



ABERDEEN CATHOLIC
SCHOOL SYSTEM

NEWSLETTER

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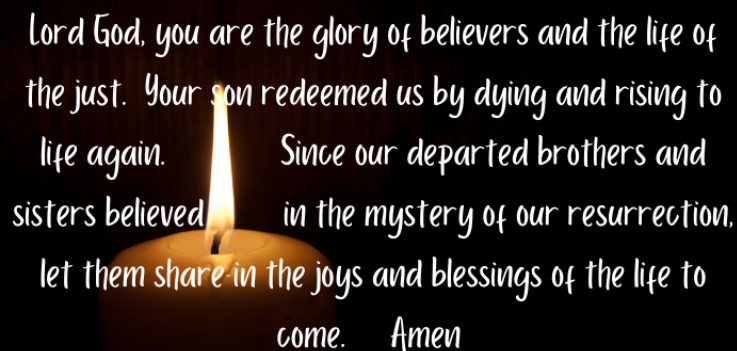
Featured Article

Fr. Jordan Samson- Pastor, Pastorate #4

Roncalli is quite an amazing place. I moved here in July 2023 to serve at Sacred Heart and St. Mary's. It didn't take long for me to realize that Roncalli school system is intimately intertwined with our history and our mission as Catholics in Aberdeen. I've loved getting to know the students, parents, teachers, and benefactors who have such a love for this school. It is edifying to me that so many faithful continue to generously support the mission of handing on the faith and forming students to mature adulthood through a Catholic education.

I love Catholic school formation because our striving for excellence in all we do includes an awareness of the whole person, body and soul, mind and spirit. We get to pray, attend Mass, and when there is a funeral in the parish, I love that our altar servers can come and assist serving the funeral Mass.

In the Catholic Church, the month of November is especially dedicated to remembering our deceased loved ones and the souls in purgatory. We get to talk about this in our schools as we acknowledge and pray for the dead.



Lord God, you are the glory of believers and the life of the just. Your son redeemed us by dying and rising to life again. Since our departed brothers and sisters believed in the mystery of our resurrection, let them share in the joys and blessings of the life to come. Amen

Meditating on death isn't meant to foster some sort of sad, morose, depressed, state of despair; rather, for Christians, it is a joyful meditation. It puts things in perspective. Someday we will die. Life is a gift. We are not in complete control. Whatever challenge that is occupying my mind will surely pass, and even the heaviest burden on my heart; yes, that too will pass. Jesus is a merciful savior and if we live for Him, have faith in Him, hope in Him, and love in Him then we have nothing to fear.

November gives a dedicated time to pray for our deceased. At each parish church there is a "Book of Life" where anyone, our students included, can write the names of deceased loved ones and we will remember them in prayer.

Peace!
Fr. Samson

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WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

"Nothing is more beautiful than love. Indeed, faith and hope will end when we die, whereas love, that is, charity, will last for eternity; if anything, I think it will be even more alive in the next life!"

-Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

ALL STATE CHORUS

The students pictured to the right represented Roncalli at All State Chorus and Orchestra held in Rapid City the end of October:

Rylee Voeller- Alto, 3rd year; Joshua Falken- Bass, 1st year; Genesis Dosch- Tenor, 2nd year
Leah Carda- Soprano, 3rd years



HALL OF FAME

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2023 Roncalli Hall of Fame Inductees: Scott and Rhonda Dell- *Volunteer Service*; Reed Kessler and Amy Kessler (not pictured Tim Kessler may he rest in peace)-; *Benefactors and Founders*; Cheryl Kolb- *Employee*; Doug Coughlin *Athletics*; and Dr. Ryan Lingor- *Arts and Academics*.



Gianna Mitzel
"New Beginnings"
Acrylic Paint
Roncalli High School
Aberdeen SD

NSU ART SHOW

Gianna Mitzel's painting is one of 50 selected for exhibition for the NSU Online Art Exhibit - such an honor for a talented artist and beautiful piece!

Due to a scheduling conflict, we have a date change for our 2nd quarter PTO meeting. We will be meeting on Monday, November 20th at 7:00 pm in the RES library.



**Roncalli High School
Blood Drive**

Monday, November 6

**11:00 am - 2:15 pm
Gymnasium**

SET UP YOUR LIFESAVING APPOINTMENT:

Visit: lifeserve.info | Call: 800.287.4903 | Text: LIFESERVE to 999.777

“ Thank you so much for donating blood.
My mom is now feeling better after having a
life threatening low hemoglobin on her journey
with ovarian cancer. Thank you! ”



THANKS TO EVERYONE
WHO SOLD, BOUGHT AND
ENJOYED SOME WORLD'S
FINEST CHOCOLATE!
WE RAISED OVER \$21,000
FOR RONCALLI - SWEET!





MARCHING CAVALIERS

Thank you Roncalli Family for your support of the Marching Band.

Roncalli Marching Band Season Results -

Roncalli Marching Band Festival:

1st Place, Best Flag Corps, Best Wind Section

NSU Gypsy Days: Gold Award

Lake Region Marching Band Festival:

1st Place in Combined Division, Best Flag Corps, Best Winds & Grand Champion

The Marching Cavaliers Senior Leadership:

back: Bella Martinez, Eva Madsen, Paul Gutenkauf, Anna Mitzel, Kathleen Luu, front: Paige Schmidt, Sarah Schmidt, Faith Danielson



NEW UNIFORM FULL ZIP JACKET

With the phasing out of the green fleece full zip uniform jacket at the end of this school year, many families have been asking for a different full zip option.

Last week a new full zip jacket was added to the uniform options in the Geffdog online Roncalli Spirit Store. They are available to order in youth and adult sizes.



VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Honoring those who served.

Please join us at
Roncalli Middle School
Wednesday, November 8, 2023
12:15-1:00 pm

Special Speaker:
Rory King

Roncalli High School Gym

This will be live streamed.



ACSS 23-24 Help Take A Child To School Days

September 15	January 12
October 20	February 16
November 17	March 15
December 15	April 12
May 3	

On these no uniform days, every student wishing to participate is asked to bring \$1 and is not required to wear a uniform for the day. Money goes into the Help Take a Child to School fund, which provides tuition assistance. Small contributions build into something big!

Aberdeen Mass Times for the Solemnity of All Saints - November 1st

NSU Newman Center

Tuesday, October 31st: 7:00pm



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
NEWMAN CENTER

310 15th Ave S

St. Mary's

Wednesday, Nov 1st: 7:00am
Wednesday, Nov 1st: 12:10pm

409 2nd Ave NE



ST. MARY'S
PARISH

Sacred Heart

Wednesday, Nov 1st: 12:10pm
Wednesday, Nov 1st: 6:30pm

411 3rd Ave SE



SACRED HEART
PARISH

Holy Day of Obligation

TIPS to become a HEALTHIER YOU

Adam White, Head Trainer Avera Human Performance Center

Get a workout Partner to keep each other accountable.

Working out in groups can offer more benefits than working out alone; there are even studies that prove this. We tend to push ourselves harder when working out with others which ends up in a better workout for everyone! Find your go-to person for exercise and keep each other accountable on those days when you aren't necessarily "feeling it".

Avera 

Moving Health **Forward.**

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The logo features a stylized 'R' with '45' inside a circle to its left. To the right of the 'R' is the word 'RONCALLI' in green, followed by a horizontal line. Below this line is the word 'CAVALIER' in large yellow letters, and below that is the word 'CAMPAIGN' in green letters, preceded by another horizontal line.

RONCALLI CAVALIER CAMPAIGN

The Cavalier Campaign will
be starting
mid-November, think of us
for Giving Tuesday or
throughout the
holiday season!

Contact Rick Kline to get
tickets for the Bash for Cash
rick.kline@aberndeen
roncalli.org
605-226-2100

CAVALIER
BASH
for
CASH

\$60 / ticket

This year - dress in your best (worst?) ugly
Christmas Sweater for more chances to win prizes!

The logo has a green background. On the left, the words 'RONCALLI' and 'BOOSTER CLUB' are written in yellow. To the right is a large, stylized green letter 'R' with a yellow outline.

RONCALLI BOOSTER CLUB

If you haven't purchased your
Green/Gold Cards yet, the Booster Club
will be selling them at the Winter Sports
meeting at RHS on Nov. 9. These Booster
Club Membership cards are your pass to
so many activities at Roncalli. To check
out the different levels
and what they offer
please refer to page 8.

The Roncalli Bash for Cash is
being held at 6 pm on
**Sat., Dec. 9, 2023 at
Steven Lust Auto.**

This is a casual event!
Dinner and drinks are
included and a Dessert Dash
(proceeds benefiting Girls and Boys Golf)
will be held after the meal.

Each ticketholder is
automatically entered, with
a chance to win \$1,000!
Drawing held after dinner,
need not be present to win.

RONCALLI

BOOSTER CLUB



2023 – 2024 Membership Levels

GRIDIRON Membership

Cost: \$50

Includes: Membership with the Booster Club
One pass to all regular-season home football games
**Second pass available for additional \$25*

GREEN Membership

Cost: \$150

Includes: Membership with the Booster Club
One pass to all regular-season home games
- FB, VB, GBB, BBB
One free popcorn for all home games played at RHS
Admission for one to the RHS fall and spring plays

GOLD Membership

Cost: \$250

Includes: Membership with the Booster Club
Two passes to all regular-season home games
- FB, VB, GBB, BBB
Two free popcorns for all home games played at RHS
Admission for two to the RHS fall and spring plays

Platinum Membership

Cost: \$350

Includes: Membership with the Booster Club
Two passes to all regular-season home games
- FB, VB, GBB, BBB
Two free popcorns for all home games played at RHS
Admission for two to the RHS fall and spring plays
Two tickets to the "Cavalier Bash for Cash"

Member Name(s): _____

Home Address: _____

Email address(s): _____

Cell Phone(s): _____

Make checks payable to Roncalli Booster Club

Return to RHS Office or mail to:

Roncalli High School, Attn: Booster Club, 1400 N Dakota Street, Aberdeen, SD 57401



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

for all new and current altar servers.

Multiple days and times

See

<https://sacredheartaberdeen.net/altar-servers>

or the letter that was sent home with students.

Saint Mary's

Confirmation Retreat:

Sat-Sun, Nov. 4-5 at The Abbey of the Hills

Confirmation Class:

Wed. Nov. 8, 7:00pm

Confirmation Potluck:

Wed. Nov. 29 with students and families

ADVENT WOMEN'S RETREAT:

Fri/Sat. Dec. 1/2. For all ladies in our Pastorate. Details on page 11.

PARISH NEWS

Sacred Heart

Grief Workshop:

Sun. Nov. 5th, 1-3pm.

For families that have experienced miscarriage, still birth, and infant loss.

Presented by the Lourdes Center.

Operation Andrew Vocations Dinner:

Tue. Nov. 7. Join Bishop DeGrood and the Sisters from Pro Ecclesia Sancta at NSU Newman Center. Open to boys and girls 10th grade and older.

RSVP by calling the parish office.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION:

Wed Nov. 8, 5:30-7:30pm.

For families with kids in grades 1-6.

YOUTH GROUP SERVICE PROJECT NIGHT:

Wed. Nov. 8, 6:30-7:30pm.

Fall Pottery Night:

Fri. Nov. 10, 6:30-8pm. Hosted by St. Rita's Garden Grief Support Ministry.

YOUTH GROUP TRIP CEMETARY TRIP:

Wed. Nov 15 , 7-8:15pm.

We will take time to pray for the deceased.

SET ABLAZE TOWN HALL MEETING:

Tue. Nov. 21, 7pm
at Sacred Heart, Aberdeen.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS:

Tue. Nov. 23, 9am at St. Mary's

YOUTH GROUP NIGHT:

Wed. Nov. 29, 7-8:15pm

2024-25 Roncalli Preschool & Kindergarten

Information Night

Roncalli Primary School

November 13, 2023

6:00 PM



We're growing . . . Come Join Us!

SAVE THE DATE

Coming to the Dakota Event Center
April 20, 2024.

We look forward to having you join
us for the largest friend/fund raiser of
the ACSS year.



WINE: Women In the New Evangelization



Bundle - Book, Journal & Bookmark
— available at retreat for \$25

Gaze Upon Jesus

ADVENT WOMEN'S RETREAT

December 2, 2023 | Saturday 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

St. Mary's Catholic Church
409 2nd Ave NE, Aberdeen, SD 57401

Stop, Gaze, and Listen with WINE!

What if you had walked beside the Virgin Mary from the Annunciation to the point at which she and Joseph found Jesus in the Temple? How might seeing Christ as a child impact you and your faith life? **Join us for this unique retreat that follows the infancy and early years of Christ as seen through the eyes of Mary and other familiar and imagined women in the Gospels.**

Includes:

- Mass
- Coffee & Pastries
- Inspirational Talks
- Lovely Lunch
- Lectio & Visio Divina
- Confession
- Praise & Worship

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Gathering in the Vineyard ~ Friday, Dec 1 | 6:30-8:30 pm

A special evening with our speakers, featuring a fabulous talk, appetizers, wine & sparkling water, laughter, and faith-filled fellowship sponsored by The Presentation Sisters.



SPEAKERS:

Kelly Wahlquist

Founder of WINE: Women In the New Evangelization, author, speaker, and the Director of the Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute.

Alyssa Bormes

Aberdeen native, Scripture teacher at Chesterton Academy, author, retreat leader, and instructor at the Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute.

Register Online Today!

[GazeUponJesus2023.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gaze-upon-jesus-2023-tickets-704444444444)

Sat. Dec. 2: \$25 before Nov. 1, and \$35 after

Fri. & Sat. Dec. 1 & 2: \$35 before Nov. 1, and \$45 after
*scholarships available

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