

2023 Community Service Award

We are very pleased to recognize a couple as our 2023 community service honorees; namely Tom and Lori Kasel. As you will hear, together they have been involved in almost every facet of parish and school life in service and leadership roles.

They are the parents of daughter Jaci who is married to Cory and they have two sons Quentin (17) and Milo (15); son Joel is married to Melissa and they have two sons Phineas (13) and Atticus (11); and son Max who is married to Claire.

Lori was born to Dave and Kaye Seggelke (both deceased) and has two brothers, Kevin married to Shannon and brother Mike, plus one sister Karin married to Terry. Lori graduated from Stillwater High School then attended St. Benedict College. Lori has always been a cheerful and willing volunteer. In the past she has served on the finance council, the cemetery committee, taught Faith Formation and as the bookkeeper of our parish for several years. Lori is currently serving as sacristan, lector, Eucharistic minister, Lay presider, prayer chain coordinator, on the stewardship committee and is a member of the Welcome Retreat Ministry. For eight years she worked as a "lunch lady" at Central and is currently the utility billing clerk for the City of Cologne.

The following is a quote from Lori...

"I consider myself greatly blessed to be a member at St. Bernards. My life has been enriched by everyone at this parish. You are and always will be my church family. I love you all ☺"

Tom was born to Tony (deceased) and Mary Kasel. He was blessed with older twin sisters Shelley and Shirley (deceased) and older brother Steve. In 1991 he received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering at St. Cloud State University; then studied at Iowa State University. Tom is employed at US Bank as a Technology Manager. In prior years he served as winter carnival chairman and on our school board. Tom currently serves our parish as the JMT chairman, on the stewardship committee and is a lector and extraordinary minister. For many years he was a member of the Cologne Fire Dept. Tom loves to travel and is a Citizen of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (the country, not the city in Minnesota).

We thank you both for recognizing the perpetual opportunities within our parish and community; then voluntarily stepping up to strengthen your extended family. Your generous attitudes combined with unlimited energy have benefited us all. Lori and Tom, you are true inspirations for others to follow and will be greatly missed. Our very best wishes to you both as you acclimate to your new home, parish and community. There is really no need to ask, we will be extremely happy to provide excellent references.

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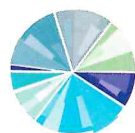
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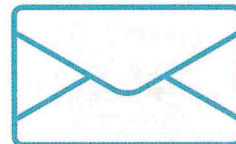
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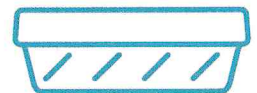
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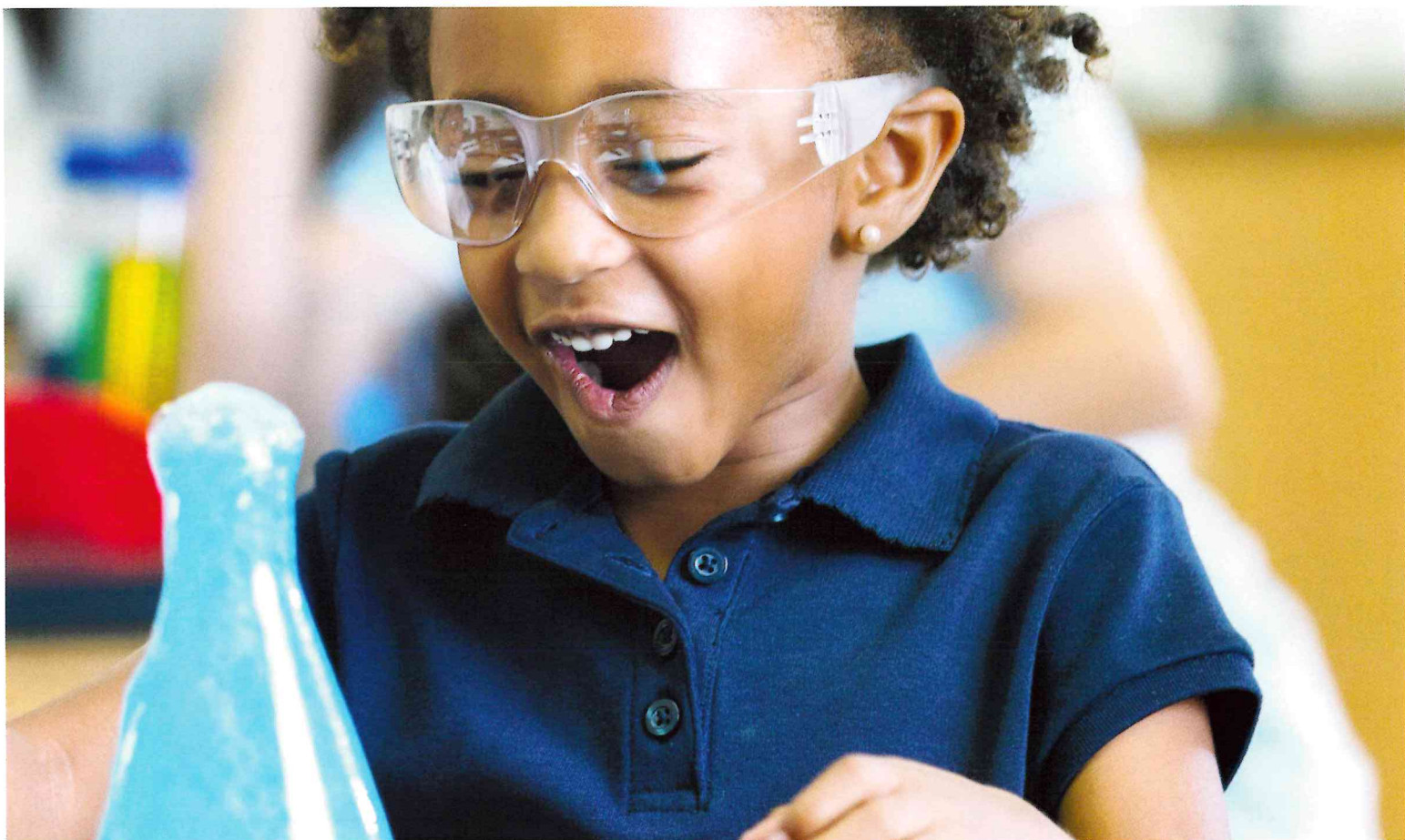
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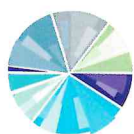
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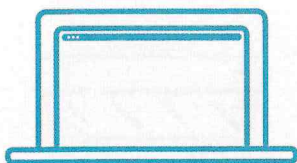
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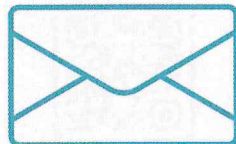
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