

# SJ students attend Mass of the Holy Spirit

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photo by Maren Delaney (SJ '07)

Over 14,000 students, teachers and staff of Catholic Schools filled U.S. Bank Stadium for the all-school Mass of the Holy Spirit in the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis.

In late September, all 79 Catholic elementary schools attended a very special Mass at US Bank Stadium, home of the MN Vikings. Over 14,000 students celebrated the “Mass of the Holy Spirit” with Archbishop Bernard Hebda, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, over 50 priests and several deacons.

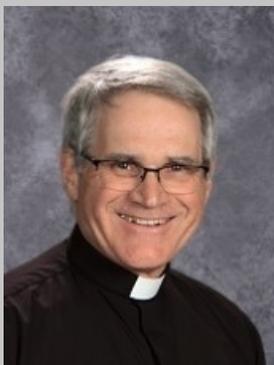
“The Mass of the Holy Spirit was an exciting day for students and teachers, pastors and administrators,” Fr. Stan Mader of St. Joseph said. “True to its name, the Spirit was present in the stadium as we celebrated the strength and diversity of the many schools gathered together. It was impressive to see the 79 schools’ banners process in, and groups of students in their uniforms splashed like cascading rainbows on the field and in the seats.”

In his homily, Archbishop Hebda talked about what many Minnesotans call the “Minneapolis Miracle”, the game ending Touchdown pass from Case Keenum to Stefon Diggs that sent the Vikings to the NFC Championship game last winter. He then referenced that an even greater miracle was taking place during our Mass at the stadium. The body and blood of our Lord was coming to all of us as we received the Eucharist. It was absolutely awesome, “One of the best field trips ever!” It’s great to see the love of our Lord exemplified in our youth. There is a lot of faith, hope and love alive and well within our young Catholic students. The energy around our Catholic Schools is contagious and many Catholic schools across the Twin Cities, including St. Joe’s, are experiencing growth in enrollment. It’s an exciting time to be part of Catholic education!



## Welcome Fr. Stan!

Since arriving on July 1<sup>st</sup> as the new pastor at St. Joseph, I have enjoyed visiting our school classrooms. I am impressed and proud of the tradition of excellence that is present at our school!



I grew up on a dairy farm near St. Bonifacius and now own that house and a few surrounding acres. I was the fourth of seven children born to George and Mary Margaret Mader. I have a degree in mathematics and worked as a system software specialist for ten years before entering the seminary in 1988. I enjoy hiking, State Parks, history, science, reading, travel and baseball. I have been in 23 countries and 48 states, and still play baseball in an over-50 baseball league. I was ordained in 1992 and am now 62 years old. In my 26 years as a priest I have been assigned in Hopkins, St. Paul, Mound (pastor for 11 years), a cluster of three parishes in southern Dakota County, and most recently St. Ambrose of Woodbury. I am involved in leadership positions both within the Archdiocese and nationally.

I have been enjoying my time in Waconia and being "back home". Waconia is a beautiful city and we have a beautiful church with an amazing parish school. I see many good things happening here and have hopes for what we will accomplish together. As a parish we have a mission to *Know, Love, and Serve the Lord*. We endeavor to accomplish this by building up community with radical hospitality; evangelizing our parishioners; supporting Catholic education for all ages; being administratively transparent; and developing stewardship as a way of life. Some ways I see our mission being implemented by the people of our parish is in creating a welcoming attitude that respects ideas from its members and helps them use their talents in the best way possible; providing excellent worship experiences; creating more opportunities for our young people to engage in learning and experiencing their faith; helping people with real, relevant ways of living their faith; and extending our outreach to more places and causes.

## School receives donation from Knights of Columbus

In 1923 the St. Joseph Church chapter of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 2506 was called to order for the first time. During the 1950s through most of the 1970s, Council No. 2506 sponsored a musical organization known as the K of C Drum & Bugle Corps. In 1955 led by band director Joe Diethelm, used musical instruments were purchased. Uniforms were distinctively regal in style. The corps made its first public appearance in the Carver County Centennial Parade, held in Waconia. Jerry Engelen was the spirited drum major, leading the corps on



to recognition with many awards for numerous public appearances. The 1974 calendar of parade appearances, typical of most yearly schedules, started in March at a St. Patrick's Day Parade in Minneapolis and ended in New Prague with the Kolatchky Day Parade in September.

Earlier this Fall, the Knights of Columbus donated some of the remaining Drum & Bugle Corps funds to St. Joseph School. We are grateful for the continued support of the KCs.

Today St. Joseph School continues a musical tradition. St. Joe's middle school students all participate in band for at least two years. In 5<sup>th</sup> grade, students and staff work to find the best instrument for each student and then our scholars take off with their musical studies for at least two years. Research supports the positive impact that learning to play an instrument has on brain development while learning and our students show that it is worthwhile, they sound amazing!

## St. Joseph alum dies at age 101

Katherine Elizabeth Lipp Hall, 101, died October 18, 2018. The only child of William George Lipp and Mary Teresa Allmann Lipp, Mrs. Hall was born in Princeton, Minnesota on September 3, 1917.

She moved with her parents to Waconia as a preschooler in 1923. After attending St. Joseph Catholic School, Katherine graduated from Waconia High School as valedictorian of her 1935 class.

A degree from Minneapolis Business College in hand, she went to work as a secretary for the head of the Cornelius Company in Minneapolis. There she met Wayne A. Hall, a senior machinist. The two were married at St. Joseph Church in Waconia on November 6, 1943 and settled in Minneapolis. After the birth of their first child, the young couple returned to Waconia where Wayne worked with Katherine's father at Carver County Oil, a Pure Oil station. Katherine served as the company's bookkeeper.

Katherine and Wayne were the parents of five children who all attended St. Joseph School, Kathleen M. Hall Jamieson, William V. Hall, James W. Hall, Rita Clare Hall, and Anita Jean Hall.

In 1968, the Halls closed Carver County Oil and took jobs in Minneapolis, Wayne at the University of Minnesota as a driver, Katherine as a customer service associate at IDS.

After retiring, Katherine served for more than two decades as the sacristan for St. Joseph Church in Waconia. Wayne died in 2006. Katherine remained in Waconia until 2013 when she moved to Bloomington to be closer to family.

# ST. JOSEPH ALUM

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Angela Dimler, Class of 2000, is the Director of Strategic Communications for Catholic Community Foundation in St. Paul, Minnesota. Angela's teachers remember her as being a bright, hard-working student. Angie had a very strong faith growing up. Even as a young girl, she had a sense of justice and loyalty and would fight for what was morally right.

Angela is the daughter of Drew and Kathy Dimler of St. Bonifacius. Angela reflects on her years at St. Joseph School.

## **Tell us a bit about what you have been doing since 8th grade!**

I attended Holy Family Catholic High School followed by the University of Minnesota. From there, I joined Teach For America and taught the sixth grade in South Phoenix while earning my Master's of Elementary Education from Arizona State University. Then, for three years, I worked on staff for Teach For America supporting young educators in more than 30 Title I schools across the Phoenix Valley. I moved back to Minnesota in 2014 and now serve as the director of strategic communications for the Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota. I'm currently working toward my Master's of Business Administration at St. Catherine University in Saint Paul.



*Angela Dimler (Class of 2000)*

## **What is your greatest professional accomplishment?**

I feel blessed to have had a variety of professional experiences, all of which have allowed me to use the creativity God gave me in service of social justice. I think that's what fulfills me most in my professional career.

## **Did you have a favorite subject or teacher at SJ?**

When I was a teacher, I often found myself thinking of my fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Pauley. I wished my school would have let me hang bright and colorful umbrellas upside down from the ceiling in my classroom the way she did. But mostly, I prayed to be able to teach self-confidence and creativity to my students the way she did.

## **Favorite Memory at SJ?**

I loved the whole school Advent prayer services. All the grades would gather in the entryway of the old school, filling the two winding wooden stairways on each side of the statue of St. Joseph. After praying together and lighting the candles of the Advent wreath, the grades would take turns selecting sacred hymns and secular songs to sing. I remember feeling like we were a school family at those gatherings.

## **Any lifelong friends that you met while at SJ?**

You know what? I still keep in touch with my little first grade reading buddy. She, too, attended Holy Family Catholic High School, and then later, while deciding on a college, spent a weekend with me at the University of Minnesota.

## **We are a STEM school now, any advice for students to make the most of their experience at SJ?**

Learn to love learning, especially through reading. Reading opens doors professionally, helping you to keep your skills current in a world where industries change rapidly. But reading also opens your mind to new peoples, places, and ideas, helping you to become a more understanding and compassionate person.



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