

May 2021



**IMPORTANT
DATES TO NOTE**

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**PARENT SURVEY
COMING SOON!!!**

Your input/feedback is VITAL. Please complete the survey when you receive it. Thank you!

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2020-2021**

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Imberi or Mrs.

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(605) 226-2100

High School Office:

(605) 225-7440

Elementary School:

(605) 229-4100

Primary School:

(605) 225-3460

RONCALLI

Aberdeen Catholic School System

We Serve the King..... We are Cavaliers

1400 N DAKOTA STREET, ABERDEEN, SD 57401

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GREETING FROM THE ACSS PRESIDENT

Friday night at the 42nd Annual Roncalli Ball I reflected on the theme for the night- GRATITUDE - and I most definitely expressed our gratitude for the blessing of the many supporters of our school system. If you haven't heard it yet, His Excellency, Bishop Donald DeGrood of the Sioux Falls Diocese, has a vision for the people of eastern South Dakota. That we become Lifelong Missionary Disciples through God's Love. When it comes to our students we share in that vision in a very specific way. Our supporters help us realize that vision as we form, educate, and nurture our youth into the best version of themselves. We know we could not do this without the generous support of so many.

Another blessing, as we work to fulfill our vision and mission, is the staff and faculty at Roncalli. I get the opportunity every day to come to work with people who are passionate about what they do. This is so much more than a paycheck to them, it is a calling....a calling to something bigger than themselves....a vocation that affords them the opportunity to form young minds and bodies into servant leaders of moral courage. It is truly a team effort and I thank every staff member, whether in the classroom or not, because all of our staff has a hand in this mission.

Day in and day out our greatest blessing is the students who attend Roncalli and you, their parents and guardians. We understand that parents are the first educators of their children. We are only a tool for parents to use as they raise their children. Thank you parents for trusting us with your children! They have been open to direction and instruction and they continue to excel in all areas. Their gifts are displayed through their academic achievements, including outstanding ACT scores...through their participation in the fine

arts, in simple acts of kindness, and as they show grace and class in victory or defeat in our athletics programs....our students continue to amaze us with their God given talents.

One of my tasks as President of the Aberdeen Catholic School System has been to let people outside of our system know what a special place Roncalli is. I extend an invitation to everyone to partner with me in this endeavor. Our track record for enrolling students once they take a tour of our schools is excellent., but we need you to be ambassadors for Catholic Education. To let people know who we are and to share our vision. To talk with parents about the value of an excellent education that is free to include all aspects of a young person...mind, body and soul. You are the most powerful ambassadors we have!

I will close with a last and very important word of GRATITUDE for the St. Mary's and Sacred Heart faith communities, without whom we truly could not do this. We are grateful for their support and grateful we are a mission of the parishes!! We are especially grateful for Father Griffin, Father Dickinson, Father Kapperman and Father Axtmann. Their leadership and guidance are invaluable to us. Please keep the parishes and our priests in your prayers. We extend a special thank you to Fr. Griffin and Father Axtmann as they transition to their new assignments. Our prayers will be with you.

Finally, I would ask for your prayers for me and our entire system. We are a school of prayer and so appreciate you keeping us in your thoughts, especially this year. We are grateful for this and so much more.

God bless,
Tim Weisz
ACSS President

"Instilling Catholic values and promoting academic excellence by nurturing mind, body and soul."

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS.....

HERE'S TO A RECORD BREAKING YEAR

FIRST TIME IN SCHOOL HISTORY:

- A student advances to the International Science Fair (Simon Bickford)
- State A Girls Basketball Championship (well done Coach Derek Larson, Coaches & Players)
 - 5 current students score above 30 on their ACT exam

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL! WE ARE SO PROUD!

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Campus Ministry will be wrapping up our year with a time of fellowship and prayer for the seniors on May 12th. They will have a chance to eat a meal together as a class, spend time chatting or playing games, and will conclude the day in adoration and confession. Please lift them up in prayer!

TEAM ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

We have figured the GPA's of all of our SDHSAA sponsored Fine Arts and Athletic Teams. Every team that we have qualified for the Team Academic Achievement Award sponsored by the Activities Association. Most were significantly higher than the 3.0 minimum requirement. These totals were led by the Yearbook Staff with a 4.03. Good work and finish the year strong. Go Cavs!

SPRING CONCERT SCHEDULE

K-2 Spring Concert

Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 6:00pm, RHS Gym

3-6 Spring Concert

Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 6:45pm, RHS Gym

7-12 Pop's Concert

Thursday, May 6, 2021, 7pm, RHS Gym
(Pop and popcorn will be available for purchase.)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

TO THE ROTARY CLUB ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS:

*"How Can I Apply the Four-Way
Test to My Life"*

Ava Meyers of RES was the overall winner and is eligible to compete in the District 5610 contest.

Roncalli Elementary winners:

Ava Meyers placed 1st

Courtney Haverkamp place 2nd

The Four Way Test:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

YOUR MIND IS A GARDEN. YOUR
THOUGHTS ARE THE SEEDS.
YOU CAN GROW FLOWERS OR YOU
CAN GROW WEEDS.



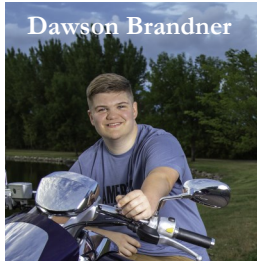
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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2021



2nd Gen.
Julia Schriver—
Mom, Stacy Lundquist '90
Dad, George Schriver '81

Julia Schriver



Dawson Brandner



Miyah Cardella

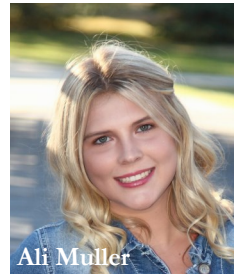


DJ Arunasalam



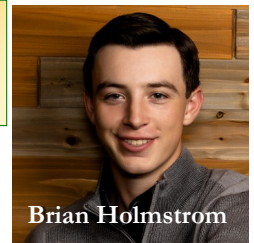
JW Dolphus

2nd Gen.
Brian Holmstrom—
Mom, Paula Keelin '81
Dad, Layton Holmstrom '81



Ali Muller

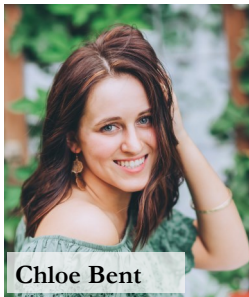
Jemini Cantalope



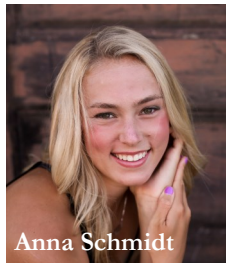
Brian Holmstrom



Simon Bickford



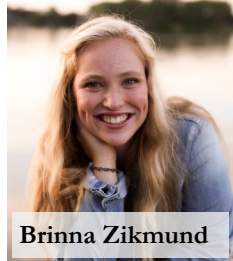
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Anna Schmidt



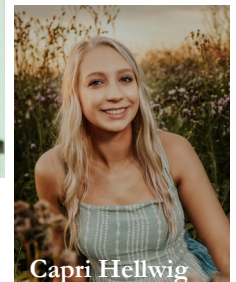
Elissa Hammrich



Brinna Zikmund



Jackson Henrich



Capri Hellwig



Caden Schumacher

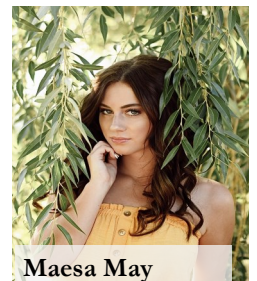


William Goscicki

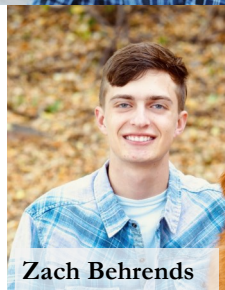


Nicholas Harr

2nd Gen.
Nicholas Harr—
Dad, Matt Harr '92



Maesa May



Zach Behrends



William Goscicki



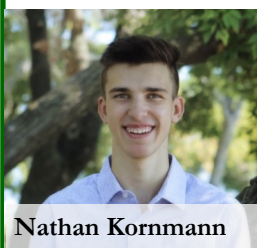
McKenna Weekly



Ben Livermont

2nd Gen.
Maesa May—
Dad, Jeff May '84

2nd Gen.
Grayden Imbery—
Mom, Shannon Westra '88
Dad, Todd Imbery '88

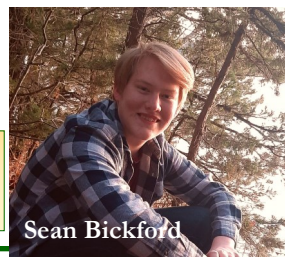


Nathan Kornmann



John Reynen

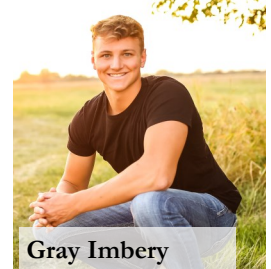
2nd Gen.
Nathan Kornmann—
Dad, Charles Kornmann '89



Sean Bickford



Micah Dohrer



Gray Imbery

More SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS.....

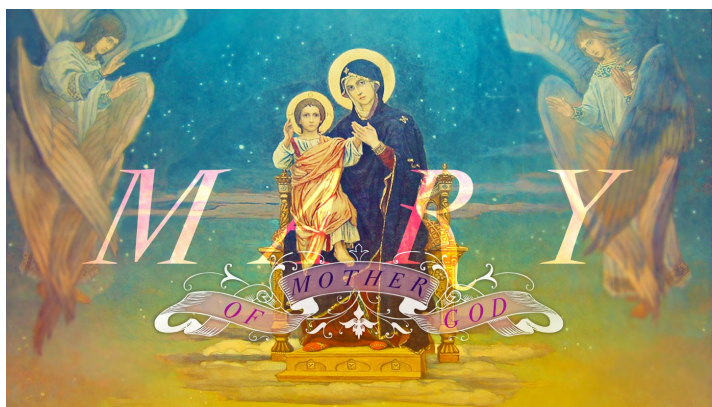
Roncalli Elementary Band Contest Results:

On Friday, April 9, the 5th-8th grade band members participated in the Roncalli Elementary Band Contest. We had 64 entries perform, and 46 of them earned superior ratings including all three bands. Well done! Earning superior plus honors (*pictured below left to right*) were Ben Goebel, 8th grade French horn; Leah Carda, 8th grade flute; Ava Hanson, 8th grade xylophone; and Olivia Dix, 5th grade alto saxophone.



DATES & INFO TO NOTE

- **Friday, May 14– LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, dismissal is at 1pm.**
- **Sunday, May 16– Graduation!** Schedule has changed from previous years. Graduation Mass will begin at 1pm with the Graduation Ceremony following.
- **SCHOOL PICTURES 2021-2022–** We will be moving school pictures to a summer date. Hardins will take student and staff pictures on July 28-29 & Aug. 3 at their studio. A reminder and more details will be sent at a later date.
- **Look for the Summer 2021 Newsletter coming out June 1.**



<https://cassiepeasedesigns.com/>

May is the Month of Mary

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

RONCALLI ROBO CAVS

The Robo-Cavs, Roncalli's Varsity Robotics Team, competed at the ND State Qualifier and won The Inspire Award. They also won The Innovate Award at the Virtual Tournament. They will go on to the State Championship on May 1st. The **Inspire Award** Winner is an inspiration to other teams, acting with Gracious Professionalism™ both on and off the playing field. This team understands how to communicate their experiences and knowledge to other teams, sponsors, and the judges.



Book Fair Thank You!

A big thank you to all the parents, students, and staff who “hopped on over” and supported our school libraries by purchasing items at our Scholastic Book Fair! We exceeded our goal with a total of over \$13,000 in sales- our best book fair yet! A significant amount of the funds will be used to buy new books for our school library. A very special thanks to all of the hard working volunteers who offered their time to help out! We couldn't have done it without you!



Mrs. Andera and Mrs. Solberg

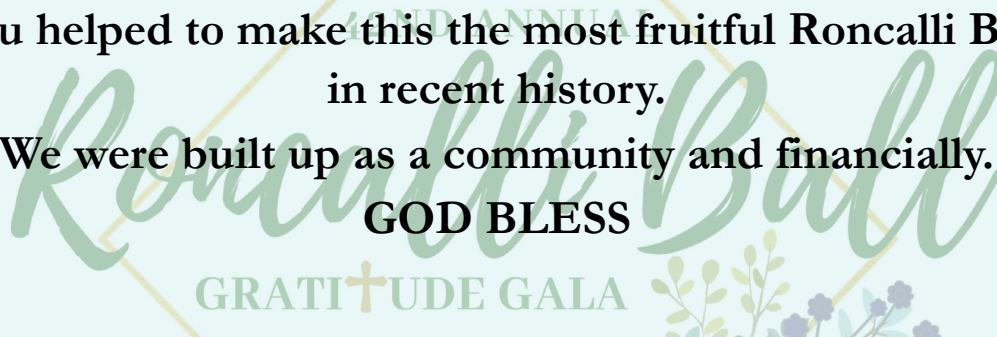
Thank You to everyone who made the 2021 Roncalli Ball a spectacular reality. We are 'GRATEFUL' to the many sponsors, supporters, volunteers, committee members and attendees.

You helped to make this the most fruitful Roncalli Ball in recent history.

We were built up as a community and financially.

GOD BLESS

GRATI+UDE GALA



Thoughts from our Principals

From Mrs. Paula Florey—Thank you parents for helping us navigate this school year. As we began, our hope was to be able to stay with in person learning the entire year. I was not extremely confident that we would be able to do this, but with your help and God's guidance we made it! Our teachers have been wonderful with juggling in person learning while still trying to accommodate students who were at home learning full time and those who were in quarantine. Was it perfect all the time? No, but we made it through.

As we look forward to next year we are all praying that we can transition back to a little bit more normal, while hanging on to some of the things that we liked from our Covid year. One of those things is our modified block schedule. We will tweak it a bit, but for the most part our schedule formation will look the same. Mark your calendars as we'll be having school pictures taken on July 28, 29, and August 3rd. Students will be able to pick a days and go to Hardins to get their picture taken. More information will be forthcoming. I wish you all a safe, healthy and wonderful summer.

From Mrs. Elizabeth Gorski— To the Roncalli Community - If we arm ourselves for the certainty of change, we will not be thrown off course by life's inevitables. I am filled with appreciation and gratitude; change is never easy but always constant.

Being the principal of Roncalli Primary & Elementary has been a blessing for the Gorski family. Thank you for all of your support, kind words, and encouragement while serving in my role and after I announced my departure. I continue to be impressed by the attitude, demeanor, and approach to life and learning from our students - it is because of YOU. Without this community, we would not be able to achieve all that we have - this year especially! It's the "village" that makes Roncalli so unique.

I am excited about the vision and leadership Mrs. Kost will bring to this role. As many of you know, she is wise, receptive, creative, and a Cavalier through and through!

Thank you for your prayers and support as we plan our transition for next year!

Have a great summer, and if you ever find yourself in San Antonio, let's connect!

THE INSIDE RIDE

A Top 20 Training Podcast



Well, it's happening. We have officially launched [The Inside Ride: A Top 20 Training Podcast!](#)

The podcast will focus on our own *inside rides*, meaning our *inner lives*.

Our inner lives consist of all the things that rumble around in our head and hearts that make an impact on not only our own *happiness and well-being*, but also our *personal and professional levels of effectiveness*. Since what happens on our inside ride impacts our experiences with the outside world, we thought a podcast sharing concepts and strategies, plus expert

interviews, might that make that ride a little bit better.

We're so excited to have you along for the ride.

COUNSELORS CORNER

Spring has sprung in the Counseling Office! Here are some highlights:

- ACT prep with Mr. Kevin Dix was well attended. The Upcoming ACT dates are June 12 and July 17. Register at act.org
- SADD is working hard to promote healthy, happy, holy Cavs! Recently, each student received a coping skills pamphlet and treat to promote mental health awareness.
- SADD Bullet Journal Club is up and running! Mindful and creative activities are proven stress reducers. In an effort to help students manage their time and activate creativity, SADD has provided supplies and snacks for students on Monday afternoons to create bullet journals.
- Life Skills students have finished up TOP 20 tools and are working on various aspects of career exploration, including their personality types, favorite career clusters and career pathways.
- The junior class toured Northern State University on 4/23. Students began their day with Mass and Breakfast at the Newman Center, visiting with NSU Dean of Students, Sean Blackburn, Fr. Kapperman and Newman Center Director, Mike Mitzel. Spending time in the Science Center and touring campus in small groups gave each student the opportunity to explore a college campus.
- Juniors have the opportunity to tour Lake Area Technical College 4/30. Visits will include a campus tour and connection with Catholic Campus Ministries at Immaculate Conception parish in Watertown.
- STUDENT RESOURCES: as we move into the busy activity seasons during May, please be aware that your student has ample resources to help them be academically successful: study table, tutors, planners and time with teachers.
- April 19-23 was the SD Week of Work, giving 10th and 11th grade students an opportunity to consider interview skills during classroom guidance. The Department of Labor also partnered with industry leaders to present zoom sessions from a variety of career clusters. They were recorded and are available for viewing at: <https://weekofwork.sd.gov/>
Some exciting events: College Signing Day is May 5 and Awards Day is May 12.

RONCALLI IS WORKING TO BECOME A TOP 20 SCHOOL! That means:

- We help others succeed.
- See problems, and solve the problem.
- Communicate YOU MATTER!
- Honor the absent.

Check out resources at: <https://top20training.com/>

GENTLE REMINDER, BUT IMPORTANT REMINDER:

All tuition and fees are to be paid by May 10th. Parent portals and students portals will be locked on all accounts that are past due after that date. Report cards and transcripts will be held. Tuition that is paid by automatic deduction for June and July is not considered late tuition, but if fees have not been paid by May 10th, the fees would be considered as past due. Thank you for your compliance and attention to this matter.



Preschool and Summer Information

Preschool Fall 2021

Do you or someone you know have a 3, 4, or 5 yr old ready for preschool?

We have full time and part time openings for you!

Join us for a meaningful, active, child-centered program where each child is valued and loved!

We focus on the whole child and how each learns best! If you want your child in a happy, loving, creative learning environment, come check us out.

Contact Pat Buechler at pat.buechler@aberdeenroncalli.org or call 225-3460

SUMMER 2021

I STREAM, you STREAM, we all SCREAM for STREAM!!

Start Date: May 20th

Last Day: August 6th

Days Closed: Memorial Day (May 30th) & July 5th

\$34/day (choose 2-5 full days/week)

Come join us for a STREAMY good time this summer! Flexible scheduling, fun-tastic field trips, & water days, along with STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, & Math) activities will keep your child occupied all summer long!

Registration is due **April 12th** and can be found on our website:

(<https://www.aberdeenroncalli.org/schools/summer-program>)

Registration can be mailed or dropped off at Roncalli Primary School (419 1st Ave NE)

Contact Shelby Braun at shelby.braun@aberdeenroncalli.org or call 225-3460



JOB OPPORTUNITY

Do you want to enjoy a fun-filled summer with some amazing kiddos?

Come join our team at the SonShine Patch to keep their little minds going all summer long! Sunny outside time, field trips, and SO MUCH MORE!!

Call us at (605) 225-3460 or email Shelby Braun (shelby.braun@aberdeenroncalli.org) for more information!

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation!" - 2 Corinthians 5:17

PARISH NEWS

Sacred Heart News

<http://www.sacredheartaberdeen.net/>

Sunday, May 2

10:30 am May Crowning in the Marian Garden

Monday, May 3

7-8 pm, Town Hall Meeting in the parish hall
to discuss the new priest assignments

Wednesday, May 12

6:30 pm, Ice Cream Social

To celebrate the end of a successful school year.
For everyone no matter where you go to school!

Wednesday & Thursday, May 19-20

STATE OF THE PARISH NIGHTS

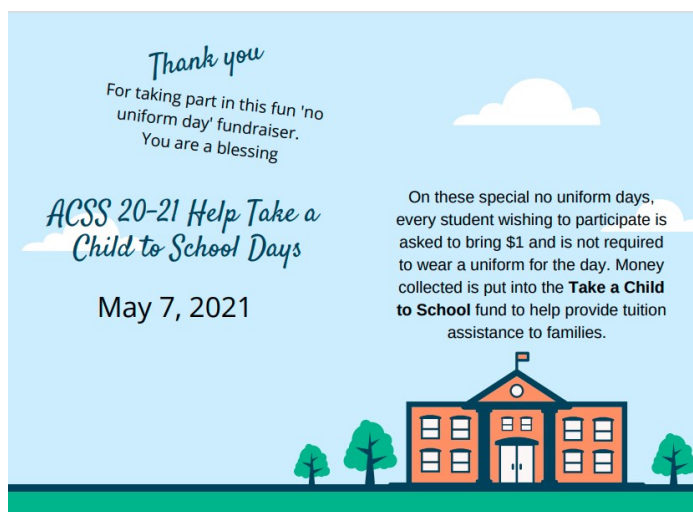
6-9 pm Wed. & begins with a Potluck
7-8:30pm Thurs.

St. Mary's News

stmarysabr.tumblr.com

Sunday, May 9

8:30 Baccalaureate Mass with
Breakfast reception to follow



DIOCESAN Youth EVENTS

"ENCOUNTER" with NET Ministries

Free and for the whole family.

Events near us: 5/2/21– Watertown

Contact gtibbetts@sfcatholic.org, 988-3766

Broom Tree FAMILY CAMP

June 21-24, 2021

Directed by Sean and Jenn Dalton/Fr. Scott Traynor

Register at

<https://broom-tree.org/retreats/broom-tree-family-camp/>

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SCHOOL!** 1 pm dismissal for all
grades.

ALSO

Look for the Summer 2021 Newsletter
coming out June 1.

AND

The 2021-2022 Back to School
Newsletter coming out in July.

SD Partners in Education Scholarship



TO MRS. MARLYENE BUECHLER & MRS. BARB NEWMAN

Marlyene Buechler



Roncalli has been truly blessed to have these two wonderful woman serving our students for so many years. It is with great appreciation that we recognize them as they take their leave at the end of this school year. We have a strong feeling that even though they are retiring, they won't be very idle. Mrs. Buechler has been a Preschool Educational Assistant at Roncalli Primary school for the past 29 years. It would be hard to find anyone that ever caught Mrs. Buechler without a smile on her face and a helpful hand extended to a little one. She helped form hundreds of children over the years and we are grateful for her care. She likely fit in so well with the preschoolers because she is so young at heart herself.

Barb Newman



Barb Newman has been the Roncalli Art teacher for the past 7 years. After a long career in other school systems Barb became a Cavalier and has said it was one of the best decisions she ever made. She has enjoyed teaching here and we have more than enjoyed having her teaching and inspiring our students and staff. Her excitement and creativity is contagious. The Art room became a favorite room for many students and staff members. Her instruction and guidance has allowed our students to see things in a different way, to hone gifts they already possessed and to discover a creativity they may not have known they had. She has built up the Art Department and advocated so that our students have been able to experience many different mediums and creative skills.

They have worked hard to love and care for the students and to uplift and help their colleagues but above all, these two women exude authentic faithfulness in their words, actions and love.

Please join us for a
**RETIREMENT
CELEBRATION**
Honoring

Mrs. Marlyene Buechler
&
Mrs. Barb Newman

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

4:30-6 pm

Program at 5:15 pm

Roncalli High School
1400 N. Dakota St., Aberdeen, SD

*"she opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching
of kindness is on her tongue"*



Lumen Christi is a program of the Diocese of Sioux Falls that gathers college students and seminarians into teams of four and sends them out to parishes. These missionaries are excited to get to know you and give witness to the love of God in their lives.

Contact your parish office for more information.

Join Us!

Monday, June 7th - Thursday, June 10th

- Grades 1-6 (going into) : 8:30am - 12:00pm
*Families welcome to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy together following each day!
- Grades 7-12: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
- Community wide celebration for the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus: Friday, June 11th from 5-8pm!

All activities at Sacred Heart Parish Social Hall: 413 3rd Ave SE
Register online at sacredheartaberdeen.net/lumen-christi
or in either parish office (Sacred Heart: 225-7065, St. Mary's 229-4422)



Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls





**Lumen Christi, meaning ‘Light of Christ’, is the new Diocesan Missionary Program!
(formerly known as Totus Tuus)**

Dates Grades 1-6: June 7- June 10 (Monday – Thursday- every day) **8:30am—12:00pm***

*Families are welcome to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy together each day!

Grades 7-12: June 7- June 10 (Monday – Thursday - every day) **7:00pm-9:00pm**

Feast of the Sacred Heart Community Wide Celebration: Friday, June 11th from 5-8pm!

Place: Sacred Heart Parish Hall (413 3rd Ave SE, Aberdeen)

Cost: \$25.00 per family - payable to your parish

Send to/drop off:	Thomas Eskro	Sarah Barstad
	Sacred Heart Church	St. Mary’s Church
	502 2 nd Ave SE	409 2 nd Ave NE
	Aberdeen, SD 57401	Aberdeen, SD 57401

Child’s Name	Age	Grade Next Fall	T-Shirt Size

Mom Name _____ Dad Name _____

Address _____

Mom Cell _____ Dad Cell _____

Mom Email _____ Dad Email _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone Number _____

MEDICAL RELEASE / LIABILITY WAIVER

I give my permission for my son/daughter, _____, to participate in the 2021 Lumen Christi program. I also hereby authorize the delivery of any necessary emergency medical care by available medical personnel. Further, I assume that with any activity there are risks and I release the Sioux Falls Diocese, Sacred Heart Parish, St. Mary’s Parish, the staff and team from any liability arising out of any injury or accident which may be sustained by the above named participants.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date: _____

Volunteers needed – please contact Sarah or Thomas if you are willing to help out, thank you!