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Zephyrs Athletes Inducted into the SMC Athletic Hall of Fame

Neenah/Menasha: The 2017 SMC Athletic Hall of Fame induction took place on Saturday, November 11 during St. Mary Catholic Schools' Z-NIGHT celebration. Four individuals and the 1955 boys basketball team were officially welcomed into the group whose athletic accomplishments are immortalized in the SMC Athletic Hall of Fame.

Emily Tuchscherer '02 Stagliano was recognized for her accomplishments on the tennis court during her years at St. Mary Central. As a four-year MVP, team captain and four years as the team's #1 singles champion, Tuchscherer-Stagliano dominated the sport during those years. After graduation, she attended Xavier University where she played division 1 tennis and earned a bachelor's degree in finance. She also coached young athletes throughout her high school and college career.

Mick Kelly '06 was also recognized for his tenacious history in Zephyrs tennis. Kelly climbed the rankings of state division 2 tennis each year of his high school career, finishing in fifth, third, second and finally first place. As a senior, he won the WIAA Division 2 state singles title despite struggling with cramping issues throughout the tournament. This state victory followed an undefeated season of 25 matches in his senior year. Kelly was also the four-time Wisconsin combined tennis conference champion in #1 singles each year, 2003-06.

Kelly was also an accomplished student, graduating three times as valedictorian of his classes—from SMC, as well as in his studies at UW-Madison in biology and in medical school. He is currently in residency at Rush Medical Center in orthopedic surgery.

Tess Reddin '06 dominated the Zephyrs tennis courts, qualifying for the WIAA state tennis singles meet for four consecutive years (2002-05) and winning the championship in division 2 state singles in her sophomore, junior and senior years of high school. Reddin

was also the four-year MVP on the team, and captain in 2005. She led the team to the state tournament in 2004.

Patti Houlihan '75, embraced the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports beginning in her freshman year, the very first year that St. Mary's High School offered girls athletics. Houlihan excelled in basketball, becoming team captain and MVP as a senior—the year in which she scored 200 points, and in volleyball where she was team captain in her senior year. She also spent two years competing in track and field. Houlihan was recognized as the SMC outstanding senior girls athlete and as an American Legion award winner.

In the years since graduation and college, Houlihan has spent more than 30 years coaching a variety of middle and high school sports at St. Mary Catholic Schools, and is a program coordinator with Best Friends of Neenah/Menasha and an active volunteer with the Boys' & Girls' Brigade.

Members of the **1955 Zephyrs boys basketball team** were recognized for their amazing accomplishments under the direction of legendary Coach Ralph "Cyclone" McClone. Twice in three years, they reigned as the champions of the Wisconsin Catholic High School Basketball conference. Hailed by the News Record for their prowess in "ability, sportsmanship and color," the team was recognized as gentlemen and crowd pleasers in addition to being excellent athletes. Team members were the following (honorees in attendance are in bold): **Herb Batley**, Bill Bennetts (deceased), **John Bradish**, Jim DeDecker, **John DeYoung**, Ronald Dibelius, Don Gosz, **James Kersten**, Ken Konkol (deceased), **Dick Pagel**, **Raymond Roth** and Dick Schurer (deceased). The team was managed by Wayne Humski and Gene Schulz.

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

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