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SMCHS Graduates to Participate in American Legion's Memorial Day Commemoration

Four recent graduates of St. Mary Catholic High School participated in Memorial Day events on Monday, May 30 honoring our fallen soldiers. Less than a week after their high school graduation ceremonies, alumni **Elizabeth Ahles, Mack Blashka, Madeline Uhlenbrauck and Lauren Unruh** participated in the Neenah-Menasha Memorial Day parade and read select patriotic writings including the Gettysburg Address and the poem Flanders Fields, at the American Legion's ceremony at Oakhill Ceremony in Neenah following the parade.

The opportunity to honor those who died while serving our country was particularly meaningful to Lauren Unruh, who is a new member of the Wisconsin National Guard and the daughter of a Coast Guard veteran. "It is a great honor to be able to assist in the memorial of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our great country. I am thankful this day and everyday for the freedoms and opportunities I have because of those who have given their lives," Lauren stated. "The dedication of those in the military and those who have retired make me proud to call America my home."

The students participated in the parade on Monday morning and then shared the reflections with the community at Oakhill Cemetery afterward.

St. Mary Catholic High School (SMCHS) a regional high school, is part of St. Mary Catholic Schools (SMCS). The system also includes St. Mary Elementary Schools (St. Margaret Mary and St. Gabriel in Neenah, and St. Mary in Menasha), as well as St. St. Mary Catholic Middle School in Neenah. SMCHS is dedicated to the individual development of each student by providing an education focused on faith, academics and service.

Mack Blashka, Maddie Uhlenbrauck, Lauren Unruh and Elizabeth Ahles
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