

We are pleased to acknowledge and recognize Roger and JoAnn Schmitz as our community service award recipients for 2024.

JoAnn and Roger have been very active in our Catholic United council; attending meetings and conventions and working at our bingo parties, bake sales, waffle breakfasts and rummage sales. Roger also served as our auditor for many years and as a homebound eucharistic minister.

They are the parents of Dale, Nancy who is married to Vern and Tom. On January 17th of this year, JoAnn and Roger became members of a club no parent willingly joins when Dale passed away. Dale was a well loved and respected parish and community member who is missed by many family members, friends and neighbors. Their three grandchildren are Mackenzie married to Shane, Kelsey married to James, and Mason, plus four great-grandchildren Brooks, Carson, Elena and Cullen.

Okay, let's dig a little deeper!

Roger was born to Martin and Eleanor Schmitz and lists his siblings as Wilfred, Eugene, Helen, Lorraine, Ethel, Ruth, Marilyn, Jeanette, Florence and Sally. He attended St. Bernard's school where he was a faithful and dedicated altar server then on to Central High School. He spent two in the army and returned to the family farm. For 18 years he was employed as a certified insemination technician for dairy and beef cattle. Then he spent 20 years working at Cabin Works in Waconia.

JoAnn's parents were Arnold and Evelyn Notermann. She has 5 sisters and 1 brother. She was educated at St. Victoria, Guardian Angels and Chaska High School. Her employment career includes Red Owl, The Village, Duebers and Elkay. And for a number of years, she drove for Meals On Wheels. At St. Bernard's both JoAnn and Roger helped on the funeral lunch committee, school carnival raffle and as school custodians. They both volunteered in the Ag building at the Carver County Fair and for the Southwest Carver County Food Shelf.

Roger and JoAnn are very sociable and enjoy playing cards with the Cologne senior citizens, friends and family. Thank you, JoAnn and Roger who were always willing and cheerful volunteers, for all your contributions to our parish and the community. You have touched so many lives and are a wonderful example of stewardship in action.

**One last thought...Roger's method for fact checking goes like this.
It must be true, I heard it at Shep's!**



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STBAFF SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM 2024-2025

SPONSORSHIP GOAL---\$6000

Your support helps create a strong environment for sharing our Catholic faith

Here are some of the blessings of this Sponsorship Program—which began in 2016—the same year we started our fellowship meal

- ❖ STBAFF Sponsorship program has been a beautiful gift to our young people!
- ❖ Through the years—is a grand total of over \$50,000 in support of our families and children in faith formation. These donations make many of the extras in our program possible.
- ❖ The sponsorship program helps us continue to improve our program.
- ❖ Our grade 4-10 students start weekly class in the church with lectio divina. They are listening to the Sunday gospel reading and journaling.
- ❖ We continue to have a Service Night for most of our students. Some ways the youth have served include—Feed My Starving Children, Hosting Bingo @ Peace Villa, making baby items for pro-life groups, and yard cleanup at the parishes.
- ❖ We are so thankful for the many people in our parish who continue to offer their support and encouragement, and most importantly continued prayer for all of us.

- ❖ The fellowship meal depends on our team of dedicated volunteers—we have six volunteers who faithfully help with meal prep, serving, and cleaning up each week. Without volunteers, we would not be able to provide this affordable and healthy meal for families.

Here is a breakdown of our numbers for the program this year—

- 104 Total Students Enrolled—grades prek-10
- 85 People signed up for our weekly fellowship meal

Here is some feedback from our weekly fellowship meal participants—

- ❖ Its quality time we can spend as a family and church community.
- ❖ The weekly meal helps make a more stress free evening for our family. So grateful to have the fellowship meals.

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM DETAILS

We are seeking sponsorships as a way to continue to strengthen our programs and to meet our budgets. Sponsors of the program will receive a THANK YOU note from students in our program and a tax statement. For business/organizations, we will promote your group through our flyers at our fellowship meals; mention your support in the bulletin and in our faith formation updates to our families.

We appreciate your support,

Fr Abraham

Julie Kleindl

STBAFF SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM 2024-2025
Please submit this form with your Sponsorship
Please submit by December 31, 2024

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS—Circle Your Level of Sponsorship

Full Meal-----\$250

Meal for Weekly Volunteer-----\$60

½ Meal-----\$125

Your Choice-----\$_____

Two Meal Sponsor-----\$500

Tuition for One Student-----\$120

Bus Sponsor for Feed My Starving Children Trip-----\$200

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