



School Matters

St. Malachy School Alumni Newsletter



WE ARE A FAMILY IN CHRIST

CLASS OF 2019
GRADUATE VISIT DAY

*At St. Malachy School,
we are a family in Christ.*

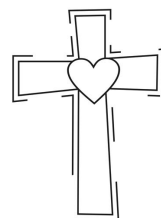
As the school year comes to a close, faculty and staff reflect on the time the graduating seniors spent at St. Malachy School. This year students of the Class of 2019 who attended St. Malachy during their elementary years were invited to "come home" and visit the school. On Wednesday, May 29th, dressed in their caps & gowns, several of the recently graduated seniors came back to St. Malachy. Their visit began with a prayer for graduates before they greeted

students and teachers in the school. The entire school family applauded graduates, Connor Lillis, Adia Raya and Erik Stenzel, as they paraded through the hallways. They toured the school to see all that has changed in the years since they left St. Malachy. Current students enjoyed playing basketball with the big kids at recess and asking them all sorts of questions about high school and their future plans during lunchtime. St. Malachy proudly considers these students part of our school family and we pray that God will bless them in the "next chapter" of their lives.

For I know the
— PLANS —
I have for you, declares
the Lord.
plans to prosper you
and not to harm you,
PLANS TO GIVE YOU
hope & a future.
Jeremiah 29:11

in
LOVING
Memory

The St. Malachy School family lovingly remembers students of the class of 2019, Isaac Maciejewski and Joshua Wilson. Isaac attended St. Malachy School for first grade, and Joshua was a student from first through fifth grade. Their classmates and teachers are blessed to have known these wonderful boys; and they will always be a part of our school family.





Memories of St. Malachy

Class of 2019 Remembers When...



Connor Lillis remembers the fun he had with classmates playing King of the Hill on the snow piles during recess in sixth grade. In high school Connor was active in Madrigal, musicals and choir, among many other activities. This fall, he will attend Augustana College. Connor's visit was especially appreciated by his niece, kindergartener, Agatha Lensing.

Adia Raya was elected President during a mock election in sixth grade and remembers being sworn in to office, flanked by secret service, at an all school assembly. Adia kept busy during high school participating in cross country, basketball, track, NHS, NTHS and FCA. Adia received the GHS foreign language award and will pursue Engineering at Purdue University in the fall.

Erik Stenzel remembers playing in the Dodgeball Tournament during his sixth grade year. A broken leg confined him to a wheelchair that spring, but it didn't slow down his game! During his years at GHS Erik played baseball, football and boys volleyball while also participating in NHS and NTHS. This fall, Erik will attend Illinois State University.

Thanks for visiting, Class of 2019!

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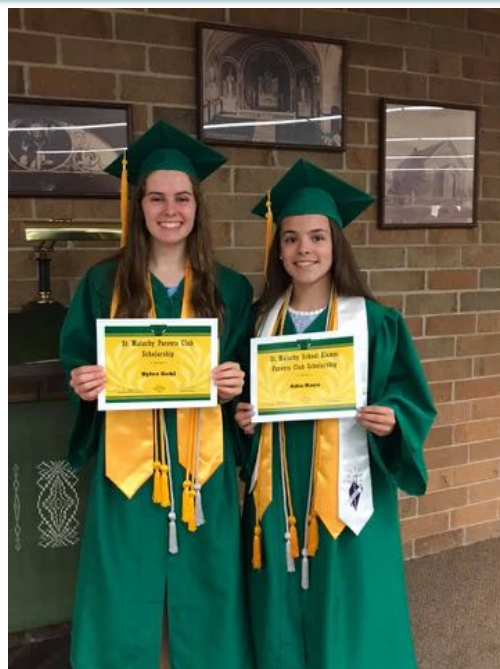


Parents Club Scholarships Awarded

St. Malachy Parish recognized the Class of 2019 at the annual Graduation Mass on Sunday, May 19th.

Congratulations to Kylee Gehl, recipient of the Parents Club Scholarship, and Adia Raya who was awarded the St. Malachy School Alumni Scholarship.

Great job to these two young ladies - they will go far with their strong faith and hard work!





40 YEARS OF AUCTION ACTION

By Kristin Wilson

I recently had the pleasure of sitting down with Mr. Vern Mariman to chat about his involvement with St. Malachy Car Party over the years.

Growing up with parents who loved a bargain as much as they enjoyed collecting eclectic household antiques, I was perfectly at home wandering the aisles at the local auction house.

Wednesday nights rolled around and I'd watch the pile of treasure beside my parents' chairs grow as my dad nodded ever so slightly to signal his bid. When the time came, however, for me to bid on an auction item for the very first time at a St. Malachy Car Party, I found myself weak in the knees and practically hyperventilating with anxiety.

The smiling man at the microphone, it seemed, was talking only to me, even though over 300 people filled the room. He smiled again and I felt more and more at ease. He spoke with such confidence and a tone of reassurance that I was convinced that he was right; if I would bid \$500 he could get the competing bidder to give \$600. When I realized he was right; the other bidder shook his head--he was out, leaving only me.

"It'll be ok," crooned the auctioneer, and I felt my confidence grow. Hesitating slightly, I glanced sideways at my husband. "Don't look at him," the auctioneer encouraged, "Remember, this is for the kids," and that was it; he had spoken the magic words. With a surge of courage, I raised my number one last time.

For forty years Vern Mariman has been the voice of the live auction at the St. Malachy Car Party. Much like his own profession, Car Party has grown and evolved over the years. When he first became involved in 1979, only the last five tickets of the drawdown were auctioned off at halftime. Over the years, the addition of larger items and packages has made the live auction one of the most exciting and entertaining parts of the evening.

Mr. Mariman, whose own children and two of his grandchildren attended St. Malachy School, has spent his lifetime in Geneseo, (I was) "either too stupid to leave, or smart enough to stay." He and his wife, Pat, are active parishioners, and he humbly describes his role in Car Party as merely a link in a chain. "We all contribute in our own way."



Grinning, he remembers years and years of Car Party and acknowledges everyone's contributions. From ladies preparing desserts, to those who decorate, to the committee itself; everyone's part is a piece of the puzzle. "I just happen to be the one standing up in front, it doesn't mean I'm any more important."

When asked if a specific year or moment in 40 years stood out, he didn't hesitate. Remembering the 2009 Car Party, his voice conveyed tender emotion. Without a set in stone plan, but "guided by the big guy upstairs," Mr. Mariman helped those in attendance open their hearts and open their wallets to fully fund the purchase of Smart Boards for each classroom. It was unscripted. It was unheard of. And it worked. Even so, he claims no credit; only stating that he tries to use his own gifts and talents for the good of the whole.

While it is an emotional decision to step away from the Car Party live auction, Mr. Mariman assured me that he is not going anywhere. He will still be around to help and guide the Car Party committee with the auction, if needed. He still maintains his local business and plans to slow down a bit more to enjoy his family and make more time for the activities he enjoys.

Thank you, Vern, for all that you have done "for the kids" these past 40 years!



Boots, Buckles & Books

St. Malachy Car Party 2019

Guests at the 2019 St. Malachy Car Party dusted off their cowboy hats and saddled up for an exciting evening of fun! *Boots, Buckles & Books* was the theme of this year's annual event marking 45 years of successful fundraising and support for our school. As always, the festivities included silent and live auction items, dinner, the drawdown with a \$10,000 grand prize, as well as some unexpected fun including a jail where guests could be locked up & set free for a donation to the school! Thanks to the generosity of all who were involved with the event, the school will purchase new Social Studies textbooks. Pictured right are Ian and Stephanie Mattan, winners of this year's drawdown.



GOOD LUCK to Our Sixth Graders!

Joseph Venneberg
Hayden Veryzer
Joshua Anderson
Beth Mroz
Marley Cherry

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

-Proverbs 22:6

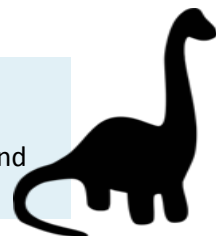
With Generous Donations to the Alumni Newsletter...

We have...

Replaced the chalkboards in all classrooms with dry erase white boards as well as supported & maintained our technology network.

We would like to...

Replace the school's outdated large laminator: approximate cost: \$3,000. The current laminator has been around for quite some time...



Please consider a donation to St. Malachy School via the Alumni Newsletter, your generosity is appreciated!



Snapshots from the School Year



Live
Love
Learn
Pray



We are a family in Christ.

**ST. MALACHY FACULTY & STAFF
2018-2019**

- Kindergarten.....*Bev Goethals*
- First Grade.....*Carol Roemer*
- Second Grade.....*Jessi Haars*
- Third Grade.....*Erin Hofer*
- Fourth Grade.....*Carrie Schlindwein*
- Fifth Grade.....*Ellen Nelson*
- Sixth Grade.....*Janel Vandemore*
- Art.....*Mary Heiar*
- Computer & Spanish.....*Kristin Wilson*
- Library & P.E.....*Styphanie Palmer*
- Music.....*Elizabeth Hulsbrink*
- Teacher Aides.....*Marcia Swanson*
Lori Turpin
Vicky Wyffels
- Secretaries.....*Tamara Moser*
Mary-Margaret Herstedt
- Playground Supervisor...*Kathy VerCautren*
- Maintenance Supervisor.*Theresa Mariman*
- School Liturgy Coordinator..*Mary Frimml*
- Principal.....*Heather Francque*
- Pastor.....*Father Michael Pakula*



*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...as you teach."
Colossians 3:16*



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