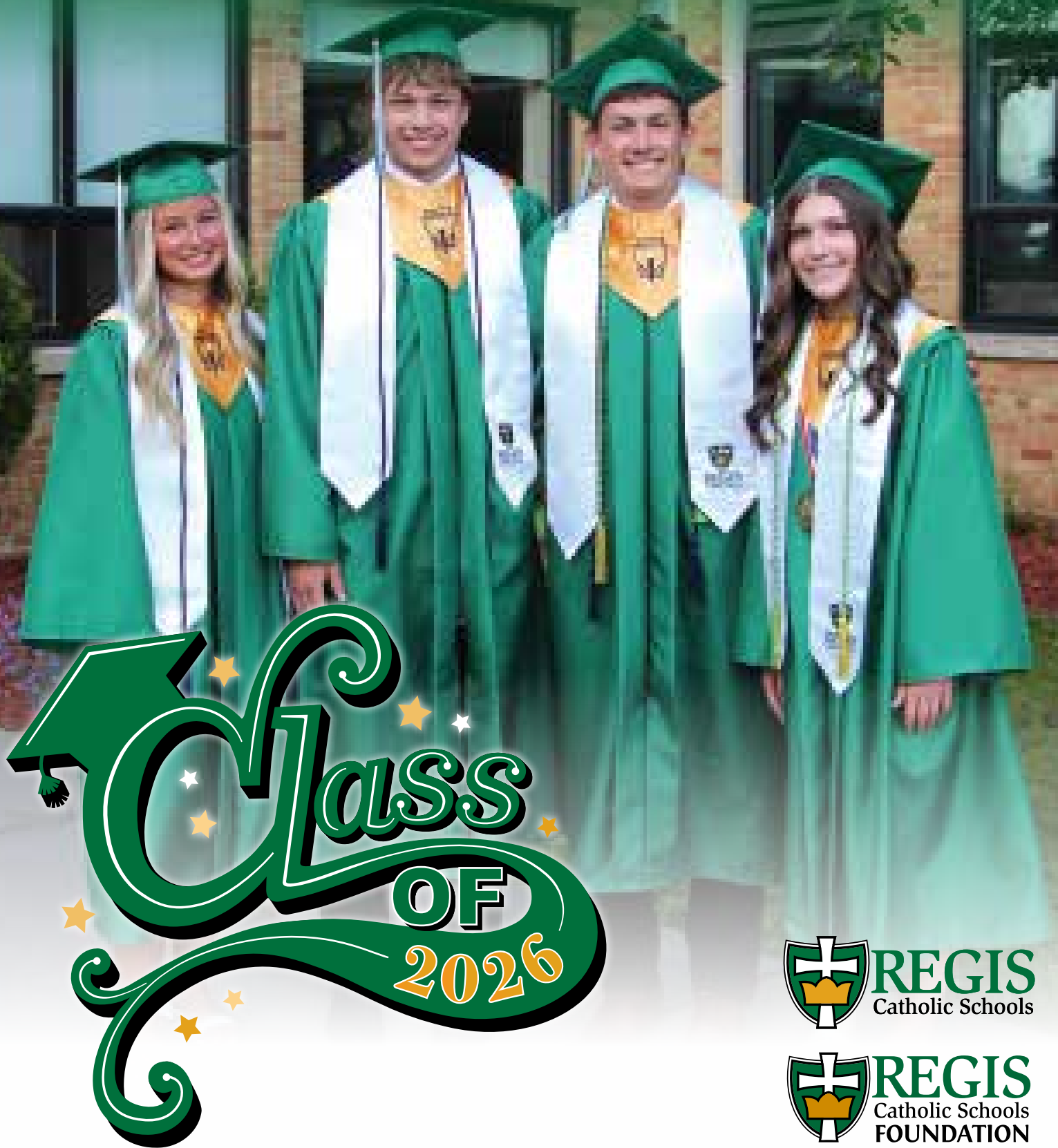


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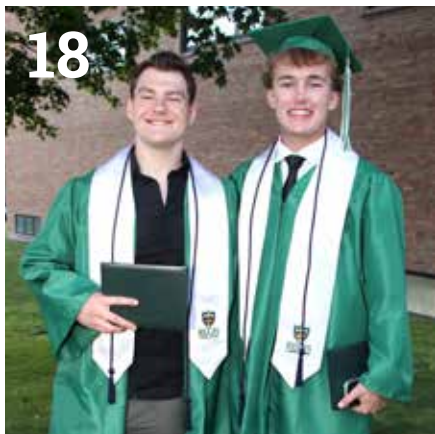
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### OUR MISSION

Regis Catholic Schools is dedicated to educating students of all faiths in a Catholic, Christ-centered environment. We are united by Our Core Values of *Living Faith*, *Accepting Responsibility*, *Promoting Teamwork*, *Achieving Excellence*, and *Inspiring Leadership*.

### OUR VISION

Inspired by our Catholic tradition, Regis Catholic Schools will provide the highest quality programs possible from early childhood through high school to nourish the body, mind, and soul of each student and to help them become faithful servants of Christ the King.





## Maybe God wanted a struggling high school student to eventually serve Regis.

### Report

### From the Dean

seeing the senior pictures emerge more and more on my Facebook feed, receiving via mail and virtual invite invitations to graduation parties. Friends are sending random private messages of memorable graduation speeches that moved them. Graduation is here: A time of ends, beginnings, and transitions.

This nostalgic temptation for this Rambler Report is rooted in the fact that this may be one of my last reflections as Dean. When a Priest is made a Dean, we are to serve up to two, three year terms. I am entering the final months of my sixth year as Dean so... transitions are coming for me too.

Truth be told, I don't like administration. My time of prayer and study in seminary was oriented toward building souls, not building buildings. The quasi-superintendent role Deans are asked to embrace is something I was neither trained for nor desired. It reminds me of my senior year of high school when, on the last day of school, I chose to skip the post-school day frivolities graduates are known for and simply got into my parents' 1984 Buick Century they let me drive that day and went home. High school was not, sadly, the "best years of my life" experience that we all hope for. I was done and I had no intention of ever walking into a school again.

Isn't it amazing, God's sense of humor.

If you would have told the 18-year-old version of me that I would have spent seven years as a high school teacher and then six in an administrative capacity I would questioned your sanity. Still, here we are. Thirteen years of my Priesthood have been given to intentional ministry to Catholic education. And I wouldn't have it any other way. My high school experience as a student was difficult, but my ministerial experience with Regis has provided for me some of the most memorable moments of my life

It's tempting for me to wax nostalgically in this graduation edition of the Rambler Report. I'm

as a priest to date. Maybe God wanted a struggling high school student to eventually serve Regis.

With every nostalgic glow comes a rim of rust. I was far from perfect in either ministry as Chaplain and Dean. Mistakes were made, decisions I do regret and so forth. Still, as I find myself a year older and a bit more "follically challenged," I'm also trusting St. Thomas Aquinas' understanding of Divine Providence a bit more - Some how, some way, even when we don't understand how God is working in our lives, God is working in our lives. Therefore, despite my temptation to apologize for everything I perceive as failures as a Dean, I instead thank God for the opportunity and count every moment as grace.

If I can only reflect on one thing I miss about being a Chaplain of a high school it would be watching students grow. Though my second stint of working with Regis was not the daily blessing and grind of teaching in the classroom, I feel such pride when I see our students at Regis. My only regret is that I wish I could have walked with them more intentionally. Still, this isn't an end, but a beginning. This isn't the final cadence of a song, but a transitional interlude to the next movement. God still calls me as He calls you to walk with these young people in faith as they leave Regis - Whether their departure is full of sadness, joy or relief.

In that spirit, no goodbyes. Instead, I'll see you on the road to Emmaus. And when I see you there, let us seek the face of Christ on that journey.

Fr. James Kurzynski  
Dean, Eau Claire Deanery





## At the heart of everything we do is our Catholic identity.



**Dear Regis Community, Parents,  
Alumni, Benefactors, and Friends,**

**Grace and peace to you in Christ.**

As we reflect on the blessings God continues to pour upon our school community, I am filled with gratitude for the generations of families, educators, clergy, alumni, and benefactors who have helped build the strong foundation upon which Regis Catholic Schools stands today. Our mission remains as vital as ever: to provide an exceptional Catholic education that forms students intellectually, spiritually, morally, and socially while preparing them to lead lives of faith, service, and purpose.

In an educational landscape that is changing rapidly, Regis remains firmly committed to balancing the traditions that have defined Catholic education for centuries with the innovations necessary to prepare students for the future. We believe that faith and excellence are not competing priorities; rather, they are complementary pillars that shape the whole child. Our students are challenged academically, inspired spiritually, and encouraged to discover and develop the unique gifts God has given them.

At the heart of everything we do is our Catholic identity. Faith formation is not simply one part of the school day—it is woven throughout the entire student experience. Through daily prayer, regular celebration of the Eucharist, opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, service to others, and meaningful encounters with Christ, we seek

to nurture disciples who understand their God-given dignity and their responsibility to serve the world around them. Our curriculum is firmly rooted in Catholic doctrine and guided by the teachings of the Church, helping students develop a moral framework that will serve them throughout their lives.

At the same time, Regis embraces the opportunities of a new educational era. Our students engage with modern technology, innovative instructional practices, and rigorous academic programs designed to prepare them for success in college, careers, and beyond. From early childhood education through graduation, we strive to cultivate critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and leadership. Our graduates leave Regis not only with strong academic credentials but also with the character and faith necessary to make a positive difference in their communities.

The strength of Regis Catholic Schools has always been found in its people. Dedicated teachers and staff members model Christian values each day while providing students with individualized support and encouragement. Parents remain our essential partners in education, and our alumni and supporters continue to strengthen our mission through their prayers, advocacy, and generosity. Together, we form a community united by a shared commitment to Catholic education

## Report

### From the President

and to the formation of young men and women who will become faithful disciples and servant leaders.

As we look toward the future, we do so with confidence and hope. We are proud of our traditions, grateful for our present blessings, and excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. With Christ at the center of our mission, we will continue to provide an educational experience that develops both minds and hearts, preparing students to thrive in a changing world while remaining steadfast in their faith.

Thank you for your continued support of Regis Catholic Schools. Your partnership helps ensure that our mission will continue to flourish for generations to come.

In Christ,

*Paul Pedersen*

Paul Pedersen '89  
President



**Every six years,** Regis Catholic Schools completes a rigorous accreditation process through Wisconsin Religious & Independent Schools Accreditation (WRISA). Our system was last accredited during the 2019–20 school year, and we were grateful to again participate in the process during the 2025-26 school year.

In early March 2026, a team of representatives from across the Diocese of La Crosse visited all of our PreK–12 facilities to review the evidence we have collected as part of this process. Their visit included the Regis Catholic Schools Central Office, Regis High School, Regis Middle School, Immaculate Conception Elementary School, St. James Elementary School, and St. Mary's Elementary School.

Accreditation provides an opportunity for Regis Catholic Schools to examine the entire system - our programs, curriculum, policies, culture, operations, and leadership - to determine how effectively all of these elements work together to serve our students. Engaging in this process reflects





our commitment to honestly evaluating our strengths and areas for growth as we pursue continuous improvement and uphold the best practices in Catholic education.

**The accreditation review focuses on four key domains:**

1. Mission & Catholic Identity
2. Governance & Leadership
3. Academic Excellence
4. Operational Vitality

**We are proud to share that the visiting team has recommended Regis Catholic Schools for full accreditation at all levels for the next six years. We were evaluated on 72 indicators, and on no indicator were we scored below the required benchmark. Members of the visiting team also highlighted several strengths within our system that they wished to bring back to implement within their individual buildings and systems.**

The visiting team identified the following commendations that we are proud to share:

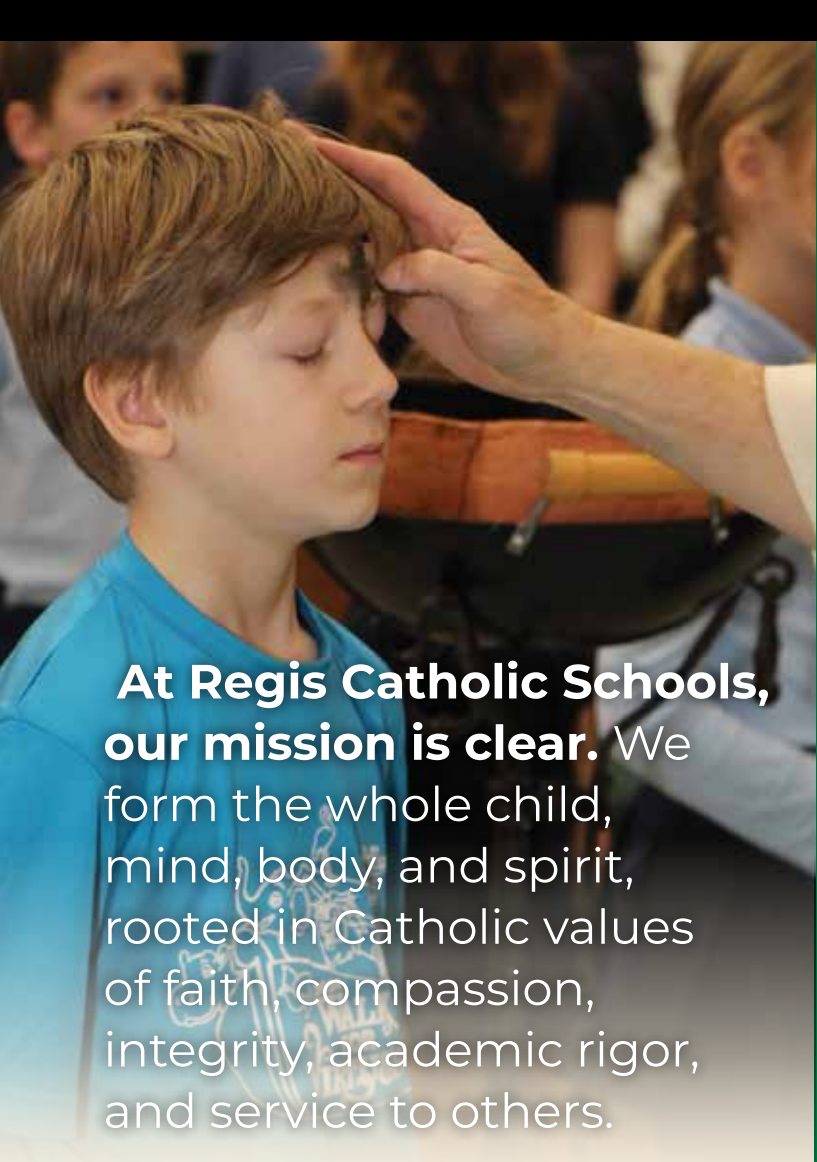
- Our Regis Catholic Schools Central Office, particularly our HR department, was commended for its organization and attention to detail.
- At all of our buildings, the students were described as being incredibly happy and joyful to be at school every day.
- At the elementary school level, the students were identified as being extremely well-behaved and respectful.
- At Regis High School and Regis Middle School in particular, the Campus Ministry program and overall commitment to Catholic identity were both highly praised. It was noted that our middle and high school student body regularly participates in meaningful faith formation.
- At Immaculate Conception Elementary School, the strong parent-teacher partnership was highlighted, with an emphasis on the robust level of communication between school and home.
- At St. James Elementary School, the faculty and staff were commended for promoting a positive team atmosphere, working together to accomplish shared goals.
- At St. Mary's Elementary School, the principal and faculty were praised for clearly spelling out expectations, with the students consistently exceeding those expectations.

In light of this encouraging news, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our dedicated teachers and staff. Their daily commitment to excellence, faith, and service is what makes Regis Catholic Schools such a special place for our students and families.

We are also deeply grateful for the continued support of our families, alumni, parish partners, and benefactors. Their commitment to Catholic education strengthens our mission and allows Regis Catholic Schools to remain a place where students grow academically, spiritually, and personally.

**Together, we look forward to building on this strong foundation as we continue forming young people in faith, knowledge, and character for years to come.**





**At Regis Catholic Schools, our mission is clear.** We form the whole child, mind, body, and spirit, rooted in Catholic values of faith, compassion, integrity, academic rigor, and service to others.

To ensure we are faithfully pursuing this mission for generations to come, Regis Catholic Schools and the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation have partnered with Arcadia Education, a national leader in Catholic school strategy, to develop Vision 2030, a bold, five-year plan for growth and excellence. **We express our deepest gratitude to the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation for providing the resources to make this effort possible.**

Approved by the Diocese of La Crosse Superintendent of Catholic Schools and the Eau Claire Deanery, Vision 2030 is more than a plan. It is a shared commitment to build abundance across our entire community.

# — VISION — 2030

Leading *with* Excellence,  
Inspiring a Greater Tomorrow

## OUR PROMISE

### Excellence

We uphold excellence across all aspects of our education.

### Right Way to be Formed

Our students possess a distinct character formed through a rich Catholic cultural and academic tradition.

### Distinguished Alumni Network

We honor a long tradition that animates our families, alumni, and community.

### Prosperity

A Regis Catholic Schools education opens the door to a higher level of success and connects students with a prosperous future.

*"This initiative is a significant ensuring we are not only meeting the needs of our students today, but preparing them for a successful future."*

*- Paul Pedersen '89, Regis Catholic Schools President*

## A DISTINGUISHED EDUCATION

### Preparation for Lifelong Success

Regis Catholic Schools provides the best programs, teachers, and facilities so students can fully develop their talents and passions.

### Personalized College & Career Guidance

Our students graduate with a clarity of purpose through personalized guidance toward colleges or career.

### Legacy of Community Service

Regis Catholic Schools has a rich heritage of excellence, community connections, and generations of proud graduates.



## OUR FOCUS

Regis Catholic Schools is building toward a bold future, one rooted in our Catholic mission and focused on what matters most: forming young people in faith, wisdom, character, and excellence.

Over the next five years, Regis will make strategic investments to strengthen teaching, support each individual student, attract and retain outstanding educators, grow enrollment, and prepare students for lives of purpose after graduation.

This is not change for its own sake. It is a commitment to becoming the strongest schools we can be for the families we serve today and for the generations still to come.

### 1 | Delivering Masterful Catholic Teaching and Personalized Learning

Great schools are built by great teachers. While educational fads come and go, we are renewing our commitment to offer the kind of engaging, joyful, intellectually rigorous experience that has proven itself in education for generations, to every student in every classroom, with a distinct Catholic grounding.

In the years ahead, Regis Catholic Schools will invest in stronger academic leadership, clearer alignment across grade levels, and meaningful professional development for teachers. Just as importantly, we are committed to ensuring that every student is truly seen, known, and supported as a unique child of God with distinct gifts, needs, and potential.

### 2 | Recruiting and Retaining Highly Qualified Educators and Staff

If we want to offer families the very best Catholic education, we must continue to invest in the people who make that possible every day.

Regis Catholic Schools will take important steps to recruit, reward, and retain highly effective teachers and

staff. This began with bonuses in the 2025–26 school year and will continue through a long-term commitment to strengthen compensation, professional growth, and leadership development. The goal is clear: to build a culture where excellence is encouraged, supported, and recognized.

### 3 | Strengthening Student Retention and Enrollment Demand

Families have more educational choices than ever. Regis Catholic Schools will meet that moment with clarity and confidence by telling our story well, strengthening the student experience, and growing enrollment in a way that preserves the flourishing community families value.

This includes creating stronger pathways from our child development centers into our elementary schools, supporting key transition years such as 4K to kindergarten, and ensuring that growth never comes at the expense of the close-knit, student-centered environment that defines Regis. We welcome all families into the Regis community.

### 4 | Providing Robust College/Career Counseling and Alumni Networking

A Regis Catholic Schools education is about more than graduation. It is about helping young men and women discover who they are called to become.

Regis Catholic Schools will continue to strengthen college and career counseling. We see an important opportunity to deepen connections with alumni and the wider community, opening doors for mentorship, networking, and shared support.

At the heart of this work is a spirit of gratitude and service. Regis has been blessed by generations of families, alumni, parishioners, and supporters. The next chapter of our story will be shaped by that same generosity and shared commitment.

*“Vision 2030 is our roadmap to abundance, ensuring Regis remains strong, faithful, and student-focused.”*

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meeting the needs  
preparing them for



# — VISION —

# 2030

## Leading *with* Excellence, Inspiring a Greater Tomorrow



Vision 2030 represents our commitment to long-term institutional excellence and health by ensuring Regis Catholic Schools offers students and families the best education in the Chippewa Valley in a transformative Catholic school environment.

We began moving forward with our efforts during the 2025-26 school year and accomplished several major milestones.

### 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS



#### **Hiring of Chief Learning Officer (CLO)**

This position will ensure that all Regis schools are unified in pursuit of academic excellence with a deeply Catholic identity, and will support the professional development, coaching, and evaluation processes that underpin a staff culture of mutual support and continual improvement.



#### **Staff Bonuses**

To support the goal of increased compensation, reward its great educators, and be competitive in hiring the best teachers, a performance-based bonus system was offered in 2025-26, and will be continued for the 2026-27 school year.



#### **Academic Excellence Working Group**

This group has crafted a renewed vision for Academic Excellence, with the approval of the Diocese and Deanery, and built a framework for academic coaching and development to support its implementation across the Regis system.



#### **Child Development Center Plan**

An action plan has been developed for the child development centers in pursuit of staffing stability and quality, and to position Regis and Genesis Child Development Centers to create space to offer the highest quality care to as many Eau Claire families as possible.



#### **Enrollment Benchmarks Met**

Enrollment goals across the system were successfully achieved, reflecting strong family confidence in our schools and continued momentum for future growth.



#### **Strong Staff Retention**

High staff retention rates demonstrate a positive workplace culture, dedicated educators, and a strong commitment to our mission and students.



#### **Focus on Leadership Alignment**

Intentional efforts have been made to strengthen collaboration and alignment among school and system leadership to support unified goals, clear communication, and long-term success.

We look forward to moving forward with this vision of institutional excellence in 2026-27 through a renewed emphasis on staff development, continued growth in enrollment and teacher compensation, and an organization-wide focus on holistic student formation in the best of the Catholic tradition.



**Regis Catholic Schools is pleased to announce Kayla Bahnub, our previous Enrollment & Tuition Coordinator, has taken on a new role as our system's first Chief Learning Officer (CLO).**

This vital role, which is new to our system as part of our Vision 2030 efforts, will significantly shape the future of Regis Catholic Schools. The CLO will ensure a coherent, faithful, excellent PreK-12 instructional programming across every Regis school by holding the vision for Catholic academic excellence and building the systems that sustain it. This includes professional development, observation, coaching, and curriculum alignment. This is a defining step forward for Regis and reflects our commitment not only to sustain excellence, but to deepen and unify it across our entire system.

Kayla holds a bachelor's degree from UW-Eau Claire and a master's degree in Educational Leadership from St. Mary's University in Minnesota. She served as the principal of Immaculate Conception Elementary School from 2019 to the summer of 2024, at which time she took on the role as our Regis Catholic Schools Enrollment & Tuition Coordinator.

"My experience at Regis has truly been a blessing in my life, and I am so excited to work with all Regis Catholic Schools families to ensure they receive a high-quality Catholic education," Kayla said. "Accepting the role of Chief Learning Officer is both an honor and a responsibility I carry with deep gratitude. I look forward to supporting educators, strengthening instructional practices, and helping every student discover their God-given vocation."



**Kayla Bahnub**  
Chief Learning Officer



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## Leading *with* Excellence, Inspiring a Greater Tomorrow

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### Where did this initiative come from and why now?

Despite a long tradition of serving Eau Claire students and families with distinction, over the past several years, Regis has experienced a trend of high leadership turnover and flat enrollment. Among some community members, there was a growing sense that change was needed. In the fall of 2024, some members of the Regis community, including Dean Fr. James Kurzynski, along with members of the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation, believed that the time had come to undergo a full strategic planning process to reverse these trends and put Regis back on the path toward long-term institutional stability and flourishing.

#### How is Vision 2030 funded?

The Regis Catholic Schools Foundation is providing 100% of the financial resources required to make our Vision 2030 effort possible. We express our deepest gratitude to the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation and its donors for making this possible. No tuition funds are being used.

#### What is Arcadia Education, and how is the organization assisting these efforts?

Arcadia Education is a consulting group that has assisted schools across the nation, including several Catholic school systems and parish institutions, in creating and implementing strategic plans like Vision 2030. They bring expertise in leadership, financial, operational, and academic systems, and have worked with Regis on leadership structures, a vision and plan for academic excellence, and resource allocation planning.

#### What is the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation's role as it relates to Vision 2030?

In addition to funding the initiative, two Foundation board members serve on the Vision 2030 Steering Committee, alongside the Regis Catholic Schools Dean, its President, and leadership team members representing academics, finance, development, and communications. This group is responsible for driving the faithful and effective implementation of Vision 2030.

### **What is being done to support our leaders and teachers to drive retention and professional development?**

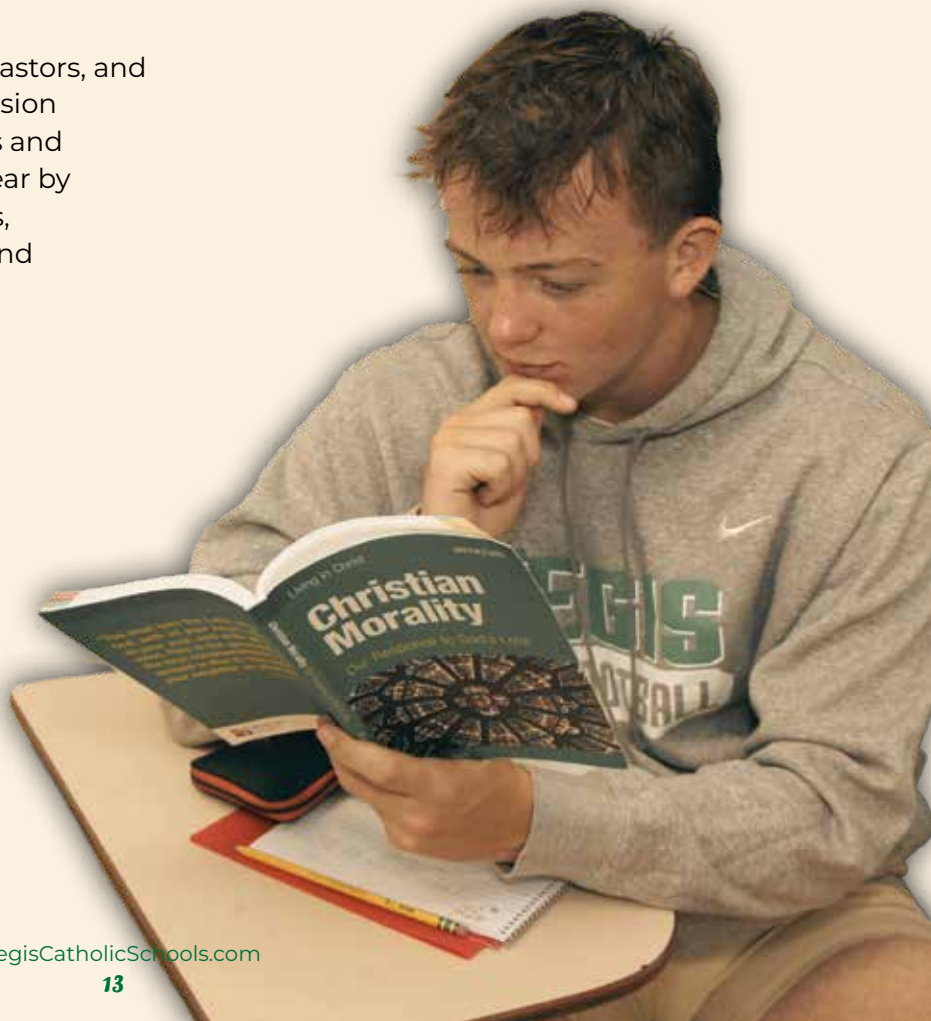
Over the course of the 2025-26 school year, leaders have received coaching and systematic training in a professional development model premised on continual observation, feedback, and instructional coaching. Starting in the fall of 2026, teachers will experience a marked increase in collaborative development and coaching support. While Regis has a faculty of excellent teachers, it has lacked these consistent systems to support all staff across all schools.

### **How is progress toward enrollment growth, curriculum excellence, and long-term sustainability being measured?**

Regis is tracking a variety of metrics, in addition to enrollment growth and income that can be applied to educator salaries. Student outcomes, including college and career placement, scholarship earnings, performance on key assessments, and retention rates, will be tracked. We will look for growth in the effectiveness of our leadership and classroom teachers within the new academic framework, as well as student and family surveys. We will also regularly measure family satisfaction and pastoral perceptions of the Regis system, with the goal of knowing and responding to community concerns.

### **How will this process help support our system's Catholic identity?**

Regis has sought the input of its Dean, pastors, and other Catholic institutions in crafting a vision for Catholic identity in schools. Principals and teachers will begin the 2026-27 school year by ensuring that in classrooms, lesson plans, and school programs, Catholic identity and the pursuit of discipleship to Jesus are not something added onto existing material but form the heart and soul of every student's education at Regis schools.





## 2026 Faculty & Staff

### Appreciation Awards

L-R: Mike Bruning, Charly Kostka, Tracy Nelson, Dori Fadness, Alexis Toledo  
Missing From Photo: Erika Galewski, Emily Gehling

#### Teacher of the Year

##### Immaculate Conception Elementary School

###### Dori Fadness

For more than two decades, Dori has faithfully served Regis with a commitment that goes far beyond the classroom. Her years here are not just measured in time, but in the countless lives she has impacted along the way.

Every day, Dori works to ensure that her students are not only taught—but truly seen, known, and loved. She understands that education is about more than academics; it's about forming relationships, building confidence, and helping each child recognize their God-given dignity and potential.

Dori's impact extends well beyond her own classroom. She has been a steady and supportive mentor to our newer staff, especially those on the top floor, helping to create a welcoming, collaborative, and encouraging environment.

##### St. James Elementary School

###### Tracy Nelson

Tracy has just completed her third year as the 1st grade teacher at St. James Elementary School, and is beyond deserving of this recognition. Everything Tracy does is rooted in kindness, compassion, and genuine care for others. The moment you walk into Tracy's classroom, you immediately feel a sense of warmth, love, and positivity. She treats every single student as if they were her own child, ensuring that each one feels safe, valued, and deeply cared for. There is never a shortage of love and encouragement within her classroom walls.

In addition to her nurturing heart, Tracy has an incredible ability to create a true love for learning among her students. She pours her energy and creativity into designing lessons that are engaging, meaningful, and fun. Her classroom is filled with excitement, curiosity, and joy each day. Most importantly, Tracy consistently meets the needs of all learners in her classroom. She creates an inclusive environment

where every child is supported, challenged, and given the opportunity to succeed.

##### St. Mary's Elementary School

###### Erika Galewski

Throughout this year, Erika has made a lasting impact on our school community through her commitment to both academic excellence and social-emotional growth. One of her most meaningful accomplishments was completing her Breathe For Change certification and using that experience to develop a Grace & Growth program for students, teachers, and families. This initiative has helped foster stronger relationships, reflection, and encouragement within our school community.

Erika also continuously seeks ways to improve instruction by incorporating new technology and innovative strategies into the classroom to better engage and support all learners. Her passion for growth inspires both her students and colleagues.

What truly makes Erika extraordinary is her perseverance and unwavering belief in children. She refuses to give up



on students, while also holding them accountable for their words, actions, and academics because she genuinely wants them to succeed. She leads every interaction with love, kindness, patience, and grace, making her an incredible role model for students and staff alike.

## **Regis Middle School**

### **Charly Kostka**

Charly is an extraordinary middle school science teacher full of compassion, patience, and dedication. Charly approaches each student with a nurturing sense of care, ensuring that every child feels valued, supported, and encouraged both academically and personally. Her classroom is a place where curiosity thrives, confidence grows, and students know they are safe to learn and make mistakes.

Through her warmth and kindness, Charly builds strong relationships with students and families, creating a genuine sense of trust and community. She consistently goes above and beyond to help students succeed, often serving as both mentor and steady source of encouragement during important middle school years.

Charly's ability to combine excellence in teaching with heartfelt care truly elevates the profession and leaves a lasting impact on everyone she serves.

## **Regis High School**

### **Mike Bruning**

Mike exemplifies the highest standards of the teaching profession. As a high school English teacher, Mike consistently demonstrates professionalism, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to student success. His classroom is built on respect, engagement, and high expectations, creating an environment where students feel

both challenged and supported. Mike has developed outstanding relationships with students and parents alike through his approachable nature, strong communication, and genuine care for others. Students value his encouragement and passion for learning, while parents appreciate the trust and partnership he fosters throughout the school year.

Beyond the classroom, Mike serves as a respected leader and role model among colleagues. He consistently elevates the profession of education through his dedication, positivity, and commitment to excellence. His impact extends far beyond academics, shaping the character and confidence of the students he serves and strengthening the entire school community through his example.

## **Administrative Support Staff of the Year**

### **Alexis Toledo | Food Service Director**

Alexis has been our Food Services Director for the past two years. In this position, she oversees the breakfast and lunch programs at our elementary, middle, and high schools. Alexis and her team serve nutritious meals to hundreds of students with more than 11,000 breakfasts and lunches in April alone!

She is quick to fill in at the schools as needed, so many of you have had the opportunity to be greeted by her smile. Alexis is friendly and approachable when on the front line. She is respected, a team player, and positive in all situations. She also works tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure all the administrative and reporting tasks are completed well in advance of any deadlines.

Alexis has also helped out this past year at other events throughout

the system outside of the food services programs. She organized, prepped, and served the yogurt parfait bar at our back-to-school event last fall, which we all had the opportunity to enjoy. Our system is better because of her, and we are truly grateful to have her as part of the Regis Catholic Schools family.

## **Support Staff of the Year**

### **Emily Gehling | Administrative Assistant, St. James Elementary School**

Emily has been a dedicated member of the St. James Elementary School team for the past six years. She began her journey in our building as the lead cook and has just completed her first year serving as our administrative assistant. To say she has transformed the atmosphere of our building in this new role would be an understatement. Emily brings exceptional attention to detail, organization, positivity, humor, and a willingness to step in wherever and whenever needed. She is often the steady presence behind the scenes, ensuring everything runs smoothly, even amid the daily chaos of a busy school environment.

What makes Emily truly special is the way she treats every child, family member, and staff member with genuine kindness, patience, and respect. On any given day, she serves as the school nurse, problem solver, event coordinator, welcoming face at the front desk, and even our professional building decorator. There is no task too big or too small for her to take on with grace and dedication. Emily's consistency and flexibility have been an incredible blessing to our school community.

# YEARS OF SERVICE

## 5 Years

Mitchel Abts  
Patricia Campbell  
Taylor Cedar  
Jamie Doran  
Marsha Flater  
June Hootman  
Susan Hubbard  
Megan Lehmann  
Sarah Plehal  
Ann Reinders  
Mary Jo Sprunk  
Carrie Straw  
Danielle Trullinger  
Laura Vallez

## 10 Years

Dawn Benning  
Emily Brissette  
Mera Hoeschen  
Sarah Patera  
Deanna Prihoda  
Jaimee Rosene

## 15 Years

Stephanie Best  
Rachel Lilly

## 25 Years

Rebecca Santine  
Leslie Steinke

## 35 Years

Gayle Flaig



Congratulations and best wishes  
to our retiring staff members!  
May God bless you as you begin  
this new adventure.



**13 Years**  
Shelly Kern

**6 Years**  
James Jeffries

**8 Years**  
Susan Maenner

**8 Years**  
Michael Bruning





## Jamie Ganske Named New Principal of Regis Middle School & Regis High School

**We are pleased to announce Jamie Ganske has been named Principal of Regis Middle School and Regis High School.**

Jamie has 18 years of dedicated experience in education—including seven years in administration and two years as a high school principal—bringing a wealth of expertise, leadership, and a deep-seated passion for student success.

Jamie's educational journey comes full circle with this job. A proud product of our local Catholic schools, she attended Immaculate Conception Elementary School and was a member of the first 8th grade class at Regis Middle School. She graduated from UW-Eau Claire in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology Teaching and a Broadfield Science Minor. She received her Master of Arts in Education and Principal License from Viterbo University in July of 2019.

"I am profoundly grateful and excited for this opportunity to serve the community that shaped my own foundation, and to walk alongside our students as they discover God's purpose for their lives," she said.

Jamie started her teaching career at Holy Family Catholic School in Arcadia, Wisconsin. She was later hired in the Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District, where she has worked for the past 14 years. She started as the PBIS District Coordinator and was also asked to start School-Based Mental Health. Jamie continued to grow and expand the mental health supports in the Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District, which led to her position as the Director of Mental Health and Resiliency. She then accepted a combined role over the past two years as the Principal of Chippewa Valley High School (CVHS) and the Mental Health and Resiliency Coordinator. Chippewa Valley High School exists to serve the needs of high school students who are currently at risk of dropping out of school or who may be at risk of dropping out in the future.

Outside of school, Jamie is supported by her husband, their three children, and their black lab. You can frequently find her cherishing family time and happily playing chauffeur, driving her kids to their various sporting events.

"Returning to Regis is the honor of a lifetime," she added. "I am incredibly excited for this new opportunity to use the experiences God has given me to serve, guide, and give back to the community that first nurtured my own faith and education."

Arcadia Education assisted with the candidate search process for this position and brought Jamie forth as a candidate. Various stakeholders within the Regis Catholic Schools community assisted in the interview process.

We express our gratitude to President Paul Pedersen, who has been serving as our interim Principal of Regis Middle School and Regis High School during the current school year.

Please keep Mrs. Ganske, Mr. Pedersen, and our entire Regis Catholic School system in your prayers during this transition.



## Sami Behnke Named New Enrollment & Tuition Coordinator

**We are pleased to announce Sami Behnke has been named Enrollment & Tuition Coordinator for Regis Catholic schools**

Sami, a proud Eau Claire native, brings a strong background in K-12 school counseling, district-level leadership, and student support programming to her role as Enrollment & Tuition Coordinator at Regis Catholic Schools. Her experience includes leading mental health, social-emotional learning, and ATOD initiatives while supporting students and families across diverse school settings.

Sami earned both her Master's Degree in School Counseling and Bachelor's Degree in Human

Development and Family Studies with a Communications concentration from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. She is passionate about building meaningful relationships, creating welcoming experiences for families, and supporting student success through compassionate, service-driven work.

"I believe every family deserves to feel genuinely welcomed, supported, and connected throughout every step of their educational journey, and I'm passionate about helping create that experience for each family I serve," Sami shares.

Sami is excited to join the Regis community and assist families with enrollment and tuition-related

questions while helping create a positive and welcoming experience for all. "I am truly excited to become part of the Regis Catholic Schools community, build meaningful relationships with families, and help create a welcoming, supportive experience for every student and parent I have the opportunity to work with," she said.

Outside of work, Sami enjoys spending time with her husband, who is also an educator, and their two wonderful boys. Their family attends St. Olaf Catholic Church and values faith, family, and community. They love spending time with family and friends, staying active in sports, and cheering on the Milwaukee Brewers, Green Bay Packers, and Wisconsin Badgers.



# Congratulations, Graduates!



It was an honor to  
present diplomas  
to our Regis High  
School graduates on  
May 27. Please keep  
these Ramblers in  
your prayers as they  
begin a new journey in life.

*May God's blessings follow you as you find new roads to travel. May you walk safely along the pathways of your dreams. May His gentle hand guide the decisions you will make and the passions that you will follow. May your hearts and lives always reflect His love and truth, and may hope be a light within you that you carry into each new day. Amen.*











## Valedictorian

Maya Ridenour



## Bishop's Medal

Luke Usher

## Salutatorian

Sylvia Spangler



# The Tradition Continues

Meet our multi-generational graduates from  
the Regis High School Class of 2026!



(LEFT TO RIGHT)

**Maya Ridenour '26**

**Rob Ridenour '97** (Father)

**Amber (Menard) Ridenour '97**  
(Mother)

**Deborah (Fink) Ridenour '69**  
(Grandmother)

**Jeffrey Menard '71** (Grandfather)

**Linda (Vinck) Menard '74**  
(Grandmother)

**Charles (Ed) Menard '38**  
(Great Grandfather)  
(St. Patrick's High School)

**Gertrude (Aubert) Menard '40**  
(Great Grandmother)  
(St. Patrick's High School)

**Lily Lewis '26**

**Sarah Lewis '99** (Mother)

**Therese Kern '26**

**Jeff Kern '80** (Father)

**Ashlee Dykes '26**

**Jenny (Kassing) Dykes '94** (Mother)

**Ann (Hogenson) Kassing '67**  
(Grandmother)

**Steve Kassing '67** (Grandfather)

**Isabelle Reichert '26**

**Christine Hart Reichert '69**  
(Grandmother)

**Brody Tarbox '26**

**Pamela (Welke) Weaver '75**  
(Grandmother)

**Carter Whiteside '26**

**Tim Whiteside '93** (Father)

**Angie (Hagmann) Whiteside '94**  
(Mother)

**Mike Hagmann '65** (Grandfather)

**Jim Whiteside '66** (Grandfather)

**Paul Whiteside '36**  
(Great Grandfather)  
(St. Patrick's High School)

**Bryce Penk '26**

**Marjorie (Bohlinger) Hasart '66**  
(Grandmother)

**Henry Bohlinger '44**  
(Great Grandfather)  
(St. Patrick's High School)

**Margaret (Haas) Bohlinger '44**  
(Great Grandmother)  
(St. Patrick's High School)





**Savannah Addis**  
UW-Eau Claire

**Ysabella Borton**  
UW-Madison

**Max Danielson**  
University of  
Minnesota - Duluth

**Claire Diaz**  
Chippewa Valley  
Technical College

**Ashlee Dykes**  
UW-Madison

**Ella Eager**  
UW-Madison

**Taylor Figy**  
University of  
Northwestern - St. Paul

**Grace Frederick**  
University of  
Minnesota Twin Cities

**Tyler Gehling**  
UW-La Crosse

**Katelynn Gohre**  
Minnesota State  
University - Mankato

**Ryder Hadt**  
UW-Madison

**Madysen Haus**  
University of  
Minnesota - Duluth

**Nicholas Helland**  
Chippewa Valley  
Technical College

**Logan Hoff**  
Join Workforce or  
Chippewa Valley  
Technical College

**Benjamin Jentlie**  
Join Workforce

**Aubrey Johnson**  
UW-Eau Claire

**Therese Kern**  
UW-Eau Claire

**John Kohel III**  
St. John's University  
(Minnesota)

**Richard "Joey" Kopp**  
Undecided

**Leonie Krause**  
Undecided

**Adelia Krueger**  
University of  
Minnesota - Twin Cities

**Annie Laporte**  
Chippewa Valley  
Technical College

**Stella Laufenberg**  
UW-River Falls

**Michael Leibham**  
Marquette University

**Lillian Lewis**  
UW-River Falls

**Felipe Luquetta Lis**  
Attend College or  
Join Military

**Evelyn Market**  
University of  
Minnesota - Duluth

**Juliana Martin**  
UW-Eau Claire

**Karah Nelson**  
University of  
Minnesota - Twin Cities

**Dorothy Neta**  
UW-Stevens Point

**Zachary Niedzwiecki**  
UW-Stout

**Grace Nyberg**  
Attend College (Undecided)

**Micah Olson**  
Viterbo University

**Bryce Penk**  
Attend College (Undecided)

**Natalie Pope**  
UW-Eau Claire

**Isabelle Reichert**  
UW-La Crosse

**Maya Ridenour**  
UW-Madison

**Austin Rideout**  
University of  
Minnesota - Duluth

**Blake Risler**  
St. John's University  
(Minnesota)

**Ruben Rodriguez Gonzalez**  
Attend College (Undecided)

**Kara Roers**  
Attend College (Undecided)

**Alexander Rosener**  
Join Workforce or  
Chippewa Valley  
Technical College

**Dominic Santine**  
St. Norbert College

**Jack Schroeder**  
The College of St. Scholastica

**Ryan Semerad**  
Chippewa Valley  
Technical College

**Landon Semling**  
Midland University  
(Omaha, Nebraska)

**Elijah Smith**  
Attend College (Undecided)

**Sylvia Spangler**  
University of Notre Dame

**Brady Strahm**  
UW-Eau Claire

**Brody Tarbox**  
UW-Stevens Point

**Luke Usher**  
Benedictine College

**Jason Vincent**  
U.S. Air Force

**Cale West**  
Join Workforce

**Carter Whiteside**  
UW-Stevens Point

**Veronica Wilkins**  
University of Charleston

**George Wolterstorff**  
University of St. Thomas

**You "Andy" Wu**  
Attend College (Undecided)

# Caps and Gowns

## Regis grad sings a farewell song

ARTICLE BY | Gabriel Gibbons (Leader-Telegram)  
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**From a young age, to his time approaching collage, Regis grad Dominic Santine has always carried a tune with him.**

“When I was three years old, we had our preschool Christmas concert, and we were singing ‘Frosty the Snowman.’ There was an open mic right in front of me. As a three year old kid, I walked up to the mic and started singing right into it,” Santine said. “I think that’s where my interest in music really started.”

In his freshman year of high school, Santine took his voice to the next level in the WSMA State Honors choir — the now senior at Regis says that’s when he began to find his voice.

“I was with a choir of 100 of the best singers in Wisconsin, that were all my age. That was so spectacular, because the music we sang was so fun, we had such a full sound,” Santine said. “That’s when I fell in love with choir, for sure.”







He attributes part of his love for song to a familial connection — his mother, Becky Santine, who acts as the choir director at Regis Middle School and Regis High School.

The Regis grad plans to continue on his music trajectory, being a recipient of a music merit scholarship from St. Norbert College, the news of which, he said, inspired his mother.

“She was really proud, because she’s my music teacher. She’s the one that taught me pretty much everything I know, and then to see me perform well enough to get the scholarship. I think that was really exciting for her, because I’m her son, so any success that I have is also her success,” Santine said. “It’s her victory too, because she’s the one that taught me to sing super well, so a lot of that success I can attribute to her.”

In addition to being familiar with music, competing at state is not exactly new for the vocalist, whether it’s making state for cross country his sophomore year, or wrapping up his time as a member of the Leviathans, the Pablo Center’s robotics team.

Competing in Brookfield, Wisconsin for the team caused him to reflect on being part of the crew since eighth grade.

“Those last five years of robotics — they were some of the best of my life, because it’s all about teamwork,” Santine said. “The coolest

part is you have a bunch of metal and electrical components that start as their own separate things, then over the course of about two months, they’ll get put together

into this one big, functioning robot. Then when it gets coded and starts moving around all on its own, it’s the coolest thing to see.”

Santine wants to see where a business degree will take him, and for the summer, he’s keeping busy with an internship program, College Works Painting. The Regis grad is also keeping up his cross country abilities to prepare for when he goes to school in the fall.



**“As a three year old kid, I walked up to the mic and started singing right into it.”**

In the spirit of his love for music, he remembers school dances as some of his fondest memories at the high school.

“I went to every single school dance I could, and I enjoyed them every single time,” Santine said. “I stayed there till the end for every single dance, except for one. School dances were probably my favorite.”

With those memories of friends, Santine believes he’ll miss Regis’ support from staff as well.

“I think we have a good community here,” Santine said. “The teachers are all really fantastic, and I think they’re the reason I’ve done so well here, because they want to see me succeed, and they’ve helped me along the way so much. I’m for sure going to end up missing this place after a little while.”



**As graduation season fills us with celebration, reflection, and excitement for what's ahead, we asked our parish priests to share their best advice for this year's Regis High School graduates.**

**From words of encouragement to reminders to stay grounded in faith, their messages offer wisdom for every student beginning a new chapter. Here's what they had to say.**



Advice is not often taken well. Why not refer to the following as some important learnings or lessons that graduates need for their lives to flourish!

Forming healthy habits, physical and spiritual, no matter where you are in life or how far you have traveled on the journey, is very important. Examine your habits in daily life. See whether all aspects are attended to with equal importance and devotion. For example, faith-life or sleep habits. A time to sleep and a time to wake up is actually a favor done to oneself. Your overall health and well-being depend upon good sleep. Following nature's rhythm is the key. Turning nights into days and days into nights is becoming an increasingly common lifestyle among today's young. Americans are frequently described as sleep-deprived. Having good discipline in using social media is also important.

Do not forget the roots - family, faith, and rich culture and tradition. Your roots have been strengthened in the soil of Regis Catholic Schools and nurtured by the love and care of your families. The past generations have nourished this soil with their many sacrifices and loving care. Each student has drawn nutrients from this rich soil over the past years to nourish and support their growth. Don't forget it. As you spread your wings far and wide, forget not your roots that were strengthened in this soil. Give something of yours back to that soil when you can.

I love the imagery of the Vine and the branches in the 15th chapter of the gospel of St John. No branch can bear fruit unless it is connected to the Vine. Jesus is the Vine, and we are the branches. This relationship with Jesus is necessary for bearing good fruit. I wish our young people and adults would realize this important truth and learn to foster it throughout their lives.

Life is a web of relationships. You are connected to a family, faith community, and still larger community of the world. You cannot ignore or avoid the connection you have. Your life flourishes in the network of relationships. Every step of the way, you need a close relationship with others. In any relationship, each person has a role to play in helping it grow and mature. Failure to be fully connected with your family, to a life of faith, and to your faith community causes you more harm. Several young people repeatedly make the mistake of not being connected with God and with family. Fostering a life of prayer, both personal and community-based, is important. Sadly, many seem not to learn from others' mistakes.

Life needs skills to live well. Developing soft skills is vital to any relationship and task accomplishment."

Fr. Francis | Immaculate Conception Parish





**“A**lways remember who, and Whose, you are. You are entering the next chapter of your life. You will be confronted with many voices that will want to tell you who you are or what you should want. If you remember who and Whose you are, you will see the world in all its goodness, truth, and beauty. You will live life fully.”

Fr. Klos | Sacred Heart of Jesus - St. Patrick Parish

**“S**o many people live focused on what they can get or take from God, Church, family, friends, or community, but if you want a meaningful, joyful, and fulfilling life, seek to live by what you can give to God, Church, family, friends, and community.”

Fr. Dan | The Newman Parish

**“F**or our graduates, after all the ceremonies and graduation parties are over, it's time to continue with building the life you are given. God will carry you through life, whether you acknowledge that or not. But the more we acknowledge God and cultivate an awareness of God's sustaining and guiding hand in our lives, the richer our lives will be. In a recent Sunday gospel, Jesus said that he came that we might have life and have it in abundance. So, pray and think about God. At the end of your busy days, before you drift off to sleep, think about the previous 16 hours, things you can be proud of, things that were sacred, and things that you regret and can improve if a similar situation presents itself the next day. That simple prayer of reviewing your day has been a bedrock in my life and keeps me aware of God's closeness.

Further, I would encourage you to do volunteer service. At universities, there are lots of opportunities. When I was in college, I volunteered to tutor grade school children who were having trouble learning. Not only did that keep my faith active, but it also connected me with fellow volunteers who shared my values and became good friends. It's good to befriend people who are near, like roommates, but it's also great to cultivate friends with similar values. We do that by getting involved in activities that put our values into action.”

Fr. Tom | St. James the Greater Parish

# 62 Years Later, Michael A. West Takes the Regis Podium

**Although he did not graduate from Regis High School, Michael A. West has never forgotten the profound impact the school had on his life.**

Michael attended Regis during his freshman and sophomore years in 1964 and 1965 before his family relocated to Green Bay, Wisconsin, where he graduated from Premontre Catholic High School in 1966. More than six decades later, Michael returned to Regis to deliver the commencement address to the Class of 2026 on May 27, sharing a heartfelt message rooted in gratitude, preparation, opportunity, and faith. Reflecting on the moment, Michael humorously remarked that it “only took me 62 years to make it from the student audience to this podium.”

Throughout his address, Michael spoke warmly about the teachers who helped shape his future and the lasting influence of a Catholic education. He credited Father Crowley for teaching him civics that later served him well as an elected official, Mrs. Short for providing the geometry foundation essential to his career as an architect and engineer, and Sister Helen Claire for inspiring him in the classroom. His reflections reminded graduates that the lessons learned at Regis extend far beyond academics. They form character, strengthen values, inspire leadership, and prepare students to live lives of meaning and purpose.

Michael challenged graduates to embrace the future with courage and confidence. Sharing a favorite proverb, he explained that “Luck is

Preparation Meeting Opportunity.” He encouraged students to continue preparing themselves through education, hard work, and lifelong learning while remaining alert to opportunities that may unexpectedly appear throughout life. In one of the most memorable moments of his speech, he urged students not to let fear or uncertainty prevent them from pursuing their goals. “Seize these opportunities,” he said. “Don’t bench yourself. Go for it.” His message resonated deeply with students, families, faculty, staff, alumni, and supporters alike.

Today, Michael remains a strong believer in the transformative power of education and philanthropy. He generously supports the institutions that helped shape his life, including Regis Catholic Schools, and his ongoing generosity continues to make a meaningful difference for our students.

Regis Catholic Schools is deeply grateful for Michael’s faithful support and for the inspiring message he shared with the Class of 2026. His return to campus served as a powerful reminder that the impact of a Regis education lasts a lifetime, and that investing in future generations remains one of the greatest gifts of all.







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# Scholarship

## **2026 Memorial, Community & Alumni Scholarships** **9th - 12th Grades**

### **Eau Claire Energy Cooperative Scholarship**

Therese Kern

### **Eau Claire-Seymour Lions Club Scholarship**

Zachary Niedzwiecki

### **Dove Healthcare Careers Scholarship**

Madysen Haus

### **Michael C. Longsdorf Scholarship**

Lucas Rosener

### **Rotary Club of Eau Claire Scholarship**

Maya Ridenour  
Isabelle Reichert

### **Security Financial Bank Scholarship**

Blake Risler  
John Kohell III

### **AnneMarie Foundation Scholarship**

Karah Nelson

### **Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative Scholarship**

Maya Ridenour

### **Edwin and Lucille Eggen Renewable Scholarship**

Karah Nelson

### **Edwin and Lucille Eggen One-Time Scholarship**

Dominic Santine

### **Jason Yarrington Memorial Scholarship**

Therese Kern

### **Mayo Clinic Dependent Scholarship**

Lillian Lewis

### **Red Cross Scholarships**

Ella Eager  
Aubrey Johnson  
Dominic Santine

### **James R. Severson Scholarship**

Jacob Brahmer

### **Bishop John Paul Class of '51 Scholarship**

Adelyn Seymour

### **Cairns Family Scholarship**

Hayden Lund

### **Charles and Caroline Loechler Memorial Scholarship**

Adelle Schneider

### **Class of 1958 Scholarship**

Benjamin Strope

### **Dr. Stephen Kurth Scholarship**

Amaya Bauer  
Mark Patchin

### **Duane Hull Memorial Scholarship**

Camden Sedlacek

### **Eau Claire Catholic Women's Club Scholarship**

Adelle Schneider

### **Edward Carlson Class of 1958 Scholarship**

Claire Strope  
Cullen Lueck  
Jonathan Lewis

### **Emilio and Patricia Rinaldi Family Scholarship**

Joseph Brahmer

### **Father John Rossiter Scholarship**

Riley Catt

### **Francis and June Harrington Memorial Scholarship**

Avalina Antonia  
Carter Atkinson

### **Frances Kurth Scholarship**

Carter Sisko  
Brody Sturm

### **Fred and Patricia Urmann Scholarship**

Elizabeth Stombaugh

### **Greg "Mouse" Bement Scholarship**

Ava Whiteside

### **Hrubesh Family Scholarship**

Hallie Albright  
Austin Bollman

### **Jerome Miller Family Scholarship**

Dreyton Kren

### **Joseph Janz '83 and James Janz**

Memorial Scholarship  
Andrew Hoeft

### **Judy Bye Henderson Memorial Scholarship**

Madeline Miller  
Abram Gillett

### **Kevin Roach '93 Memorial Scholarship**

Ellie Doubler

### **Ky Anderson Memorial Scholarship**

Mason Franko

### **Larry & Jeanne McFarlane Scholarship**

Benjamin Hoeft

### **Marie Steubing Memorial Scholarship**

Mason Sisko  
Carson Hatzinger  
Mason McCoy  
Camden Sedlacek

### **M. Colette Haut-Eissinger Memorial Scholarship**

Grace Hessel

### **Mary Kay Bissell Memorial Scholarship**

Emerson Moore

### **Michael Carroll '67 Memorial Scholarship**

Kaylen Borst

### **Michael John Fedie Scholarship**

Rachel Kramer

### **Mike and Patricia Carroll Memorial Scholarship**

Tayden Rideout

### **Regis Bridge Club Scholarship**

Bradley Vesperman

### **Robert and Patricia Devney Memorial Scholarship**

Matthew Palecek

### **Bob Duren Memorial Scholarship**

Grace Olson

### **Earl Benning Memorial Scholarship**

Adriana Highman

### **Sacred Heart/St. Patrick's Parish Scholarship**

Olivia Noland  
Marie Lynch

### **St. James PCCW Scholarship**

Jacob Balts  
Elaine Cooper  
Elizabeth Crow  
Lucille Franko  
Jacob Gaulrapp  
Reese Gehling  
Gabriella Santine

### **St. James the Greater Tuition Endowment Scholarship**

Benjamin Balts  
Jacob Balts  
Joseph Brahmer  
Jacob Brahmer  
Donald Cooper  
Elaine Cooper  
EllaMay Cooper  
Elizabeth Crow  
Kellen Crow  
Lucille Franko  
Mason Franko  
Jacob Gaulrapp  
Joshua Gaulrapp  
Reese Gehling  
Abram Gillett  
Candy Huang  
Madeline Miller  
Gabriella Santine  
Quinnten Theisen  
Jenille Villarta  
Josephine Walker  
Ava Whiteside

## **2026 Memorial, Community & Alumni Scholarships** **6th - 8th Grades**

### **Bob Duren Memorial Scholarship**

Braxton Albee

### **George '51 & Dereane Gobler Family Scholarship**

Emily Betcher

### **Earl Benning Scholarship**

Anya Darnell

### **Emilio & Patricia Rinaldi Family Scholarship**

Andrew Doubler

### **Francis & June Harrington Memorial Scholarship**

Braxton Albee  
Reese Gehling

### **John, Patricia, and Neil McElroy Memorial Scholarship**

Raymond Fradette



# Recipients

## **Bob & Elsie Kappus Scholarship**

Eleanor Kramer  
Reece Stombaugh

## **Class of 1958 in Honor of Robert Barney Scholarship**

Makenna Lund

## **Fr. Daniel O'Reilly Scholarship**

Kendall McCoy

## **Eau Claire Catholic Women's Club Scholarship**

Gabriella Oemig

## **St. Olaf Men's Club Scholarship**

Ashley Palecek  
Layna Rideout

## **Class of 1980 Scholarship**

Gabrilla Santine

## **Daniel and Marilyn Brey Family Scholarship**

Gabriella Oemig

## **Lydia Hanson Rock Memorial Scholarship**

Cambrie Wold

## **Vinnie Lee Memorial Scholarship**

Ethan Kane

## **Barney Family Scholarship**

Addison Drake

## **St. James KC Roundtable Scholarship**

Paxton Durham  
Evelyn Fadness  
Rexton Kane  
Lincoln Nett

## **Immaculate Conception Parish Scholarship**

Rena Robl

## **St. James the Greater Tuition Endowment Scholarship**

Evan Brahmer

Edelle Cooper  
Paxton Durham  
Rayna Franko  
Gabriella Meyer  
Laura Nelson  
Hadley Nett  
Lincoln Nett  
Isaac Osborn  
Ian Stewart

## **2026 Memorial, Community & Alumni Scholarships PreK-5th Grade**

### **Barney Family Scholarship**

Eliza Kolle

### **Lucille Welter Family Scholarship**

Miles Murphy

### **Eau Claire Council of Catholic Women Scholarship**

Emma Hendrickson  
Rose Kramer  
Elizabeth Paulson

### **Fr. Eugene Klink Memorial Scholarship**

Claire Miller

### **Karyn Ann Steines Memorial Scholarship**

Aryaman Krejchi

### **Jack & Vivian Vaudreuil Scholarship**

Lily Barnett  
Beau Boerner  
Abigail Bogumill  
Aubrey Bogumill  
Ellinor Dimock  
Sophia Edison  
Aryaman Krejchi

### **Immaculate Conception Parish Scholarship**

Lucille Nauertz  
Violet Nauertz  
Eleanor Thiess

## **St. James the Greater Tuition Endowment Scholarship**

Jonah Arredondo  
Ariella Austad  
Noah Balts  
Ellionne Begin  
Piper Begin  
Matthew Brahmer  
Elouise Cloutier  
Theodore Cloutier  
Anthony Cooper  
Augustus Cooper  
Campbell Crow  
Jameson Gaulrapp  
Memphis Geist  
Caleb Hodel  
Owen Hodel  
Ethan Hodel  
Nina Jacobs  
Cameron Johnson  
Cole Johnson  
Emma King  
Aubree Link  
Jackson Link  
Quentin McFarlane  
Liliana Meyer  
Hattie Murphy  
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and friends of Regis.”***

## **Meet Our New Regis Catholic Schools Foundation Advancement Director**

The Regis Catholic Schools Foundation is pleased to introduce Megan Dieckman as the new Advancement Director.

Megan brings a strong background in educational leadership, with experience spanning special education, early learning, and school administration. She has dedicated her career to supporting students, families, and educators while building meaningful relationships and fostering partnerships that strengthen school communities.

Megan and her husband, Doug, will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary this year. Doug serves as principal at Hillcrest Elementary School in Chippewa Falls and as a Command Sergeant Major in the Army Reserve. Together, they are proud parents of three children. Darek (28) is a graduate of Viterbo University and works in medical sales with Stryker in Green Bay. Jared (26) will graduate from Shenandoah University in August with his Doctorate in Physical Therapy. Emma (24) is a Registered Nurse at Marshfield Clinic Pediatrics in Chippewa Falls and will be married this fall to Dylan Abbiehl.

New to the area, Megan and her husband have recently begun attending St. Olaf Catholic Church and look forward to becoming more involved in the parish and broader community.

Megan has already started serving in her new role. She replaces Jackie Bachmeier, who served as the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation Advancement Director for the last five years. Jackie will continue to work closely with Megan as she guides her through this transition and will remain actively connected to Regis Catholic Schools and the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation community for years to come.

Please keep Megan in your prayers as she begins this new journey and works to secure financial support for the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation. Every donation makes a difference, no matter the size, and we thank you for your support of our Catholic schools.

To learn more about the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation and how you can donate, please visit [RegisCatholicSchoolsFoundation.com](https://RegisCatholicSchoolsFoundation.com).





# A Message From Our Outgoing Regis Catholic Schools Foundation Advancement Director

After just under five wonderful years as the Advancement Director for the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation, I have made the decision to retire and begin a new chapter alongside my husband. We are looking forward to spending more time with family, traveling, and learning what retirement life actually looks like.

While my role is changing, my connection to Regis Catholic Schools is not. I will remain actively involved and connected to our schools and the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation for years to come, and I look forward to continuing to see familiar faces along the way.

As I reflect on these past several years, I am filled with deep gratitude for the opportunity to work alongside such dedicated faculty and staff who pour their hearts into our schools every single day, for the families who entrust Regis with the education and formation of their children, and for the alumni and supporters whose loyalty and love for Regis remain strong even decades after graduation. Most of all, I am grateful for the friendships and relationships that have grown through this work and enriched my life in ways I could never have anticipated.

One of the greatest blessings of this role has been hearing the stories people shared about what Regis Catholic Schools has meant in their lives. Time and again, our alumni would tell me, "Regis helped shape who I became." They spoke about teachers who believed in them, friendships rooted in faith, and values that stayed with them long after they left our halls. Many shared that they support Regis because they believe deeply in Catholic education and want future generations to have the same life-shaping experience. Those conversations never stopped inspiring me.

I have also come to appreciate even more deeply what makes Regis so special. Our faculty and staff are not only committed to academic excellence, but to forming the whole person in mind, body, and spirit. Regis prepares young people not only to succeed in life, but to live meaningful lives grounded in faith, compassion, integrity, and service to others. In today's world, that mission matters more than ever.

Because of that, I remain incredibly excited about Vision 2030 and what it means for the future of our schools. Vision 2030 reflects a bold and faithful commitment to strengthening Catholic education for generations to come through continued investment in academic excellence,

faith formation, accessibility, and long-term sustainability. I truly believe the future of Regis Catholic Schools is bright, and I look forward to watching that vision continue to unfold.

I am also thrilled for Megan Dieckman as she steps into this role. Megan will bring tremendous energy, heart, and leadership to the Foundation and our mission.

Although I will miss the daily work, the conversations, and yes—even the endless emails—I leave with a full heart and deep gratitude for the opportunity to serve this incredible community. Thank you for your kindness, generosity, support, and friendship over these past five years. It has truly been an honor and a blessing.

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# A Legacy of Faith, Education, and Home

In Memory of William Falk, Class of 1954

Written by Jackie Bachmeier  
Former Advancement Director  
Regis Catholic Schools Foundation

Recently, the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation was honored to receive a remarkable estate gift from the late William Falk, Class of 1954. Although I never had the privilege of meeting Bill personally, it quickly became clear that Regis Catholic Schools remained close to his heart throughout his life. His decision to leave a legacy gift to his alma mater speaks powerfully about the lasting impact of Catholic education and the kind of man he was.

Because Bill had not been actively engaged as an alumnus in recent years, I wanted to learn more about the young man who once walked the halls of Regis High School. I began by opening the 1954 yearbook.







(L-R) William (Bill) Falk '54, Jerry Falk, Pat Jordahl '57 (Bill's Sister), Mike Falk

There, I discovered a student who was deeply involved in school life. Bill sang in the chorus. He served as Class Treasurer, a role that reflected responsibility and trust. He was Chairman of the Catholic Action Committee, demonstrating leadership rooted in faith and service. He played intramural baseball, participated in the PEP Club, and worked on the stage crew for Theatre Club productions. Even in those brief yearbook entries, you could see a young man who was dependable, engaged, and committed to his community.

Wanting to understand the life he built beyond high school, I reached out to his nephews, Jerry and Mike Falk. We spent a couple of hours together, and they graciously shared stories that helped bring Bill's life into fuller focus.

After graduating from Regis, Bill joined the United States Army and was stationed on the East Coast. It was there that he met his bride, Lillian. Together they built a life grounded in faith, family, and education, and they welcomed a son, John. Lillian preceded Bill in death, and their only son, John, passed away last year.

Bill, along with his brother Roger and sister Pat, grew up in a small home on Broadway Street. They attended St. Patrick's and Regis High School. Faith and Catholic education were foundational in their upbringing, and those early experiences clearly left a lasting imprint on Bill's life.

Both Bill and Lillian dedicated more than fifty years to teaching high school science and biology. To spend half a century in the classroom is not simply a profession. It is a vocation. I have been told that Bill possessed not only a gift for teaching but also a deep passion for it. He believed in the power of education to shape lives, to awaken curiosity, and to encourage young people to think critically about the world around them. He lived that belief faithfully each day with his students.

As I listened to Jerry and Mike share stories, I also discovered another side of Bill that made me smile. He was an avid collector. He collected stamps and coins, but his most prized collection was comic books. After his passing, his nephews were given the key to one of

his storage sheds. When they opened the door, they were astonished. Inside were comic books stacked from floor to ceiling. More than twenty thousand of them.

It took time to carefully sort through the collection, but what they uncovered was extraordinary. Among the treasures was a copy of Phantom Lady number seventeen, valued at twenty-eight thousand dollars, and Superman number four, worth five thousand dollars. What a remarkable collection that must have been. It reveals something endearing about Bill. He was a man of discipline and intellect, a lifelong science teacher, yet he also carried a sense of wonder and nostalgia. He valued stories, imagination, and history preserved on printed pages.

When Bill considered how he would give back, he chose to invest in the very mission that had first invested in him. Because of the profound impact Regis Catholic Schools had on his life, he made the intentional decision to support Catholic education for future generations. His legacy gift will bless students for years to come. Children he would never meet will receive opportunities because of his generosity. Families will benefit from the same faith-filled education that shaped him.

Although he spent much of his adult life away from Eau Claire, it was always home in his heart. He returned annually, and one of his favorite traditions was attending Eau Claire Cavaliers baseball games at Carson Park. Today, Bill is laid to rest at Lake View Cemetery in Eau Claire, reunited with Lillian and John. His resting place overlooks Half Moon Beach and Carson Park, the very field where he once sat in the stands enjoying America's pastime. There is something profoundly fitting about that. He rests in the community that formed him, sustained him, and ultimately benefited from his generosity.

As I reflect on Bill's life, I am reminded that legacy is often quiet and steady. It is formed in classrooms, in faith communities, in family homes on Broadway Street, and even in carefully preserved collections stored away for decades. Though I did not know Bill personally, I feel grateful to have learned about his journey and to witness the enduring connection he maintained with Regis Catholic Schools.

Bill, thank you.

Thank you for remembering Regis Catholic Schools.

Thank you for believing in Catholic education.

Thank you for your extraordinary generosity and foresight.

May you, Lillian, and John rest in eternal peace. May God bless you for the countless lives you touched in your classroom and for the many more who will be impacted through your lasting gift to Regis Catholic Schools.

**Your legacy lives on at Regis.**

# A Story Worth Telling

One of the greatest gifts of my role as Advancement Director for the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation has been the opportunity to connect with the people who support our mission so faithfully. Each conversation is different, but every now and then, one stays with you in a deeper way.

Recently, I reached out to a longtime supporter, Donald Bauer, to thank him for his continued generosity. As I looked over his giving history, I noticed something that made me pause. Donald is not a Regis alumnus. He does not have children or grandchildren in our schools. Naturally, I was curious. What inspires someone to support Regis month after month, year after year?

When I asked him, he chuckled and said, **"It's a long story. We should meet."**

So we did.

One afternoon at 3:00, Megan Deickman, our new Advancement Director, and I met with Donald. As it turns out, he had just finished a day of substitute teaching at Regis. At almost 80 years old, Donald shared that he has been a substitute teacher at Regis for more than 27 years.

Twenty-seven years.

I was honestly taken aback. I had no idea. As we sat together, Donald began to reminisce about his time in our classrooms. He spoke of students by name, including my own daughter and her classmates from the Class of 2016. Not only did he

remember them, he still keeps in touch with some of them when they return home. You could hear the joy in his voice as he talked about the relationships he has built over the years.

Donald spent most of his career teaching art and history, subjects that naturally lend themselves to storytelling, curiosity, and connection. At one point, he shared something simple, but powerful. **"I tell my students, God just wants good for you."** He paused and added, "I got that from Mr. Leustek, a Regis teacher and friend, and it always stayed with me."

He also spoke about what has kept him coming back all these years. **"I love the students. I love talking to them. I love teaching,"** he said. Then he added something that really stayed with me: "As a substitute teacher, I dig in. I use that time to influence the students, to teach, to be there for them." There was no hesitation in his voice, just a deep and genuine joy.

In a humble way, Donald mentioned that teaching is not always recognized, then shared a moment that has clearly stayed with him. One of his Regis students nominated him for the Eau Claire Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year award. What makes that honor even more special is that he was serving as a substitute teacher at the time.





It says something about a person when students remember not just what they learned, but how they felt in that classroom.

As our conversation continued, it became clear why Donald gives. His connection to Regis is not defined by a diploma or family ties. It is rooted in something deeper. It is about the students he has taught, the lives he has witnessed unfold, and the quiet pride he carries in being part of their journey.

Donald may not seek recognition, but his story deserves to be told.

There are many ways people come to love and support Regis Catholic Schools. Some are alumni. Some are parents or grandparents. And some, like Donald, simply show up year after year, giving of their time, their talent, and their treasure because they believe in what happens here.

His story is a beautiful reminder that the impact of Regis reaches far beyond what we can always see. It lives in the relationships formed in our classrooms, in the lives shaped by dedicated

educators, and in the hearts of those who choose to invest in our mission.

I am so grateful Donald chose to share his story with us. It is one I will not soon forget.

With gratitude,

Jackie Bachmeier



## Refresh Your Finances

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**“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”  
- Matthew 6:21**

This time of year often inspires us to refresh our plans and focus on what matters most. Taking a fresh look at assets such as IRAs, savings accounts, CDs, or life insurance policies may uncover meaningful ways to care for your loved ones while supporting the mission for Catholic education.

Through Vision 2030, we are working together to strengthen the future of Regis Catholic Schools for generations to come.







**In May**, students from our three elementary schools participated in our annual Walk for Virtues fundraiser. This annual event helps raise awareness of and support for our elementary schools.

The virtues our students walked for are Friendship, Stewardship, Gratitude, Patience, Reverence, Justice, Forgiveness, Hope, and Respect.

**At Immaculate Conception Elementary School**, the funds raised will be used for Technology Lab updates and new student desks and chairs.

**At St. James Elementary School**, the funds raised will be used for building improvements, new playground equipment, and field trips.

**At St. Mary's Elementary School**, the funds raised will be used for a story walk, family engagement bags, a school-wide Hallow subscription, and to help fulfill teacher wish lists.

**Thank you for your generous support  
of Catholic education!**







# Encountering Christ,

What a blessing this school year has been! Throughout this year, our students at Regis Middle School and Regis High School have used their God-given talents to excel in many ways: academics, service, athletics, the arts, and more.

Yet amid busy schedules, competitions, performances, and countless opportunities for growth, our students have also had the opportunity to dedicate themselves to what matters most. That being the pursuit of a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Through retreats, small groups, Bible studies, conferences, and community events, students have encountered the Lord and discovered true community. These two pillars, encounter and community, remain at the heart of Campus Ministry. An encounter with Christ ignites the spark of faith, while community helps that faith take root and flourish.

This year, I had the privilege of witnessing young people encounter Christ, build authentic friendships, serve others, and grow in their faith. Their experiences remind me that God continues to work powerfully in the lives of our students. Rather than hearing from me, I thought it would be fitting to let them tell the story themselves.

## Class Retreats

Each year every class has the opportunity to step out of their regular routine to focus on their relationship with Christ during their annual class retreat. This time is filled with prayer, reflection, and an opportunity to grow as a class.

*"Over the past year I have grown a lot in my faith. One of the contributing factors was my class retreat. Our retreats have always held a special place in my heart. After I graduate next year I will miss the retreats from Regis a lot. I love how connected I feel with my class when we all put our love of God together. Adoration is one of my favorite things to participate in and being with my classmates made it even more special to my faith."*

Adriana O. | 11th Grade

## Serva Fidem

Latin for "To Keep the Faith," Serva Fidem pairs small groups of students with adult mentors who walk with them in their faith. This school year we had six groups of students meet weekly to intentionally take time to grow in relationship with Christ.

*"To sum up Serva Fidem it's a great time getting close to your friends, but more importantly with God. We learn more about God, about what it means to be Catholic. Anything you are curious about you can ask. I enjoy going every time and it is something I look forward to every week."*

Andrew R. | 10th Grade

## SEEK

In January, eight seniors attended the SEEK conference in Columbus, Ohio. This five-day conference hosted by FOCUS, a college student outreach organization, aimed to equip our seniors to continue growing in their faith after high school.

*"I would describe my experience at SEEK as eye opening. Every speaker that I listened to connected to me on one level or another. I felt like I was able to understand my faith more and how my actions affect my relationship with God. SEEK was truly an amazing experience and I would go back in a heartbeat!"*

Savannah A. | 12th Grade



# Building Community: A Year of Faith at Regis

## Kairos Retreats

This year we hosted three elective Kairos retreats for our juniors and seniors. The Kairos retreat offers space for students to claim and deepen their personal relationship with Jesus.

*"Kairos is an experience that no words can ever truly express how I feel about it. I never wanted to leave, because if you let God in, you will never want to let Him go, Kairos just amplifies it. It's absolutely the best decision I've made in the last five years."*

Cayd C. | 11th Grade



## Campus Ministry Events

Our Campus Ministry events provided students with an opportunity to build friendships, have fun, and grow in their faith. Each month featured a different activity, plenty of snacks, and ended with time spent with Christ in Eucharistic Adoration.

*"At the Campus Ministry events we do so many fun things. We play sports, have campfires, and so many other activities. I have really enjoyed all the events this year and cannot wait for next year!"*

Addison T. | 6th Grade



## Middle School Bible Studies

Each week, middle school students gathered for bible study. During this time we focused on building friendship and understanding how Scripture applies to our unique stories.

*"Seventh grade bible study was the first club I found myself in. From playing games to praying, everyone was welcome. Even my non-Catholic friends found themselves connecting with Scripture. It is a place to laugh, pray, worship, and even eat goodies once in a while. I highly encourage everyone to join bible study!"*

Sofia A. | 7th Grade



Please continue to pray for our Regis students, faculty, and staff that we may all grow closer to the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our students are a constant source of encouragement to me, and I am grateful for the opportunity to walk alongside them. I look forward with great excitement and hope to all that God has in store for our students in the coming school year.

Lilly Wahl  
Director of Student Discipleship

*Congratulations to our students who received the sacrament of first Communion this spring!*



**Immaculate Conception  
Elementary School**



**St. Mary's  
Elementary School**



**St. James  
Elementary School**



*Congratulations to our students who received the sacrament of Confirmation this spring!*



## Welcome, Fr. Nowicki!

**Fr. David Nowicki has been named as our new Chaplain at Regis Middle School and Regis High School.**

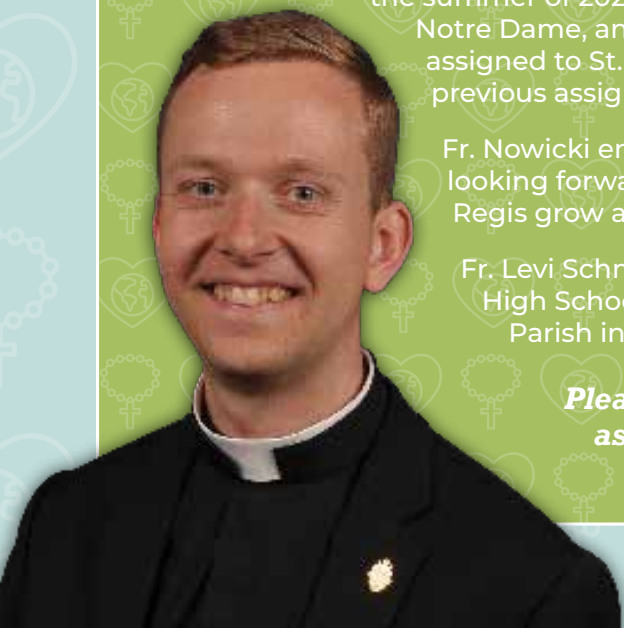
Fr. Nowicki grew up in Athens, Wisconsin. He attended Athens High School, followed by the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, majoring in civil engineering. After a profound conversion experience, he began following Christ intentionally to discern how the Lord was calling him to holiness. He graduated from UW-Platteville and entered Mundelein Seminary in Chicago to discern a vocation to the priesthood and study philosophical aesthetics.

For theology studies, he attended the Pontifical North American College in Rome, with a passion for liturgy, church history, and the spiritual life. After his ordination to the priesthood in the summer of 2024, Fr. Nowicki was assigned as parochial vicar of Holy Ghost, Notre Dame, and St. Bridget Parishes in Chippewa Falls. In July, he will be assigned to St. Charles and St. Peter Parishes in addition to retaining his previous assignments at the other three parishes.

Fr. Nowicki enjoys creating music, running, hiking, and biking. "I am looking forward to getting to know you all and to helping the students of Regis grow as disciples of Jesus," Fr. Nowicki said.

Fr. Levi Schmitt, our current Chaplain at Regis Middle School and Regis High School, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Joseph's Parish in Prescott.

***Please keep both Fr. Schmitt and Fr. Nowicki in your prayers as they make their transitions.***





With summer upon us and the routines of the school year finished, many families are looking for meaningful ways to help children and young people stay connected to their faith during the break. We asked our parish priests to share their thoughts and advice on how families can continue to nurture a relationship with God throughout the summer, whether through prayer, service, Mass attendance, family time, or simply finding moments to recognize God's presence in everyday life. Here's what they had to say.

"For families, I would say over the summer, it's important to go to Mass. I think it's too easy to give ourselves a quote, "summer break," or assume that when we're on vacation, that means a vacation from Sunday Mass. Honestly, I enjoy going to church on Sundays when I'm on vacation. I get to watch other people preach while I sit back and relax! When you go to church in other towns, you not only have the satisfaction of honoring God, but you also see different ways of doing things. It provides an opportunity to chat with family about the way things were done and, with charity, what you got out of the homily. I'd say 95% of the spiritual and moral life is all about habits. When we expect to go to Mass on Sunday, it becomes a habit that serves us well throughout our lives.

Once the new year has started, if your children are away at school or working somewhere out of town, I think it's lovely to stay in touch. I remember fondly letters from my mother in which she would say things like "Change is hard," and she would tell me that she would pray for me when I had a test coming up. Pray for your children and let them know you are praying for them.

Three things last: faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is love. I stole that from St. Paul."

Fr. Tom | St. James the Greater Parish







"The Sulpicians (an order dedicated to priestly formation) always said to their seminarians before going home for the summer, 'There is no vacation from a vocation.' We all have the vocation (call) to holiness. If you want to keep your kids Catholic, make Sunday Mass the touchstone of your week. Nothing gets in the way of Sunday Mass, not vacation, not travel, not a busy weekend, NOTHING, because it is the center of your life. And this is not just "getting it in", talk to your children about the celebration they have just taken part in, the readings, the homily, the prayers. And daily, family prayer."

Fr. Klos | Sacred Heart of Jesus - St. Patrick Parish

"Keep Sunday Holy, don't miss an opportunity to encounter the risen Christ! Think about where your family needs to grow; find a saint, a prayer, a devotion, or a Catholic tradition that will help your family grow in that area and learn about it during the summer months."

Fr. Dan | The Newman Parish

"Summer is often seen as a time for fun only. Families should create an environment where it is seen as more than just a time for fun. It can be turned into a time to capture the beauty of the ordinary moments of daily life and circumstances; there's more opportunity to see a much bigger picture.

Setting priorities is important. Priority depends on what you value and how you cherish it. When relationship is a priority, then relationships with God and others will naturally take priority, and their daily lives will manifest in varied ways. Then family time, family prayer, and family-centered activities will take priority. Foster family prayer. Create a family prayer time.

Parents' involvement in their faith community will show children the importance of a life of service and participation. Plan ahead for Sunday Mass as a family. Encourage students to participate in the Sunday liturgy as lectors, servers, ushers, and greeters.

Summertime is a great opportunity to introduce children to real-life experiences. Take them to farms, nursing homes, hospitals, and places of fun activities. Observe the life of sacrifice people make in all those settings. Work or volunteer in some of those settings.

Faith is lived in action in the ordinary moments and circumstances of life. Have the children write and share their significant lessons and experiences from the week.

Today, families seem to prioritize sports over everything else. There's value in sports, but there's more to life than what sports can offer."

Fr. Francis | Immaculate Conception Parish



## Boys Basketball

The Regis Boys Basketball team delivered a season to remember, earning a trip to the WIAA State Tournament for the first time since 2015 and marking the program's fifth overall appearance. The Ramblers finished with an impressive 23-6 record, capturing the Cloverbelt Conference championship along with regional and sectional titles. Their postseason run came to an end in the Division 4 state semifinals, where they fell to eventual state champion Milwaukee Juneau.

The team was led offensively by senior Blake Risler, who averaged 27.5 points per game, and sophomore DJ Cooper, who added 19 points per

game. Risler capped off a remarkable career by etching his name throughout the school record books. He set a single-game school record with 56 points in the regional final and finished third all-time in scoring with 1,907 career points.

Several players were recognized for their outstanding performances throughout the season. Risler was named Cloverbelt Conference Player of the Year and earned First Team All-Conference honors, joined by Cooper. Freshman Bennett Risler received Second Team honors, while junior Joey Brahmer earned Honorable Mention recognition.



## Hockey

Overall Record: 11-12 | Middle Border Conference Record: 5-4

The 2025-26 RAM Hockey team was made up of 34 student-athletes from Regis (3), Altoona (22), McDonnell (5), and Fall Creek (4). The team added 6 freshmen this year and returned 12 sophomores, 7 juniors, and 9 seniors. On the defensive side, Regis contributed freshman Anderson Bauer and sophomore Mark Patchin to the blue line, while junior goalie Tucker Derouin provided a reliable last line of defense with a strong .900 save percentage. The coaching staff was led by Mick Podruch and included Assistant Coaches Marty Hickey, Cole Fenske, and Keegan Gunderson.

Following an offseason move up to Division 1, the student-athletes of the RAM hockey team embraced

the challenge of a higher tier of competition. The team found its footing early in December with a thrilling 7-6 overtime victory against Ashland and a dominant 3-0 shutout over the Northwest Icemen. RAM continued to showcase their resilience mid-season, traveling to the Holiday Classic in Red Wing, Minnesota, and bouncing back just after the new year to edge out a tough Mosinee squad 5-4. This transition year saw the cooperative program test its depth against elite programs, earning hard-fought victories including a 2-0 shutout against Rice Lake and a late-season 4-2 win over Hayward. The historic first D1 season ultimately concluded in the opening round of the Section 1 playoffs with a hard-fought battle on the road against heavily-favored Chippewa Falls which was tied until the last 30 seconds of the game.





## Girls Basketball

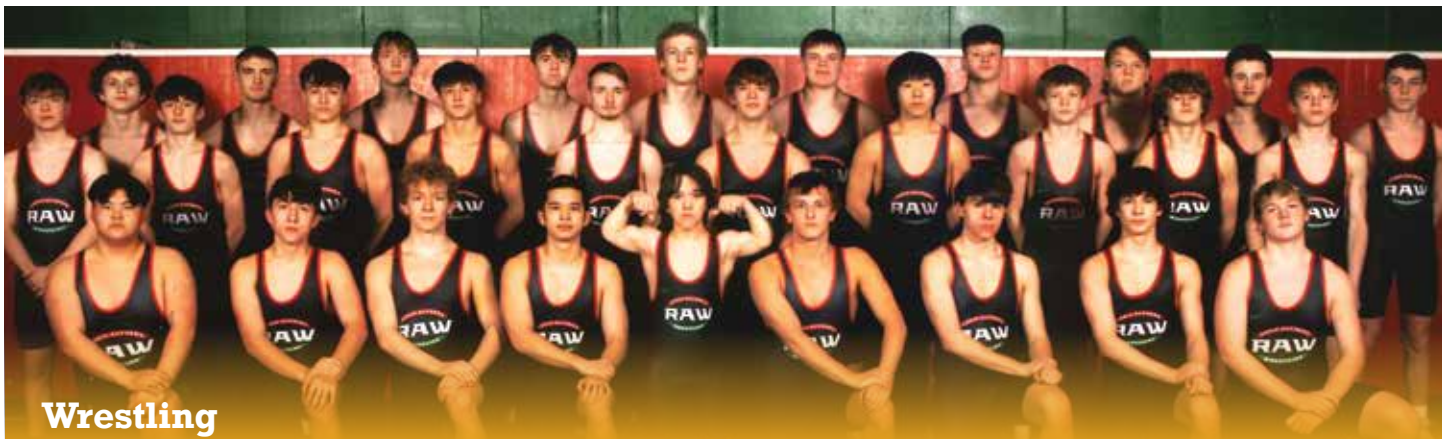
The Regis Girls Basketball team entered the season with many fresh faces after graduating five seniors from last year's squad. However, that did not slow the Ramblers down. This young team quickly established itself through hard work, chemistry, and an impressive ability to grow together at a remarkable pace.

Regis lost just two regular-season games and closed the year on a 13-game winning streak, finishing 21-2 and capturing the program's first outright conference championship since 2019.

Earning the #1 seed in their sectional, the Lady Ramblers opened postseason play with home victories over Mondovi and Fall Creek to secure the Regional Championship. In that title game, EllaMay Cooper delivered a historic performance, scoring a career-high and program-record 45 points. The team advanced to the Sectional

Semifinal in Osseo, where they faced eventual state champion Neillsville in the rubber match of their season series. Despite tremendous effort and grit, the Ramblers struggled offensively and saw their season come to an end, finishing with an outstanding 23-4 overall record.

The Lady Ramblers received significant recognition for their success. The Western Cloverbelt Conference All-Conference Team featured First Team selections EllaMay Cooper and Izzy Reichert, while Gemma Gardow and Evelyn Borcharding earned Second Team honors. Cooper was unanimously named Conference Player of the Year for the second consecutive season and went on to earn First Team All-State honors. Gardow was also recognized with All-State Honorable Mention.



## Wrestling

The 2025-26 season will go down as a defining chapter in the history of Regis Altoona Wrestling (RAW) during a year where hard work, belief, and perseverance converged into unprecedented success on the state's biggest stage.

Leading the charge was sophomore standout Drey Kren, who etched his name into the record books by becoming the program's first-ever state champion. Competing at 106 pounds, Kren delivered a poised and dominant performance throughout the tournament, culminating in a championship victory that marks a milestone not only for himself but for the entire RAW community.

RAW's youth movement was on full display in Madison, as freshman Corbyn Weiss emerged as one of the state's top competitors, earning a third-place finish at 120 pounds. Adding to the team's remarkable run was sophomore Jacob Lootens, who battled his way to the

state finals at 150 pounds, finishing as state runner-up. Cassidy O'Connell, who was ranked #1 in the state for most of the season, went 58-3 on the season. She placed 4th at the state tournament, losing in the semi-finals to the eventual state champion.

The success didn't stop at the individual level. For the first time in program history, RAW qualified for the team sectional, a testament to the collective growth, depth, and commitment across the entire roster. This achievement highlights the program's evolution and signals its emergence as a force within Wisconsin wrestling.

To fully appreciate the magnitude of this season, it's important to reflect on the program's history. Before this year, RAW had produced just three state place winners—Payton Kostka, who earned both a runner-up finish and a third-place medal, and Caden Weber, who also stood on the podium with a third-place finish.



## Boys Golf

The Boys Golf team was blessed to have many golfers from last year return for the season this year. Jacob Rubenzer, Jonathan Lewis, Ben Balts, and Joey Kopp were a key part of the varsity team's success this year. The team had two newcomers who rounded out the varsity team: Tucker Derouin and Dom Rykal. This year's team was fairly young, with only one senior, a change from last year when the majority of the varsity players were seniors.

The team ended up taking 5th overall in the conference, being just 2 points away from taking 4th.

Jacob Rubenzer moved on to sectionals for the first time in his career, which is a great achievement on his part. Jonathan Lewis was 1 shot away, yet again, from making sectionals. Jacob and Jonathan also earned All-Conference honors this year.

The JV team also had a great season, with some good young golfers who really showcased their talents. The coaching staff is looking forward to next year to see how the student-athletes continue to develop and grow in their love of the game of golf.





Track & Field

The Regis Track & Field team enjoyed one of its most successful seasons in recent memory, highlighted by conference champions, regional titles, a school record, state qualifiers, and state medalists.

At the Cloverbelt Conference Meet, Carter Whiteside swept the 100, 200, and 400 meters, while the boys' 4x800 relay team captured a conference championship. Hallie Albright led the girls with runner-up finishes in the 200 and 400 meters.

Regis continued its success at regionals, where Carter Whiteside (400m), Brady Strahm (800m), and Joey Brahmer (Discus) won boys' titles. On the girls' side, Hallie Albright swept the 100, 200, and 400 meters, while Ellie Doubler won both the 1600 and 3200 meters.

The postseason peaked at sectionals, where Joey Brahmer broke the school discus record with a throw of 158-1 and qualified for state. The boys' 4x800 relay narrowly missed the school record, while Ellie Doubler posted personal-best performances in both distance events.

At the WIAA State Championships, Carter Whiteside earned a state medal with a 5th-place finish in the 100 meters. Hallie Albright 400 meters, finishing 8th, and Joey Brahmer represented Regis in the discus, finishing 14th after his record-breaking season.

The season showcased the depth and talent of the Regis program, with standout performances from sprinters, distance runners, throwers, and relay teams helping make it a memorable year for Regis Track & Field.





## Baseball

The 2026 Regis Baseball season saw the Rambler Nine conclude their campaign with a final record of 11 and 16. Within the Western Cloverbelt, Regis finished 7 and 5, good for third place in the seven team conference.

In the WIAA playoffs, the Ramblers had a memorable and fun 4-3 victory over Cadott at Carson Park on May 28. At Elk Mound in the

regional-semis, the Green and White were ahead 6-3 going into the bottom of the 6th, only to see the Mounders plate 9 runs, ultimately eliminating Regis by a final score of 12-6.

Lastly, a sincere congratulations and thank you to our lone senior Brody Tarbox as he heads off to UW-Stevens Point!



## Boys Tennis

Under first year head coach Brian Flynn, the Regis Boys Tennis team had 20 young men participate in 2026. In the Middle Border Conference, the team took 2nd place after a 17 win and 3 loss season. The team also took 2nd place at the sectional competition.

From there, the team sent its #1 and #2 doubles teams to the state tournament. Each advanced to the second round, during which both teams were defeated. Moving forward the future looks very bright for Regis Tennis! The team graduated five players and will return seven players with experience next season.





## Softball

The Regis Softball team, coached by 3rd year Head Coach Nolan Fadness, faced a challenging 2026 season, finishing with a 1-17 overall record. Despite the results, the Ramblers continued to compete throughout the spring, gaining valuable experience and showing growth against an always difficult conference schedule. On the field the Ramblers were led by their three Senior Captains: Bella Borton, Ashlee Dykes and Izzy Reichert.

One of the season's biggest moments came in the postseason, when Regis earned its lone victory of the year with a first-round playoff win over Cadott, who they were defeated by two times in the regular season. The victory provided a rewarding finish for a team that had worked hard all season long.

Senior Bella Borton, earned Honorable Mention All-Conference recognition for her contributions on the field. Bella hit .410 in conference play while striking out only 2 times in 15 games. A well-deserved honor for an outstanding senior season and high school career.

In the circle, Gemma Gardow turned in an impressive pitching season. Gardow surpassed the 100-strikeout mark, finishing the season with 114 strikeouts. As a freshman, Gemma showcased her ability to compete against some of the area's top hitters and solidify the Ramblers pitching for the next three years.

Sophomore catcher Adelle Schneider finished the season as the top hitter, posting a .417 batting average, while catching every inning of every game. In the 53 plate appearances this season, Adelle struck out only 2 times. While Adelle did not receive post-season honors, there is no doubt the season she put together was very well deserving.

While the win-loss record did not reflect the effort put forth by the team, the Ramblers continued to battle through adversity and remained committed to improving each game. The 2026 season was one of resilience, growth, and hard work. With valuable experience gained and players continuing to develop, the Ramblers will look to build on the lessons learned this spring and carry them into future seasons.





## Girls Soccer

This season, the Regis/McDonell Saints Girls Soccer team went 11-10-1. The team was in a new conference this year, so the level of competition was definitely higher than the team was used to in the past. The team rose to the challenge and was able to find success this year. The team had a diving save to help beat Chippewa, competed in the Eau Claire Glory for Lori tournament, and made many long drives to play, including Green Bay, Washburn, Ashland, and Northland Pines. As a team, the Saints finished 3rd in the conference and were also ranked 3rd in our section behind Washburn and Northland Pines. This sent the team into the Regional Semifinal game, where the Saints beat Crandon 8-0. The Saints then had a late goal in the regional final game to bring home the win against Northland Pines. The Saints ended the season playing Washburn in the Sectional Semifinal game, coming back early in the second

half to tie the game after going down 0-2. The Saints ended up losing in the last three minutes of the game, but the team fought until the final whistle.

As for All-Conference, the Saints were fortunate to have multiple players make the All-Conference Team. This included Olivia Hasselwander (First-Team All-Conference) and Lily Lewis (Second-Team All-Conference). The team also had multiple Honorable Mentions, including Madysen Haus, Stella Laufenberg, Maya Ridenour, Rachel Ridenour, and Alexis Ryan. Overall, the Saints saw a lot of growth from day one until the end of the season.





**Congratulations to our Regis High School student-athletes who signed their Letters of Intent to participate in athletics at the college level.**

**Austin Rideout**

University of Minnesota Duluth | Football

**Landon Semling**

Midland University | Powerlifting

**Carter Whiteside**

UW-Stevens Point | Football

**Jack Schroeder**

The College of St. Scholastica | Football

**Brody Tarbox**

UW-Stevens Point | Football

**Blake Risler**

St. John's University | Basketball

**Izzy Reichert**

UW-La Crosse | Volleyball

**Lily Lewis**

UW-River Falls | Volleyball

**Therese Kern**

UW-Eau Claire | Tennis

*Congratulations on your accomplishments!*



# Class Reunions

## Class of 1966 | 60th Reunion

September 25

Regis Homecoming &  
Picnic in the Park

(Optional) All Schools Reunion with  
MHS, NHS & RHS

September 26

Regis Class of '66 Reunion  
VFW | Starr Avenue | Eau Claire

Additional information at [classcreator.com](http://classcreator.com).

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## Class of 1976 | 50th Reunion

August 15 | 6 p.m.

The Brewing Projekt | Eau Claire

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## Class of 1981 | 45th Reunion

August 2026

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Eau Claire Regis Class of '81

## IN MEMORIAM

*Eternal rest, grant unto him/her,  
O Lord, and let  
perpetual light shine upon him/her.  
May the souls  
of the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace.  
Amen.*

### ST. PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL

Roger M. Risen '45

Sr. Margaret Michaud '53

### REGIS HIGH SCHOOL

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Brenda Wagner-Bailey '60

Patricia Seggelink '61

Michael Murphy '61

Connie (Whiteside) Holden '63

Michael J. Green '66

Bill Hagmann '68

Mike Selz '69

James Gagnon '72

Jerome (Jerry) Ausman '75

Sandy McFadden Powell '77

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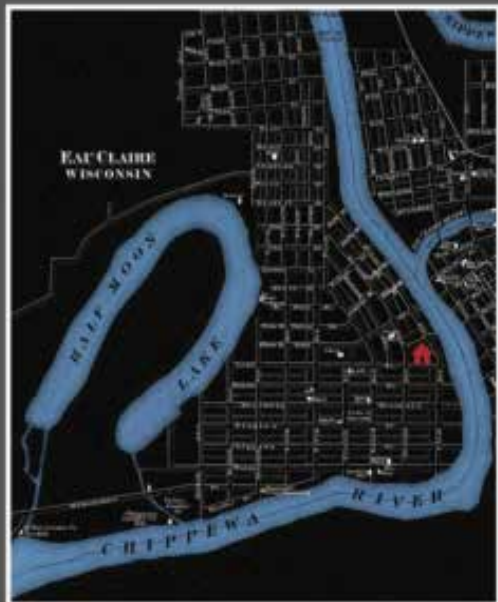
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## *Between the Waters*

A Memoir

A Columbia "Thunderbolt" Bicycle, a '53 Chevy Club Coupe  
—and then there's Falling in Love



Dave Mickelson

**Dave Mickelson** '69 invites his fellow Ramblers to check out his new book, *'Between the Waters: A Memoir'*.

**Eau Claire**  
This memoir takes the reader on a boy's journey into young adulthood as he navigates triumphs and mistakes while growing up in the 1950s and 1960s on the Lower Westside of Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The book contains many stories about Regis High School and St. Patrick's Grade School. Copies are \$18.95 each and can be purchased locally at Dotters Books, the Local Store, the Chippewa Valley Museum, or online at Amazon.

## Alumni Directory Project

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*Thank you to everyone who participated in our alumni directory project, completed in partnership with the Regis Catholic Schools Foundation and PCI (Publishing Concepts).*

We have been informed that the books are expected to be completed by the early fall. However, if you would prefer to request a refund, please contact PCI Customer Care at 1-800-982-1590 or by email at [PCIservice@publishingconcepts.com](mailto:PCIservice@publishingconcepts.com).

Please note that Regis Catholic Schools is not responsible for this delay. PCI appreciates your patience, understanding, and continued support throughout this process and the unexpected production delay.



**10TH ANNIVERSARY**

# **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CELEBRATION**

**FRIDAY 8/21 - 7:00PM VS MCDONELL**

**POST GAME GATHERING AT THE COURT HOUSE**







**We would love to celebrate  
what you have been  
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Regis High School or  
St Patrick's High School.**

Share your recent milestones, career updates,  
family news, achievements, or memorable  
moments for a chance to be  
featured in future issues of the Rambler Report!

**PLEASE SEND YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO  
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Regis Child Development Center - Genesis Child Development Center

## Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Regis Catholic Schools is dedicated to educating students of all faiths in a Catholic, Christ-centered environment. We are united by Our Core Values of *Living Faith*, *Accepting Responsibility*, *Promoting Teamwork*, *Achieving Excellence*, and *Inspiring Leadership*.

*Ramblers united in prayer.*

We were truly blessed to welcome Bishop Gerard Battersby to the Regis campus in February as he celebrated Mass with our students and staff.

