



# St. Odilia School Alumni



## Spring is in the air!

## Spring 2021 Update

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## Covid Update

We safely made it the entire year in person! We'd like to thank our wonderful staff for all their hard work, dedication and patience during this difficult year. [Share your thanks with them on Facebook!](#)



Here at St. Odilia, First Communion and May Crowning are always a sign of spring. This year, our 2nd graders, under the spiritual care of St. Odilia alumnus and 2nd grade teacher, Mr. Kevin Scroggins, were able to gather safely for the sacrament of First Communion.

Mr. Scroggins has been preparing children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion for 39 years! He has even had the opportunity to teach some of his students' children. That is incredible! Thank you, Mr. Scroggins, for your dedication to our children and these sacraments.

*We would love to hear your memories about First Communion or Mr. Scroggins. There are many ways you can share them with us; [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [St. Odilia School website's alumni pages](#), or email us at [alumni@stodilia.org](mailto:alumni@stodilia.org).*



## A Memorable Year

As the end of the school year nears, so does a return to normal 8th grade traditions for the St. Odilia Class of 2021. The 8th grade students began school in masks and socially distanced classrooms. Their days looked much different with teachers rotating classrooms instead of students, lunch was eaten at their desks, and recess was only with their classmates. Field trips and dodge ball tournaments were cancelled, middle school fun nights and ski trips were left unplanned, and students attended weekly Mass via live feed in their classrooms.

Despite these changes, the 8th graders were happy to be at school. After finishing their 7th grade year at home as distance learners and spending the summer separated from friends and loved ones, it was a relief to be back into the routines of school. While it was not unusual for students to have to distance learn for two weeks if they had a Covid exposure, the academic part of school felt like a normal year.

Covid cases were kept to a minimum through diligently following Covid protocols. As the weather warmed and more people got vaccinated, the number of cases in Minnesota dropped. The year began to return to normal! Parent Appreciation was presented in a hybrid format and 8th graders were able to play with their kindergarten buddies outside. After a long year full of Covid protocols and quarantines, the Class of 2021 celebrated their graduation on June 1, 2021 together with the families and teachers, masks being the only noticeable difference.