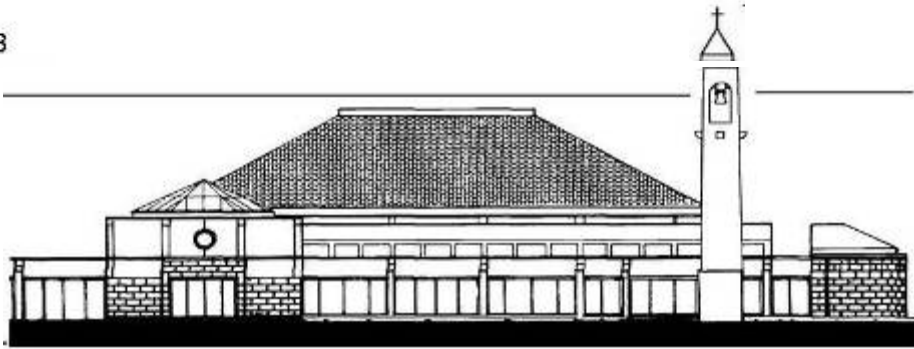


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## **St. Joseph's Seniors, Leaders at School, Share Thoughts**



**Daniel Freund, St. Thomas Academy**

**Q: What school do you attend and what leadership role do you hold?**

I attend Saint Thomas Academy and I am the Cadet Colonel.

**Q: Explain some of your responsibilities.**

I am in charge of over 550 cadets. It is my responsibility to guide the Corps of Cadets and ensure that STA's tradition of excellence and achievement is upheld.

**Q: Why did you decide to become a leader at your school?**

I decided to become a leader so I could make a positive difference in the STA community.

**Q: Have you been involved in service to others as part of your role? Explain.**

Yes. In order to lead others, you must be ready to serve others. As Cadet Colonel, I was willing to do anything for the cadets I led, and I think this willingness to serve created a mutual respect between the Corps and me.

**Q: What are your plans for next year?**

Next year I will play football at Princeton University.

**Andrew Kueppers, St. Agnes High School**

**Q: What school do you attend and what leadership role do you hold?**

I have just graduated from Saint Agnes High School, and was honored as co-Valedictorian. My predominant leadership role was being Student Council President, but I also co-directed Art Night Junior and Senior year, was Quiz Bowl Captain and was Tenor Section Leader in the school choir. I was also a member of the National Honor Society.

**Q: Explain some of your responsibilities.**

As Student Council President, I led the weekly Student Council meetings and directed many of the projects the Student Council was involved with. The biggest event was organizing Homecoming activities. We worked closely with the Administration all year, and ran other events such as a bowling party for students; collecting money for breast cancer research; and prom.



As the co-Director of Art Night for two years, it was a true highlight for me. It is entirely student run, and showcases the many artistic talents of Saint Agnes students in all disciplines. With my co-director, I was in charge finding performers, promoting Art Night, setting up/taking down everything, putting the entire show together, emceeing the event, refreshments, and even sweeping up the floor after. I ran every aspect of Art Night from start to finish with my co-director and learned so much from that experience. I also directed the One-Act play my senior year, which debuted at Art Night.

Being Quiz Bowl Captain and Tenor Section Leader required less work, but were equally as fun. They both involved making decisions for the group and making sure everyone worked well together.

**Q: Why did you decide to become a leader at your school?**

Becoming a leader was not something I looked for; it was mostly a result of being an involved student in my school. I loved choir, so by staying committed I was named section leader. The same goes for Quiz Bowl and Art Night. Student Council was a little different. I enjoyed being on Student Council as a class representative, and thought I had the potential to do well as President. In addition, I felt like St. Agnes High School had really helped me grow from a quiet and shy freshman to a confident young adult, so being Student Council President was my way of giving back to the school for all that it had done for me.

**Q: Have you been involved in service to others as part of your role? Explain.**

Yes indeed. Student Council ran a toy drive and fund raiser for breast cancer research. The choir sang at a nursing home during the Christmas Season. I have also been in the Saint Agnes National Honors Society, which is based around service to others in our community. I also volunteer regularly at the Dorothy Day Center in St. Paul.

**Q: What are your plans for next year?**

I have received a full-tuition Academic scholarship from Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. I will be going there this fall, and will hopefully double-major in accounting and philosophy, with the intent on going to law school after completing my undergraduate.

**Summer Stretch and Mini Stretch Are Coming!**

“LORD, GIVE US HEARTS TO LOVE YOU AND HANDS TO SERVE YOU!”

This summer will mark the 6th Annual Summer Stretch at St.



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Joseph's. This year, the parish is privileged and excited to have more than 150 junior high youth and teen leaders praying, serving and having fun together on Tuesdays, beginning June 29.



The day will begin each week with 7:30 a.m. Mass followed by service at Bridging, Salvation Army, Wilder Foundation, Cerenity Care Center, Good Samaritan, Dakota Woodlands and Feed My Starving Children.

Also, on Thursdays beginning July 7, Mini Stretch begins for all 5th and 6th graders. This program will serve 40-50 youth and begin with morning Mass followed by service at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan. If you would like to know more about these programs, or if you'd like to be a "Prayer Companion" for either of both of these wonderful summer programs, please call Ann

Osendorf, Junior High youth director at (651) 789-8357.

## Senior Adult Ministry –First Monday Luncheon Series

On May 3, a group of retired parishioners gathered as they often do on the first Monday of the month for lunch and fellowship and a program of education or entertainment. The kindergarten class entertained the group with their delightful voices and presented a dress rehearsal of their spring concert. The group also had the opportunity to get to know Tim Lawrence, teaching seminarian, as he shared his vocation story.

If you would like to know more about St. Joseph's Senior Adult Ministry and the opportunities to volunteer or programs to participate in, check the kiosk or call chair Marcelle Deidrich at (651) 457-3034.



## Annual Health Fair a Success



The annual health fair, "Spring into Health," was held in the Great Room on May 25. There were 29 booths with volunteers who provided health information. Sixty-three

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parishioners were checked by HealthEast's Heart Advantage nurses. Some confirmation students from St. Joseph's assisted with the Health Fair, which was sponsored by the Health Ministry Team and Darlene Alleva, the parish nurse. The chairwomen were Linda Daninger and Mickey Kallas. "It was very successful, and we hope to continue to give parishioners this program every year," said Darlene. Watch for information on next year's fair.



## Prayer

Just think, you're here not by chance, but by God's choosing.  
His Hand formed you and made you the person you are.  
He compares you to no one else — You are one  
of a kind. You lack nothing that HIS GRACE can't give you.  
He has allowed you to be here at this time in history  
To fulfill HIS SPECIAL PURPOSE for this generation.

## Featured Saint: St. Anthony of Padua

Feastday: June 13  
b.1195 d.1231

Saint Anthony was canonized less than one year after his death. There is perhaps no more loved and admired saint in the Catholic Church than Saint Anthony of Padua, a Doctor of the Church. Though his work was in Italy, he was born in Portugal. He first joined the Augustinian



Order and then left it and joined the Franciscan Order in 1221, when he was 26 years old. The reason he became a Franciscan was because of the death of the five Franciscan protomartyrs -- St. Bernard, St. Peter, St. Otho, St. Accursius, and St. Adjutus -- who shed their blood for the Catholic Faith in the year 1220, in Morocco, in North Africa, and whose headless and mutilated bodies had been brought to St. Anthony's monastery on their way back for burial. St. Anthony became a Franciscan in the hope of shedding his own blood and becoming a martyr. He lived only ten years after joining the Franciscan Order.

So simple and resounding was his teaching of the Catholic Faith, so that the most unlettered and innocent might understand it, that he was made a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1946. Saint Anthony was only 36 years old when he died. He is called the "hammer of the Heretics" His great protection against their lies and deceits in the matter of Christian doctrine was to utter, simply and innocently, the Holy Name of Mary. When St. Anthony of Padua found he was preaching the true Gospel of the Catholic Church to heretics who would not listen to him, he then went out and preached it to the

fishes. This was not, as liberals and naturalists are trying to say, for the instruction of the fishes, but rather for the glory of God, the delight of the angels, and the easing of his own heart. St. Anthony wanted to profess the Catholic Faith with his mind and his heart, at every moment.

He is typically depicted with a book and the Infant Child Jesus, to whom He miraculously appeared, and is commonly referred to today as the "finder of lost articles." Upon exhumation, some 336 years after his death, his body was found to be corrupted, yet his tongue was totally incorrupt, so perfect were the teachings that had been formed upon it.