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**St. Mary Catholic High Schools class of 2021 celebrates graduation**

*Sixty seniors, along with honorary alumni and volunteers, recognized at this year's commencement ceremony*

NEENAH, Wis. (May 27, 2021) – St. Mary Catholic High School celebrated its sixty graduating seniors at the class of 2021 graduation ceremony on May 26 at Zephyrs Field in Neenah.

In addition to receiving their diplomas at the ceremony, seniors, staff, and family and friends in attendance heard a joint speech from SMCS valedictorians Ava Staehler, Fatima Muniz, Lauren Meyer, Kaela Groppe, and Kylie Corbett; speeches from SMCHS Principal Patti Fouts, faculty member Ron DuVernay, and SMCS Superintendent Dan McKenna; reading of graduates and diploma distribution by SMCHS Associate Principal Peter Post and Fouts; and a final blessing and prayer from SMCS Chaplain Fr. Mark Mleziva.

Tom Kropidowski and Terri Bonertz, two long-time St. Mary Catholic Schools math, social studies, and religion teachers who will be retiring at the end of this school year, were designated SMCHS Honorary Alumni for their decades of dedicated service and support of SMCS. Pam Seidl, parent to a graduating senior and long-time SMCS volunteer, received the SMCS SPIRIT Service Award for her dedicated service and commitment to the betterment of SMCS through volunteer activities and leadership roles.

Earlier in the day, seniors, their families and staff celebrated Baccalaureate Mass with Bishop David Ricken and local parish priests at St. Gabriel the Archangel in Neenah.

Below is a list of members of the SMCHS class of 2021 and their immediate, post-graduation plans:

Kara Elizabeth Allen, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point  
Aidan Robert Anderson, University of Wisconsin – La Crosse  
Olivia Frances Bahn, Lawrence University  
Gavin Raymond Bergstrom, University of Wisconsin – Madison  
Alessandra Elizabeth Betchner, Viterbo University  
Wyatt Kyle Bittner, Northern Michigan University  
Richard Jerome Blaney, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Natalie Alice Chakar, University of Wisconsin – Madison  
Ethan Lee Collins, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point  
Kylie Kennedy Corbett – Clemson University  
Edith Arlene Dominowski – Fox Valley Technical College  
Quincy Joseph Fields, University of Wisconsin – Madison  
Kelsi Jo Gennrich – Carthage College  
Kaela Kathleen Groppe, University of Wisconsin – Madison  
Thomas Patrick Hogerty, Wake Forest University  
Elizabeth Rose Holschuh, Gap Year  
Joseph Ronald Hopwood, United States Marines

Pricilla Maria Jaimes, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College  
Emma Claire Jares, University of Wisconsin – Madison  
Haley Jensen, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College  
Kaley Keddell, University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh  
Drew Ellen Korth, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities  
Serena Hope Kroon, Baker College of Muskegon  
Henry Arthur Ladish, University of Wisconsin – Madison  
Trace Michael Lein, University of Wisconsin – Whitewater  
Zachary Peyton Leonardi, Western Michigan University  
Tessa Clair Long, University of Wisconsin – Green Bay  
Mitchell James Lukasik, Ripon College  
Lauren Elizabeth Meyer, University of Wisconsin – Madison  
Fatima Muniz, University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh  
Julia Therese Nackers, Grand Canyon University  
Olivia Grace Pable, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point  
Luke F. Peters, University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh  
Samuel Thomas Pingel, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point  
Daphne Marie Piotrowski, Lawrence University  
Grace Marie Pirillo, University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh  
Connor Lee Powers, Concordia University (Nebraska)  
Samuel Joseph Purcell, Arizona State University – Tempe  
Michael Andreyevitch Reimer, University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh  
Eleanor Freedom Richard, University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh, Fox Cities  
Clay Allen Riehl, Air Wisconsin Aviation Mechanic Apprenticeship  
Brianna Rose Schultz, University of Wisconsin – Green Bay  
Maria Jane Schultz, University of Wisconsin – Madison/U.S. Army ROTC  
Laura Elizabeth Seidl, University of Wisconsin – Whitewater  
Hannah Marie Sherwood, Fox Valley Technical College  
Miriam Anne Shofner, University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh  
Willem Henry Snyder, University of Iowa  
Ava Grace Staehler, University of Wisconsin – Madison  
John Charles Staner, Iowa State University  
Pierce Gabriel Steffen, University of Wisconsin – Platteville/Army National Guard  
Sophie Erin Taubel, University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh  
Maisie Ann Teska, St. Norbert College  
Nathaniel James Ubben, Concordia University  
Trey Uhlenbrauck, University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh  
Sylvia Lorian Underwood, Undecided  
Keagan Russell Weis, University of Wisconsin – River Falls  
Michael Allen Weninger, University of Wisconsin – Madison  
Elise Mary Wierzbicki, University of Wisconsin – Madison  
Benjamin Robert Wilson, Ripon College  
Cole Allen Young, Iowa State University

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**St. Mary Catholic Schools (SMCS)** serves more than 900 students in grades Pre3-12 at five campuses – St. Mary Catholic High School and St. Mary Catholic Middle School in the Village of Fox Crossing, Wisconsin, and St. Mary Catholic Elementary Schools (St. Gabriel and St. Margaret Mary in Neenah, Wisconsin, and St. Mary in Menasha, Wisconsin). SMCS is dedicated to preparing and inspiring students to lead meaningful lives, rooted in the teachings of Christ in our Catholic tradition.