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**Donna (Hess) Biffle ('81)**

*unceasing commitment to Sacred Heart Catholic School for over forty years*

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## DEAR ALUMNI OF SACRED HEART,

In modern Catholic preaching, the topic of giving in support of the Church and her ministries, called tithing, is encouraged in three ways. We should give according to our ability from our time, our talent, and our treasure. Volunteering fits into two of these categories. St. Paul encourages us in his epistle to the Ephesians, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:14-15).

If we are to walk in the light of Christ as a people of the resurrection, then our time and our talents must be placed at the feet of our risen Lord lest they be put to evil use. Volunteering is one of those ways wherein we not only give a gift of ourselves to God, but allow God to sanctify our time and talents while we have them. I pray that all in our community experience the joy of service on behalf of Christ and the benefit of time and talents sanctified by service.

In Christ,  
*Rev. Austin Hoodenpyle*



**Rev. Austin Hoodenpyle**  
*Pastor*



**Mr. Brad Schilling ('97)**  
*SH Alumni President*

Hello friends and family,

The last quarter of the school year is finally here. And the seniors will graduate soon and move on to the future God has planned for them. I would like to wish them good luck with their future endeavors. Congratulations Nolan Schilling and the Class of 2026!

The 46th Annual Bike Rally was yet another success! This event involves many volunteers to make it happen. Thanks for your support of the Bike Rally and the 50th Annual GermanFest.

Crawfish boil was a huge success! Tyler Cook opened the evening with some great entertainment. Southern Couch Band closed the evening out for us. Those two bands can definitely entertain! The Muenster Volunteer Fire Department did an awesome job with the cooking of the crawfish. Paul T. Bartush and crew knocked out the Shrimp. And as always, Kenny Felderhoff and his mighty crew did an excellent job with the fish. I know there are many people out back helping these guys out. Thanks to all of you. And a special thanks to all who attended and supported the 13th Annual Crawfish Boil. We look forward to having you again next year.

Special thanks to Donna Biffle for remodeling the bathroom in the gym. That was a much needed renovation that we are all thankful she spearheaded. Go check it out when you have time and if you see Donna out and about, give her a huge 'Thank You"! And as always, we would like to thank our amazing staff here at Sacred Heart for going above and beyond for our school and students. We are very blessed to have such a wonderful faculty, which seems more like a family to us.

Everyone, please enjoy your summer break. Stay safe. Pray often. And enjoy life's many blessings.

God Bless,  
*Brad Schilling ('97)*

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

It is an honor to serve as your principal for another school year! It is hard to believe that we are already at day 100 of academic instruction. It has been a successful year of growth for our school with new students, programs, and upgrades to our existing facilities. Thank you sincerely to all of our incredible volunteers! This storied institution could not continue in its mission of preaching the Gospel without you. Whether it's our volunteer Shop teachers, Mrs. Biffle and her crew redoing the JH girls locker room, or simply members of our community donating their hours to help us, thank you sincerely. I am praying for you.

In Christ,  
*Andrew Folsom*



**Mr. Andrew Folsom**  
*SHCS Principal*

# Alumni Spotlight: DONNA (HESS) BIFFLE ('81)



# LOCKER ROOM RENOVATION



Donna (Hess) Biffle, Sacred Heart Class of 1981, was recently recounting something that Sacred Heart High School teacher, Mr. Joe Caserta, had said. Affectionately known as “Mr. C”, he told Donna’s Economics class that “Sacred Heart School is a business, and it is up to

each one of you to keep this business alive.” Donna says that Mr. C’s lesson that day had a profound impact on her. Known still today for his outstanding teaching skills, Mr. C explained to his students that as fewer religious such as Sister Mary John and Brother Thomas are teaching in the classrooms, the more the school will have to rely on lay teachers. The more lay teachers, the more expensive it is to keep the doors open, he said. Relating it back to the economics in his classroom, Mr. C explained that there may come a time when parents choose an education elsewhere rather than pay tuition. Donna clearly recalls Mr. C ending that lesson with, “I hope people really know what they will lose if Sacred Heart ever closes.” Donna has never forgotten this message.

Fast forward several years and Donna, with her husband, Jim, were putting their oldest son into preschool. Like most young families, Donna recalls that finances were “tighter back then”, and she made decisions about how to pay the tuition for her growing family. From saving tax refunds to rolling coins, Donna says that the one decision never up for debate was that she would pay tuition because Sacred Heart was worth the sacrifice and effort. And what tremendous effort Donna and Jim have made since 1987! Throughout the school years of their kids, Jack ‘03, Jayna ‘04 and Josh ‘12, through this year’s graduation of her oldest grandchild, Bella ‘26 and several more grandchildren to follow, Donna has been a constant fixture on the SH campus. She said that her love of the school was inevitable after seeing the sacrifices her parents made to send all their children. Donna’s mother, Emma Lou (Gehrig) Hess was part of one of the earliest graduating classes at SH, Class of 1949.

When asked about the motivation behind her unceasing commitment to Sacred Heart, Donna again recalls something Mr. C told her class, that “it’s not enough to buy a ticket to a dance,” as so much more is required to keep Sacred Heart not only alive but thriving. Donna not only buys the ticket to the dance, but organizes it, sponsors the decorations, food and entertainment, sets up for the event and cleans up after. She is a constant source of energy and organization and has shared her talents and love for Sacred Heart at every level. She went on to say that all the nuns and priests present in the school during her time there

embodied this spirit of giving and leading by example. Donna fondly recalls their sacrifice and generosity and remains grateful for each of them to this day.

Donna’s volunteer projects are too numerous to list here, but rest assured, if there is a need, she will show up ready to work. When the flowerbeds needed sprucing up, no problem, Donna chose the appropriate plantings and started digging. She can still be frequently found dragging water hoses around the campus to maintain the landscaping. When classrooms have needed painting, Donna is there, paintbrush in hand. When our beloved gym was showing wear and tear, Donna pushed for the renovation, organized contractors and other volunteers, and oversaw a lengthy renovation. Not surprisingly, her advice to even the newest SH Alumni members, “if you see a need around the school, don’t wait for someone else to handle it. Do what you need to do to continually improve it.”

Most recently, when the girls’ gym locker room, built in 1956, was sorely in need of a significant remodel, Donna took on this big challenge. She was relentless in not only getting it done, but getting it done correctly and with the intent that it last for years to come. Concrete was busted out, new plumbing lines run, new showers, new flooring, relocated toilets, new lockers, a new ac/heat/exhaust system, really everything was designed to make this space something to be proud of and share with our visiting guests.

When asked about her motivation to take on a project of this magnitude, Donna recalled her own high school experience: four principals in four years - Sister Mary John, Sister Cabrini, and a couple of other lay administrators. She added that despite the changes, Mr. C remained there, sure and steady for his students, providing lessons that would last well beyond the time in his classroom. Donna said that Mr. C told her class that “even when your kids have grown and graduated, you can never be done supporting SH or SH will be done.” It was at that moment that she made a commitment to Sacred Heart, that if she was ever in the position to give back, she would.

*Donna has honored her commitment continually for over forty years, and her gifts of time, talent, treasure, energy, creativity and love for Sacred Heart Catholic School have made this place infinitely better!*

We have been so blessed by all the sisters from Holy Angels Convent and the Benedictine priests, and we are so very grateful to Donna, Mr. C, and to all our alumni who will never be done with their commitment to our school!

# Bob & Bekah

## 1) *What impact did your education at SHCS have on your career, marriage, family, faith life?*

- The community of faith that is Sacred Heart Catholic School is the reason we are where we are as a couple and family today. SHCS was vital in the forming of the foundation of our faith life. While we pursued different paths after high school, all the while we continued to be a part of a community of faith wherever we went. Bekah was heavily involved at the Catholic Campus Center at Midwestern and Bob was a member of the campus ministry team while attending Benedictine College. After college, we both found each other, unmarried, and still holding on to the faith that we both hold dear to our hearts.
- Sacred Heart also helped prepare me in my role as both a physical therapist and a mom. I'd like to say that growing up surrounded by selfless educators, humble leaders, and faith-filled friends has impacted me in a way that I can imitate these qualities in my daily life.



## 2) *Are there any SH lay teachers, priests, or nuns who were particularly impactful and why?*

- Our grade school religion teacher, Sister Lillian Reiter, probably had the biggest impact for me while at Sacred Heart, at least concerning the development in my faith. From 2nd thru 6th grade she spent an hour a day with our class, teaching us the fundamentals of our faith: the breakdown of the mass, the significance of the sacraments, and much more about Christ and his Church. I remember the aprons she wore on rotation, each one containing the handprints of the students she taught from every grade. She taught us with much love and humility and that is what stuck out to me the most.
- During our high school years, Ryan Starrett was an impactful mentor, always challenging us in our religion classes with daily quizzes, weekly tests, and pushing us further in our knowledge of scripture and the church. Mr. Starrett's style of teaching is what helped prepare us for more difficult college courses.

## 3) *What personal, faith, or career advice or life lessons would you give to a student at SHCS today?*

- Life can take you down many different paths, but the most important path you can take is the narrow road – the path of truth, beauty, and goodness – seeking God everyday. At SH you learn this, and we hope you continue to seek God after graduation. It's important to surround yourself with people who also have the same goal of knowing, loving, and serving God. At the same time, I encourage you to be a light for others, wherever you go. That is what we are called to do. We are called to greatness and excellence.

## 4) *Please list any volunteer or career accomplishments that I could share?*

- Knight of Columbus and Catholic Daughters (have served leadership positions)
- Statistics the SH football games
- Bringing communion to the homebound of our parish weekly
- Sacred Heart Alumni such as the Bike Rally

# Alvin Fuhrman 99th Birthday



SH students sing Happy Birthday to Alvin Fuhrman on this 99th birthday!

Alvin, SH Class of 1944 and his late wife, Gracie '51, have been long-time supporters of SHCS.

Alvin remarked, "Sacred Heart School is the greatest thing that Muenster's got."

# Chubby Voth ('58)

Nicknamed “Chubby” as a toddler by her siblings, Loretta (Mages, Reiter) Voth is instead a petite fireball with a constant smile and an endless commitment to her Catholic faith and her alma mater. A member of the SH Class of 1958, Chubby embodies the Sacred Heart School mission of living and imparting a life of faith, service and integrity. For almost seven decades, Chubby has been the caretaker of her class, organizing dozens of class reunions. She and husband, Jerome, also an SH Class of '58 graduate, note that the reunions are a great way to keep in touch with each classmate.

Chubby’s commitment to our school goes well beyond reunions. For decades, she has visited nursing homes and brought joy to home-bound residents throughout Cooke County, making a special effort to connect with ailing classmates. She brings light and happiness to every conversation and makes the day better just by showing up. When asked what her motivation is, Chubby said her education at SHCS taught her so much and had a very big impact on her entire life. She said the lessons from the nuns and priests, particularly, Father Christopher, Sister Carmelita and Sister Theresina, were particularly important and stay with her still. Adds Chubby, “Every day I thank God for my Catholic education.”

Additionally, as volunteers at the State School in Gainesville, Chubby and Jerome seek “to bring God’s word to the boys who have not had the opportunities that we have had.” From this involvement to her work with St. Mary, Gainesville over the years, to her unwavering support of the SH Trust Fund and just about any Sacred Heart endeavor, Chubby was, is, and always will be a cheerleader for this school. The Sacred Heart Alumni organization is so fortunate to have Chubby, Jerome, and all former graduates who continue to live their faith long after they leave the campus. We are all beneficiaries of the light that shines through their good works.



Jerome and Chubby Voth, both SH Class of 1958



Chubby and classmate Gene Hartman ('58)



Chubby visiting with classmate Cecil Wolf ('58)



Chubby ('58), Linda (Rohmer) Sepanski ('68) and Carol (Wimmer) Gressett ('62) during a recent SH Homecoming halftime performance



# Three New Endowment Funds

*Endowment Funds for the benefit of Sacred Heart Catholic School continue to grow in size and scope! We are excited to announce that we recently had three separate Funds formed:*

1

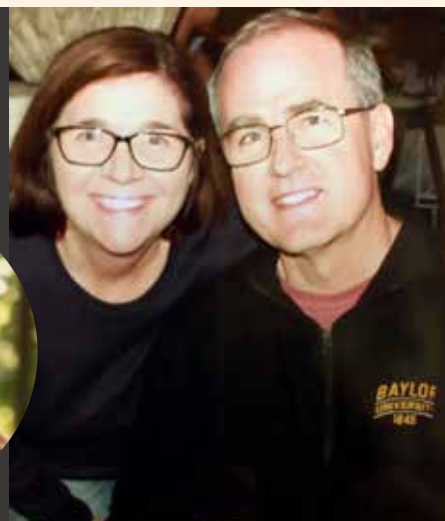
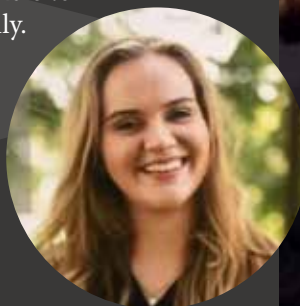
The Tom & Shelley Carson Endowed Fund was established in honor of Tom & Shelley Carson for their decades of involvement with and sports coverage of SHCS for almost 50 years. What a wonderful way to recognize their dedication to our school! It is exciting to see their son, Cole, SH Class of 2020, involved in the family broadcasting business!



2

The Bailey Walterscheid Speakers Series Endowed Fund was created by Bailey's aunt and uncle, Rachel and Michael Monhollan to honor and remember Bailey while generating funds to bring quality, Catholic-focused speakers to the Sacred Heart community and school family.

Mr. Monhollan recalls that he attended one such event at SH with Bailey while she was a student and he noted that it was very meaningful to her. We are grateful that the Monhollans have chosen to enrich our community while honoring Bailey's legacy.



3

The third fund is the Cauchy Higher Mathematics Fund. Created by donors who wish to remain anonymous, this Fund will ultimately endow a teaching position at Sacred Heart Catholic School with the capacity to form mathematically excellent graduates firmly rooted in their Catholic identity. The donors expressed their hope to assist SH in offering a complete algebra–trigonometry–calculus sequence on campus while maintaining small upper-level sections and preparing students for STEM degrees requiring rigorous mathematical foundations. Named for Augustin-Louis Cauchy, one of history's most prolific Catholic mathematicians, the fund embodies the convictions that faith and reason are allies and that excellence in mathematics is inseparable from the pursuit of truth grounded in Catholic faith. This is such an important gift as we look to the future of our school and our ability to prepare our graduates for their lives and careers beyond SHCS!

Each of these funds is important and significant in its own way. We are immensely grateful for the generosity of these donors. We invite and encourage gifts to these funds from any person or organization wishing to support these efforts. If you have questions about giving to any of our endowed funds, or even creating a new one, reach out to Lydia Springer for more information: [lydia.springer@shmuenster.com](mailto:lydia.springer@shmuenster.com), 940-759-2500 ext. \*

# CRAWFISH Boil

The 13th Annual Crawfish Boil was held on February 28th at Heritage Hall in Muenster. With fantastic weather and our amazing hard-working volunteers, the event was a huge success. Between the silent auction, two live bands, a poker chip raffle, card raffles, corn hole tournament and an abundance of delicious food, there was something for everyone. Thank you for all those who donated and attended for making it our most successful event yet! We hope to see everyone at our next one on February 27th, 2027!



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As a supporter of Sacred Heart Catholic School, you now have an easy way to donate to the school, Alumni & Supporters, or Trust Fund while getting tax benefits for yourself. You create a Donor Advised Fund (DAF), easily done through the Advancement Foundation or your financial broker, and then you advise how much, when, and to which non-profit your donations go. Often created and funded in a "high income year" such as when a business, appreciated real estate or securities are sold, you avoid Capital Gains tax on the asset when you gift it to your DAF. For more information on Donor Advised Funds, or any questions about supporting SHCS, please contact Lydia Springer at 940-736-3357 (Ext\*), [lydia.springer@shmuenster.com](mailto:lydia.springer@shmuenster.com)



# Legacy Club Pizza Party



# GIVE A MONTHLY DONATION!



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Club

## Did you know?

If 25% of Sacred Heart alumni donated \$50 per month to the Legacy Club, we would raise over \$250,000 each year. If 25% of Sacred Heart alumni donated \$100 per month to the Legacy Club, we would raise over \$500,000 each year and Sacred Heart tuition would be cut in half—from ~\$6,000 per student to ~\$3,000 per student.

## But what if we could make Sacred Heart tuition FREE?

It would only take 25% of the SH alumni donating \$200.00 per month to the Legacy Club!

## What is the Legacy Club?

The SH Legacy Club was established to help keep Sacred Heart tuition low, so Catholic education is affordable for any student. Members of the Legacy Club donate on a monthly, recurring basis to the Sacred Heart Alumni & Supporters Association. All funds collected through the Legacy Club are used solely to supplement tuition costs at Sacred Heart Catholic School. All donations are handled by FACTS management, the same company that manages Sacred Heart tuition funds. All donations over \$200 per year will receive a year-end donation summary that can be used for tax deduction purposes.

## Who can join the Legacy Club?

Anyone can join the Legacy Club. Donations can be as little as \$10 per month.

## Why join the Legacy Club?

Join to help make Catholic education affordable for any student. Sacred Heart Catholic School has a long and proud tradition of forming the whole person—mind and soul—so our students are prepared to live holy and productive lives, rooted in Jesus Christ.

## How can I join the Legacy Club?

Join online.

- Go to [www.shalumni.org](http://www.shalumni.org).
- Click on the SH Legacy Club tab at the top of the page.
- Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the envelope icon.
- Complete the online form to initiate recurring, monthly donations that autodraft from your bank account or credit card on your preferred day of the month.
- Or, simply text “Legacy Club” to 940-220-3183 and a link will be sent to your phone. Scan the QR code below to get started.

## Why donate to the Alumni and Supporters Association rather than directly to Sacred Heart School?

The Alumni & Supporters, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, exists solely for the benefit of Sacred Heart Catholic School in Muenster, Texas. Donations to the Legacy Club will be allocated for tuition supplementation only and will not be allocated to other school expenses.

Be part of something special. Be part of changing the lives of our young people. Help keep the proud Sacred Heart legacy alive. Join the Legacy Club today!



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CLUB  
TODAY!**

# Legacy Club Members

- Anonymous
- Yvonne Ambrose
- Monte & Janet Barnhill
- Zach & Rose Barnhill
- John & Malony Bartush
- John & Lanie Bartush
- Bob & Rebekah Bartush
- Bill & Annette Bayer
- Carolyn Bayer
- Craig & Rita Bayer
- Diane Becker
- Dave & Kathy Berres
- Nancy Bezner
- Wyatt & Kinzie Broxson
- Sean & Gayle Burke
- Paul Caplinger
- Shane & Jennifer Clark
- Kevin & Kathy Creed
- Mitch & Kami Creed
- James & Blayke Dangelmayr
- Coy & Leslie Eddleman
- Catherine Bartush Elliott
- Gary & Mary Endres
- Roger & Donna Endres
- Stan & Janet Endres
- Greyson & Hayley Evans
- Ryan & Alane Felderhoff
- Scott & Sandy Felderhoff
- Dave & Shelli Fleitman
- Doug & Vickie Fleitman
- Jerry & Billie Fleitman
- Mark & Jennifer Flusche
- David & Laurie Ann Flusche
- Harold & Jeannine Flusche
- Michael Flusche
- Jon & Stacie Forshee
- Ryan & Kirsten Fort
- James & Connie French
- Chris & Dana Fuhrmann
- Mark & Linda Fuhrmann
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- Lucien & Ashley Gehrig
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- Ryan & Kristen Gehrig
- Randy & Jeannene Haden
- Robert & Lynn Hanson
- Nolan Hartman
- Kenny & Rhonda Hartman
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- Ricky & Ammie Hennigan
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- Lonnie & Valerie Henscheid
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- Joel & Leslie Schilling
- Babe & Lisa Schilling
- Doug & Karen Schmid
- Bob & Linda Sepanski
- Sara Sepanski
- Cliff & Kathy Sicking
- Cody & Jennifer Sicking
- Rose Sicking
- Drew & Lydia Springer
- Ryan & Jacqueline Starrett
- Andrew & Cathleen Strabala
- Travis & Courtney Sutton
- Glenn & Amy Swirczynski
- Sharon & Garland Tate
- Adam & Lauren Taylor
- Roger & Janie Taylor
- Steve & Doreen Taylor
- Jeff & Angie Tempel
- Ty & Natalie Towner
- Floyd & Tammy Truebenbach
- Karl & Beth Trubenbach
- Gene Voth
- Christel Vogel
- Stephen & Janet Vogel
- Craig & Sharon Voth
- Jerome & Chubby Voth
- Chad & Kylie Walterscheid
- Laurie Walterscheid
- Mary Jane Wilkes
- Wes & Gracie Wimmer
- Christina Yetter
- Danny & Carla Zwinggi
- Kelly Zwinggi

For 135 years, Sacred Heart Catholic School has provided an outstanding education with daily opportunities for our students to learn, practice and live their Catholic faith. Since 1890, generations of families have sacrificed to give the opportunity of a faith-based and rigorous academic program to their children.

Our Alumni and Supporters organization has been instrumental in keeping our school affordable and accessible to all students wishing to get a college prep education at Sacred Heart Catholic School.

But the annual cost to educate a student at Sacred Heart Catholic School rises each year. Likewise, the cost of tuition must increase to cover the costs. And yet, increasing tuition can prevent families from sending their children to Sacred Heart.

**ONE PERSON CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE. BECOME A MEMBER OF THE LEGACY CLUB TODAY AND BE THE DIFFERENCE!**



# ST. JOSEPH'S WORKSHOP CRAFTS A CONFESSIONAL FOR THE CARMELITE SISTERS



Students in Sacred Heart's St. Joseph's Workshop program are putting their skills to meaningful use as they construct a new confessional and meeting room for the Carmelite Sisters who recently established their new monastery north of Muenster. Under the guidance of carpentry instructors Bert Walterscheid and Joe Hartman, the class has framed the structure and is now moving into roofing and finishing work. Several students are even volunteering time outside of school hours to help move the project forward.

More than a trades class, St. Joseph's Workshop emphasizes service and community. "That's what the trades are all about—fixing others' problems," said Paul Bartush ('85) the plumbing instructor. Alongside the confessional build, students have practiced repairing water heaters, wiring circuits, soldering copper pipe, rebuilding small engines, and even competing in a "toilet reassembly race" designed to sharpen plumbing skills.

Students say the confessional has become a favorite assignment because they know it will directly support the Sisters. Walterscheid hopes the experience gives students confidence—whether they pursue a career in the trades or simply want to learn how to care for their own homes.

As Walterscheid shared, the work feels like a calling: "It's been very fulfilling. I think this is a path God and St. Joseph want."

Our heartfelt thanks to the professionals who are teaching each discipline: Paul Bartush; Joe Hartman; Scub Hess; Mark Hesse; Roger Taylor; Jesse Walterscheid; Joe Walterscheid

**In case you missed it, North Texas Catholic published a story about the St. Joseph's Workshop. Visit [northtexascatholic.org](http://northtexascatholic.org) and search Sacred Heart School. Scroll down to the one titled: Sacred Heart Catholic school and parish community partner to teach trades.**

Donations to cover cost of materials for the confessional building are greatly appreciated and can be made at Community Lumber or sent to the following address. Make checks payable to Carmel of Jesus Crucified.

Mother Marie of the Incarnation, O.C.D.  
Carmel of Jesus Crucified  
P.O. Box 308  
Muenster, TX 76252



## FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW ART COMPETITION

Sacred Heart Catholic School students once again placed in the Fort Worth Stock Show Art Competition. Placing in the 2026 Fort Worth Stock Show Art Contest was senior, Heidi Becker, daughter of Michael and Billie Becker. Out of 143 entries, Becker placed 6th in the high school 3D competition with her sculpture, "The Rabbit". The judges commented that this was one of their favorite pieces. For placing 6th, Becker was awarded a \$1000 scholarship. ( Heidi Becker with winning sculputer JPEG.file) (insert image named The Rabbit)

Also placing this year was first grader, Brooks Flusche. Flusche, son of Dillon and Amanda Flusche, was awarded 4th Place in the 5&6 year old 2D art competition, receiving \$400. Flusche entered a painting entitled, "The Desert Blooms". Both students were recognized for their artwork at an awards ceremony and had their work on display in the Will Rogers Coliseum during this year's 2026 Fort Worth Stock Show. (insert image named Brooks with winning painting 2) (insert image named Desert Blooms JPEG file) (insert image named Brooks and Mrs Sicking at Awards Ceremony)

Sacred Heart's Art teacher, Martha Sicking, was very excited for these students. With 1800 overall art entries this year, the competition was very challenging. Sacred Heart is very proud of these students

Sicking had only been teaching art for a few years when she learned about this art contest while attending the Fort Worth Stock Show in 2018. She decided she was going to start entering her students' artwork. For the past eight years, from 2019 to 2026, Sacred Heart students have placed a total of thirteen times, with the competition getting more competitive each year.



Brooks and Mrs. Sicking at Awards Ceremony



Brooks Flusche with winning painting - *The Desert Blooms*



Heidi Becker with winning sculpture

In addition to our current winners, Sacred Heart students placing in The Fort Worth Stock Show Art Contest in previous years have been:

### 2019

Drayvan Szott - 5 & 6 year old division, 4th

### 2020

Jacob Walterscheid - 3D, 2nd

Jared Walterscheid - 3D, 4th

Clara Connell - 7&8 year old division, 7th

George Bartush - 5&6 year old division - 5th

### 2022

Clint Bezner - 3D, 3rd

### 2023

Clint Bezner - 3D, 3rd

Cooper Whitecotton - 5 & 6 year old division, 2nd

### 2024

Clint Bezner - 3D, 3rd

Heidi Becker - 3D, 7th

Ryder Wilson - 5 & 6 year old division, 7th

*For a school with such a small student population and competing against schools all across North Texas, this has been quite an accomplishment!*

### TRUST FUND LUNCHEON

This group brought their superpowers as they all pitched in to help prepare for and/or clean up after another successful Trust Fund Luncheon. From left, Sandra Walterscheid, Beverly Fuhrmann '74, Carrie Walterscheid '54, Stacie Miller '77, Debbie Schoppa '73 and Monica LeBrasseur '77. This wonderful event has been taking place annually since 1978, all for the benefit of the teachers at Sacred Heart Catholic School!



**TRUST FUND SAVE THE DATE**  
Sacred Heart Teachers Sustentation Fund  
(Trust Fund) Lunch will be held:  
**Sunday, December 6, 2026**  
Doors open at 11:30 | SH Community Center

### IGNATIUS BOOK FAIR AT SACRED HEART



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**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO OUR TIGERETTES  
FOR AN AMAZING BASKETBALL  
SEASON ALL THE WAY TO  
REGIONAL PLAYOFFS!  
ALL HEART,  
ALL HUSTLE,  
ALL SEASON!**



**CONGRATS TO OUR SACRED HEART TIGER  
VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM ON A  
STRONG SEASON FINISH AT THE AREA ROUND OF PLAYOFFS!  
WE'RE SO PROUD OF THE HEART  
AND HUSTLE THEY SHOWED  
ALL SEASON LONG!**



### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Though Catholic Schools Week was delayed by the ice storm, the celebration was well worth the wait!

Our students created beautiful banners that were displayed in church last week for school Masses, including the Feast of St. Blaise and Candlemas.



WHAT A BEAUTIFUL REMINDER OF HOW WE LIVE OUR FAITH EVERY DAY AT SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL!

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK LUNCH

*'Lunch with Loved Ones'* reminded us how special our Sacred Heart family truly is, united by faith and the shared mission of providing a strong Catholic education for our students!

A heartfelt thank you to all of our SHCS families for joining us to share in this joyful gathering.



### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK KNOCK OUT GAME

Sacred Heart held our annual Student/Faculty Knockout Tournament! It was great competition and fun for all! Congrats to Mr. Malone for taking the big WIN!



**Congratulations to our  
Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
2026 Education Contest Winners!**



Pictured from front, left - Mrs. Wolf, Cooper Jones, Jase Schilling, Martin Fitts, Walker Sutton, Joseph Taylor, CDA representative Mrs. Bayer; middle - Mick Schilling, Avery Kane, Julia Schmid, Rachel Gehrig, Lillian Clark; back - Eli Sicking, Heidi Becker, Rilynn Rauschuber, and Carly Walterscheid. Not pictured: Luke Hesse.

**TEACHER OF THE YEAR**



SH teacher and 1996 alumnus Michael Becker was honored as “Teacher of the Year.” He was recognized at the annual Trust Fund Dinner on Dec. 7!

Founded in 1978, the Trust Fund, formally called the Sacred Heart Teachers’ Sustentation Fund, has raised money solely for the benefit of our teachers at SHCS for almost five decades. This year, all net proceeds from the day went to our very deserving teachers in the form of a Christmas bonus.

Keynote speakers for the event were longtime teacher Annette Bayer and Julian Hesse (‘18).

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**TO OUR SACRED HEART JUNIOR HIGH  
LADY CUBS A TEAM FOR TAKING FIRST  
PLACE IN THE 2026 NTIL A TOURNAMENT!**



**OUR SACRED HEART  
HIGH SCHOOL  
COMPUTER LAB JUST  
GOT AN UPGRADE!**

Thanks to a generous donation from the Alvin & Gracie Fuhman Foundation, students now have all-new computers and equipment to enhance digital learning and innovation!



## THESPIAN SOCIETY

Sacred Heart Thespians brought holiday spirit to the stage with their 2025 Extravaganza: *A Christmas Carol!*



## ONE ACT PLAY

Sacred Heart's One Act Play cast delivered a stellar performance of "Knock Knock" at Butterfield Stage in Gainesville!



## THANK YOU, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

With grateful hearts, we thank the Knights of Columbus Council 1459 for their generous \$25,000 donation to Sacred Heart Catholic School! The contribution was presented to Fr. Hoodenpyle by Grand Knight Bob Bartush ('12) during Friday night's basketball games. We are so blessed to have the faithful support of local organizations like the KCs, whose dedication helps sustain high-quality Catholic education at Sacred Heart. Thank you, Knights!



*Congratulations*



SACRED HEART  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**CLASS OF 2026**

*Valedictorian*

**LUKE HESSE**

*Salutatorian*

**JAKE HESS**



## SACRED HEART CHEERLEADERS



### VOLUNTEERS BEHIND THE SCENES



### SACRED HEART HIGHLIGHTED IN THE DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 2025 IMPACT REPORT

Catholic education in the Diocese of Fort Worth is rooted in the Catholic moral and intellectual tradition and focuses on forming the whole child — mind, body, and soul. Sacred Heart is in alignment with this diocesan mission, partnering with parents as primary educators to prepare students in a welcoming environment for academic excellence, strong moral character, and active engagement in faith and service.

Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth

### Class of 2025 Success

- 100% of our 191 seniors graduated
- Our graduates received 581 acceptances to 158 colleges, universities and military institutes
- Our graduates received \$19M in academic scholarships

*"The education I received at St. Andrew and Nolan provided the academic and spiritual foundation needed to become an oncology nurse and to serve my patients with competence and love."*

Abbey Button, Alumna of St. Andrew and Nolan

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## WEDDING BELLS

Lyndon and Sydney  
(Hoedebeck) ('11) Cook  
March 28, 2026

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Celine Ann (Truebenbach) Bartel ('60)  
December 18, 2025

Thomas Theodore "Tom" Vogel ('61)  
November 9, 2025

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**AUGUST JANE**  
December 13, 2025



Thomas ('18) and Robin Hennigan:  
**LILLIAN CAMILLE**  
December 30, 2025



Nathaniel and Karli (Anderle) ('12) McEwen:  
**HEIDI ROSE**  
January 8, 2026



Bob ('12) and Rebekah (Hesse) ('11) Bartush:  
**MARGARET ANNE**  
January 22, 2026



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**MAYA JO**  
February 4, 2026



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**ALUMNI  
CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS:  
2026-27**

Sept  
11-12 } ANNUAL  
GARAGE  
SALE

Friday  
Oct 9 } SACRED HEART  
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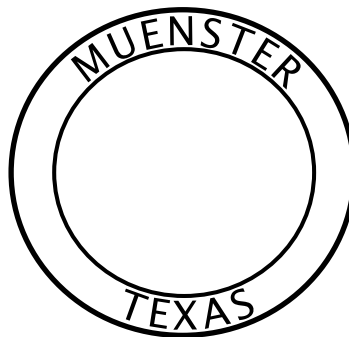
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Dec 31 } NEW YEAR'S  
EVE PARTY

Sunday  
Dec 6 } TRUST  
FUND  
DINNER  
All funds raised will  
go towards Christmas  
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Saturday  
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