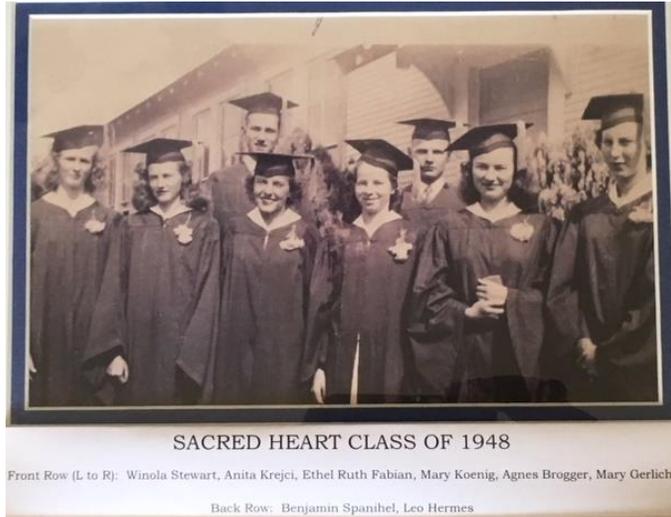


CLASS OF 1948 LED THE WAY FOR ALL SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATES!

As the 2017-2018 academic year comes to a close and the seniors of the Class of 2018 prepare for graduation, we also want to recognize a very important milestone in our school's history. In 1948, eight students made history for Sacred Heart Catholic School, as the first graduates of the school. Leo Hermes, Anita Krejci, Mary Koenig Migl, Mary Gerlich Mladenka, Benjamin Spanihel, Sister Raphael Rose Stewart (Winola Stewart), Ethel Ruth Fabian Tappe, and Agnes Brogger Wagner were the members of the inaugural graduating class. Emil Svab was also a member of the class but had to leave school due to family obligations. He later received an honorary diploma. This year we proudly celebrate the 70th anniversary of their graduation.



What was life like 70 years ago? The school did not have air conditioning and only had wood heaters. There was no cafeteria so the students went off campus for lunch. Mass was held daily. However, some things have not changed. At Sacred Heart Catholic School, our mission has remained the same: to teach Gospel values that will foster the spiritual, moral, academic, social, and physical growth of the students according to Catholic tradition and the spirit of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament. Our students profess their faith openly, as they did 70 years ago. We still have two Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament teaching at the school. The members of the class were active in cheerleading, sports, academics, and special events that we still have today, such as May crowning.

We owe these graduates a big thank you, because at the time, the school went through 10th grade only. When they were in 10th grade, they asked Monsignor Alois Morkovsky to extend the school to 12th grade. He agreed, and now 70 years later, Sacred Heart Catholic School continues its rich traditions and preparing young people for their futures. Congratulations to the Class of 1948 for setting the bar high for all succeeding SHCS graduates. We salute you and thank you for leading the way for the rest of us. And Congratulations to our 2018 graduates! Best wishes to all of you for much success in whatever you choose to do with your lives. Honor our first graduates by making us proud!

