player’s De Noc shows, volunteered at HNHS’s Fish Fries, and enjoyed playing tennis for Gladstone through Holy Name’s sports partnership. Taylor has also volunteered to help plan activities for HNHS by using her creative skills to make flyers for various functions. Her favorite memory of HNHS was doing Women’s Club after Mass on Thursdays: “We filled the bathroom walls



with sticky notes filled with compliments, drawings, jokes and all fun things.” In her spare time, she enjoys going on adventures, hanging out with friends, and playing guitar. She also keeps busy working at Rapid River Dairy Flo. After graduating, she plans to attend Marian University in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin to study Diagnostic Medical Sonography. Taylor said that she would encourage others to attend HNHS because, she says, “It encourages students to apply critical thinking, to ask questions, reason, and to help shape them into their best selves.” She says she would like to thank her mom, Jackie; her dad, Damon; her grandpa, Charlie; and Mrs. Bella Cherniawski for their encouragement and support while at HNHS.

Ed McBroom of Waucesah, son of Senator Ed McBroom and Sarah McBroom, is a member of First Baptist Church of Norway. He is an especially hard-working student, and has also made standout performances in the HNHS—A Chesterton Academy school plays. Ed is active in 4-H—showing dairy, and also plays in the Norway City Band. Outside of school, Ed works at Kleiman Pump and Well Drilling, and also enjoys working on cars, trucks, as well as power sports, and playing cards with the guys. After graduating from HNHS—A Chesterton Academy, Ed plans to attend Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City to pursue a career in aviation. Some of his favorite memories while at HNHS include physics class with the guys and going on the March for Life Washington, D.C. pilgrimages. He would like to thank his teachers and his parents for their encouragement.



Michael Rexford, Jr. of Gladstone, the son of Michael and Julie Rexford, is a member of Holy Family Parish in Flat Rock, where he volunteers as an altar server, lector, and also serves on the team for Youth Encounter Christ. He has enjoyed playing basketball for Gladstone through Holy Name’s sports partnership, as well as running on the HNHS Track team.

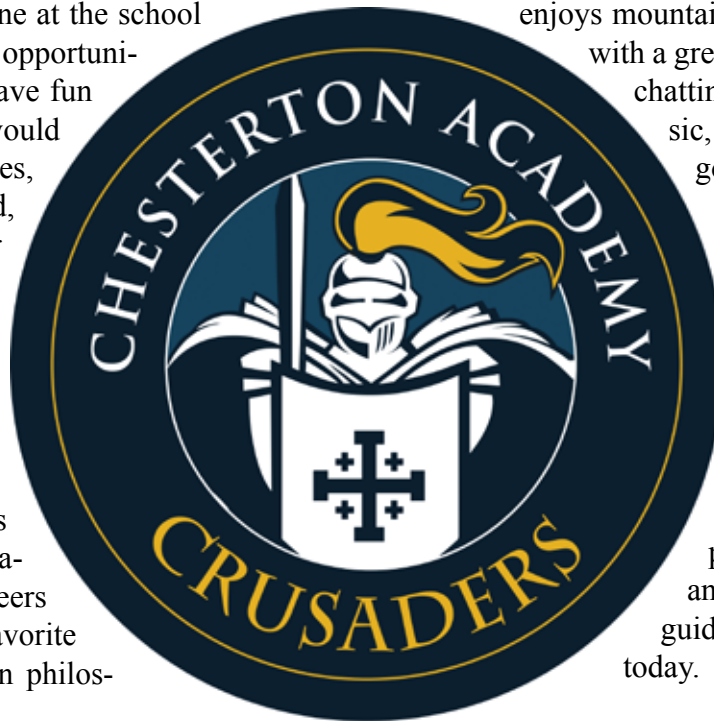


In his spare time, he enjoys watching football and basketball, playing cards with his friends, going to the gym, and hanging out with friends. On weekends, he worked as a merchandise handler for Pike Distributors while attending HNHS. His favorite memories of HNHS were attending the

2026 March for Life in Washington, D.C., as well as his junior year physics class. After graduating from HNHS—A Chesterton Academy, Michael will attend St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wisconsin, where he plans on majoring in business management.

He says that he would encourage others to attend HNHS because, he says, “Though it may seem scary, because yes, it is different, once you get there you realize that it is incredibly easy to learn hard concepts and make friends. Everyone at the school is friends because of the opportunities we get to bond and have fun together.” He says he would like to thank his classmates, along with his mom, dad, and three older sisters for their support and encouragement while at HNHS.

Evelyn Trottier of Escanaba, daughter of Henry and Mickey Trottier, is a member of St. Thomas Catholic Parish in Escanaba where Evelyn volunteers as an altar server. Her favorite subject at HNHS has been philos-



ophy as she enjoys the ensuing deep conversations about life’s biggest questions. Evelyn has been active in many extra-curricular activities, including teaching fifth grade Faith Formation classes, coaching middle school volleyball, and running on HNHS’s track team. Her favorite memories of HNHS are all of the fall retreats. She explained: “From Mackinac Island freshman year to Our Lady of Champion Shrine, I got to learn so much about my peers; it was a great way to get back into the school season.”



Evelyn says she would encourage others to attend HNHS because it really prepares students for college. “The academics are not only exceptional, but the life skills we learn facilitate the transition from high school to college.” In her spare time, she enjoys mountain biking, hiking, sitting down with a great book, being with her friends chatting over coffee, listening to music, watching football games, and going to the movies. After high school, she looks forward to going to Western Michigan University to major in psychology, with the goal of becoming a school counselor or therapist. Evelyn says she would like to thank her family, especially her mom, for providing her with the opportunity to go to Holy Name, and all of her teachers who have guided her to be the person she is today.

Your investment in our students at Holy Name can help shape lives, faith and learning. For more information, please contact alumni@holynamecrusaders.com. Holy Name Catholic School welcomes students of all faiths to be a part of their future growth. For more information, contact HNCS at (906)786-7550. There are monetary incentives for registering now for Holy Name. Tuition assistance is available.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR HNHS GRADUATES

Holy Name Catholic School is pleased to announce that \$30,750 in scholarships, generously provided by HNHS alumni and benefactors, will be awarded to select graduating seniors this spring. These scholarships are available through an application process for students in the Class of 2026. You are invited to our HNHS--A Chesterton Academy Graduation on May 29, 2026 at 6 p.m. St. Anne Catholic Church.

The following are the scholarship donors and details:

Kenneth & Patricia Gartland Holy Name College Scholarship: \$10,000 in scholarships will be 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. This is an Endowed Scholarship Fund—held by the Community Foundation for Delta County, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of the Upper Peninsula—that will continue with similar amounts for years to come. Ken is a 1958 HNHS graduate; Patricia is a 1959 HNHS graduate. The Gartlands owned several businesses in Escanaba since 1962, with the Gartland sons currently owning these growing businesses. Both Ken and Patricia believe strongly in Catholic education, having sent all seven of their children to Holy Name, along with many of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Robert & Sherri Bink Scholarship: \$5,000 scholarship will be given out to a graduate attending a college/university or trade school, who leads in faith & service. Bob and Sherri are both graduates from Holy Name High School—Bob graduated in the class of 1958 and is proud to have been part of the first class to go all four years to HNHS from the opening in 1954. Sherri is a graduate of the class of 1964 and is proud to have received four years of a Catholic high school education at Holy Name. The Binks have great faith in Jesus. They credit their strong Catholic faith to Holy Name High School, and both continue to live strong Catholic lives focused on serving the Lord.

The BJ Stupak Memorial Scholarship: \$5,000 scholarship in honor of Bart Stupak, Jr. (BJ) late son of Bart and Laurie Stupak. Laurie attended HNHS until the closure of the high school and would have graduated in 1973. The scholarship will be given to a student with a GPA of 2.25 or higher who demonstrates leadership skills and community service. This will be a one-time gift and

will be re-evaluated. (Fund held by the M&M Area Community Foundation).

Anna Nelsen Scholarship: \$5,000 scholarship for future education expenses (i.e.: higher education, seminary, certificate programs, vocations training, etc.) in honor of Anna Nelsen, a 1969 alumna and a strong supporter of Holy Name Catholic School, especially Holy Name High School. A benefactor has generously provided this scholarship to ensure that one student graduating in 2026 from Holy Name High School—A Chesterton Academy is awarded this scholarship.

Harry & Sandy Krebs Scholarship: \$4,000 in scholarships (two \$2,000 scholarships) will be awarded to two graduating seniors for their future educational expenses. This can include vocations training, certificate program/s, seminary, etc. Preference will be given to applicants going into the trades. In 1968, Harry and Sandy formed K & L Enterprises, Inc. and were owners of eight Burger Chef restaurants across the Upper Peninsula. In 1983, the Hardee Corporation purchased the name of Burger Chef. Harry and Sandy continued to work until they retired in 1990. They are members of St. Anne Parish in Escanaba, and Sandy is a 1961 alumna of Holy Name High School.

Donna Richer Donor Advised Fund: This is a \$1,000 scholarship for a Holy Name High School graduate attending a college/university or trade school. It is dedicated in memory of Dale Richer, HNHS Class of 1958. (Fund held by the Community Foundation for Delta County).

Anonymous Donor Holy Name High School Scholarship: \$500 scholarship, given by an anonymous donor, for a Holy Name High School graduate to continue his/her education in a vocational training/trade school or certificate program.

Holy Name High School Scholarship: \$250 scholarship to a Holy Name High School graduate to continue his/her education at an institute of higher learning.



HOLY NAME HIGH SCHOOL
A CHESTERTON ACADEMY

HNHS ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS:

OUR FIRST HNHS—A CHESTERTON ACADEMY GRADUATES FROM THE CLASS OF 2024

Our first-ever Holy Name High School—A Chesterton Academy Class of 2024 graduates are doing amazing things with the lives that God gave them. Below, they share some memories of their time at HNHS, and thank those who helped them along the way.

Piper Burrows is a student at the University of Notre Dame, where she is majoring in political science and minoring in French. Along with her studies, she keeps busy working for Notre Dame's Lucy Family Institute For Data and Society—the EX-LENT Data Crossing program. She also works for The Juggler, Notre Dame's arts and literature magazine, as well as the Student Government Department of Faith.



Her favorite memory while she was a student at HNHS—A Chesterton Academy was her senior year pilgrimage to Rome. “It was not only influential in social and cultural aspects,” she says, “but also a deep spiritual experience for me. I will never forget eating the best gelato of my life or praying in front of the same San Damiano crucifix that Saint Francis did.” Piper added, “I would like to thank my parents for sending me to Holy Name and giving me the opportunity to study at Notre Dame, as well as my grandparents, siblings, aunt, and cousin for creating a home in Escanaba that I am always excited to come back to.”

Piper said that HNHS—A Chesterton Academy has prepared her for life by instilling a love for learning. “Reading classic books with small classes allowed my curiosity to flourish and gave me the confidence needed to succeed in my higher education.”

Lindsay Maloney attended Bay College and will graduate this May with an associate's degree in liberal arts. She is currently attending Lake Superior State

University to obtain her bachelor's degree in elementary education with a concentration in pre-kindergarten through third grades. She has also been observing in Mrs. McNamee's kindergarten class at Holy Name for the last two years to gain experience. She says her favorite class at HNHS—A Chesterton Academy was Spanish, with her favorite memory being the Rome pilgrimage. “Experiencing those amazing cathedrals with my classmates was something I'll remember forever. I also enjoyed seeing other historical sites such as the Colosseum, having an audience with Pope Francis, and eating authentic Italian pasta.” Her favorite tradition at HNHS was House Chrysostom winning the White Horse cup.

She says she is thankful for her parents, family and friends for their support and encouragement while a student at HNHS, and noted that HNHS—A Chesterton Academy prepared her for life after high school with the broad curriculum and supportive staff. “Reading some of the great books by Plato and Aristotle, in addition to writing many essays, strengthened my comprehension and writing skills. The small class sizes encouraged discussions, which allowed me to feel more comfortable participating in class.”



Helen McBroom attended St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wisconsin, majoring in biology, and currently attends Fox Valley Technical College where she is studying dairy sciences, along with Northeast Wisconsin



sin Technical College, where she is taking classes in Farm Business. She has been putting her knowledge to work at her family’s farm, Melodydell Dairy, and the neighboring Waucedah Hill Farm. She would like to thank her family, and the members of her church, First Baptist Church of Norway,

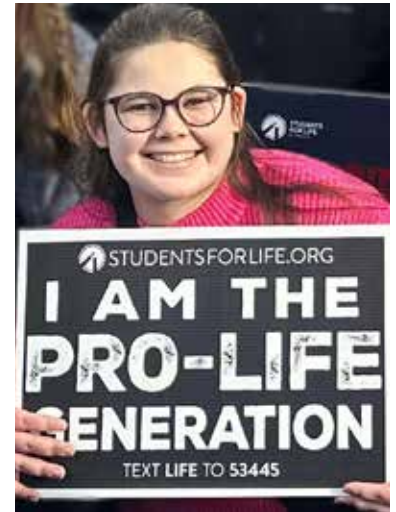
for their support and encouragement during her time at HNHS. Her favorite class at HNHS—A Chesterton Academy was Theology, saying, “The Socratic Discussion method used in classes at Holy Name High School helped me develop the skills to articulate my thoughts and participate in classes in a way I discovered most of my classmates were unable to.” Helen described her experiences as a non-Catholic student at HNHS: “As a non-Catholic student at Holy Name, I felt very welcomed and felt I was able to bring interesting perspectives into the class discussions.”

Private Nicholas Mitchell is proudly serving his country in the United States Marine Corps. He is currently stationed at Parris Island in South Carolina. He works in public relations with the U.S. Marines. Recently, he celebrated his golden birthday when he turned 20 years old on Feb. 20th, and was on leave in the U.S. spending time with some of his family on Jekyll Island, Georgia. However, his leave there was cut short, according to his grandparents Gregory and Pamela Mitchell of Escanaba. Gregory and Pamela heard from him in early March that he was due to go to Okinawa, Japan on March 5th. However, that was changed. The latest they’ve heard, his deployment for Saudi Arabia is currently on hold (at time of publication). Pamela said they receive letters from Nicholas period-



ically. “Nicholas enjoys his job with the Marines,” Pamela said. “We have faith that God will direct him.”

Katelyn Rexford is currently studying at Bay College with hopes of becoming an ultrasound technician. She has done work study through Bay College for the last three semesters. She says her favorite classes at HNHS—A Chesterton Academy were always Latin and philosophy. She says she loved the times they got to spend time together outside the classroom as well. Her class went on several retreats, but her favorite one was their retreat to Mackinac Island as well as their pilgrimage to Rome. “These experiences brought us closer and made us all friends,” she said. She would like to thank all of her classmates for being so accepting and being like a family to her, as well as her parents for pushing her to go to Holy Name High School, and her teachers, who were there for them every step of the way. “Holy Name High School has made me a more well-rounded person,” she said.



“I am more devoted to my faith since getting a better understanding of it, and I still like reading books by authors like G.K. Chesterton and C.S. Lewis.”

Roman Zeise is currently attending Franciscan University of Steubenville where he transferred after leaving Northern Michigan University. He is double majoring in history and education. He has been working for his family’s business, Skerbeck Entertainment Group, every summer for the past six years. When asked about his favorite class and memory of HNHS—A Chesterton Academy, he said, “This is a very hard question because there are so many options! I would have to say that my favorite class was my junior year metaphysics class with Mrs. Cherniawski. This was my favorite class because it taught me how to understand truth, justice, and God in more ways than one.”

He says he would like to thank his mother, Niki, his Aunt Tory and Uncle John, as well as his Grandpa Joe and Grandma Debbie for always supporting



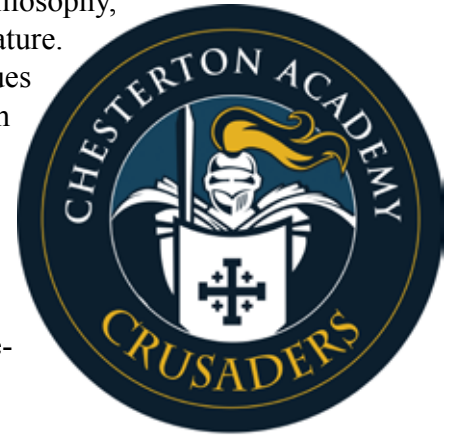
and encouraging him. He also said, “I would also like to thank all of my classmates that graduated with me, as well as my friends: Patton Nyquist, Noah and Brooklyn Pendergraft, Marcel Raiche, Melody McBroom, Joseph Carlson, and Evelyn Trottier, for making every day at Holy Name High

School a great day. I would also like to thank the faculty and staff of Holy Name for always being good Catholic role models.”

Roman said that HNHS—A Chesterton Academy prepared him for life by teaching him to be a leader, studious, and self-driven. “HNHS taught me to be a leader by entrusting me with responsibilities. I was the head of House Ambrose, so I led my house members in their weekly jobs of cleaning the lunch-

room after lunch and participating in various school-wide House games and challenges. Sometimes it was a challenge to motivate my House, but that allowed me to become a leader who listened to feedback and gave me the opportunity to think outside the box when it came to motivation. HNHS taught me to be studious by offering me a liberal arts education that taught me how to think, not what to think, and by presenting me with many enriching books to read, both inside and outside the classroom. Finally, HNHS taught me to be self-driven by allowing me to pursue my own interests in history, philosophy, debate, and literature.

The skills and values that I gained from HNHS—A Chesterton Academy have equipped me to face future challenges with confidence and resilience.”



THEN & NOW

OVER A HALF-CENTURY OF CRUSADER SPIRIT: FROM 1971 TO THE BLIZZARD OF 2026

56 YEARS AGO: OUR FORMER HNHS STUDENTS IN WINTER 1970-71



It’s just a hop, skip and a BIG jump from the bus to the school. LEFT TO RIGHT: Greg Gardener, Francis DeGroot, Ron Newhouse, Carol Lundquist, Philip DeRusha, Bill Cretens.

TODAY: CURRENT HNCS STUDENTS IN WINTER 2025-26



HNCS students enjoy playing outside during recess on the giant mountain of snow—a result of the blizzard of March 15-16, 2026.



Pictured from left to right enjoying Entrepreneur Day are: HNCS 7th grader Bentley Mott (paying for his root beer float), HNCS Teacher Mrs. Meg Jensen, and Holy Name 8th grade students: Kaylyn Rahn, Emily Lawrence, Rowen Wyckoff, Gracie Clausen, and Camille Richer.

HOLY NAME RAISES \$1,744 FOR SIRVIENTES DE CRISTO

Holy Name Catholic School raised \$1,744 for the U.P.-based Mission, Sirvientes de Cristo (Servants of Christ in Spanish). Entrepreneur Day is a tradition that Holy Name students take part in during the annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week, which this year was Jan. 25 through Jan. 31.

Each Holy Name class sold homemade items and treats to their fellow students and raised money for Sirvientes de Cristo, a charity that helps those in need

in Honduras. Entrepreneur Day, which this year was on Wednesday, Jan. 28, provides a valuable learning experience in marketing and selling products, and most importantly, teaches students the importance of helping those less fortunate. All money raised will go to Sirvientes de Cristo. For more information on Holy Name Catholic School, or to enroll your child for the 2026-27 school year, please call (906) 786-7550.



KEN GARTLAND AND DONNA RICHER PRESENT \$50,000 DONATION TO HOLY NAME CATHOLIC SCHOOL

by Victoria LaFave

The staff at Holy Name Catholic School are thankful for the generosity of alumni and donors like Ken & Pat Gartland, the late Dale Richer and his wife Donna Richer.

Gartland and Richer (on behalf of her late husband Dale), recently presented a check for \$50,000 from the income (interest and dividends) earned on the fund that was created years ago called Staff Support Endowment Fund by Alumni and Friends of Holy Name Catholic School, which is held by the Community Foundation for Delta County (CFFDC). The check was presented to HNCS Principal Michelle Brief and Holy Name's Pastoral Designate Father Timothy Ferguson, Pastor of St. Joseph and St. Patrick Parish in Escanaba, at the CFFDC office on Thursday, January 8.

The sole purpose of the fund is to provide annual economic support to the administration and staff of HNCS.

Brief said, "We are grateful for all of our supporters. The Gartland and Richer families have been—and continue to be—large supporters of Holy Name, both spiritually and financially."

"We're giving back some of what God has given us," Ken said. "Holy Name is a phenomenal school. We're confident it will grow and prosper in the future."

Holy Name Catholic School is dear to the Gartland's and Richer's hearts.

Both Ken and his wife Pat are graduates of Holy Name High School (Holy Name housed a Catholic high school in Escanaba from 1954 to 1971.) Ken graduated in 1958 and Pat in 1959. Ken was also on the Holy Name School Board in the 1960s and the Scholarship Board in the 1970s. All seven of Ken and Pat's children also graduated from Holy Name, and some of their grandchildren as well.

The late Dale Richer is also a 1958 graduate of HNHS. Donna and Dale's daughter Renee is a 1986 graduate of HNCS, and their granddaughter Camille (Renee's daughter) is a current eighth grader at Holy Name.

Holy Name High School—A Chester-

ton Academy reopened in 2021—the 50th anniversary of the original high school's closure in 1971. The current school, located at 2203 7th Ave. South, started with 12 students and has since grown to 25 students, with seven graduating in this school's third senior class in the spring of 2026.

The Staff Support Endowment by Alumni and Friends of Holy Name Catholic School, of which Ken Gartland and Dale Richer are the original fund holders, joins with several other funds within the CFFDC that support scholarships and operating expenses for Holy Name.

"We want to encourage other Holy Name graduates to give back and are hoping we can inspire others to support the school," Ken said.

You can start a fund of your own, give a donation of any size to the General HNHS Scholarship Fund, or donate to one of CFFDC's other Holy Name funds. If interested, please call the Community Foundation for Delta County at (906) 786-6654 or email office@cfup.org.



Donors Ken Gartland, HNHS Class of 1958, and Donna Richer--on behalf of her late husband Dale Richer, HNHS Class of 1958--presented a check for \$50,000 to Holy Name's Pastoral Designate Father Timothy Ferguson, Pastor of St. Joseph and St. Patrick Parish in Escanaba, and HNCS Principal Michelle Brief (pictured on far right) at the Community Foundation For Delta County offices.

HOLY NAME HAD SUCCESSFUL OPEN HOUSE, LIVING LIBRARY & BOOK FAIR

Holy Name held an Open House, Book Fair and ‘Living Library’ in March. In the ‘Living Library,’ Holy Name students, parents and teachers volunteered to share their knowledge about numerous topics, such as hiking the Appalachian Trail, Catholicism, Raising Rabbits, and SCUBA Diving. Deep questions such as ‘The Catholic Church Says What?’ and ‘What Makes Holy Name High School--A Chesterton Academy Great/Different?’ were answered. We appreciate all of our “books”!

The event had a great showing, with attendees learning about new topics, touring the school, meeting teachers and enjoying refreshments while they browsed and shopped for new books at the school’s

Ignatius Book Fair. Many families learned about how Holy Name—with its Catholic classical curriculum—is different from other schools. Holy Name serves the mission of the Catholic Church to evangelize, but is open to students of all faiths. We provide a high quality, intentional education in partnership with parents. Enrollment is open for students entering preschool through twelfth grades.

For more information or if you need help with the enrollment process, please call the school office at (906) 786-7550, email office@holynamecrusaders.com, or visit the Grade School at 409 South 22nd Street, or Holy Name High School—A Chesterton Academy, at 2203 7th Ave. South, Escanaba.





HNHS Students and chaperones enjoyed the stunning sights and sounds of Rome, Florence, and Assisi.

HNHS STUDENTS TAKE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME, FLORENCE, & ASSISI

Holy Name High School--A Chesterton Academy juniors and seniors traveled to Rome, Florence and Assisi, Italy for a spiritual pilgrimage, which is part of the Chesterton curriculum. All juniors and seniors had the opportunity to travel to Italy. The students and chaperones had unforgettable experiences, visiting locations such as Tre Fontane; they stood where St. Paul was martyred and saw what remains of the actual last road he walked on.

Throughout their pilgrimage, they attended several Masses, including private Mass at St. Peter's Basilica at the altar of St. Peter's Chair, at the Basilica of St Paul, and at the Pantheon. Additional highlights of the pilgrimage included tours of the Chapel of Relics, where they saw fragments of the true cross and reliquaries, and visiting Santa Croce for Stations of the Cross to reflect on the Passion. They also spent time at the Vatican museums, and visited "the mother of all Catholic churches"—St. John Lateran, which houses the Pope's official episcopal throne, symbolizing his teaching authority as the Bishop of Rome.

They also climbed the Holy Stairs (Scala Sancta). Lead chaperone Julie Anne Rexford described the experience: "What a humbling experience to climb on our knees the 28 marble steps Jesus Christ ascended in Pontius Pilate's praetorium in Jerusalem on the day of his trial."

Though they enjoyed the sights and sounds of this beautiful country, they were able to bring just one carry-on suitcase, and walked upwards of 10 miles per day. HNHS--A Chesterton Academy Headmaster Erin Viau said, "This pilgrimage is a beautiful opportunity for our students to grow in their faith."

Another absolute highlight was being at St. Peter's Square for the noon Angelus with the Holy Father. "Standing in that sacred space, united with thousands of the faithful from every corner of the world, was a powerful reminder of the universality of the Church," lead chaperone Mrs. Julie Rexford said. "Hearing the Pope's reflection on the Gospel and receiving his blessing was a moment I will never forget."



The 11 HNHS-- A Chesterton Academy students who made the pilgrimage, stop for a photo



In this photo, students smile as they marvel at the beauty of the Piazza Navona Fountains.



Our HNHS students, Michael Rexford & Peter Chouinard, hold the candles during Masses.

CRUSADER CORNERSTONE

FROM JANE ARTS, DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI & ADVANCEMENT



PAYING IT FORWARD: When Jennie was a young girl, the Barron family filled a pew at Mass. Like many families, then and now, raising five children meant making careful choices. Still, Richard and MaryAnn Barron never wavered in one conviction: a Catholic education was worth the sacrifice. There

were seasons when tuition weighed heavily. In one of those moments, Richard went to his parish priest at St. Joseph's and asked what he should do. Fr. Gabriel Buescher saw both the need and the faith behind it. Without hesitation, Fr. Gabe wrote a check to cover the shortfall and told Richard to repay it when he could.

And he did. But more importantly, he never forgot. Both Richard and MaryAnn made sure the children understood what that quiet act of generosity had made possible—not just an education, but an example of faith in action. Richard passed away in 2024.



Today, his daughter Jennie honors his legacy by giving back to the Holy Name Tuition Angel Fund in his name. A simple kindness, once given, continues to bear fruit.

THE HOLY NAME TUITION ANGEL FUND is one option to support the mission of Holy Name Catholic School. It exists to help bridge the gap for families who desire a Catholic education for their children but may need a measure of additional support to make it possible.

This shared fund is made up of generous gifts from those who believe in the lasting value of faith-based education. Families may apply for assistance through a thoughtful review process. To ensure complete dignity and confidentiality, all requests are considered anonymously, each circumstance is considered only by student number, never by name. At its heart, the Tuition Angel Fund is a quiet expression of community: neighbors helping neighbors, ensuring that a Holy Name education remains within reach for those who seek it.

GENERAL FUND SUPPORT: Behind every school day are countless needs that don't always make it into a line item—unexpected repairs, rising costs, and the simple,

steady expenses of keeping a school running well. A gift to the Holy Name General Fund helps meet those moments with confidence and care. It allows the school to respond where the need is greatest, ensuring a strong, stable environment for every student. Your support becomes part of the quiet, faithful work that sustains Holy Name day in and day out.

ANNUAL DRIVE - LOCKER ROOM SAFETY RENOVATION: Some needs simply can't wait. Our vintage locker room has served generations of students well, but time has made clear the need for important safety updates. This year's Annual Drive is dedicated to creating a space that is secure, functional, and built to serve today's students well. Your support will help transform an aging facility into one that reflects the pride and care of our Crusader community—offering a safe environment for our students and a welcoming, positive impression for visiting athletes.

STAFF SUPPORT FUND: Holy Name is blessed with teachers who bring not only talent, but genuine care and dedication to their classrooms each day. They form minds, guide hearts, and invest deeply in the lives of their students. Yet, as is often the case in Catholic education, their compensation does not always reflect the full measure of their impact. The Staff Support Fund helps bridge that gap, providing meaningful support that encourages these exceptional educators to continue their work at Holy Name. Your gift is an investment in the people who make our school what it is—steady, faithful, and committed to the students entrusted to their care.

SPONSOR A DAY: Celebrate someone special through our "Sponsor A Day" program. Past sponsors have honored memorials, birthdays, and anniversaries, among other milestones. Each month, a list is shared with our parishes, and a thoughtful note is posted on social media so our Holy Name family can pray for the recipient. It's a meaningful way to honor loved ones while joining our community in prayer and reflection. The funds raised by Sponsor A Day go into the General Fund to help defray day-to-day expenses.

A NOTE TO OUR READERS: Each newsletter includes an envelope as an invitation to participate in the support of our school and community. Every gift is a blessing and is fully directed to the fund you choose. Questions about giving opportunities or creative ways to support Holy Name are always welcome. Thank you for your support, past and present. Our benefactors are remembered in prayer each week during school Masses, and we ask that you keep Holy Name in your prayers as well.



FOURTH GRADERS TAKE FIELD TRIP TO PICTURED ROCKS NATIONAL LAKESHORE

HNCS fourth graders enjoyed a field trip to the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Learning Center in late March where they snowshoed and learned about animal and plant adaptations. In the photos, they are enjoying snowshoeing in the great outdoors, and having fun exploring with the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Learning Center’s 3-D topography map.



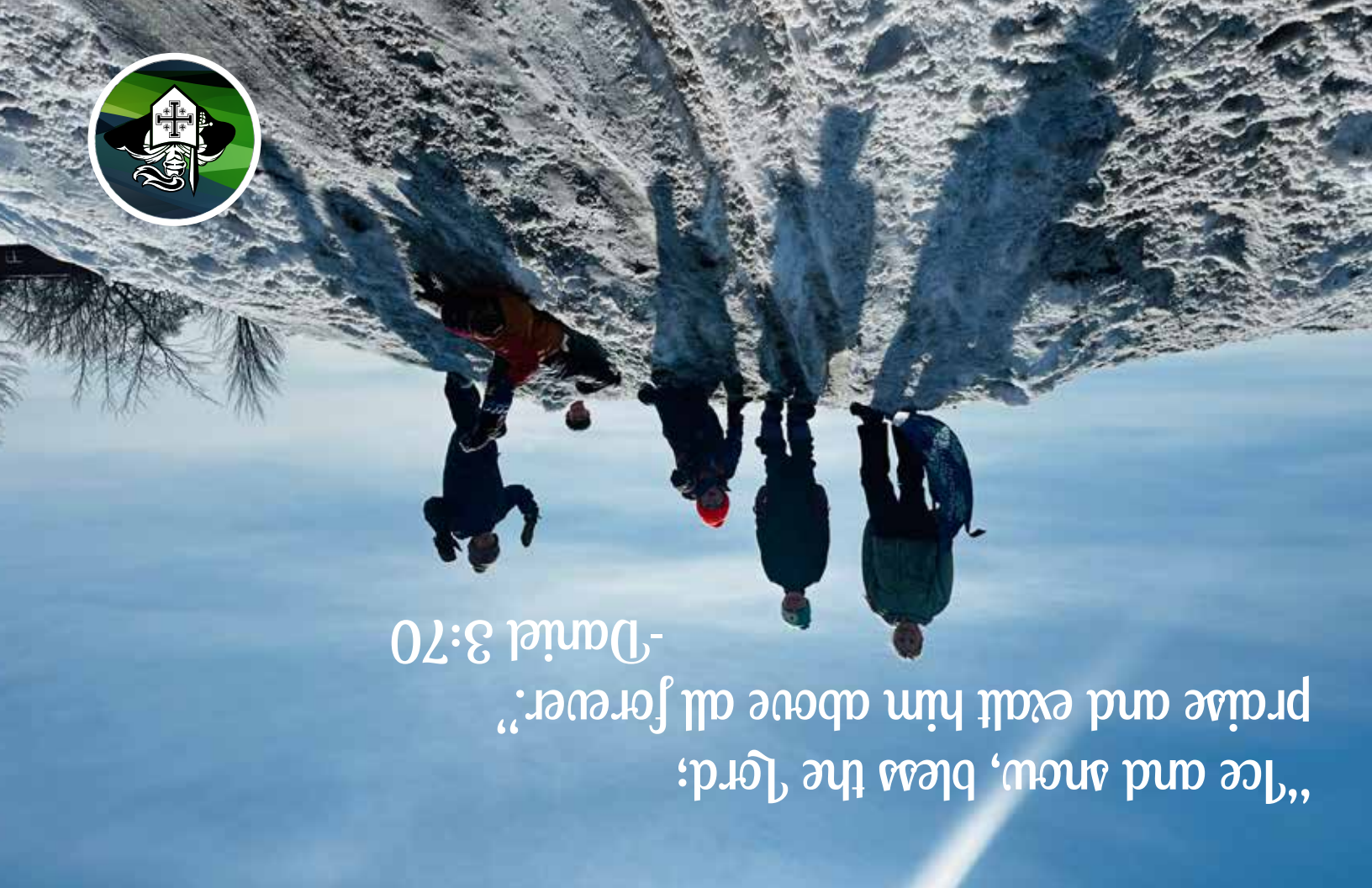
HNHS – A CHESTERTON ACADEMY QUIZ BOWL TEAM ADVANCED TO “CEREBRAL 16” THIS SEASON

Holy Name High School--A Chesterton Academy’s Quiz Bowl team made it as far as the “Cerebral 16” (top 16 U.P. teams) High School Bowl competition this season. Team members, pictured on stage at the WNMU Public TV 13 studios at Northern Michigan University, are: Sophia Richardson, Eadi Diebolt, Phineas Burrows, Piper Diebolt, Evelyn Trottier, and Jerzy Raiche. In this photo, the team was competing against Brimley. HNHS Coach Samantha Surrell said, “This

year’s High School Bowl team represented Holy Name very well. Our team had students from different grade levels of the High School this year, which led to



a very well-rounded knowledge base. Fortunately for us, many of them will be back again next year and I’m looking forward to seeing how they do next season.” You can watch previous episodes of High School Bowl by going to pbs.org/show/high-school-bowl/. This year, HNHS was featured in Season 47, Episodes 3, 14 and 26.



“Ice and snow, bless the Lord;
praise and exalt him above all forever.”
-Daniel 3:70



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