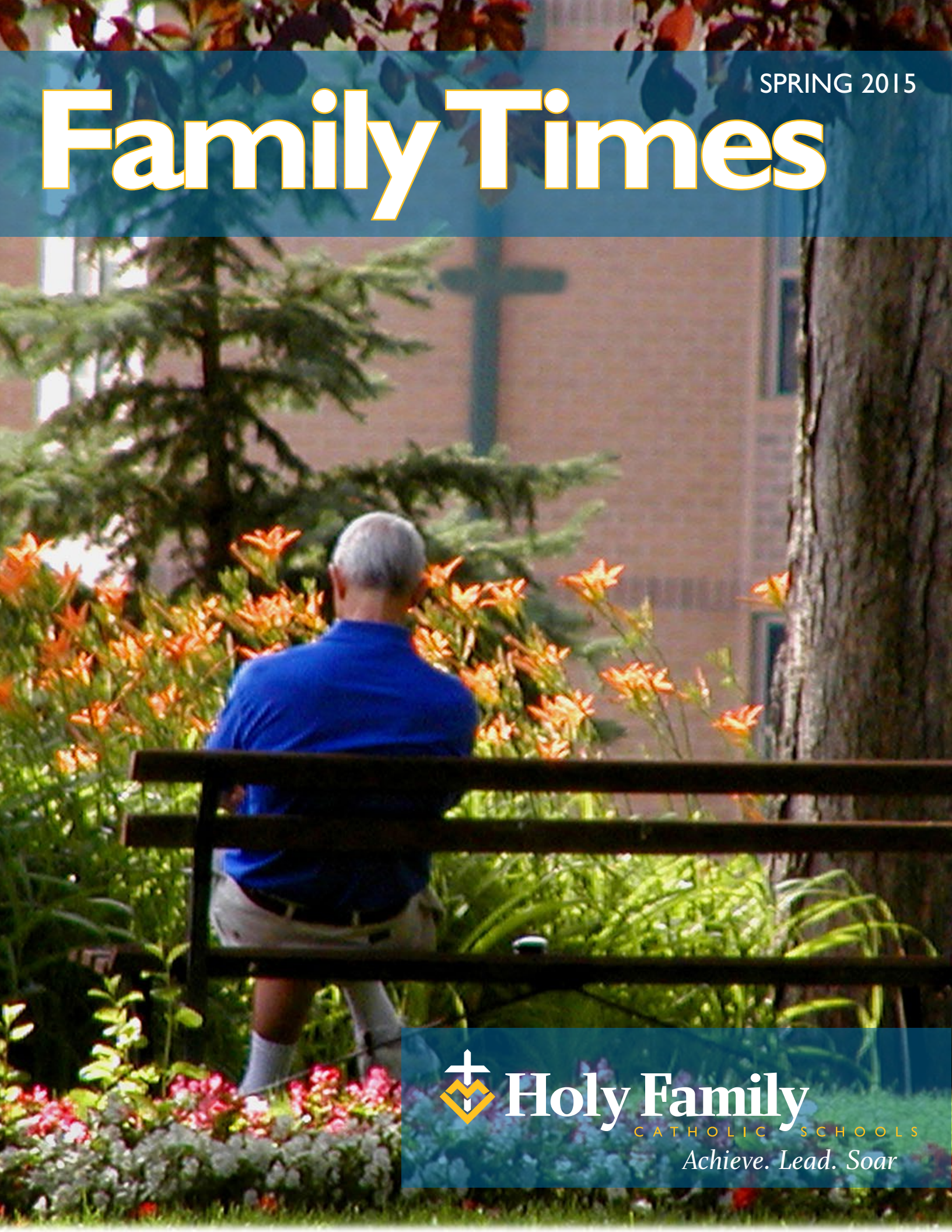


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A Message From the Chief Administrator

Dear friends,

As each school year ends, I spend time evaluating where Holy Family Catholic Schools is and where we need to be. In the midst of that evaluation process, I usually indulge myself with a few minutes of reflection on how far we have come. This year, I find myself pleased with the many, many opportunities we are able to provide our students.

At Holy Family, we take our primary mission of “forming disciples of Jesus Christ” very seriously, so it makes sense that students learn about and practice their faith in the varied and multiple ways that you would expect: religion classes, daily prayer, Masses, prayer services, Reconciliation and retreats. But when I see kindergarteners—and all other elementary students—being able to lead the singing or read at all-school Masses, I appreciate that they have the chance to build their public presentation skills while participating fully in the liturgies. When I see Mazzuchelli seventh graders performing a mime of Jesus’ passion for their classmates and elementary students, I appreciate their opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of what Christ endured for each of us. And when I see Wahlert Catholic juniors and seniors attending daily Mass at local parishes, I appreciate that they have the opportunity to attend the Kairos retreat that inspires in them a deeper faith.

The other part of our mission statement is “through Catholic educational excellence.” Our students’ performance at high levels on standardized tests and our graduates’ success in college can largely be attributed to a solid curriculum delivered by our dedicated and caring teachers. We have worked hard to be proactive in also providing students opportunities to develop the problem-solving and creativity skills that they will need to have to be successful in the future. That means that students can learn about subjects such as computer coding, robotics and engineering both in and out of the classroom.

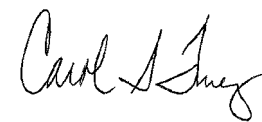
One prime example of that kind of opportunity is the one that a group of Wahlert Catholic students and teacher Bob Oberfoell will have this summer. They have qualified to participate in the InvenTeams competition at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where they

will pit their brainchild, an anti-rollback device for wheelchairs, against the inventions of students from high schools across the country. This group has seen its device move from conception through design to the manufacture of a prototype and the application for a patent, with many modifications along the way. The amount of learning that has already gone on through this process is amazing; imagine what they will learn when they have the opportunity to travel to Boston and meet other students who also want to positively impact the world!

Our wide array of co-curricular activities allows students multiple opportunities to develop other talents. Think of the perseverance, hard work, teamwork and poise our boys basketball team developed as they captured a second consecutive state championship—and the community that the Holy Family system was able to build as a result. Those students who have roles in the upcoming Wahlert Catholic and Mazzuchelli musicals or the elementary play will showcase their astounding talent, as have our artists and singers and musicians throughout this year. Later in this issue, you will see these and the many other fine arts opportunities students are able to access.

While I am pleased that we are able to offer so much to our students, I know that it is your support and generosity that largely make these opportunities possible. As I return to my year-end task of determining the best ways to make Holy Family Catholic Schools even stronger, please know I do so with great gratitude for the many ways you enhance the education of each and every one of our students.

Sincerely,



Carol Schmidt Trueg ('79)
Chief Administrator



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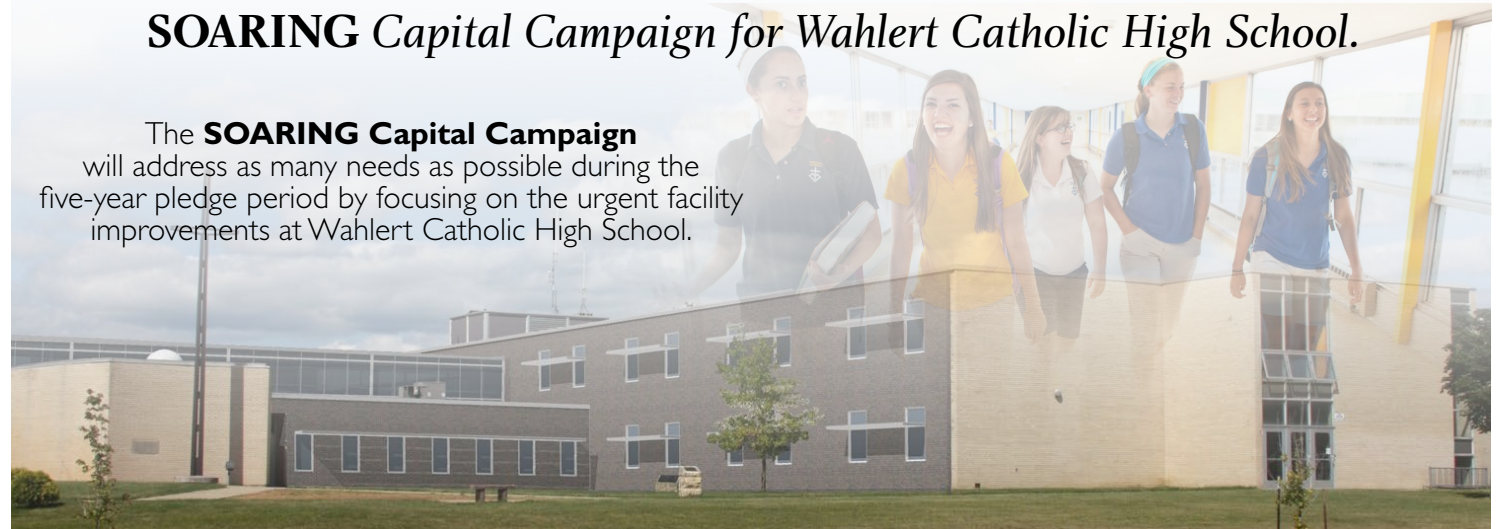
John Schlegel, S.J., sits in the Jesuit Garden at Creighton University in June 2003. Contributed photo

Above:

Resurrection Elementary second grade student Alena Brimeyer ('25) works on a Chromebook during class.

Holy Family Catholic Schools is pleased to present you with a look at the SOARING Capital Campaign for Wahlert Catholic High School.

The **SOARING Capital Campaign** will address as many needs as possible during the five-year pledge period by focusing on the urgent facility improvements at Wahlert Catholic High School.



BUILDING EXTERIOR Plans call for replacing the exterior curtain wall siding with block and brick to give the school a pleasing, modern look and increase energy efficiency. The roof is also in need of repair or replacement.

HVAC Boilers that currently heat the building are original equipment, so plans call for a new mechanical system for heating and air conditioning.

INFRASTRUCTURE Plans call for upgrading interior electrical service and lighting, modernizing restrooms, adding fire sprinklers, and removing hazardous materials as necessary.

CLASSROOMS Plans call for numerous improvements to the classrooms and performing arts areas by upgrading science labs, improving sound isolation between choir and band areas, painting and modernizing the classrooms, and adding glass to interior and exterior walls to improve natural lighting.

ACCESS Plans call for a three-story central staircase to improve access to all levels on the east and west wings of the school.



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Fine Arts at Holy Family Catholic Schools



Education in the arts is an integral part of the development of each Holy Family Catholic Schools student. From improving vocabulary and test scores to increasing learning experiences in communication and leadership, arts education plays a vital role in preparing students for success in career and personal life. Performers in the programs are unique, talented and hard working. A significant number of Holy Family students pursue fine arts programs in college, both extracurricular and academically, because of the preparation and enjoyment Holy Family programs offer.

In art class, students explore various art techniques and media such as drawing, painting, printmaking and the use of technology. Different techniques and media are used to generate artwork, while practicing written critiques of their work allows them to recognize areas for improvement and build toward future success.



A Conversation with Holy Family Faculty

Wahlert Theater Director **Colin Muenster** selects his plays based on a philosophy he heard years ago: "Life is short. Do hard plays." It was this philosophy that challenged him to select *Phantom of the Opera* as this year's Wahlert musical. "It is a challenging play, both technically and vocally. It is big, full of spectacle and an incredible opportunity for our students to demonstrate their talents."



Co-Curricular Opportunities Show Choir

Show choir is a co-curricular activity open to seventh and eighth grade students who are currently enrolled in choir or concert band. Ignite! is a singing and dancing ensemble incorporating choreography and drama elements into performances. Music includes songs from a variety of styles such as pop, jazz and musical theater.

From kindergarten students making clay pinch pots to fifth graders making clay gingerbread houses, the projects in Holy Family elementary art classes are endless. In addition to art history and skill development, students receive many other benefits such as motor skill and language development, decision-making, visual learning, inventiveness and cultural awareness.

Jazz Band (MazzJazz)

Jazz band is a co-curricular activity open to all students currently enrolled in concert band. MazzJazz is comprised of approximately 35 sixth through eighth graders who focus on various styles of jazz, improvising and learning different scales used in jazz music.

Co-Curricular Opportunities Choir

In addition to traditional music classes, choir and bell choir programs are offered. All Holy Family elementary schools participate in a regional honor choir for fifth grade students. A fifth grade music festival, in which students work with a guest conductor in the afternoon and perform in the evening, is attended each fall on the Loras College campus.

Wahlert Show Choir Director **Aaron Behnke** views show choir as an event unlike any other. "There are no starters and bench players. Everyone is involved and success mandates excellence from everyone." Often competing against much larger schools, the varsity group consistently advances to the finals and often finishes in the top three. "Students are asked to trust each other in order to achieve success, and while we simultaneously compete against other schools, we compete against ourselves to put on our best show."



Wahlert Catholic High School

Curricular Opportunities

Wahlert Catholic offers concert choir, concert band, jazz band, guitar ensemble and many art opportunities as part of its fine arts curriculum. Wahlert Catholic students interested in curricular choir can choose from 9th & 10th Men's Chorus, 9th & 10th Women's Chorus, Concert Choir and A Capella choir. These choirs participate in concerts throughout the year, lead music for school Masses and participate in the state solo/ensemble contest and all-state choir.

Concert band is designed to give students a wide variety of musical experiences. The marching band performs at all home football games, the pep band performs at home basketball games and the wind ensemble performs at several major concerts each year. Jazz band is comprised of roughly 20 elite members from concert band. Additional emphasis is placed on



performance, improvisation, listening and appreciation. Guitar ensemble focuses on guitar theory, history, mechanics, reading and performance. Performance opportunities include school Masses and band and choir concerts.

Several curricular art courses are offered, from Introduction to Art to College Drawing. Each course introduces specific art teachings and theories and also strives to develop individual talents in preparation for those interested in pursuing art after high school.

including approximately 50 students. In addition to these productions, students in intermediate/advanced theater arts classes perform a winter play as a culminating assessment.

Mazzuchelli Catholic Middle School

Curricular Opportunities

Students attend general music class once every three days for the entire school year. In music class, students explore various ways to create and appreciate music, including singing, dancing, playing instruments, composing and reflective listening. Two choirs, one for sixth graders and one for seventh and eighth graders, help students explore and develop their vocal talents and general musicianship while learning to perform as an ensemble.

Two bands, one for sixth graders and one for seventh and eighth graders, expand on basic musical principles and help students become more well-rounded musicians. Throughout the school year, the band will march in the Halloween parade, play at a Wahlert football game, serve as a show choir backup band and participate in the Drake Relays Adventureland Festival of Bands.



Theater

An all-school musical is produced each spring that draws participation from 80-90 students. Students audition, rehearse and perform the fully-staged musical. The program helps students become comfortable with public performance, interacting with peers and using time management, as it is a four to five month commitment.

Band

Individual band lessons are offered to fifth graders at each elementary school. Students from all schools meet on Monday nights to practice as one fifth grade band, performing in two concerts a year. The lessons and concerts are used to prepare the students for Mazzuchelli band opportunities.

Art

Third through fifth grade students have the opportunity to join art club. It is an after-school program that encourages students to use new techniques and materials to create art. Students use recycled materials to make stamps, deepen the study of the color wheel and create 2D and 3D sculptures.

Theater

Musicals are produced throughout the year at each elementary school. Our Lady of Guadalupe kindergartners perform *The Hopeless Camel* each Christmas. An upcoming musical production at St. Anthony is *The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf*, which will have a cast of 40 students representing each elementary. These productions give students the opportunity to be involved as actors, singers, set designers, costume makers and crewmembers.

Additional co-curricular activities offered at each site have included GarageBand, drama club, crazy percussion and guitar lessons.

Elementary Music Educator and Director of Exploratory Activities **Patti Steines** loves teaching music to young children. "Children involved in music develop listening skills, learn sequencing and are encouraged to be creative thinkers. Music builds teamwork and helps children use their imagination. Whether it be singing, dancing or rocking out on a drum, music is fun!"



Elementary Art Teacher **Lori Lahey** is passionate about beginning art at a young age. "When students are engaged in art, they are developing their motor skills, working on language development and vocabulary and becoming decision makers. Art is a time for students to be independent in an environment that encourages discovery."



Co-Curricular Opportunities Show Choir

Wahlert Catholic's two auditioned show choirs, Impulse (varsity) and Impact (prep), are open to any student in grades 9-12. Rehearsals are held after school and the show choirs participate in at least four competitions from January through March. Roughly 45 students comprise each choir and each has backup bands that range from 10-20 students.

Theater

Student performers can shine in one of two annual drama productions. Fall and spring performances are held, each



Alumni Spotlight Fr. John Schlegel ('62)



Father Schlegel serves as Grand Marshal for the 133rd annual St. Patrick's Day celebration by the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) Father Flanagan Division, in Omaha in 2011.



The Schlegel family (father Aaron, mother Irma, sisters June, Janet and Linda, and brothers Roger, Dennis and John) gather to celebrate their parents' anniversary.

John Schlegel, S.J., Wahlert graduate (1962), has words of advice for today's parents: "In a world where parents are economically sensitive, a Catholic education is one of the best investments families can make." Father Schlegel is a firm believer in Catholic schools—especially high school. "Faith formation takes place at the high school level. In college, things are already in place, and it may be too late to find one's faith," he said.

and his five siblings experienced a faith-filled Catholic upbringing in which religion and an understanding of the workings of the Holy Spirit were constants. Family dinners preceded by prayer; regular recitations of the rosary and his father's service to St. Patrick Church as an usher at 8 a.m. Sunday Mass all contributed to his vocation. So did his education at St. Patrick Elementary School, Loras Academy for his first year of high school and the newly opened Wahlert High School for his sophomore, junior and senior years. Even his summer

"An educated person plays a great role in our society. I am thankful to have had the opportunity to interact with, teach and preach others for 40 years."

Having spent 40 years in Catholic higher education as a professor, administrator and president, Father Schlegel has the credentials to speak to the value of Catholic education. But when he was



John Schlegel's senior picture in 1962

a senior at Wahlert High School, he was convinced he was going to follow a different career path. He and a classmate even hatched a plan for becoming attorneys together, beginning with studies at Loras College. It didn't take long, though, for that plan to be derailed by the silent influences that called him in a different direction: to be a Jesuit priest.

Those silent influences took root in his childhood, where Father Schlegel

job as groundskeeper at the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mother motherhouse nurtured the seeds of his faith.

However, these whisperings of Catholic influence weren't loud enough to deter Father Schlegel's plans to study law – until he attended a Jesuit retreat in the spring of his first year at Loras. "Something clicked," he said, and within three months he had given up all other aspirations and focused on his journey to the priesthood.

Father Schlegel describes his passage into priesthood as "boring and non-dramatic. It was the act of the Holy Spirit. It was like a penny dropped and there it was. Influences had surrounded me my entire life, and I had never realized it until my eyes were opened by the Jesuits."

Once his eyes were opened, he never looked back. He entered the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) in August 1963 and was ordained a priest in June 1973. Along with bachelor's and master's degrees from St. Louis University, he earned a bachelor's degree of Divinity from the University of London and a doctorate in international relations from Oxford University.

Father Schlegel's studies prepared him for a career in higher education. After teaching undergraduates at Creighton University in Omaha, he was the executive and academic vice president of John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio. He then served as president of the University of San Francisco for 10 years before becoming the 23rd president of Creighton University in 2000. During his tenure at Creighton, the university experienced a period of unprecedented growth, including the "Willing to Lead" campaign that raised \$450 million for university expansion, scholarships, faculty endowments, service projects and academic programs.

His impact at Creighton was legendary. Thomas Coffey, past Creighton University faculty president, said in a farewell video, "Many in the Creighton community will remember Father for his beautification of the campus: the bricks and the mortar; the flowers and the sculpture. Faculty members will remember him for much more: for his incredible depth of intellect and his ability to identify with faculty."

"God has been so very good to me."

Father Schlegel left education in 2011 to serve as president and publisher of America Magazine, a Jesuit ministry. Since June 2014, he has been pastor of the Church of the Gesu in Milwaukee and chaplain at Marquette University. He was recently diagnosed with cancer and has been told he has four to six months to live.

This diagnosis has provided Father Schlegel with reason to reflect on his life and his legacy. He appreciates the values of faith, love of education and strong work ethic instilled in him and his brothers and sisters by their parents. Those values inspired five of the six Schlegel children to work in education.

He fondly recalls his education at Wahlert High School, including "solid" religion classes, community service and extracurricular activities and credits the school for igniting his sense of social justice. At Wahlert, he was president of the speech team and acted in and directed plays. He remembers being with students, religious sisters and priests who were not afraid of being Catholic and who were joyful in their faith.

Father Schlegel also remembers the Dubuque priests who encouraged his vocation. He credits Msgr. Dorance Foley, pastor of St. Patrick's Parish and president of Loras College; Father Jim Chapman, religion teacher and moderator of Wahlert's yearbook, The Harvest; and Father Joseph Herard, Dubuque's diocesan

director of vocations and Latin teacher at Loras College, for the influences they had on him both religiously and academically. He remembers them as happy priests, proud of their Catholicism and influential in the way they interacted with students and others. Father Schlegel hopes he has had a similar strong effect on those he has served: "I hope I was able to empower each student to become a better person." He advises today's students to "disconnect from the digital world. Slowing down, unplugging and looking around at what they truly value may change the way they are seeing life," he said.

Father Schlegel, the once would-be attorney, feels blessed to have heard "silent influences" that drew him to the Jesuits and to a life in education. "God has been so very good to me. I have had a very rich and productive life. I have had a terrific run! I dare say, I have had a graced life! A life of wonderment!"



Father Schlegel's involvement in the Boy Scouts, earning the rank of Eagle Scout, reinforced the faith and values he learned at home and at school. Forever grateful, he served on the Board of the Mid-America Council of the Boy Scouts of Omaha during his tenure as Creighton President. Father Schlegel made a point to ensure that every new Eagle Scout received a congratulatory certificate and personalized letter from him. He credits the Boy Scouts with being the most formative influence on his life outside of education and religion.



2014-2015 Year in Review

All Saints Day:

All Saints Day was celebrated throughout the Holy Family system in different ways. Wahlert Catholic High School and Mazzuchelli Catholic Middle School each held a special Mass and prayer service to honor loved ones, alumni, benefactors and friends who had died in the past year. Elementary schools held Masses at which students dressed up as important saints, as well as researched and reported on different saints, learning about their impact on the world. Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrated with a play depicting the traditional altar preparations for the Mexican holiday Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead).

Catholic Schools Week:

Students, faculty, staff and parents celebrated the 42nd annual National Catholic Schools Week Jan. 25-Jan. 31. Each Holy Family school hosted special activities and events throughout the week to celebrate our mission, build awareness and show appreciation to our community through service. The activities reflected the Catholic Schools Week theme, "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service," as well as the Holy Family Catholic Schools' school-year theme, "Much is Given." Among many activities during the week, donations to Teens for Jeans were collected at Wahlert Catholic, Wahlert and Mazzuchelli students raised more than \$1,500 for Kids Against Hunger and \$468 was raised for a prostate cancer research organization in honor of Mr. Dick Hefel.

Turkey Trot:

It was another wildly successful year for the 42nd Annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot, hosted by the Wahlert Catholic track and cross country teams. The coldest Turkey Trot on record still managed to entice more than 1,400 participants to run either the 2.5-mile or 5-mile race and vie for the coveted prize – a frozen turkey.

Advent Night:

Archbishop Michael Jackels was the featured speaker at the annual Advent Activity Night, an event designed to provide adults with inspiration for the season of Advent while their children are engaged in fun activities.

Lent & Easter:

Students and staff submitted ideas for a 40-day Lenten challenge for the Wahlert Catholic community. In addition to this challenge, junior Christian Leadership Committee (CLC) led a Lenten Prayer Service in mid-March and senior CLC held a Rise Up (Resurrection Service) during Easter week.



<< **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:** Wahlert Catholic junior **Emma Mockler** serves for Archbishop Michael Jackels at the Catholic Schools Week Mass.

National Merit Commended Students

Wahlert Catholic seniors **Sam Berning** and **Cassidy Shubatt** were selected among 16,000 semifinalists in the 60th Annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Wahlert Catholic seniors **Nick Brylski, Logan Drake, Nathan Hermann** and **Nathan Kelleher** were named Commended Students among 34,000 throughout the nation. Students entered the 2015 competition by taking the 2013 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

InvenTeam MIT Program

Wahlert Catholic's InvenTeam is one of 15 national finalists. Their grant application for an anti-rollback device for manual wheelchairs, The Feltes One-Way was accepted, and the team has used a \$10,000 grant to perfect the invention during the school year. The team will present its invention at MIT's Eurekafest in June. Congratulations to **Mr. Bob Oberfoell** and team members **Greta Becker, Fiona Burns, Stephen Cochran, Rachel Hefel, Carly Heying, Ben Koch, Dorothy Oberfoell, Grant Oberfoell, Nathan Tranel, Lela Udry** and **Tony Ward**.

FIRST Tech Challenge

Wahlert Catholic's robotics teams, #9025 W.H.A.T. and #7400 Iron Eagles, finished fourth and 19th respectively out of 26 teams at the Quad Cities League Championships. Team #7400 Iron Eagles was the Think Award winner for having the best engineering notebook and qualified for the Iowa Championships in March.

National Yearbook Program of Excellence

For the third year in a row, Wahlert's Harvest yearbook staff has been recognized as a National Yearbook Program of Excellence Award winner by Jostens. The yearbook class, comprised of students in grades 10, 11 and 12, meets three times a week to develop, design and produce the yearbook.

FIRST Lego League

The Mazzuchelli Dream Team and Mindstorm Monster Lego League teams competed in the Iowa First Lego League Championship at Iowa State University in January. The Dream Team brought home a trophy for second place Overall Core Values. The Dream Team members who competed include eighth graders **Matthew Becker, Brian Cochran, Jack Doyle, Tim Salgado, Evan Schultheis** and **Sam Sykes** and seventh graders **Matthew Morel** and **Nick Nachtman**. The Mindstorm Monster team consisted of sixth graders **Hugh Doyle, Andrew Glennon, Nolan Leslie, Evan Poirier, Henry Tomecek** and **Ben Vaassen**. The teams were coached by **Jolene Belken, Rick Hefel** and **Kristen Hurley**. Resurrection Elementary's FIRST Lego League

team qualified for state for the second year in a row. Resurrection Rockers is comprised of fourth- and fifth-grade students **Ava Anderson, Carson Cummer, Jackson Haugen, William Herbst, Marina Hishikawa, Garrett Kadolph, Jamie Vondra** and **Riley Woods**. Resurrection Rockers placed 15th out of more than 70 teams.

Dubuque Area Youth Leaders

The Dubuque Area Youth Leadership Council named the following Wahlert Catholic juniors to their list of top 100 student leaders: **Maria Ambrosy, John Benda, Leah Freihofer, Hannah Gasper, Benjamin Gonner, Madeline Hilby, Samuel Hoelscher, Natalie Hoy, Adeline Jochum, Taylor Kluesner, Adria Kunkel, Brendan Nugent, Jade Romagna, Jonathan Schaefer, Megan Stecklein, Cynthia Stierman, Andrew Wagner** and **Travis Warden**. These leaders participated in the Clarke Leadership Day and will participate this spring at the University of Dubuque Character Development Day.

Kairos and TEC Retreats

Sixty-nine juniors attended a Kairos retreat this year. K6 was held Dec. 11-14 and K7 retreat was held March 19-22. This four-day retreat, led by seniors and supported by faculty members, allows students to truly get to know themselves and develop a personal relationship with God. Held twice each year, nearly 225 students and 24 faculty and staff members have experienced the retreat since it was brought to Wahlert in 2012. More than 42 seniors have either attended or committed to a TEC retreat weekend throughout the Archdiocese this year.

Mazzuchelli Mock Trial

Mazzuchelli Catholic Middle School's eighth-grade mock trial team competed at the Iowa State Middle School Mock Trial Competition, finishing in the top four out of 172 teams, the school's highest finish ever. Members of the team were **Evelyn Cook, Liz Fitzsimmons, Shantelle Graff, Robin Leibold, Kaitlyn Moran, Jacob Nuti, Kaitlyn Rokusek, Isabel Shubatt** and **Cara Sullivan**. **Evelyn Cook** received an Outstanding Attorney award, and honorable mentions for performances went to **Kaitlyn Rokusek** and **Isabel Shubatt** for witness and **Robin Leibold, Isabel Shubatt** and **Cara Sullivan** for attorney.

Mazzuchelli Catholic Mock Trial

>> Team members gather after placing in the top four out of 172 teams at the state tournament. Back row: **Liz Fitzsimmons, Isabel Shubatt, Robin Leibold, Jacob Nuti** and **Kaitlyn Moran**. Front row: **Shantelle Graff, Kaitlyn Rokusek, Evelyn Cook** and **Cara Sullivan**.



InvenTeam member **Grant Oberfoell** ('17) demonstrates how their device, the Feltes One-Way, can be applied and used.

Wahlert Catholic High School's annual stewardship day was held Oct. 28. Students and staff set out throughout Dubuque to assist residents, parishes and non-profit organizations with yard work, cleaning or other odd jobs. In total, more than 150 service projects will take place throughout the Holy Family system by the end of the school year.

Choral Honors

Holy Family music students have earned many awards this year including:

Wahlert Catholic High School students **Nathan Kelleher, Jackson Mulgrew** and **Taylor Reichel** qualified for the 2014 Iowa All-State Chorus

Michael Banwarth was selected as one of two accompanists for the All-State Chorus

Wahlert students **Aidan McSperrin** and **Matt Carpenter** took first place in solo musical at the 2014 Iowa State Thespian Festival

Wahlert student **Michael Banwarth** took first place in short film at the 2014 Iowa State Thespian Festival

Dorothy Oboerfell, Luke Kelly and **Clare McCullough** took first place in group musical at the 2014 Iowa State Thespian Festival

Matt Carpenter and **Aidan McSperrin** took first place in duet musical at the 2014 Iowa State Thespian Festival

Wahlert's varsity show choir, **Impulse**, finished with two top-two finishes at large competitions and earned best vocals

Hall of Honor In February, Holy Family Catholic Schools recognized alumni and friends who have made outstanding contributions in their personal or professional lives. These individuals continue to inspire our current students and community. A special awards presentation was held at Wahlert Catholic High School during halftime of the Wahlert Catholic vs. Linn-Mar boys basketball game.



Volunteer Work and
Christian Service:

**Michelle
Ernsdorff ('91)**



Professional Accomplishments
and Contributions Made to
Holy Family Catholic Schools:

David Becker



Young Alum:

**Christopher
Radke ('06)**



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Holy Family Catholic Schools
as Faculty, Staff or
Administrative Member:

Helen Schroeder



2014-2015 Athletic Highlights



BACK-TO-BACK STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

The Wahlert Catholic Golden Eagles boys basketball team was crowned Iowa's champions in Class 3A for the second consecutive year. This is the school's fifth state basketball title and first back-to-back title since 1980-1981. The team finished the season 18-9 under Coach Tom English. The Golden Eagles made their 27th state tournament appearance, an Iowa record. **Cordell Pemsil** was named to first-team all-state in addition to seven players receiving Mississippi Valley Conference honors.

State ACHIEVEMENTS FALL 2014-WINTER 2015

A number of Wahlert athletic teams qualified and excelled at state. Some state achievements include:

- 3rd place: **Riley Hasken**, wrestling
- 3rd place: dance team, jazz
- 7th place: **Tristan Birt**, wrestling
- 11th place: boys golf
- 15th place: girls cross country
- 37th place: **Andrew Donovan**, boys cross country
- Qualifier: **Andrew Turner**, wrestling
- Qualifier: football
- Qualifier: girls swimming, relays



2014 GIRLS TRACK NATIONAL FEDERATION OF HIGH SCHOOL'S COACH OF THE YEAR

Coach Tim Berning was named the 2014 Coach of the Year in the state of Iowa for Girls Track and Field. This recognition is from the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

Photo: Coach of the Year Tim Berning and his wife, Dr. Kristen Berning and their children, Ted, John, Clara and Brielle



Class Notes

JULY 2014-MARCH 2015

Marriages

Cora O'Connor ('02) to Mitch Stoffel
 Nicholas Herzog ('03) to Sara Avenarius ('05)
 Sara Saboe ('04) to Scott Miller ('04)
 Cali M.Thiltgen ('06) to Adam Wronkiewicz
 Laura Davis ('09) to Scott Timmerman ('10)

In Memoriam

Lois A. (Madigan) Bliesmer ('60)
 Elaine (Schiltz) Roeth ('60)
 Richard B. Hefel ('61)
 Michael P. Kearney ('61)
 Thomas L. Meyers ('61)
 Ronald J. Pfiffner ('61)
 Mary Ann (Dolter) Steil ('61)
 Robert E. Gassman ('63)
 Jerald C. Allen ('64)
 Robert P. Dyer ('65)
 Gary J. Pape ('65)
 Barbara (Kaesbauer) Elliott ('66)
 Candice (Frommelt) Runde ('66)
 James V. Dalsing ('67)
 Michael D. Lagen ('67)
 John E. Leiser ('67)
 Mark W. Muir ('67)
 Daniel M. Maiden ('68)
 Nancy (Even) Dague ('69)
 Daniel J. Galle ('70)
 Barbara Berens ('71)
 Deborah (Niensteadt) Obershaw ('72)
 Diane (Hinderman) Tranel ('75)
 Gerald "Jerry" Wiederhold ('76)
 Kevin J. Francis ('78)
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Births/Adoptions

Stephen Bemboom ('90) and Julianna Bemboom, girl
 Nicole (Beaver) Gantz ('93) and Eric Gantz ('00), girl
 Daniel Kearney ('96) and Emily Kearney, girl
 Adam M. Naab ('97) and Leah Swift, boy
 Abby (Schultz) McInerney ('04) and Patrick McInerney ('00), boy
 Brendon Kane ('02) and Ashley (Beaves) Kane ('04), girl
 Kathryn (Gross) Lange ('03) and Thomas Lange ('03), boy
 Stephanie (May) Ludovissy ('03) and Jeffrey Ludovissy ('01), 2 girls, 1 boy
 Emily Halvorson ('05), boy
 Elizabeth (Brimeyer) Wright ('05) and Alexander Wright, boy
 Garrett Uhlik ('07) and Michelle Hilkin, boy
 Matt Berning ('96) and Natalie Berning, girl
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