

# ELK COUNTY CATHOLIC *School System*



**2021-2022  
ANNUAL GIVING  
REPORT**

# *a message from the President of ECCSS*

✠ the friends and supporters of Elk County Catholic School System:

I am facing a revolt.

It's a story as old as Catholic education. This summer I encountered a young man who will be entering 11th grade at ECC in the fall. I immediately noted that his hair was going to be an issue. To call it long would be to misstate the problem. It was LARGE. Like a hot air balloon, or maybe a blimp. It reminded me of Bob Ross, the curly-haired fellow who painted "happy trees" on PBS when I was a kid in the 80s. "You know you are going to have to get that cut before school starts," I said.

"I don't think so," he said, shaking his head and creating a bit of a breeze in the process. "I read the rules. They say boys can't have hair that touches their collar. It's not touching my collar. It's growing straight up."

This, I thought, demonstrated the perils of teaching young men how to read carefully and craft good arguments. So I retreated and tried a more effective tactic; I complained to his mother. Who also happens to be my wife. So she made my impressively-coifed son an appointment for a hair cut and, quite possibly, bribed him to go.

I share this story because it's... normal. As a general rule, Catholics schools have dress codes. And as a general rule, students poke at the rules and try to get away with whatever they can. Longer hair, shorter skirts, you name it. I have another son who wore Sesame Street socks for weeks on end to see how long he could get away with it.

All of which is wonderful news.

For the past few years schools across the country have faced one disruption after another. Even last year got underway with national controversies about masking and vaccines. While it's not clear that these issues are "over," our schools continue to do the essential work of providing an outstanding Catholic education to hundreds of children in the communities we serve.

Our schools have not closed. Our local pastors continue providing Mass, sacraments, and ministry to students. Our dedicated faculty members continue to teach. Just this week I got an e-mail from our AP English teacher informing me that 100 percent of our students in AP Lit passed the exam, and the pass rate for AP Lang was well above the national average. Students at all grade levels are achieving great scores on national assessments.

Are there challenges? Certainly. But we are overcoming those challenges by relying on the hard work of our staff—and the support of people like you. Our Annual Appeal and our Business Sponsorship programs are meeting or exceeding goals despite economic uncertainty. Our support groups such as the Athletic Association, the Music Boosters and the PTOs continue their track record of success.

Many Catholic schools across the country have wavered, or even closed. At ECC, we anticipate a third consecutive year of enrollment growth. Our facilities are attractive and efficient. Our doors remain open for children who aspire to be doctors and lawyers, and those who want to enter the trades and the military.

Thank you for making that possible. Thank you for seeing the value that we provide for our students, our communities and our Church. Thank you for giving us the resources we need to focus our attention on the spectacular, miraculous normalcy of academic excellence, faith formation and discipline.

Even if that means some occasional pushback on the dress code.

Again, thank you,



Sam MacDonald



Sam is pictured with Percy & Moe, the oldest of his nine children. The boys (and their new haircuts) are ready for junior year at ECCHS.



*Just a few of our faith-filled moments from last school year ...*

### Flag Ceremony

In memory of the 20th anniversary of 9/11, students from the St. Marys Catholic Elementary School and Elk County Catholic High School had the opportunity to participate in a community-wide flag ceremony on September 7, 2021 on the Diamond in St. Marys.

The Flag Ceremony was organized by the City of St. Marys and Wreaths Across America. Thirteen SMCES students presented flowers to honor the service members killed in Kabul. ECCHS student Gina Bush read a prayer following the presentation at the memorial.



### May Crowning Ceremony Held

May is the month of Mary, and the beautiful tradition of May Crowning reflects the beauty of the 5th Glorious Mystery of the Holy Rosary. Students joined in praying the Rosary and honoring the Blessed Mary.

May Queens (counter-clockwise from top left):

St. Marys Catholic Elementary School: Lilly Brennen

St. Leo School: Veronica MacDonald

St. Marys Catholic Middle School: Clarissa Seltzer

Elk County Catholic High School: Melaina Gradl



### Floating Rosary

St. Leo School celebrated the Feast of the Holy Rosary on October 6th, 2021 with a tribute to the Blessed Mother.

This has become an annual event planned by girls in grades 6-8. Students spent weeks preparing the Floating Rosary Project, and started by filling the beads of the balloon rosary with special intention prayers from each SLS student. The school community gathered in the church to pray the Rosary together before heading outside to launch it into the sky, lifting over 100 prayers to heaven.

The Rosary was tethered and strategically placed at the bottom of Boot Jack Road on route 219. We suspect that hundreds of people received the message of faith, hope and charity. After the rosary was safely taken down, the middle school girls retrieved all of the prayer intentions from inside the balloons and burned them in a prayer ceremony.





# year in review

*Some more highlights from the 2021-2022 school year ...*



## Share Your Career Day

Prior to Christmas break, ECCHS juniors and seniors talked with alumni and career professionals in the fields they are interested in pursuing.

These mentors discussed opportunities in Medicine, Education, Computer Engineering, Accounting, Graphic Design, Criminal Justice, Business, Law, Fashion, and Journalism were discussed with students.

## Outstanding Overall Program

In March of 2022, the team from St. Leo School won awards for *Outstanding Educational Value* and *Outstanding Outreach Plan* at the "What's So Cool About Manufacturing?" awards ceremony. The students partnered with Advantage Metal Powders and FormFast to create their winning video.

Pictured are members of St. Leo School's team with Jason Gabler of Advantage Metal Powders.



## Congratulations Coach Straub

Crusader basketball head coach Aaron Straub is pictured with members of the ECCHS student section, Crusader basketball team, and cheerleading squad following his 900th career victory as the Crusaders' head coach on January 21, 2022.

Outside of coaching basketball, Coach Straub puts in countless hours to provide a well-rounded and enjoyable athletic experience for all of our student-athletes. The environment created by Coach Straub and all of our coaches allows our athletes to strive for and reach personal and team athletic goals.



## School Improvements



Preschoolers at SMCES enjoying new round tables in the cafeteria.



SMCES Cafeteria Manager Paula Singer is seen with their new electric kettle.



St. Leo School receives new desks and chairs.

This past year, Elk County Catholic School System made a host of improvements to our schools. These were funded through our generous supporters, grants, and strategic investment of our Covid-relief dollars.

At St. Marys Catholic Elementary School, a team of parent volunteers completed the final installation of new solid classroom doors with safety locks, making the school dramatically more secure. The cafeteria received a complete overhaul with new floors, round tables and kitchen updates including a new electric kettle. An attractive and efficient new entrance has also been added to the school.

St. Leo School updated their hand washing stations on both floors. An anonymous donor helped pay for significant upgrades to the student bathrooms. The kindergarten classroom received new flooring and much needed additional instructional space. New student desks and chairs have arrived just in time for the 2022-23 school year. School communication and security have been improved with a brand new PA system and security blinds throughout the school.

At Elk County Catholic High School and St. Marys Catholic Middle School, new cleaning and disinfecting equipment and a wide variety of new and updated educational technology has been secured. The highlight for staff, students and their families was the return of traditional events such as the Prom, graduation, award ceremonies, May Crowning, Fine Arts Day, pep rallies, class trips and all school Masses.

In all cases, our supporters have made it possible for our students to work, study and pray in a safe and attractive environment.



### Best Wishes in Retirement

Congratulations to Mrs. Bauer and Mrs. Stanisch on their retirement following the end of the 2021-22 school year. Thank you for your dedication to our schools and your students.

We will miss you!

Mrs. Lori Bauer, 37 years of service

St. Marys Catholic Elementary/Middle School

Mrs. Mary Sue Stanisch, 30 years of service

St. Leo Catholic School

# *ccess by the numbers*



OVER \$1.1 MILLION GIVEN IN SUPPORT OF OUR SCHOOLS DURING THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR.

## \$673,426

IN SCHOLARSHIPS

AND FINANCIAL AID

AWARDED SO THAT ALL FAMILIES CAN AFFORD A CATHOLIC EDUCATION.

THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES WHO DONATED:

# 1039



ALL OF OUR LOCAL CATHOLIC PARISHES CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF.

## COUNTLESS

HOURS OF TIME, TALENT AND PRAYERS OFFERED FROM OUR COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT.



# 100%

OF STUDENTS IMPACTED BY YOUR GENEROSITY





*"Sow seeds of goodness for the benefit of others."*

**- Pope Francis**

We say it all the time - Elk County Catholic is blessed. We are blessed with an inquisitive and mindful student body, a set of enthusiastic and mission-driven educators and staff members, and a faithful and involved school community made up of parents, grandparents, alumni, friends, and supporters.

The following pages list the names of the individuals and organizations who contributed financially to our schools throughout the course of the fiscal year between July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. Although in-kind donations are not listed, they are equally important. We thank our supporters for all their contributions.

## The ECCSS Fund

### **Leaders of the Mission** **\$10,000 and above**

56 Alicia Reuscher Gleixner  
60 Karen Copello Dean & Floyd Dean  
Arthur & Joanne Haberberger  
Anonymous

### **Guardians of the Mission** **\$5,000 - \$9,999**

59 John Bauer &  
60 Constance Schlimm Bauer  
64 Wayne Gleixner & Carol Gleixner  
82 Robert O'Leary &  
83 Pamela Fritz O'Leary  
Jude Hoffman  
Michael & Dee Pontzer

### **Partners in the Mission** **\$2,500 - \$4,999**

66 Dennis Skrzypek & Therese Skrzypek  
68 Richard Pflugstler &  
69 Christine Hanes Pflugstler  
71 John Sidoni &  
71 Marsha Wolf Sidoni  
74 Frank Scutella &  
79 Ellen Halloran Scutella  
87 Robert Kuntz  
87 Kurt Richards  
87 Julie Straub  
Richard & Amy Kurz  
Laurence & Mary Thorwart  
CMF Club – Wild Game Dinner  
Anonymous

### **Founder's Club** **\$2,000 - \$2,499**

49 M. Phyllis Gleixner Daly  
52 Mary Lou Brody Reuscher & Family

62 Mary Agnes Glatt Marshall & Gerald Marshall  
70 David Caruso & Mary Beth Caruso  
77 Msgt. Paul Trgovac, Retired  
79 Andrew Santo  
80 Angela Hacherl Edgington & Jeffrey Edgington  
Anonymous

### **President's Club** **\$1,000 - \$1,999**

48 Melvin Hoffman  
48 Victor Straub &  
48 Dolores Krellner Straub  
51 Harold Lancel &  
51 Mary Ann Sporer Lancel  
61 Bernice Salter Pfeufer  
61 Anne Werner Proske & Joseph Proske  
63 Lavern Kneidel  
64 Ann Schaberl Heffner & Earl Heffner  
65 Daniel Meier  
65 Victor Vidal & Ada Vidal

69 Jane Hillebrand Heverley  
71 James Hillebrand  
73 Karen Gausman  
73 Joseph Hawkins & Mary Ellen Hawkins  
75 Christine Hillebrand  
75 Stephen Lancel & Carol Lancel  
75 William Olson & Jane Olson  
75 Richard Spence  
75 Aaron Straub &  
75 Joanne Gerg Straub  
81 Daniel Reuscher  
83 Douglas Kuntz  
86 Aaron Gleixner & Heidi Gleixner  
89 Catherine Gleixner Molnar & Michael Molnar  
90 Jude Dozor & Christine Dozor  
02 A.J. Straub &  
02 Lindsey Meholic Straub  
Steve & Kelli Brannock  
Nicklous Cherry  
Dr. Rosemaria Cienciva  
Don & Cheryl Ruffner  
2 Anonymous



### **Principal's Club**

#### **\$500 - \$999**

51 Mary Lou Sporner Schutz  
57 Mike Piccirillo &  
59 Mary Ann Herzing Piccirillo  
58 Ronald Bush & Lavonne Bush  
61 Robert Roberts &  
61 Elizabeth Schloder Roberts  
63 Mark Bauer  
63 Roger Fritz & Barbara Fritz  
65 Linda Rollick  
66 Robert Fledderman & Anne Fledderman  
67 Gerald Riddle &  
70 Suzanne Wortman Riddle  
67 June Schaut  
69 Kenneth Stewart & Linda Stewart  
69 Mary Jo Samick Todoran  
74 Ann Newell Curtis & James Curtis  
76 Barbara Brennen Simbeck &  
77 Ira Simbeck  
77 Bernard Benton  
78 Lisa Schreiber  
80 Joseph Pfingstler  
83 Daniel Pontzer & Laura Pontzer  
86 Donn DeVallance  
88 Robert Gleixner & Stacy Gleixner  
John & Mary Foradora  
Frank & Jill Kaul  
John Kosco  
Kevin & Jodi Lindemuth  
Constance Schreiber  
Theresa Shanahan  
Caiteng Xie & Katie Yan  
St. Marys Eagles Club Aerie 536  
2 Anonymous

### **Maroon & Gold Club**

#### **\$250 - \$499**

49 Sgm E. Pierre Brehm, USA (Ret.)  
53 Elizabeth Lang Lewis  
54 Kenneth Gerg &  
54 Joanne Weis Gerg  
55 Robert Kerner &  
58 Mary Ann Pollick Kerner  
56 Clifford Pfoutz  
57 Joyce Nekuza Bauer & Dennis Bauer  
60 J. Michael Donahue & Nancy Donahue  
61 Alan Hannibal  
62 Robert Simons & Susan Simons  
64 Nancy Donahue Caskey & Robert Caskey  
64 Patricia Pistner Wehler  
65 Yvonne Erich Hooper & Eugene Hooper  
67 David Mildrew &  
69 Julie Dauer Mildrew  
68 Francis Condino  
68 Lawrence Fledderman &  
68 Penelope Feldbauer Fledderman  
71 Judith Smith McDonough  
73 Joseph DeFranco  
73 Seth Gorman  
79 David Stebich & Kelly Stebich  
83 Fr. Paul Taylor  
84 Joseph Kosco  
85 Lisa Pfoutz Werneth & Michael Werneth  
86 Peter Straub & Amy Straub  
90 Theodore Hanes  
92 Emily Fritz  
95 Kimberly McDade  
95 Stephen Straub & Ann Marie Straub  
96 James Fritz &  
96 Jessica VanAlstine Fritz  
98 Jennifer Smith Adamson & Chris Adamson  
98 Brian Hoffman  
01 Michelle Cooney Muccio-Krise & Roy Krise  
03 Christopher Caruso & Karla Caruso

09 Kevin Werneth &  
10 Alison Whiteman Werneth  
Gary & Laura Anderson  
Jason & Rebecca Gabler  
Ed & Georgia LaValle  
John & Rebecca Piccolo  
Ellwyn & Lara Reynolds  
Ed & Teresa Richards  
Ralph Swackhammer  
Jude & Rebecca Viglione  
2 Anonymous

### **Crusader Club**

#### **\$100-249**

48 Joan Rupprecht Cauley  
48 Patricia Herzing Shipling  
49 Anthony Young &  
56 Jane Rigard Young  
49 George Bauer  
49 Lois Kuntz Eckert  
49 Sarah Hathorn Lanzel  
50 Eileen Zitzler Quatroche  
52 Thomas Erich &  
55 Eileen Olson Erich  
53 John McDermott &  
53 M. Ann Brock McDermott  
55 Joseph Lynch &  
55 Alice Pfeufer Lynch  
55 John Brock &  
56 Carol Rae Hoffman Brock  
55 Joan Gabler Distler  
55 Rosemary Fledderman Schloder  
56 Grace Erich Arnold  
56 Georgia Robertson Dinsmore  
56 Ronald Haberberger & Nancy Haberberger  
57 George Ernst  
57 Frank Jacob & Germaine Jacob  
57 Robert Mallison  
57 Susan Lyons Weishaar  
58 Joseph Pontzer &  
63 Sandra Heindl Pontzer

58 Joan Engel  
58 Margaret Lecker Gorlowski  
58 Dolores Selle Resch  
59 Patricia Schaberl Gleixner  
59 Mary Beth Schlimm Skok  
59 Richard Zamboldi & Therese Zamboldi  
60 Ruth Wehler Ehrensberger  
60 Gerald Prechtl & Patricia Prechtl  
61 James Engel  
61 Ethel Friedl Galli & John Galli  
61 Richard Parson  
61 Joseph Vollmer & Anita Vollmer  
61 Joseph Williams  
61 Lindy Herbst Gabler &  
62 David Gabler  
62 Susan Schaberl Purdon & Richard Purdon  
62 Andrew Weidenboerner  
63 Francis Fischer  
63 Benedict Kronenwetter & Sylvia Kronenwetter  
63 William Miller &  
64 Barbara Lechner Miller  
64 Dennis Simons  
64 Jane Ehrensberger Wattis  
64 Margaret Weber Whiteman & Harry Whiteman  
64 David Carino &  
65 Donna Ritter Carino  
65 Terrence Brock & Rosario Brock  
65 David Fox & Darlene Fox  
65 Anne Uhernick Sekula & Brian Sekula  
65 Daniel Sterbank & Jane Sterbank  
66 Jude Brock  
66 Lee Carino &  
66 Barbara Thiel Carino  
66 Thomas Fleming  
66 Margaret Walker Hanes & Robert Hanes  
66 Justin Krellner  
66 William Long & Colleen Long  
66 Kenneth Steudler  
66 Linda Hannold Vanatta  
66 John Garner &  
67 Helen Uhernick Garner



## **SMCES Raises Money for Local Fire Department**

During Catholic Schools Week third grade students at St. Marys Catholic Elementary School chose the St. Marys Fire Department as part of their service project.

Students collected donations and supplies for the fire station to show their appreciation to our local volunteer fire fighters. The Fire Department stopped by the school to accept the donations and to discuss their duties and responsibilities.



67 Mary Ann Weber Hillebrand & Patrick Hillebrand	76 Elizabeth Simbeck Hoffman & Kenneth Hoffman	85 Amy Lecker Fedus & Kevin Fedus	02 Devin Stauffer & 02 Tricia Bosnik Stauffer
67 Robert Miller & Constance Miller	76 Stanley Kornacki	85 Henry Rettger & Cheryl Rettger	03 Michelle Cotter Dlugas & Tim Dlugas
67 Ruth Sorg	77 Elizabeth DiNardo	85 Michael Sherry & 99 Sarah Sweeney Sherry	03 Andrew Herbstritt
67 Jane Wickett	77 Catherine DiNardo	85 Darlene Glatt Stipanovich & Nicholas Stipanovich	04 Stephen Dellaquila & 04 Megan Nissel Dellaquila
68 James Arnold	77 Karl Wolfe & Deborah Wolfe	86 Wesley Meyer & Michelle Meyer	04 Doug Straub & 04 Michelle Reed Straub
68 Michael Candolor & Laurie Candolor	78 Donald Benton & Martha Benton	86 Gregory Stauffer	04 Ashley Mulcahy
68 Lora Grosser Manning & Bruce Manning	78 Diane Wolfe Verne & David Verne	87 Dana Wolfe & 87 Nicole Proske Wolfe	04 Eric Williamson
68 Jane Knouse Shaffer & David Shaffer	78 Larry Wingard & 80 Jean Pfoutz Wingard	88 Phoebe Bonfardine Menard & Richard Menard	05 Kimberly Meier Archuleta & Jeremy Archuleta
69 Joseph Goetz & Susan Goetz	79 Edward Cesa	88 Daniel Poulliott & 89 Laura Lanzel Poulliott	05 Sarah Assalone Tornambe
69 Timothy Kriegel	79 Amy Evers Lessmann	89 Rex Pistner	12 Ashley Seelye DeLullo
71 Valerie Jovenitti Biel	80 Mary Ann Wingard Bush & Dennis Bush	89 Timothy Pearson & Bonita Pearson	Robert Altmeyer
71 Ralph Breindel	80 Thomas Detsch & 80 Amy Rieder Detsch	90 Nicole Young Summers & David Summers	Rev. John P. Beal
71 Daniel Fledderman	80 Brian Fleming & 80 Mary Pat Bauer Fleming	90 Douglas Wolfe	Michael & Lorraine Benedict
71 Mary Chase Gee	81 John Cotter & Marsha Cotter	91 Thomas Fledderman & 91 Danielle Miller Fledderman	Robert & Jane Bennett
71 Nancy Solic Plows & David Plows	81 Luke Herzing & Colleen Herzing	91 Kelli Piccolo Hall & Seth Hall	Charles & LouAnne Bloam
71 Kevin Rollick & 72 Mary Beth Breindel Rollick	81 Jeffrey Meyer & 83 Tina Uberti Meyer	92 Keith Simons	Rosemary Carnovale
71 Ruth Wiesner Ross & Dennis Ross	81 Paul Schatz & Mary Beth Schatz	93 Aaron Ehrensberger & Jodi Ehrensberger	Daniel & Dora Cunningham
71 Catherine Berasi Roth	82 Holly Reider Bandy & Tom Bandy	94 Jill Singer Babinski	Mark Dellaquila
71 Barbara Keating Samick & 72 John Samick	82 James Cauley	96 Jason Reuscher	Rev. Michael P. Ferrick
72 George Scull & 73 Karen Arnold Scull	82 Joseph Lecker & Jennifer Lecker	00 Lori Mildrew & Tristan Wilhelm	Mary Geci
73 George Scull & 73 Karen Arnold Scull	82 David Martin	01 Scott Herzing & 01 Julia Werner Herzing	Arcelia Heiberger
73 Constance Stubber Senkowski & David Senkowski	82 Jerry Zimmerman & 82 Catherine Kopp Zimmerman	01 Craig Gnan	Steven & Susan Jansen
73 Thaddeus Sorg & Angela Sorg	82 Edward Schlimm & 83 Kimberly Sadley Schlimm		Gary Klein
74 Jim Carino & Janice Carino	83 Douglas Marshall & Mary Marshall		Victor & Rebecca Lahnovych
74 Darlene Hanes Duplessis	83 Donald Resch		Sam & Michele MacDonald
74 Laura Baumgratz Graves	83 Joel Meyer & 84 Jennifer Bauer Meyer		Carol Minnick
74 David Lanzel & 74 Mary Jo Nedzinski Lanzel	84 Barbara Vollmer Glatt & Samuel Glatt		Rev. Jeffrey Noble
74 Barbara Reed McAvoy & Michael McAvoy	84 Stephen Jacob		Bernadine Rettger
74 Victoria Uberti Nugent & James Nugent	84 Audrey Kuntz		Donald Rudick
74 Robert Tornatore	84 Douglas Lecker		
74 Stephen Feidler & 75 Mary Lynn Martin Feidler	84 Jeffrey Struble & 84 Jill Heiberger Struble		
75 Paula Fritz Fritz Eddy & Richard Eddy			
75 Ronald Meier & Amy Meier			
76 Elaine Rohr Brem & Randy Brem			
76 Thomas Brem			

## **SMCMS Service Project**

**Students at St. Marys Catholic Middle School helped Rich Eddy at St. Marys Catholic Church pick apples at the Convent grounds to sell at the Benedictine Gift Shop.**





## **Made with Faith and Love**

**St. Leo middle school girls knitted baby hats and completed gift bags that will be given to families who are celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism. The students also wrote personal notes to the parents of each child to be read on their special day!**

Robert & Edna Serafini  
David & Marlene Stubber  
Richard & Debora Swackhammer  
Brian & Amy Thorwart  
Ryan & Constance Vollmer  
Darren Yanak & Catherine Zore  
Domtar Paper  
6 Anonymous

### **ECC Spirit Club** **Up to \$99**

46 Paul Rettger  
48 Myra Nolan Trgovac  
51 Marian Selle Carr  
51 Sr. Mary James Dippold, O.S.B.  
51 Patricia Hoffman McDaniel  
52 Francis Geitner  
53 Betsy Pontzer Amalong &  
Russell Amalong  
54 Kathleen Renwick Bauer  
54 Carol Leuschel Gorske  
54 Gerald Klein  
55 Lou Ann Sherry Donahue &  
James Donahue  
55 Helen Keller Donovan  
55 Elizabeth Josephson Matheson  
56 Thomas Farley & Sandra Farley  
56 Wayne Hagan  
56 Andrew Marconi  
57 LaVern Lenze &  
58 Gwynne Schaefer Lenze  
57 Dennis Vollmer  
58 Georgia Fleming Rezsutek  
59 Dennis Benninger  
59 Daniel Lechner & Carol  
Lechner  
59 George Nero & Karen Nero  
59 Carl Reider &  
59 Sandra Cassidy Reider  
59 Edward Sutton & Jane Sutton  
60 Gary Lang &  
61 Mary Ann Beck Lang  
60 Judith Vollmer Miller  
61 Frederick Gabler  
61 Ronald Schneider &  
61 Catherine Hannibal Schneider

62 Rita Straub Asti & Julian Asti  
62 Mark Brendel &  
62 Mary Brehm Brendel  
62 Jane Dankmyer Eacobacci  
62 William Grieggs & Joan  
Grieggs  
62 Mary Ann Jacob Mohr  
62 William Nussbaum &  
65 Victoria Cook Nussbaum  
63 Mary Weidenboerner Buerk &  
Dale Buerk  
63 Susan Sadley Colson  
63 Sr. Susan Herzing, SSJ  
63 Anthony Sherry & Bonnie  
Sherry  
64 Linda Haberberger Beveridge  
64 Thomas Clark  
64 Shirley Gausman Marchand  
64 Paul Meyer &  
67 Jean Halloran Meyer  
64 Edward Schutz  
65 Peter Largey  
65 Earl Pfeufer  
65 Christine Degroat Piurkoski &  
Leon Piurkoski  
65 Jean Shields  
65 David Sorg & Ann Sorg  
66 James Hoffman &  
66 Kathleen Meyer Hoffman  
66 Renee Gapinski Lau  
66 Audrey Skiba Shannon &  
Michael Shannon  
66 Donna Haberberger Blair &  
67 Raymond Blair  
67 Patricia Erich Neal & Duane  
Neal  
67 Grace Pfeufer Patterson  
68 Linda Glass Billesback  
68 Anthony Defranco  
68 Marcella Geyer  
68 Kathleen Buchheit Lecker  
68 Barbara Baum Rendos &  
Michael Rendos  
68 Janice Haberberger  
VanAlstine & Vernon  
VanAlstine

69 John Bullers  
69 James Cooney & Mary Fran  
Cooney  
69 Ronald Keim  
69 Cynthia Walsh Marconi &  
David Marconi  
69 Gary Skrzypek & Elizabeth  
Skrzypek  
69 George Newell &  
70 Mary Jo Halloran Newell  
70 Mary Claire Kennedy Hogan  
70 Stanley Skiba & Dorothy Skiba  
70 Mary Ann Jesberger Williams  
71 David Burkett &  
71 Ruth Grieggs Burkett  
71 Patricia Candalar  
71 Larry Gabler & Ada Gabler  
71 Lois Brem Huff  
71 Kenneth Reed  
72 Rita Halloran Constable & Roy  
Constable  
73 John Dauer  
73 Michelle Valentine Smith  
73 Daniel Sorg  
73 Andrew Straub  
73 Dale Vogt &  
86 Jennifer Samick Vogt  
74 Anthony Dellaquila &  
77 Janet Skiba Dellaquila  
74 Barbara Kornacki McGaughey  
74 Mary Rose Sharkey Sarginger-  
Silber & Barry Silber  
75 Jane Selle Lander & Thomas  
Lander  
75 Mary Kay Lenze  
75 Jeffrey Pond  
75 Steven Wilson &  
75 Sally Fritz Wilson  
75 Donald Wingard & Cindy  
Wingard  
75 Denise Sharkey Yeager  
76 Andrew Froberg  
76 Mark Geleskie  
76 Jeanne Skok  
77 Timothy Kuntz  
78 Mary Sue Schlimm

79 Mary Herbst Peiffer  
80 Pauline Schaut  
80 Lori Hoffman Schreiber &  
Daniel Schreiber  
81 Annette Knouse Kohn  
81 Craig Young  
82 Amy Herzing Dittman &  
Michael Dittman  
82 Amy Heiberger VonArx  
84 Patrick Kemper  
85 Deborah Grunthaner Hoffman  
& Robert Hoffman  
85 Cynthia Lanzel Pasi & Alan Pasi  
86 Anthony Breindel  
88 Kim Tutton Pierce & Patrick  
Pierce  
89 Mary Pat Frey Dornish & Jim  
Dornish  
91 John Straub & Ruth Anne  
Straub  
92 Adam Dippold & Amy Dippold  
96 Jeremy Rippey &  
96 Debra Florio Rippey  
97 Bradley Benson & Erica Benson  
98 Justine Stefanelli Hall &  
Michael Hall  
00 Mark Schatz  
05 Benjamin Brazinski & Emily  
Brazinski  
05 Ross DePanfilis & Jacki  
DePanfilis  
05 Joseph Hoffman  
06 Derek Hansen  
08 Marissa Housler Bickford &  
Adam Bickford  
08 Kiel Nissel  
19 Isaac Gradl  
Thomasine Decker  
Louis & Mary Ehrensberger  
Nancy Haberberger  
David & Linda Hoffman  
Kenneth Koral  
Jane Kronenwetter  
Kris Kronenwetter  
Doris Lenox  
Tia Meredith





## **Make-A-Wish Foundation**

On Friday, December 3, 2021, the Crusader Boys Basketball team made their yearly contribution to Make-A-Wish Foundation. The team successfully raised \$4,715.15.

For the last 27 years, Crusader Basketball has worked with The River 98.9 to raise funds for Make-A-Wish Foundation and spread some holiday cheer by singing a classic Christmas song.

Patricia O'Connor  
Bonnie Reinke  
Quentin & Phyllis Smith  
Thomas Snyder  
Michelle Walsky  
Devin & Tammy Weis  
Donald & Wildean Wolf  
Joseph & Dorothy Zappia  
7 Anonymous

### **Matching Gifts**

Texas Instruments

## *Memorial Fund*

### **In Memory of...**

#### **Arthur Andres '43**

Michael & Martha Fledderman

#### **Florence Azzato '42**

Scott & Melanie Allegretto  
Linda Friedl  
The Family of Phillips Jewelers

#### **Dennis Bauer '73**

Michael & Mary DaCanal

#### **Glen Bauer**

JoAnn & Steven Goodreau

#### **Gloria Bauer '55**

Perry & Susan Bauer  
John & Constance Bauer  
Frank & Patty Chileski  
David & Nancy Plows  
Paul & Mary Beth Schatz & Family  
Rosemary Schloder

#### **Kathleen Bauer '54**

Mike & Christii Aiello  
Doug & Peggy Anderson  
Thomas & Doris Arnold  
John & Constance Bauer  
Wayne & Ann Bauer  
Bavarian Hills Women's Aux  
Mary Benigni

Dale & Jean Bille  
Molly Bonfardine  
Timothy Brem & Jennifer Troha  
Ronald & Lorene Brennen & Family  
Barbara Brennen  
Adelardo & Nanette Cordero  
Jerome & Patricia Cotter  
Georgia Dinsmore  
John & Carol Dippold  
John & Jeanne Dippold  
Damian & Roberta Dippold  
Joan Distler  
Richard & Laura Ehrensberger  
Bunny Ehrensberger  
Joan, Rick, Joe Emmert & Families  
Thomas & Eileen Erich  
Daniel & Eileen Ross Evans  
Kurt & Sandy Florig  
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Alexa Meholic & Tyler Herzing  
Robert & Susan Meholic  
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Judy Nolan  
Patrick & Mary Ann O'Donnell  
Robert & Pamela O'Leary  
David & Nancy Pistner  
Micky Pistner  
Mary Polaski  
Louis & Monica Radkowski

Mary Renwick  
Mike & Susie Rettger  
David & Mary Reuscher  
Robert & Anna Reuscher  
Mary Louise Reuscher  
David & JoAnne Ryan  
Dan & Lisa Salter  
Joseph, Doris, & Michelle Schaefer  
Jeffrey & Susan Schaut  
P. Michael & Geraldine Schloder  
JoAnn Schneider  
Jane Pauline, Beth Scott & Doug Pauline  
Frank & Ellen Scutella  
Jack & Diane Seelye  
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Jeffrey Spence  
Dennis & Patricia Stauffer  
Jeff & Jill Struble & Family  
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Larry & Anita Wendel  
Kenneth & Suzanne Wortman  
Stephen & Julia Zuraski

#### **Kenneth Bauer '52**

Roger Chin  
Shawn Bauer & Mary Nissel  
Katie Zapp

#### **Max Bauer**

Mary Costanzo

#### **Donald Baumgratz '53**

Judy Nolan

#### **Ken Bish**

Gary & Laura Anderson  
Victoria & William Barker  
JB & Kathleen Bauer  
Timothy & Lori Bauer  
Bavarian Fall Fest  
Michael & Amanda Belsole  
Troy, Angie & Kaylie Bennett  
Barbara Betta

Maura Bon  
David & Kim Bosnik  
Boy Scout Troop 95  
Butch & Margaret Breindel  
Bob & Kelly Breindel  
Ronald & Lorene Brennen & Family  
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David & Kimberly Cashmer & Family  
Phyllis Cook  
Michael & Kathleen Cortina  
Ed & Jane Crowe  
Michael & Mary DaCanal  
Anthony & Janet Dellaquila  
Stephen & Megan Dellaquila  
Georgia Dinsmore  
John & Jeanne Dippold  
Thomas & Susan Dornisch  
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 James & Carol Miller  
 Frank & Debbie Murone  
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 Marlene Nussbaum  
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 Thaddeus & Angela Sorg  
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 Jim & Rena Urmann & Family  
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 Dana & Nicole Wolfe & Family  
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 Lawrence & Maureen Buehler

**Donald Bolden '78**  
 Bob & Kelly Breindel

**Walter Breindel '49**  
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 Bob & Kelly Breindel  
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 Paula & Ken Meyer  
 Paul Rettger  
 Mike & Susie Rettger  
 Robert & Theodora Ryan

**Jeanne Brem**  
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 Mary Ann Facetti  
 Kurt & Sandy Florig  
 Joseph & Mary Ellen Hawkins

**Harry Brock '51**  
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 Linda Straub  
 Darin & Dana Tornatore  
 Suzanne Troha  
 Dolly Wehler

**Peter Buchheit '72**  
 Jeffrey & Charmaine Lecker  
 Jeffrey Spence

**Chris Buerk**  
 The Boschert & Carr Family  
 Ronald & Christine Yeager

**Dennis G. Buerk**  
 Brian & Sharon Donahue, Cory,  
 Chrissy & Kelly Donahue, Kim &  
 Andy Micale

**David Busch '54**  
 Mary Benigni  
 Michael & Martha Fledderman

**Joan Cameroni '64**  
 Nancy Caskey

**Jacqueline Campbell '84**  
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 John & Connie Bauer  
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**Helen DaCanal**  
 Gary & Laura Anderson  
 David & Kimberly Cashmer  
 John & Jeanne Dippold  
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 Dolly Wehler  
 Frank & Angela Williams  
 Roy & Elizabeth Williams  
 Tony & Jane Young

**Joseph Demendi**  
 Gene & Yvonne Hooper

**James Detwiler**  
 Mary Detwiler

**Lawrence Dickinson**  
 Debbie Breier  
 Anthony DeSio  
 Megan Dickinson  
 Susan & Chris Klase  
 Marjorie & James McClure

## **Gerry Geer Memorial Award**

**Geraldine A. Geer, Elk County Catholic High School Class of 1974 and beloved supporter of ECC as a teacher and parent, passed into eternal life on May 23, 2022.**

**Gerry had a teaching style like no other. In the classroom, she was kind, loving and hardworking. Gerry's gentle patience with her students continues to inspire her fellow teachers. Gerry always put God in the center of everything she did, and instilled that in her students.**

**Mrs. Geer provided 30 years of service to Catholic Schools. Her time at St. Marys Catholic Elementary School will always be treasured and will never be forgotten. In honor of Gerry, a Memorial Award Scholarship was awarded to a fifth grade student at St. Marys Catholic Elementary School.**

**The Gerry Geer Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Lucy Dornisch.**





## **Project Gifts for Elk County**

**Last November, students at ECCHS and SMCMS held their annual collection for Project Gifts for Elk County.**

**The organization's mission is to provide new toys to the less fortunate children throughout Elk County.**

National Fuel Gas Supply Corp  
Judy Traveny  
Anonymous

**Thomas Dippold '63**  
The Dippold Family

**Michael Dolan**  
Chip & Tracy Carnovale  
David & Kimberly Cashmer  
The Soriano Family  
Steven & Carol Curry & Family  
Georgia Dinsmore  
Brian & Sharon Donahue  
Cory & Christina Donahue  
Kelly Donahue  
Scott & Michelle Eckert  
Linda Friedl  
JoAnn & Steven Goodreau  
Marilys & Alfred Marconi  
Andy & Kim Micale  
William & Joan Pfaff  
The Tom Pfeufer Family  
Ronald Pistner  
Shirley & Alvin Pistner  
David & Nancy Pistner  
Jerome & Margaret Priest  
Louis & Monica Radkowski  
Peter & Paula Singer  
Daniel Stack  
Patricia Wehler  
Dana & Nicole Wolfe & Family

**Nancy Dossa-Sossavi '64**  
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**William Erich '59**  
Kimberly & Jeremy Archuleta  
John & Constance Bauer  
Dale & Mary Buerk  
Roger & Barbara Fritz  
Joseph & Mary Ellen Hawkins  
Julia Meier  
Sonny & Gwynne Lenze  
Thomas & Ann Mallison  
Pete & Linda Meier  
Andrew & Jennifer Meier

**Margaret Evers '54**  
Brian & Sharon Donahue

**Nancy Feldbauer '60**  
Wayne & Janet Allegretto  
Edward & Lois Alphonso  
John & Constance Bauer  
Dan & Julie Chiesa  
Brian & Sharon Donahue & Family  
Mary Ann Facetti  
Floyd & Delphine Gerber  
Mike & Susie Rettger  
Traci Rutter  
Mary Ann & Susie Schlimm  
Dolly Wehler

**Anastasia Fenton**  
Robert Fenton

**Robert Fernan**  
William Fernan  
Marjorie Gerg

**Rudy Ferragine**  
Steven & Eileen Brazinski  
Paul & Donna Brazinski

**Joseph & Edith Fusco**  
Judith Fusco

**Nora Fox**  
Brian & Sharon Donahue

**Tammy Friedl '78**  
Jacques & Darlene Hanes  
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**Jane Gapinski Judice**  
John & Tami Gapinski  
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**William Gapinski '68**  
Francis Condino  
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**George Gasper**  
Brian & Sharon Donahue  
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**Rose Gausman**  
Philip & Patricia Labant  
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**William Gausman**  
Mary Detwiler



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Bob & Susan Meholic  
Mike & Susie Rettger  
Mary Ross  
Donald & Mary Beth Schaut  
Thomas & Diane Shuttleworth  
Michael & Lori Tamburlin  
Mr. & Mrs. Dana Wolfe & Family  
Ken & Suzanne Wortman & Family

**Norman Gerber '66**  
Brian & Sharon Donahue  
Mike & Susie Rettger

**Mary Gerg '52**  
Christine & Leon Piurkoski

**Michael Gillen '65**  
Larry & Anita Wendel

**Elizabeth Giordano '42**  
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Donald & Mary Beth Schaut

**Paul Goetz '64**  
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Gennaro & Cindy Aiello  
Mary Detwiler  
William & Glenda Fannin  
Francis & Kathleen Griech

Nancy Klawuhn  
James & Virginia Manno  
Joseph & Anne Proske  
Judith Stager  
John & Karen Whelpley

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Michael & Lori Tamburlin

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Frank & Ellen Scutella

**Rosalind Ann Hernandez Kircher**  
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Chrissy & Kelly Donahue, Kim & Andy Micale

**Esther Kirkland**  
Mike & Susie Rettger  
Joan Smith  
Suzanne Troha  
Rick & Kathy Yeager

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ECCHS Class of 1964

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Kreckel Enterprises, Inc.

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**Genevieve Kronenwetter**  
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The Family of Maurice Meier

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Ted & Mary Beth Brady  
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Bob & Kelly Breindel  
Jennifer Engel Brock  
Richard & Linda Buchheit  
Michael Buchheit  
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David & Kimberly Cashmer

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Georgia Dinsmore  
Dan & Beth Distasio  
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Bunny Ehrensberger  
Gregory & Amy Engel  
Mike & Winnie Engel  
Michael & Jessica Erich  
Michael & Martha Fledderman  
Kurt & Sandy Florig  
John & Mary Fritz  
Stan Garbacik  
Michael & Lucy Gelsick  
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Bill, Jill, Sam & Leo Gregory  
Carl Grunthaner  
Kaye & Jim Gutowski  
Daniel & Lisa Healy  
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John Heary  
Bill & Linda Hoffman  
Mark & Shirley Hoffman  
Patrick Hooper  
Megan & Jordan Hoover  
Thomas & Pamela Jesberger  
Marion & Larry Johnson  
Karen Joyce  
Kerry & Gretchen Lenze Keller  
Nancy Klawuhn  
Stanley Kornacki  
Kris Kronenwetter & Gary Krieg  
Barbara Bauer Lane & Robert  
Lane  
Joseph & Kathleen Lecker  
Jack & Carol Lines  
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David Mader  
Thomas & Ann Mallison  
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Menard  
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Robert & Constance Miller  
Thomas & Julie Kornacki Miller  
Sharon Minnick  
Pat Mullaney  
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George & Karen Nero  
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Pam & Fran Pasi  
Janet & John Petrilli  
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Patrick & Kim Tutton Pierce  
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Matthew Quesenberry  
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Gerald & Suzanne Riddle  
Ginny Roberts  
Dennis & Ruth Ross  
Mary Ross  
Suzanne Sadley  
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Edward & Kimberly Schlimm  
George & Lianne Schneider &  
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Joseph & Diane Scutella  
Jack & Diane Seelye  
David & Jane Shaffer  
Cathy & Bill Sharrar  
Bruce & Tina Sherry  
Steve, Rose Ann & Juliana Silveri**FBLA Food Drive**

**Last December, our high school's chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) collected food and other donations for the local Christian food bank in St. Marys. All donations remained in the community to support those in need.**

**FBLA's charitable work has been extensive over the course of its history at our school. As a student-run organization, FBLA has run concession stands at various sporting events and has served at local organizations, like the Boys and Girls Club of St. Marys and local nursing homes, to support all the great things happening in Elk County.**



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 John & Sylvia Straub  
 Jeff & Jill Struble & Family  
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 Dolly Wehler  
 Allen & Sandy Wehler  
 Hope Weidenboerner  
 Peter & Lucy Weidenboerner  
 William & Carolee Weisner  
 Geraldine Witherson  
 Emilie & Matthias Wittenberg  
 Dana, Nikki, Alex & Rachael Wolfe  
 Kenneth & Suzanne Wortman

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#### **Patricia Pfoutz '57**

Kevin & Alison Werneth

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#### **Thomas Pontzer**

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#### **Douglas Price**

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#### **Richard Reuscher '52**

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 Joan Smith  
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 Michael & Lori Tamburlin  
 Daniel Thorwart  
 Gerry & Julie Uberti  
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#### **Jocelyn Rossi '70**

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#### **Wanda Russell**

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#### **Louise Samick**

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 Mary Benigni  
 Dale & Mary Buerk  
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 Phillip & Paula Cunningham  
 Susan Hoffman  
 Jean Kronenwetter  
 Michael & Terri Lanzel  
 Patricia Samick McMahon  
 Theresa & William Murphy  
 Clement & Beverly Nagley  
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 Dennis & Ruth Ross  
 Sam & Susan Samick  
 Michelle Samick Taylor  
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 Joan Smith  
 M. Virginia Sorensen  
 John & Sylvia Straub  
 Judith Trambley  
 Rick & Kathy Yeager

#### **Kaye B. Schneider**

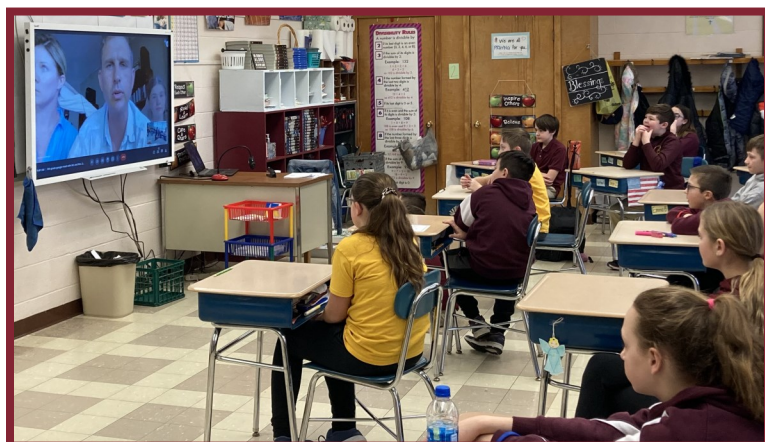
Julianne Luhr

#### **Wanda Sekelsky**

Mary Detwiler  
 Francis & Kathleen Griech

#### **Donna Smith '62**

Julianne Luhr



## **Mountain Seed Foundation**

The Mountain Seed Foundation was started by 1998 ECCHS Alumni Nathan Schmidt, who lived in Ukraine for three years. While the Foundation's current mission is to provide shelter, clothing, and food, their ultimate goal is to provide healing, resilience, and professional development opportunities for Ukraine's children.

SMCES students had a chance to meet virtually with Mr. Schmidt to discuss Ukraine's history, the impact of war on the region, and how they can help. Students helped raise money for the Mountain Seed Foundation by holding a dress down day.

## **Spreading Holiday Cheer**

**Students at St. Marys Catholic Elementary School helped spread some holiday cheer last December for the residents of Pinecrest Manor by singing Christmas carols.**

### **James Sorg '61**

David & Nancy Pistner

### **Gloria Spangler**

Julianne Luhr

### **Sue Ann Spiher '64**

Mike & Susie Rettger

### **Thomas Stauffer**

The Tom Pfeufer Family

John & Constance Bauer

### **Herbert Straub '45**

John & Constance Bauer

John, Mike, Mary Jo, & Linda Dailey

Thomas & Ann Hayes

Theresa Kriegisch

Judy & Mark McDonough

Judy Nolan

Peter & Paula Singer

Joan Smith

Darin & Dana Tornatore

### **Irene Taylor '52**

Shawn & Dede Lynam

Mike & Susie Rettger

### **Robert Thorwart**

Sandy Feldbauer Anderson

Kimberly & Jeremy Archuleta

John & Constance Bauer

Troy, Angie & Kaylie Bennett

Mary Busch & Family

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Ed & Jane Crowe

Phillip & Paula Cunningham

Damian & Roberta Dippold

Thomas & Eileen Erich

Kurt & Sandy Florig

Steven & Pamela Fritz

Allan & Mary Lou Geyer & Family

Martha Herbstritt

Jaci & Mike King

Karl & Laura Kuntz

Michael & Terri Lanzel

Kathleen Lecker

Carol Longhi

Pete & Linda Meier & Family

Gary & Eileen Millsop

John & Charlotte Nicklas

David & Nancy Plows

Louis & Monica Radkowski

Mike & Susie Rettger

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Christian & Heidi Schmidt

David & Jane Shaffer

Gary & Betty Skrzypek

Thaddeus & Angela Sorg

Jeffrey Spence

A.J. & Lindsey Straub &

Family

Daniel Thorwart

Joseph & Anita Vollmer

James Weichman, Hope & Families

### **Lucy Timm '45**

Sandy Feldbauer Anderson

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Bradley & Barbara Brennen

Brian & Sharon Donahue

Charles & Paula Grose

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Louise Harvester

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Irvin & Amy Reichard

Mike & Susie Rettger

Paul & Mary Beth Schatz

Andrew & Pamela Schlimm

Sue Schlimm & Steve Donachy

Jeffrey Spence

Linda Straub

### **Christine Valenti '76**

Julianne Luhr

Timothy & Janine McCullough

David & Nancy Pistner

### **Anthony Viglione '63**

Mary Benigni

Steven & Eileen Brazinski

Dale & Mary Buerk

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### **Louis Viglione '64**

Cecile DePanfilis

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### **Marian Viglione '50**

Donald & Mary Beth Schaut

Susan & Don Vargo

### **Patricia Weichman**

Julianne Luhr



### **James Weisner '58**

The Dippold Family

### **Anthony Werner '62**

Anne & Brian Sekula

### **Florence Wolfe '63**

Molly Bonfardine

Raymond Breindel

Dale & Mary Buerk

Rob Wortman Siblings & their Families

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Tom & Judy Daniels

Catherine Dippold

John & Jeanne Dippold

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Bill, Jill, Sam & Leo Gregory

Dennis & Kathy Guido

Jim & Kaye Gutowski

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David & Cynthia Marconi

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Ronald & Amy Meier

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Penn State Applied Research Laboratory

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Gerald & Suzanne Riddle

Crysta Ritter

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## **40th Annual Golden Grad Reunion**

The Golden Grads Dinner takes place the Sunday before Columbus Day each year at ECCHS to honor those alumni who graduated 50 or more years earlier. Pictured are the 2021 honorary Classes of 1970 and 1971.

## **Class of 1966 Tuition Assistance Fund**

Established by two Elk County Catholic alumni, the primary purpose of the Class of 1966 Tuition Assistance Fund is to help defray the cost of a Catholic education for residents of Elk County, Pennsylvania.

The secondary purpose is to provide a vehicle for the members of the class and/or their estates, families and friends to make qualified charitable contributions that provide meaningful, long-term benefits to Catholic education in Elk County, with recognition to the Class of 1966.



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## **ECCSS Students Honor Our Veterans**

Elk County Catholic High School students participated in the annual Veterans Day ceremonies organized by the Legion Post 103 held on the Diamond in St. Marys.

Students at St. Marys Catholic Middle School held a special prayer service for our Veterans. The prayer service consisted of songs, a scripture reading, and prayer intentions for our Veterans.

Kindergarten students at St. Marys Catholic Elementary School learned the meaning of "to honor and serve." Students then created and colored hats thanking our Veterans.





## **Scholarships Awarded**

Thanks to the support of our benefactors, ECCSS has many sources of aid to help keep Catholic education affordable in Elk County. Each year, the school system's finance office awards a substantial number of scholarships based on financial need and other award-specific criteria. While some scholarships, such as the Class of 1966 Fund, are recently established, others are long-standing and have been supporting our students for many years. Whether old or new, we are eternally grateful to our supporters who established the endowed funds listed below.

### **ECCSS Endowed Scholarships**

James & Patricia Schlimm Bauer Fund  
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Paul Breindel Memorial Scholarship Fund  
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The minimum to start a new named scholarship at ECCSS is \$10,000. If you are interested in more information on starting a scholarship, contact Franchesca Herzing at 814-834-1480 ext. 232 or [herzingf@eccss.org](mailto:herzingf@eccss.org).

## **New Scholarship Established at ECCF**



The Elk County Community Foundation is one of Elk County Catholic School System's strongest partners in charitable giving. The vision of the Elk County Community Foundation is to connect people who care with causes that matter. ECCSS is lucky to be the recipient of numerous gifts and grants from ECCF each year, with ECCF executive director Paula Fritz Eddy '75 regularly helping donors direct their generosity effectively. Most recently, she assisted Carol Klaiber McNamara '71 and her husband Bob McNamara in establishing the Raymond W. Jr. & Elsie M. Klaiber Scholarship, to be awarded each year to an eighth-grade student from SMCMS planning to attend ECCHS. Inspired by Carol's parents' commitment to Catholic education, the McNamaras started the fund in memory of her father, Ray Klaiber '44, and in honor of her mother, Elsie Schneider Klaiber '44. The recipient must be an active member of Queen of the World Parish and should be active in school and community activities, with preference given to those involved in scouting. Candidates must submit a short essay about why they want to attend Elk County Catholic High School. The total award is \$10,000 with \$2,500 distributed annually, so long as the student remains enrolled at ECCHS and maintains satisfactory grades. The recipient of this

year's award was Clarissa Seltzer. We are incredibly grateful to the McNamaras, the Klaibers and the Elk County Community Foundation for this generous gift that will help deserving students for years to come.

# st. leo donors

## St. Leo Fund

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## **Earth Science**

St. Leo students in grades 2, 4 and 6 participated in a planting project on the St. Leo School campus. The group planted trees and blueberry bushes all along Gallagher Run, guided by members of the Western PA Conservancy Watershed Conservation Program and the Elk County Conservation District. A special thanks to Luke Bobnar, who spearheaded the project.





## In Memory of our Alumni

August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022



### St. Marys Catholic High School (Central)

'41 Martha Schneider Fritz	03/19/22
'42 Elizabeth Fields Giordano	02/21/22
'42 Florence Wortman Azzato	10/11/21
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'47 Martha Rupprecht Tucker	09/30/21
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'48 Rita Lucanik Wehler	02/27/22
'49 Thomas O'Brien	01/11/22
'49 Walter Breindel	03/23/22
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'52 Eleanor Samick Newell	09/21/21
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'52 Mary Degroat Gerg	10/09/21
'52 Agnes Samick Schade	08/26/21
'53 Donald Baumgratz	12/24/21
'54 David Busch	01/07/22
'54 Harold Schlimm	01/30/22
'54 Margaret Donahue Evers	12/12/21
'54 Kathleen Renwick Bauer	01/24/22
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'56 Grace Erich Arnold	12/28/21
'56 Barbara Skok Schlimm	06/16/22
'57 Eleanor Rupprecht Herbsttritt	07/09/22
'58 Rose Ann Scolari Whalen	06/01/22
'59 William Erich	11/30/21
'59 Rosemary Miles Ackley	11/06/21
'60 Joan Keenan LeGrys	09/11/21
'60 Nancy Feldbauer	11/26/21
'60 Roger Brennen	01/29/22
'61 James Sorg	04/20/22
'61 Lawrence Rogan	09/23/21
'62 James Cotter	11/08/21
'62 Ronald Feldbauer	09/27/21

'62 Thomas Hooper	08/19/21
'62 Donna Siecker Smith	02/08/22
'62 Laura Vallimont, O.S.B.	12/28/21
'62 Nancy Shadd Wykoff	12/21/21

### Elk County Christian/Catholic High School

'63 Anthony Viglione	08/03/21
'63 Antoinette Lecker Carver	12/05/21
'63 Barbara Schatz Martini	04/19/22
'63 Florence Geci Wolfe	12/05/21
'64 Jacqueline Wehler Himes	10/13/21
'64 Joan Cameroni	10/17/21
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'64 Marlene Weichman Klaiber	01/29/22
'64 Nancy Cartwright Dossa-Sossavi	08/05/21
'64 Paul Goetz	02/16/22
'64 Ronald Yeager	06/02/22
'65 Karen Pollick Lynch	10/15/21
'66 Barbara Benedict Sorg	09/28/21
'66 Linda Gier	11/22/21
'66 Norman Gerber	10/25/21
'66 Wade Geer	10/10/21
'66 Mary Jo Dorsey Zimmett	09/17/21
'67 Michael Powley	01/12/22
'67 Leah Valentine Wolfe	12/19/21
'70 Beth Ann Wolfe Remick	12/16/21
'72 Elizabeth Uhernick	01/07/22
'72 Peter Buchheit	04/17/22
'73 Dennis Bauer	09/20/21
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Please remember those in our alumni community who have passed away. May God grant them eternal rest and may the perpetual light shine upon them. Our deepest sympathies are extended to their families. If you know someone who was inadvertently omitted from this list, please let us know by emailing or calling the ECCSS Advancement Office (814-834-1480 x 232, [advancement@eccss.org](mailto:advancement@eccss.org)).

# gifts and grants

*Thank you to these generous organizations and individuals for their support!*

## **Palumbo Trust supports ECCSS through Scholarships**

This spring, Elk County Catholic School System was the recipient of a \$120,000 grant from the A.J. & Sigismunda Palumbo Charitable Trust. The Palumbo Trust has been a partner in Catholic education for many years. This continued support allows ECCSS to provide a first-rate academic program while keeping tuition affordable for our local families. Mr. Palumbo lived close to ECCSS and had a special relationship with the staff and students.

Mr. Palumbo once said, "I've been successful, and somehow I feel an obligation to pay back to society, and particularly to help young people to achieve their future potential."

Every single student at ECCSS is impacted by this grant. We are blessed with the opportunity to carry on Mr. Palumbo's legacy in this way. A special thank you to John Kowach, Executive Director of the Trust, Mary Rae Kowach, Administrative Assistant, and all of the trustees, especially local representatives Don Fleming, Bob Ordiway and JoAnne Ryan for this gift.



Antonio J. Palumbo 1973  
St. Marys Historical Society collection

## **Faculty & Staff Appreciation**



In early 2022, a group of longtime supporters asked if they could help the school system thank its faculty and staff, who persevered through the Covid pandemic to make sure our students were safe and did not fall behind in their education.

A generous donation of \$100,000 allowed us to provide a bonus for all full-time and part-time employees on the last day of this year's Teacher Appreciation Week.

While these donors chose to remain anonymous, their generosity stands as a wonderful testament to all that ECCSS employees have done for our students, our churches and our community. Our doors remained open. Our pastors continued providing Mass, Reconciliation and other forms of ministry. Standardized testing has shown that our students did not suffer the catastrophic learning loss still impacting many other schools.

Many thanks to our teachers and staff and to the incredible donors who support them.





## **Kreckel Enterprises “Student of the Year”**

Last December, senior Holly Buttery was presented with the 2022 Kreckel Enterprises, Inc. “Student of the Year” Award. Holly received this honor in recognition of her dedication to her school, her church, her Catholic faith, and her community. It was presented by Kreckel Enterprises owner/president Vern Kreckel III, ECCHS Class of 1991, in memory of his father Lavern G. Kreckel, Jr., ECCHS Class of 1963, who passed away in August 2017. Holly is the daughter of Jon and Darlene Buttery of St. Marys. Pictured with Holly and her Parents, Jon and Darlene Buttery, is Vern Kreckel III, Mary Kreckel (wife of Lavern G. Kreckel Jr.), Annie Reedy (daughter of Lavern G. Kreckel Jr.) Sarah Reedy (granddaughter of Lavern G. Kreckel Jr.) and past award recipients Olivia Matha, Maddison Taylor and Isaac Gradi.

## **First Commonwealth Bank Contributes to ECCSS**

Representatives from First Commonwealth Bank presented a contribution of \$9,000 through the PA Educational Improvement Tax Credit program (EITC) to the Elk County Catholic School System. The STAR Foundation, a non-profit entity created by the Diocese of Erie, receives funds through the EITC program and allows businesses to make contributions to the school of their choice.

Pictured (from left to right) are Danielle Meyer, First Commonwealth Bank Sales and Service Manager—St. Marys/Kersey; Sam MacDonald, ECCSS President; and Sean Gabler, First Commonwealth Bank Vice President and Branch Manager—St. Marys/Kersey.



## **Farmers National Bank Contributes to SMCES and SLS**

Farmers National Bank of St. Marys and Ridgway contributed \$2,000 to St. Marys Catholic Elementary School and \$7,500 to St. Leo Catholic School through the PA Educational Improvement Tax Credit program (EITC). Through this donation, scholarship funds will be made available to students in need.

Pictured with Sam MacDonald, ECCSS President, and Sue Jansen, ECCSS Director of Advancement, are Lisa Marchiori (left), FNB Regional Manager, and Carly Izbinski (right), FNB Ridgway Branch Manager.



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