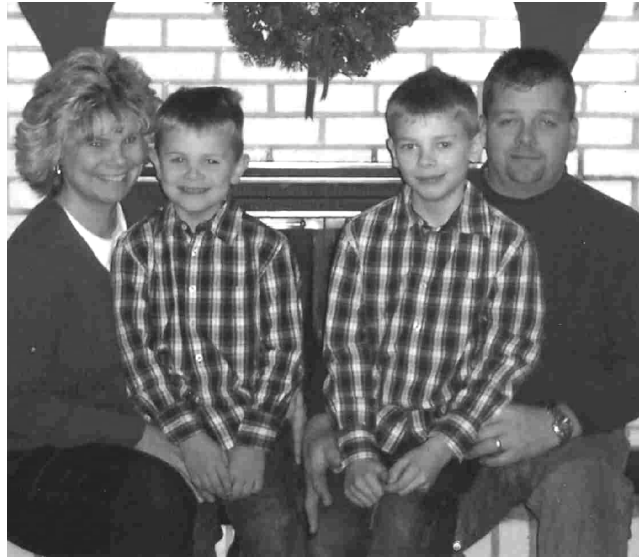

St. Michael's School
March Alumni of the Month
SCOTT ZYLSTRA

Scott Zylstra is Ed & Marlene's youngest son. He attended St. Michael's School from 1st thru 6th grade. Some of Scott's favorite memories at St. Michael's include the nuns buying him, Steve Rohen & John Laug pizza on Friday's for shoveling snow and playing basketball for St. Michael's. Scott also spent time as an altar server for the church.



Scott continued his education at Coopersville. He especially remembers how easy the class work was in 7th grade at Coopersville. He believes it was easy because of the small class size and the extra one-on-one he received from his teachers at St. Michael's.

In High School, Scott was on the Year Book Committee and the Golf Team. He was also one of the few students with a special schedule for his Junior & Senior years (approved by the principal at the time, Mr. Kahler). Scott went to class an hour early every day and left school at lunch to spend the rest of his day working at the family business, Allendale Beef Company. After graduation, Scott went on to work at Allendale Beef full-time. He worked in the Boning Room & also loaded trucks.

Scott dated and later married Julie Rolfe. When they were only months away from the birth of their first child, Allendale Beef was closed down permanently. Fortunately, his friends referred him to DeWys Manufacturing. Scott always said he could never do factory work but with few prospects & a family to support, his choice was clear. He continues to work at DeWys and just celebrated his 10 year anniversary. His current title is Assembly Team Leader.

Scott & Julie have 2 boys: Caleb who is 11 years old & Noah who is 7 ^{1/2}. They both attend St. Michael's School. Scott thinks it's important to carry on the tradition his parents started and give his boys a leg-up on their education by sending them to St. Michael's.

Scott would describe his education at St. Michael's as GREAT! He would definitely recommend St. Michael's Catholic School to his family and friends. With the smaller class sizes, more one-on-one with teachers, and the close friendships it's a win win for everyone.

St. Michael's continues to rise to the challenge of providing a strong Christ-centered foundation for each child to build upon to be our future leaders of tomorrow.