



# Alumni Newsletter

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## A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION (AUGUST 17, 2014)

*Honor the Past ~ Inspire the Future*

### 1914 - 2014



Photo courtesy Connie Weber Letourneau '55  
 Long-time gym teacher, Sandy Liebel Reibel is the niece-in-law to Gloria Reibel Fuchs '32 who attended the Centennial Celebration.



Photo courtesy C. Jane Jackson '42  
 Connie and Joe Marier '33 enjoy the Centennial Celebration festivities.



Photo courtesy C. Jane Jackson '42  
 Gloria Reibel Fuchs '32 and T. Joseph Marier '33 enjoy reminiscing of their childhood days at St. Mary's School back in the 1920s and 30s.

#### ALUMNI PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

“Thank You, God, for the thousands of students and families, sisters, lay teachers and school staff, pastors, principals, and all the volunteers who have passed through the doors of St. Mary of the Lake School over these last one-hundred years.

May they be blessed for their sacrifices and contributions and for their Legacy of faith and commitment to our Catholic church, parish and school. Please continue to inspire and bless us, and those we love with Your wisdom, forgiveness, and generous heart.

May we be blessed with Your Light that brings joy and peace to our world. Amen.”

— Centennial Celebration leaflet written by Patty Connolly O’Gorman '57

See more photos on pages 14-17.



Photo courtesy Patty Connolly O’Gorman '57  
 Kathy Mullaney Hartzell '68 and Cynthia Peltier '65 were the Offertory gift bearers during the Centennial Celebration Mass.

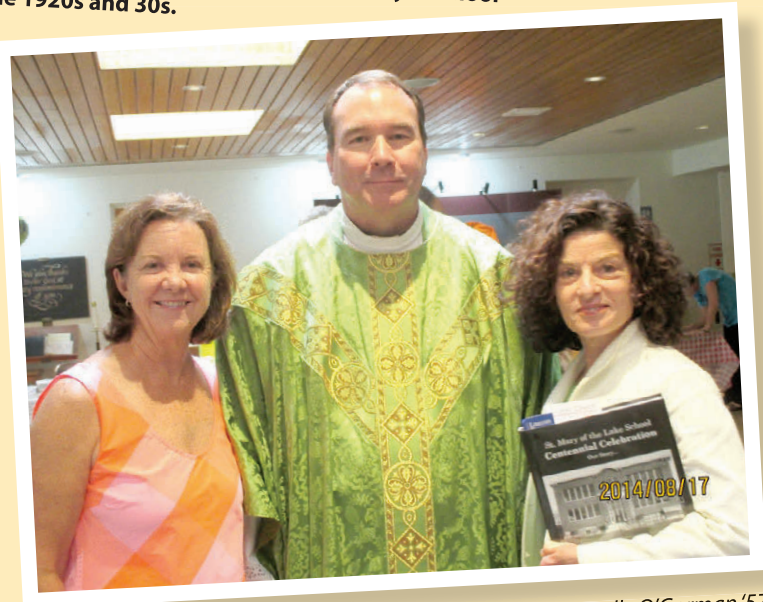


Photo courtesy Patty Connolly O’Gorman '57  
 Kathy Mullaney Hartzell '68, Father Ralph Talbot and Cynthia Peltier '65 after Mass.

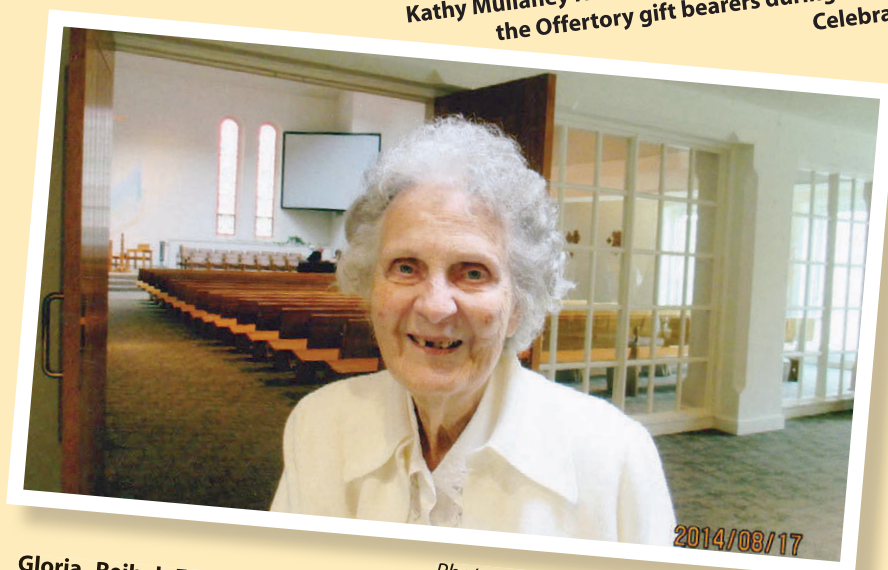


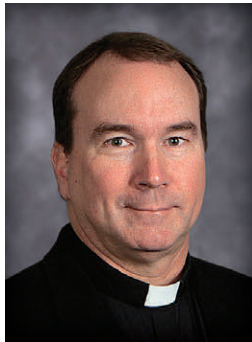
Photo courtesy Patty Connolly O’Gorman '57  
 Gloria Reibel Fuchs '32 was the oldest alumni present at the Centennial Celebration on Sunday, August 17, 2014.



## Greetings from the Pastor...

*“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you” (2 Cor. 13:13).*

The students, staff and community of Frassati Catholic Academy recently completed our inaugural year and celebrated our first graduating class. The parishes of St. Mary of the Lake and St. Pius X brought together the strong traditions of our respective Catholic schools and became the first STREAM School in the State of Minnesota. The STREAM approach encourages students to understand the relationship among the various disciplines, including the traditional STEM subjects of Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Religion and Art, along with Language Arts, Social Studies, Physical Education, Music and Spanish. The many successes of the year were the result of our parents and staff working together to plan for our school and then implementing that plan. At the heart of the plan was the belief that forming the body, mind and spirit of our young people in an encouraging and faith-filled environment is the great gift and value of Catholic education and the goal we have for every student entrusted to us.



Father Ralph Talbot

I offer my thanks for your support of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic School over these many decades. I ask you to continue that support in two ways. First, share your Catholic school story with parents and encourage them to send their children to a Catholic school. Personal witness and invitation are the proven ways to convince a new generation of parents of the value of a Catholic school education for their children. Second, please consider making a financial gift to Frassati Catholic Academy, so that we can provide scholarships to those families who want to provide their children with a Catholic education but cannot afford it.

We have a rich tradition of Catholic education in the White Bear Lake area. I offer thanks for those who have sacrificed much over these past 100 years to make that education possible for thousands of St. Mary’s young people. I ask for your continued support as we move forward with educating and forming the next generation of Christian disciples at Frassati Catholic Academy.

Peace,

Fr. Ralph W. Talbot, Jr.,  
Pastor of St. Mary of the Lake  
Moderator of Frassati Catholic Academy



## Greetings from the Alumni Board...

*Hello alumni and friends,*

The end of this 2015 school year marked two historic events. First, the 100th anniversary of the first graduating class of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic School, the Class of 1915. Second, the graduation of the first class of Frassati Catholic Academy, the Class of 2015, the beginning of a new era with the founding of Frassati Catholic Academy. The name may have changed, but the same measure of excellence and high standards remains.

The St. Mary of the Lake Alumni Association congratulates the first graduating class of Frassati Catholic Academy on their fine scholastic achievement. As you leave us, may God bless and watch over each of you and guide your path into a wonder-filled future.

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Emeritus Member  
Fr. Ralph Talbot, Pastor

## Calendar of Events

*Alumni, parishioners and friends are welcome to these events.*

### July 20-31, 2015

**St. Mary’s Habitat for Humanity ‘Build’** 1916 Eugene St., White Bear Lake. *To volunteer:* Food, contact: Peggy Parenteau, 651-426-3088; *Build,* contact: Paul Kadera, 651-429-3741.

### August 15-16, 2015

**134th Anniversary** of St. Mary of the Lake Church Ice Cream Social after all the weekend Masses.

### August 22, 2015

**Summer Concert 6PM**  
\$15, 14 & under free  
Martin Zellar and the Hardways.  
Outdoors – bring a chair  
St. Mary’s Parish Life Center

### September 12-13, 2015

**St. Mary of the Lake Fall Festival**  
Food, Silent Auction, General Store  
Bingo, Kid’s Games. Parish Life Center

### A note from the editor:

I wish to extend my most sincere thanks to all the alumni, staff, and families who have shown their appreciation over the years for this publication. After twenty-five years, it is with mixed emotions that I call this Alumni Newsletter, in its present form, the ‘final’ one. It has been a privilege to read and hear your stories, your memories and your life journeys. I have loved the many emails and phone conversations connecting me to you who have called St. Mary of the Lake School your childhood ‘home’ for learning. Over these years I have worked with many layout and printing people who have shown me great patience with deadlines, rewrites and technical savvy (of which I have little!). Connie ‘55 and others have helped me ‘proof’ over the years. My sister, Patty ‘57, has been my right hand person for many years, sending out the ‘update’ letters to alumni, reading the returns and writing the update messages for the Newsletter. My husband, John, and our seven children, know of my passion for connecting people and, in a way, reminding alumni and staff they are still valued members of St. Mary’s community. My family also has put up with the dining room table (and elsewhere!) piled high with alumni stuff, my late nights, and every Spring doing the ‘Newsletter project’! John has been my home ‘techie’, all-round helper and confidant. And last but, obviously, first, God has blessed me with good health in mind, body and spirit these past many years!

To all of you I say, “Thank You”; I couldn’t have done it without you!!!

*Peace and blessings,*  
Cathy Connolly Evans '59

**2014 Alumni Newsletter corrections:** On page 9, Class of 1964, ID for some of the missing names: Top Row (L-R): 3rd person is Bob Hess; Row 5 (L-R) last person is Bob Duell; Row 6 (L-R) 6th person is Bill Gavin. (info. from Mike Frazer, 8/3/2014)

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If there is any information, including picture identification, that is inaccurate, please drop a note, email, or phone St. Mary of the Lake’s Parish Life Center in care of the Alumni Association. The intention of this Alumni Newsletter is to be historically accurate for the present and future generations. Thank you very much in advance!

**To families of deceased alumni and staff:** When we become aware of an alum, teacher or staff death we discontinue to his/her address. If the surviving family member/s would like to continue receiving Alumni notifications

at that address or another address, please contact the Alumni Association.

There are extra copies of this twenty-fifth edition of the Newsletter in the kiosk in St. Mary’s the gathering space at church and also in the pamphlet rack near the office in the Parish Life Center. Thank you.

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### The Finding of Jesus in the Temple: The Holy Family

Donated by Agnes Lavorato in memory of Albert Lavorato. Given to the Children of St. Mary of the Lake. Written by Sr. Kathleen Holmberg, CSJ





## Mary "Grace" Dillon • Anthony McNamera • Catherine "Kate" Miller • Dorothy Yeager

These are the graduates for which we have been able to find records. No graduation picture has been found for this class.

During the first decade of the 1900s, St. Mary of the Lake Church flourished and it became evident that there was a need for a parochial school. Fr. Patrick J. Hart was the pastor at that time (August 9, 1908 – July 25, 1915). By the winter of 1913-14, Fr. Hart received permission from Archbishop John Ireland to erect a school. After many meetings, plans were developed and Wm. H. Jackson was awarded the contract to build the school on the southeast corner of Bald Eagle Avenue and Second Street (on land donated by St. Mary's Court #570 of

the Catholic Order of Foresters). This land was adjacent to the existing parish church. On June 14, 1914 the cornerstone was laid for the school. The new eight room school opened its doors to the estimated 200 students (grades 1 – 8) on September 8, 1914.

The school opened with six teaching sisters from the religious community of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, directed by Sr. Mary Thomas. The other sisters included: Sr. Alphonsus, Sr. Rose Aurelia, Sr. Virginia, Sr. Dympha, and piano teacher Sr. Elmire.

Tuition and text books were free to Catholics and non-Catholics alike because Fr. Hart felt there was "universal demand for moral training as well as secular knowledge".

Although we do not have any documentation thus far, it is most likely there was much 'pomp and circumstance' at that first graduation ceremony of 1915. Among the first graduates was Catherine "Kate" Miller (b. June 20, 1900) who lived a block down the street from school.



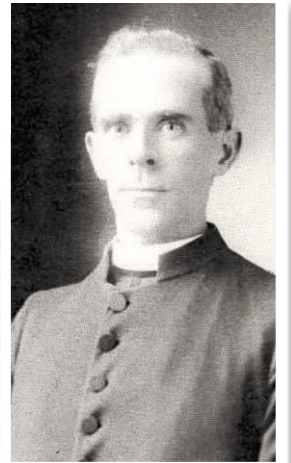
Photo from Parish Archives

St. Mary of the Lake Church, c. 1900.



St. Mary of the Lake School, c. 1915.

Photos from Parish Archives



Father Patrick J. Hart



Photo from Joanne Basch Kost '65

Catherine "Kate" Miller (middle standing) and her family lived one block east of school. Below: The former Miller home in 2015 on the corner of Miller Avenue and Second Street.



Photo from the Marguerite Bazille Parenteau Family

Holy Communion class, c.1915. Some of these young girls were in the St. Mary of the Lake graduating class of 1920, including Marguerite Bazille, who is standing second row from top, fourth person from left with veil blowing to the side!





*Photos from Parish Archives*

Front Row (L-R): \_\_\_\_, Dorothy Voges, Catherine Bernish, Louise Parenteau, \_\_\_\_, Marion Conway, Dortha Ann 'Dorothy' Michaud, Lillian Auger, Jane VanAvery, Irene Hare  
 Back Row (L-R): Clarence Hogan, Clifford Carpentier, Francis Guimon, Lawrence LeVasseur, Leonard LeVasseur, Frederick Miller, William Collette, Roy Cartier, Father John Fahey



*Photo from Parish Archives*



*Photo from Cathy Evans*  
 These hostas were transplanted from the convent yard prior to the building's demolition in 2002, then to the south side of the new 2004 school addition.

Prior to 1925, the Sisters stayed at the home of A. J. Diamond on Lincoln Ave. and then rented the Baldwin Cottage on the lakeshore. In 1925 a convent was constructed on the south side of the existing church building (just one year before the large church was built on Bald Eagle and Fourth St.). The new convent could comfortably accommodate the nine teaching Sisters then at St. Mary's. It was built of brick with a red tile roof. The first floor accommodated the community room, parlor, three music rooms, kitchen, dining room, chapel and sacristy. The sleeping rooms were on the second floor. The third floor was unfinished. Visiting clergymen described it as one of the finest in the diocese.

In later years perennials were planted around the convent, including hostas which were dug up in 2002 before the demolition of the convent (which had severe structural problems by then and could not be moved). These hostas, along with other plantings and hostas furnished by Cynthia Peltier '65, were transplanted on the south side of the new 2004 school addition with the help of Matt DeMay as his Eagle Scout project.



*Photo from Joanne Bash Kost '65*

Photo taken in 1925 with students from the classes of 1927 and 1928:

Front Row (L-R): Stanley Nickols '28, Cornelius "Connie" Heckel '27, Irvin LeVasseur '28, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, James "Mike" Enright '28, Robert Vadnais '27, Jack Messenberg '28, Edward Carpentier '28, \_\_\_\_, Ernest Tardiff '27, Robert Burkard '28

Second Row (L-R): \_\_\_\_, George Vadnais '27, Joseph Kieffer '27, \_\_\_\_, William Bernish '28, Arthur Yeager '27, Frank Reibel '27, Phil Mingo '27, Walter Belland '27, Bill Erdsteen '27, John Kostuch '28

Third Row (L-R): Eleanor Link '27, Stella Peters '28, Dorothy Peloquin '27, Helen Kostuch '28, \_\_\_\_, Lorraine LaBore '28, \_\_\_\_, Priscilla Arcand '28, Gertrude Miller '27, Helen Erdsteen '28

Fourth Row (L-R): Margaret Vadnais '27, Anna Marie Duffy '27, Helen Belland '28, Martha Holmes '28, Helen Patski '28, \_\_\_\_,

Back Row (L-R): Cecelia Letourneau '27, Katherine Collette '27, Marion Van Voorhis '27, Anne Dougherty '27, Lois Kieffer '27, Helen LeVasseur '27, Francis Miller '27



# Class of 1935

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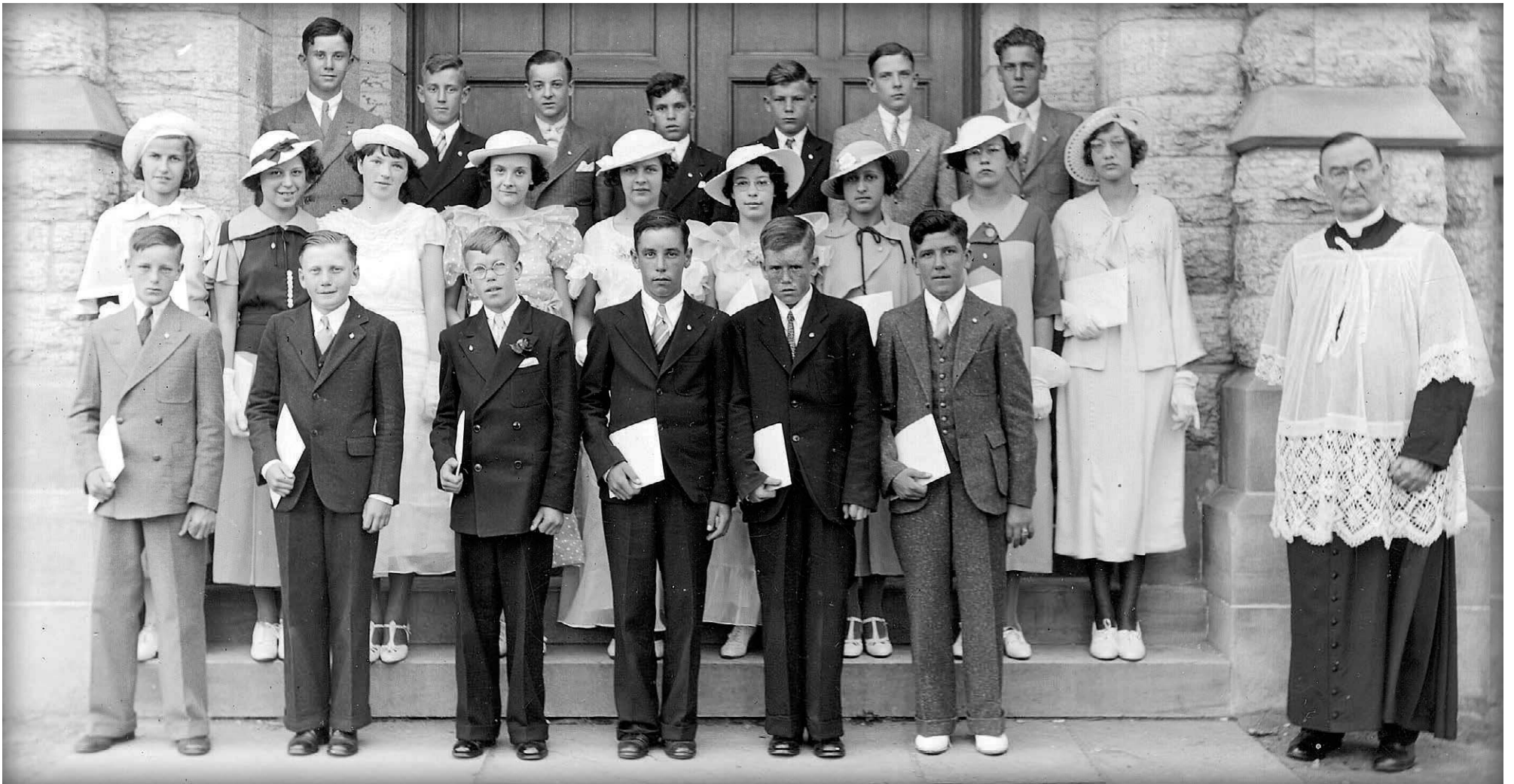


Photo from Violet Furey Giovannini

Front Row (L-R): **Edwin Batroot†**, **Norm Deans\***, **Ed Clark\***, **Gerald "Pete" Peltier†**, **Joe DeMaster†**, **Alvin LeMire†**, **Father John Fahey†**  
 Second Row (L-R): **Veronica Tardiff†**, **Leona Arcand\***, **Margaret Murnane**, **Mary Daly**, **Violet Furey**, **Imogene Mingo**, **Dorothy Vincent†**, **\_\_\_**, **Ruth Hedman\***  
 Back Row (L-R): **Louis Poirier†**, **David Michaud\***, **Prosper "Jack" LeVasseur†**, **Russell LaMotte**, **Joseph Michaud†**, **John Daly†**, **Clarence Paris\***

\* No current address known. † Deceased

These students are also remembered as being classmates with the Class of 1935: Matthias Braun, Berniece Leick, \_\_\_ Thein.

During the 1934-1935 school year the student population was approximately 280 students.

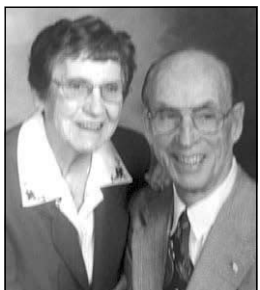
## Class of 1935 Update

**Mary Daly Bolen '35** wrote that she remembers Sr. St. Alfred was Mother Superior and also her piano teacher. Mary graduated with her twin brother, John, who died as a young military man in an aircraft accident. Her brother Richard '38 and sister, Pat '39 still live in the Twin Cities. Mary attended WBL High School and Rasmussen Business College. She was employed as a secretary and airline hostess. Mary and her husband, Bill (now deceased) had two children, David and Patricia (Donais).

## Visits with 1930s students

### Bernadette Galligan O'Malley '37

During a June, 2015 visit with Bernadette Galligan O'Malley '37, she shared a few St. Mary memories and her life since that time. She and her twin brother and only sibling, Bernard, enjoyed singing in the school's operettas. Bernadette especially liked Sr. Firmina, and enjoyed hanging around classmates like Mary Michaud, Betty Tauges and Shirley Hoffman. She married Eddie O'Malley from St. Paul. They raised their four children, Martin, Maureen, Patrick and Tim in the areas of Robbinsdale and Golden Valley. Eddie, who has passed away, worked for the railroad system for many years. She still has a twinkle in her eyes and now enjoys the Sisters and the residents at the Little Sisters of the Poor in St. Paul.



Bernadette (Galligan) and Eddie O'Malley



Sister Firmina Malone, principal 1935-43, 1944-46



Bernadette and her twin brother Bernard

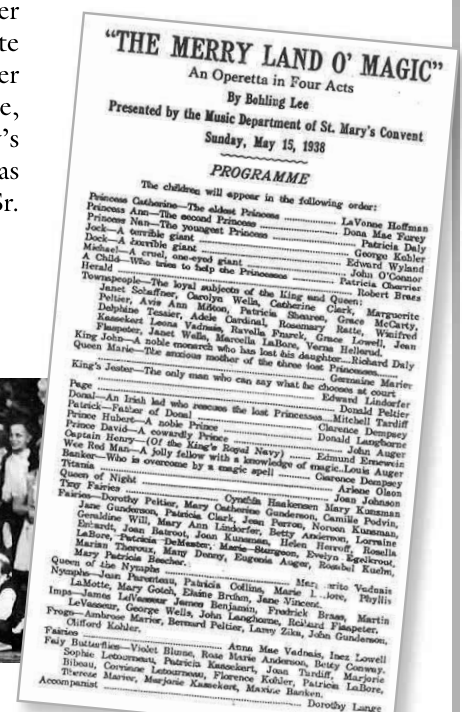
### Adele Cardinal Cartier '39



Adele Cardinal Cartier '39 and her family lived on 10th Street in White Bear during her youth. She and her siblings would walk to school. Adele, along with most of the other St. Mary's students, was in the famous operettas that its music department, including Sr. St. Alfred, would organize.



Adele and her classmates enjoyed participating in the famous St. Mary's School operettas.





Rose Marie Anderson  
Maxine Banken†  
George Batroot†  
William Bergeron†  
Joseph Blumenthal†

Joseph Brisson  
Joan Carroll†  
Joyce Cecka  
Betty Conway†  
Chareen Fitzgerald

Patricia Flaspeter  
James Hall†  
Cliff Kohler†  
Florence Kohler†  
Patricia LaBore

James LaValle†  
John LeMere\*  
Ambrose Marier†  
Gerald "Ozzie"  
McCarty†

Edward Miller†  
Richard Moroney  
Delores Morisette  
Doris Napiwaski†  
Robert Oakst

Patricia O'Brien  
JoAnn Olson  
Theresa Peloquin  
Rosemarie Reibel  
Joe Schmidt†

Beverly Smith†  
Marjorie Lou Treichel\*  
Anna Mae Vadnaist  
Larry Zika†

Sorry, we have no photo of this class. Also remembered as classmates: Eugenia Bibeau†, Dick Letourneau, Edward Michaud, Clayton Nadeau†, Patricia Wanless.\*

\* No current address known. † Deceased

## Class of 1945 Updates

**JoAnn Olson Blumenthal '45** – has "...many fond memories - the nuns, like Sister Ida (Adopha) played ball with us; Sister Elaine playing marbles; the May Day in the convent yard; ringing the bell [school] and the Victrola, the bonding with your classmates; the 5¢ hot lunch (kidney beans, bread and milk); Sister Georgina, 'the candy nun'. I still see some of my classmates, yet!" JoAnn graduated from White Bear High School. She worked at the White Bear Yacht Club and 3M (Minnesota Mining & Mfg.) and St. Mary's is still her Parish.

JoAnn's husband, Joseph Blumenthal '45, died November 15, 2005. They had 6 children, Jeff '66, Jodell '68 (deceased), James '69, Jan (Price) '74, John '74 (deceased), and Jennifer (Scheiblauber)

JoAnn enjoys collecting coins and stamps.

**Patricia LaBore Bohaty '45** – writes, "My years at St. Mary's were a wonderful foundation for a happy and fulfilling life. Besides the guidance and teaching of some exceptional nuns, my classmates became truly great friends, many of whom I am still in contact with today. Small town, small school ... couldn't be better." Patricia graduated from White Bear High School. She "spent 15 years in what was then called - "Data Processing," a forerunner to computer sciences; another 18 years as an instructional aide in Special Education - Junior High." Patricia married Adolph J. Bohaty from Cornell, Wisconsin and raised three children, Anthony Joseph (b.1964), Nicole Marie (b.1966) and Patricia Catherine (b.1968). Wherever she and her husband lived, they were always part of the church choir and continue today ... St. Mary's Church in Minong, Wisconsin. Pat enjoys knitting, making greeting cards, memory albums, traveling, and is an avid reader. Patt's contact information: W6876 Hwy #77, Minong, WI 54859, Tele: 715-466-2886, Email: ajnpatt@centurytel.net .

**Dick Moroney '45** – writes that in "6th or 7th grade, Sister Adolpha was a fun loving ballplayer and in 7th/8th grades, Sister Firmina was the disciplinarian". He was an altar boy for Father Finn and Father Reiser. After White Bear High School, Dick attended the University of Minnesota and earned a BS degree in Aeronautical Engineering and received training in the US Naval Air Reserve. He worked for General Mills Research, with GT Schjedahl, and for 20 years at Atmospheric Research Ballooning. Currently he's a Senior Coordinator for the Shaklee Corp. Dick attends Our Lady of Fatima in McGrath, MN. He belongs to the Mille Lacs Trails Snowmobile Club, WI Fishing Club, and a Dance Club. He and his wife, Lois Ann Haneen, have three children- Mark, Randall and Brady; they have 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Dick enjoys hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, downhill skiing and maple sugar farming.

## Updates and Memories from 1940s students



**Mary Ann Theroux Atkinson '41** shared some good memories from St. Mary's days during a recent visit where she now lives at the Little Sisters of the Poor Residence in St. Paul. Because the Theroux family lived a 'stone's throw' from the school and convent, Mary Ann and her older siblings LeRoy '33, Sterling '33, Viola '39 and Melanie would help the Sisters in and around the convent. They also had a wonderful time skating on the school's ice rink during the winter months. As the visit came to a close Mary Ann said her usual farewell - 'Love you!' to her visitors.

**William Quick '48** – writes, "One of the constants of life in my extended family was St. Mary's school and Church. During the 1920's, 30s, 40s, 50s and even 60s, my mother, my aunts and uncles, my cousins, and I all attended St. Mary's Grade school.

In the beginning, the names in my mother's family were all traditional French names from the Hugo, Centerville, and White Bear Lake area; names like Houle, LaMotte, and Peltier. With and after World War II different names began to appear like Hesse, Quick and Brennan. I attended St. Mary Elementary school until 1943, when our family moved to St. Paul in order to be closer to good medical care as my mother was terminally ill. In first grade, I remember friends Metzger, Riley, Thein, McCarthy and Yates and myself; we probably drove Sister Georgina crazy. She was one of my favorite teachers – ever. I used to get into fights with Billy McCarthy and skip school with Donny Dufresne, both of whom I later learned were cousins. One of my class mates, Joseph Banken, now lives directly across the street from the church."



**The Teaching Sisters at St. Mary of the Lake, c.1942**

Front Row (L-R): **Sr. Andrina Melusky, Sr. Firmina Malone, Sr. Dorinda Hamill, Sr. Elaine Meurer, Sr. Georgina Thibodeau**

Back Row (L-R): **Sr. Myra Louise Gannon, Sr. Jean Frances Honsay, Sr. Ida (Adolpha) Schenher**

Below: **Sr. Georgina**



Photo from Parenteau family



# Class of 1955

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*Photo and identification from Connie Weber LeTourneau*

**Top Row (L-R): Robert Lane\*, Leo Kerschner\*, Gail Christiance†, Carolyn LeVasseur, Raymond Parenteau, Joseph Ciresi†, John Donohue†, Betty West, Roger Kieffer, Donna Tretter**  
**Second Row (L-R): Gloria Kordosky, Michael Shea, Gary LaBore, Gerald Dittberner, Robert Francis, Mary Jo Lehman, Maxine Young†, Jean Schultz, Mary Alice Lindbeck, Linda LaMotte**  
**Third Row (L-R): Verille West, Eugene McCauley†, Jane Whitaker, Robert Schmalzbauer, Joyce Revoir, Carol Parenteau, Suzanne Young, Thomas Jurek†, Thomas Lawler, Kathleen Bucher**  
**Fourth Row (L-R): Rita Stepnitz, Sharon Smitzer†, Richard Seifert, Thomas Stanton, Connie Weber, Karen Larsen, Angela Frampton, Doris Blair**  
**Bottom Row (L-R): Gary Herbert, John Mample, Judy Ratte\*, Barbara Reusch\*, Jerome Flaspeter, Kathleen Callahan**

\* No current address known. † Deceased

Also remembered as 1955 graduates or classmates (These students may have been in Sr. Amelia Francis' seventh/eighth grade classroom): Paul Abbott, Barbara Arcand, Michael Auger, Kenneth Basch, Judith Bemlott, Ronald Birch†, Barbara Boogren, Nancy Carpentier, Roger Cecka†, Joseph Ciresi†, David Ettel, Hugo Fleckner†, Sue Harkness, Julia Herren, LaNette Hugger, Thomas Jurek†, Leo Kerschner, Florence Manship, Eugene McCauley, Penny Nickolaus, Sharon Sorenson†, Maxine Young†

The class of 1955 had the following teachers during their years at St. Mary's: Sister Stella (1st grade), Sister Rudolpha (2nd grade), Sister Virginia Mary (3rd grade), Sister Adalia (4th and 5th grades), Sister Lydia (5th grade) Mrs. Meyer (6th grade), Sister Veronica (6th and 7th grade), Sister Felice (6th and 7th grades), Sister Lucile (7th grade), Sister Amelia Francis (7th and 8th grades), Sister Francis Regis (8th grade), Sister St. Barbara (principal).

The 1954 - 55 student population was 572.



**Class of 1955 in the 7th grade.**

*Photo from Connie Weber LeTourneau*



## Class of 1955 Updates

**Paul Abbott '55** – writes, “It was an unforgettable time in my life, but a good one.”

Paul attended White Bear High School. He's been enjoying retirement for the past 15 years. Paul was in the Air Force ROTC and St. Mary's in White Bear Lake is still his home parish. Paul is single and is the father of two daughters and one son. His special interests are classic and antique cars. Paul's contact information: 6 Lacosta Dr., Dellwood, MN 55110, Tele: 651-429-3578.

**Michael J. Auger '55** – shares that some of his St. Mary's classmates still remain friends even though he does not see them often. Michael went on to receive his BA from the College of St. Thomas and an MBA from the University of Minnesota. His career has been in city and state government. The United States Marine Corps Reserve took him to many southwestern states in the US. Michael is married to Laurie and has two sons (Michael and Christian) and two daughters (Susan and Lisa). He volunteers for the Multiple Sclerosis Society and attends St. Paul's Catholic Church in Ham Lake. Michael's special interests are health, exercise and model airplanes. Michael's contact information is: 1081 139th Lane NW, Andover, MN 55304, 763-754-0532, maplelk@aol.com

**Mary Alice Lindbeck Connor '55** – sends memories of when she was “in 5th grade Sister Virginia Mary coming up to our classroom reading the “Boxcar Children” to us”. Mary Alice attended White Bear High School and Mankato State University. She is a licensed hearing aid specialist and owner of Miracle-Ear Franchises in northern Iowa and southern Minnesota. She a Eucharistic Minister at St. Edward's Church in Bloomington, MN and, also, at St. Mary's Church in Spirit Lake, IA. Mary Alice and her husband, Richard Connor have three children, Rick, Shannon and Mali, and 7 grandchildren. Her special interests are playing tennis, Pickleball and reading. Mary Alice's contact information: 101 – 19th St., Spirit Lake, IA 51360, Tele: 712-330-0621, Email: maconnor101@hotmail.com .

**Jane Whitaker Dufresne '55** – shared her memories of being in Sr. Louise Joseph's (who was strict and well-loved at the same time) 4th grade classroom. Their fourth grade class was asked to put on the Christmas (1949) program that year. The play included a mother (Mary Alice Lindbeck) telling the Christmas story to her son and daughter (Jane). Young Jane also had to do a quick ‘dress’ change into an angel watching over the manger. Jane's 7th grade year included 6th graders with Sr. Felice as their teacher at the beginning of the year, and later, because of illness or other malady, was replaced by Mother Adalia. She continues to make her home in White Bear Lake with her husband, Dick. They also thoroughly enjoy their ‘get-away’ home in Colorado near their daughter, TJ, and her family. Jane's contact information: dickandjanedufresne@juno.com

**Linda LaMotte Gregoire '55** – writes, “My years at St. Mary's are very precious. The ice skating rink, school plays, ‘Glow Worm’, Sister Louise Joseph, Sister Mary Leon, Father Finn and, of course, Father Reiser. They all left a mark on us that will live with us forever.” Linda attended Our Lady of Peace HS (OLP) for two years and then graduated from White Bear Lake High School. She became a licensed practical nurse (LPN) from Miller Hospital and worked as an LPN in Wisconsin. She and her husband, Henry Gregoire, became farmers for a number of years and then ran the H J Lakeside Resort on Mille Lacs Lake for 25 yrs., and have now returned to farming with 800 acres, 130 head

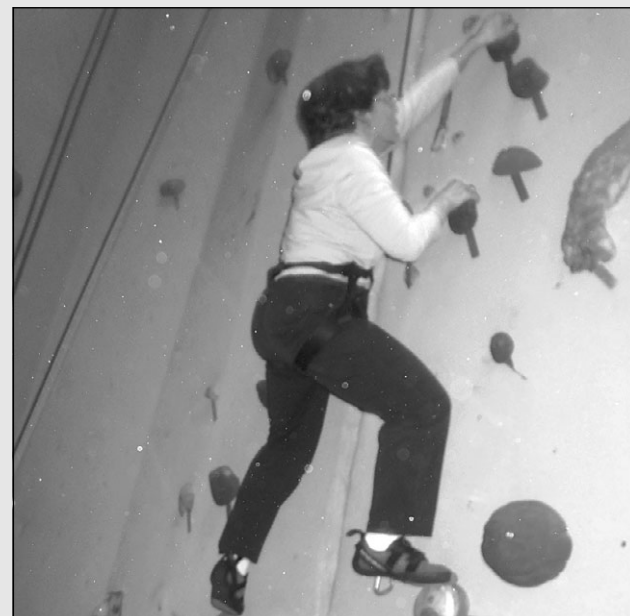
cows and, as of June 2015, 115 calves. Linda's parish is St. John's Church in Aitkin, MN. Her husband, Henry, passed away Dec. 19th, 2013. They have seven children, Mary Kay, Henry Jr., Timothy Russel, Dan, Tracy, Jim and Gerry. Linda says “‘Calving time’ is my best [time]”. She, also, has a large garden. Linda's contact information: 26420 – 310th Pl., Aitkin, MN 56431, Tele: 218-429-1091.

**Sue Ellen Green Harkness '55** – sent memories of, “Father Reiser, Mr. Wayne Slocum who came to teach dance classes (including square dancing!) and enjoyed dancing with Jerome Flaspeter and Dave Ettel. I have great memories of Mrs. Ciernia and St. Mary's Sodality and singing in choir; taking piano lessons from Sr. Justine and practicing in the cafeteria basement. Judy Bemlott Valento is still a great friend. I recall Nancy Carpentier coming to school with green food coloring in her blond hair on St. Patrick's Day – she had to go home and wash it. ‘Good thing she lived so close.’ Sue graduated from St. Joseph's Academy in 1959 and has many memories of the hour-long bus ride with other students going to St. Joe's, Cretin, and OLP. “I worked for St. Paul Insurance Co. for 4 yrs., also worked for Dr. Krezowski for 12 yrs., sold Avon for 13 yrs., and managed apartments for CSM Corp. for 27 yrs. ( 25 of which were in Rapid City, S.D); retired at age 70. I was married to Dick Rundquist ending in divorce, and then married to Gary Harkness for 35 years. Gary passed away 13 years ago. I have four children, Carrie Antus, Paul Harkness, Shannon Kavanaugh and Steven Harkness. I enjoy reading as encouraged by Sister Amelia Frances in 8th grade! There are so many good memories and many school friends I have fond memories of - Connie Weber, Joyce Revoir, Jean Schultz, Mike Shea, Mike Auger, and many more.” Sue's contact information: 5316 N.E. 201st Place, Lake Forest Park, WA 98155 and Tele: 605-484-5052.



**Sue Harkness (top right) with children (L-R) Shannon, Paul (with his children Jack and Logann) and Carrie.**

**Connie Weber LeTourneau '55** emailed, “There have sure been a lot of changes in the past year. After 100 years, our St. Mary's school is no more. On August 17th, we marked that anniversary with Mass, an ice cream social, musical entertainment and plenty of reminiscing with friends and classmates. The best part of those school years was learning about my faith and making new friends from 5th grade on. I remember wearing nylons at graduation for the first time as well as hats, or a reasonable facsimile, and gloves and picking up a very little Latin from my Sunday Missal. My family is growing with the addition of my first great grandson, Hayden, who will be a year old in August. There will be a trip to North Las Vegas to help him celebrate. I cherish the memories and you.” Connie's contact information: 1656 Hammond Road, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, letoucl@gmail.com



**Connie Weber LeTourneau achieving Vertical Endeavors!**

**Judy Bemlott Valento '55** – writes that she remembers “Sister Catherine De Ricci for piano lessons”. Her education beyond St. Mary's has been “Life”. Judy and her husband, John Valento, have 4 children, 7 grandchildren and, soon-to-be 4 great grandchildren. They belong to St. John the Evangelist Church in Little Canada, MN. Her special interest is reading. Contact information: 6997 Eagle Trail, Centerville, MN 55038. Tele: 651-765-8774, Email: JudyValento@gmail.com .

**Bob Schmalzbauer '55** remembers walking to the Avalon Theater with St. Mary's classes in 1953 - 54 to see ‘The Miracle of our Lady of Fatima’. “I can still recall the spinning sun in the movie after the rain shower drying all the people who got soaked waiting and watching for the Virgin Mary to appear.” Bob emailed that he's “...retired in 1999 after 34 yrs. as the High School Librarian in Byron, MN. Byron has been Home for me since 1965. I have truly been blessed. We do go South, either to Florida, Arizona, or California for 3 wks. at the end of January (the past seven years). I have been playing organized baseball -softball (slow pitch) every year since 1949 till this year. I will be having surgery on my left shoulder rotator on the 14th of July so I am taking this season playing with the “OLD” guys (55 and over) off. I am using my same Rawlings glove I purchased in 1961. I just returned from my 9th annual 3 days at “BACK TO THE 50s” at the St. Paul Fairgrounds. I bring my first car, a 1964 Pontiac Grand Prix. Not really a hobby, yet a fun time for me. We have three children, two boys and a girl and three grandchildren, two boys and a girl. The grandkids are little tikes, the oldest was just 6yrs. and just finished Kindergarten. My story and I'm sticking to it. . . . I have truly been blessed. - Bobby Schmalzbauer - (Bob & Judy) Contact info.: 907 4th Avenue N.W. Byron, MN 55920



**Siblings Karen '57 and Bob Schmalzbauer '55**



# Class of 1965



Photo from Parish Archives

**Front Row (L - R):** Sherry Parenteau†, Joanne Leick†, Judy Letourneau\*, Elizabeth Wagner, Kathy Mullaney, Doris Manship, Linda Michaud, Sarah "Sally" Schenk\*, Celine Gadbois, Cindy Peltier, Cathy Korolchuck\*, Joyce Letourneau\*, Anyrine "Rene" Arcand, Margaret Sisterman

**Second Row (L-R):** Margaret Diltz, Fr. Nicholas Finn†, Joanne Basch, Cindy Dittberner, Kathy Reif, Gwen Olson\*, Janice Vandenberg, Margaret Cournoyer, Deborah Ratté, Christine Houliston

**Third Row (L-R):** Dave Farrell, Charlotte Sieber, Daniel Reis\*, Jean Woerhle, Laurie Griemann, Kathleen Bennett\*, Cathy Hunter\*, Angela Engstran, Susan Arcand, Diane Welch,

Teresa Oaks, Andrea LeVasseur, Fr. Leonard Siebenaler

**Fourth Row (L-R):** Charlie Casey, Edward Kostuch†, Terrance Pike, Dennis Connolly, Steve O'Gorman, Mary Ann Long, Sandy Arcand, Arlene Otte, Theresa Doyle, Nancy Howard, Doris Kohler, Susan Osterbauer, Anita Parenteau, Claudia Cardinal\*

**Fifth Row (L-R):** Ricky Dreis, Mike McComber†, Steve Downs, Terrence Frazer, Dennis Moriarty†, Dale LaBore, Robert Letourneau, Terrence Schumacher\*, Suzanne Vilendrer, Ted Anderson, Joyce Stafki, Christine LeMay

**Sixth Row (L-R):** George Olheiser†, James Dolfay, Glen Lutz, Mark Sisterman, Steve Vadnais, John Bucher, Mark Ettel\*,

**Bobby LeMire, Andrew Doyle, Kenneth Fournelle, Bruce Hoppenstedt\***

**Back Row (L-R):** Reginald Dupre, Fred Minser, Jr.†, Gerald Goulette\*, Robert "Mike" Granse\*, Ed Boyd, Patrick Molitor†, Kevin Hill, Daniel Vadnais, Gerhardt Brinker, Thomas Cardinal

*Also remembered as classmates:* Frederick Blackwelder, Diane Buberl, Angela Gustad, Vikki Hanft†, Michael Jamison, Kathy Korte†, Mary Kostuch, Jeffrey Lane†, May O'Gorman, Gwyn Vobroucek\*.

\* No current address known. † Deceased



The class of 1965 had the following teachers during their years at St. Mary's: Sister Mary Thomas (1st grade), Sister Brigid (1st and 2nd grades), Sister Rudolpha (2nd grade), Sister Rita Marie (2nd and 3rd grades), Sister Paul Anthony (3rd grade), Mrs. Mabel Cournoyer (4th grade), Mrs. Julia Elliott (4th grade), Mrs. Loretta Casey (5th grade), Mrs. Catherine Lamson (5th grade), Mrs. Mary Rademacher (6th grade), Sister Catherine Marie (6th and 7th grades), Mr. Higgins (7th grade), Sister Clare (8th grade), Sister Donald (8th grade and principal), Sister Justine (piano).

The 1964 - 65 student population was 678.

### A Portion of the Class of 1965 in the First Grade (1957-58):

**Top Row (L-R):** Patrick Molitor, Mary Kostuch, Laurel Griemann, Andrea LeVasseur, Christine LeMay, Doris Kohler, Susan Arcand, James Dolfay, Frederick Blackwelder, Robert Michael "Mike" Granse, Margaret Diltz, Christine Houliston

**Second Row (L-R):** Edward Kostuch, Mark Ettel, Joanne, Leick, David Farrell, Linda Michaud, Sandra Arcand, Janne Basch, Theresa Doyle, Jeffrey Lane, Mary Ann Long

**Third Row (L-R):** \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, Joyce Letourneau, \_\_\_\_, Dennis Connolly, Margaret Cournoyer, Florence Minser, Doris Manship, Steven Downs, Andrew Doyle

**Fourth Row (L-R):** Robert Letourneau, Celine Gadbois, Gerhardt Brinker, Richard Dreis, Nancy Howard, Cynthia Dittberner, \_\_\_\_, John Bucher

**Fifth Row (L-R):** Angela Engstram, Michael Engh, Judith Letourneau, Glen Lutz, Claudia Cardinal, May O'Gorman

**Bottom Row (L-R):** Bruce Hoppenstedt, Kenneth Fournelle, Christopher Dellwo, Anyrine Arcand, Mary Kathleen Mullaney





Photo from Suzanne Vilendrer Donnell '65

**Playground Antics, 1964** - Top row, left to right: Anyrine Arcand, Gwen Olson, Jean Woehrle, Deborah Ratte Bottom row, left to right: Celine Gadbois, Christine Houliston, Suzanne Vilendrer

**Class of 1965 in Grade 7, below:**

**Top Row (L-R):** Steven Downs, Deborah Ratte, Glenn Lutz, Margaret Cournoyer, Patrick Molitor, Mary Kathleen Mullaney, Michael Jamison

**Second Row (L-R):** Mary Ann Long, Edward Kostuch, Sandra Arcand, Stephen O'Gorman, Anyrine Arcand, Dennis Connolly, Laurel Griemann, Robert Letourneau, Suzanne Vilendrer

**Third Row (L-R):** Christine Houliston, Robert LeMire, Anita Parenteau, Terrance Pike, Margaret Diltz, Jeffrey Lane

**Fourth Row (L-R):** Patricia O'Donnell, Edward Boyd, Doris Kohler, Richard Dreis, Joyce Stafki, Gwen Olson, Mark Sisterman

**Fifth Row (L-R):** Catherine Korolchuk, Christine LeMay, Michael Granse, Joyce Letourneau, Diane Welch, Kevin Hill, Elizabeth Wagner, Nancy Howard

**Bottom Row (L-R):** David Farrell, Jean Woehrle, Celine Gadbois, Terrance Schumacher, Kathrine Reif, Charles Casey, Theresa Doyle



Photo and ID from Suzanne Vilendrer Donnell

**Class of 1965 - 5th Grade Class Picture - Mrs. Lambert's Class (1962)**

**First Row (front to back of row):** Patricia O'Donnell, Celine Gadbois, Jackie Sevelin, Christine Houliston, Joyce Letourneau, Mary Kathleen Mullaney, Suzanne Vilendrer

**Second Row (front to back of row):** Theresa Doyle, Anyrine Arcand, Deborah Ratte, Anita Parenteau, Marjorie Schouweiler, Margaret Cournoyer

**Third Row (front to back of row):** Diane Welch, Sandra Arcand, Kathrine Reif, Jean Woehrle, Margaret Diltz

**Fourth Row (left to right):** Charles Casey, David Farrell, Glenn Lutz, Stephen O'Gorman, Richard Dreis, Steven Downs, Robert Letourneau, Nancy Howard, Laurel Griemann, Doris Kohler, Mary Ann Long, Christine LeMay, Joyce Stafki, Mark Sisterman, Terrance Pike, Dennis Connolly, Edward Kostuch

**Back Row (left to right):** James Weller, Michael Jamison, Mark Ettel, Kevin Hill, Michael Granse, Mrs. Lambert, Patrick Molitor, Jeffrey Lane, Edward Boyd, Terrance Schumacher, Robert LeMire



Photo and ID from Suzanne Vilendrer Donnell

## Message from 1960s alumni

**Sarah Parenteau Berguetski '62**, "The 100th Anniversary Celebration was really terrific. Thank you to everyone who put in countless hours to plan and stage it. Anyone who missed it should get a copy of the Alumni Book [Centennial Book/DVD], what a treasure! I miss being there and it brings back great old memories."

## TRIVIA FUN

By Suzanne Vilendrer Donnell '65

1. What object was purchased for the school from the pennies, nickels, and dimes raised by St. Mary's School children in 1961?
2. What songs were favorites of Father Finn and were sung at all 8th grade school graduation ceremonies?
3. Which teacher had a doll shelf in her classroom and allowed the girls to bring their dolls to class to "show and tell" about the clothes they made for them?
4. What was the name of piano teacher, Sister Justine's, little yellow song bird?

### ANSWERS

1. A hand-carved wooden statue of Jesus, the Carpenter's Son, that stood in an alcove in the basement hallway for many years.
2. "The Bells of Saint Mary's" and "Oh Danny Boy"
3. Mrs. Elliott, 4th grade teacher in 1960-61
4. Perky



## Class of 1965 Updates

**Suzanne Vilendrer Donnell '65** writes, "One of my clearest memories is of Father Nicholas Finn and his regular classroom visits, especially when it was report card time. He carefully looked over each and every student's report card, made an appropriate comment, then would place the card into its stiff outer cover and gave it to us. I was always anxious during report card visits but was very relieved when he approved of my grades. Another very clear and lasting memory of Father Finn is that he always told us students that if we didn't pray for him after he died, that he would come back to haunt us. When I read of his death in 1986 at the age of 96, I remembered what he said. I don't believe in ghosts, but I still keep him in my prayers.

In June 1965, I was very reluctant to leave St. Mary's School (SMS) and all of my friends and classmates with whom I'd spent eight very important years of my life. My SMS friends have always been very special to me so I seek them out at reunions and feel most comfortable reminiscing with them. At the WBHS 1969 Class' 45th Reunion at Manitou Station last August 1, 16 SMS students gathered in a backroom to chat, sing "Oh Danny Boy" (one of the songs we sang at our SMS graduation) and pose for a group photo. It was a very special moment that, for me, was the highlight of the night.



David and Suzanne Donnell

In May 1973, I graduated from the College of St. Catherine with a BA degree in English, Spanish, and secondary education. I married David Donnell at St. Mary's Church in May 1974. Father Quentin Kennedy officiated at our

wedding. David and I belatedly celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary this past January by spending three weeks in Honolulu which was truly a memorable trip. Suzanne and David on their 40th Anniversary

We've been blessed with three wonderful children: Michelle, 33 (husband Armen, daughter Ashley-6 months old), Patrick, 31 and Christine, 29. All are happy, healthy, and gainfully employed: Michelle is a Transformational Health Care Director at a CA hospital, Armen is a lawyer in LA, Patrick is a Federal Grants Coordinator for the MN DNR in St. Paul and Christine is a Nurse Case Manager at the VA Medical Center in Minneapolis.

David and I have been members of St. Pius X Church since 1978 and all three children attended St. Pius X School.

I've stayed connected with my classmates through the years by coordinating class reunions: a SMS 1965 class reunion in 1990 and WBHS 1969 class reunions in 1999, 2004, 2009 and 2014. (I especially enjoyed planning the last two reunions with SMS classmates Chris Houliston Curti and Fred Blackwelder.)

I retired from the State of Minnesota in December 2010 after spending my last 25 years employed as the State Training Officer for the MN Division of Homeland Security, a very interesting but demanding job.

In my spare time, I like to travel, read, surf the internet and volunteer. My 3-year term on the White Bear Lake Conservation District Board is ended in May 2015. SMS alum, Mike Parenteau, also serves on this board; so it just goes to show that wherever I go, I'm never far away from my St. Mary's School roots.



Don and Jean Zatochill were in Egypt in 2010, 2 months before the revolution.

**Jean Woehrle Zatochill '65** emailed "I moved to Seattle in 1974 for a 2 year stint. We never left! I get back to MN at least once a year, usually more often. When my parents were still living I visited often. They both died way too early. I really miss them both. Their farm is gone and a new development all around it. My husband, Don, was raised in Grand Rapids. We'll return in early August for his 50th HS Reunion. I'll be back later in August for the Annual Sister weekend at my sister's cabin at King Lake. Before the trek up there I will help celebrate at a nephew's wedding. My brother, Tom, ['64] has three awesome boys all married with wonderful partners and children. My other siblings, Joe, Mary and Kathy are all married with children with quite a few grandchildren! They all live in Minnesota (as do Don's sisters). Don and I both went to college in Minnesota and have had long careers in medicine and nursing. Don retired from Group Health a year ago and enjoys a busy, full life. I still work some random hours. We travel a lot but it's always good to be home in Seattle, though. We have two terrific children. Mary (29) went to the U of MN Medical School and is now in her second year of Anesthesia Residency in Seattle. Tom (27) is an awesome young man who went to Oregon State for a few years, worked full time for almost 6 years as a Veterinary Assistant and has been back to school full-time the last two years aiming for a pilot's license and a career in Aviation. Neither of these darlings is married. Life is good folks. I feel very blessed. One of my dearest, longest friends is Sandy Arcand who I met in second grade at St. Mary's!



Lisa and Dennis Connolly

**Dennis Connolly '65** lives in East Bethel with his wife, Lisa. Den has six children and nine grandchildren. After a recent very successful hip replacement surgery, he's feeling much better and ready to kick up his heels!

**Laurel Griemann Sanftner '65** – writes that she "loved Sister Rita Marie in 3rd grade and remembers celebrating the Beatles Birthdays in Sister Donald's 8th grade classroom." Laurel graduated from White Bear High School and Century College. She has been self-

employed since 1967 as a Dance Studio owner and choreographer. Laura and her husband, Dennis (a 1969 grad. from Hill High School), have 3 daughters. Her special interests include her grand-daughters, theater, and traveling.

**Edward Boyd '65** – writes "After High School, I went on to two-year trade school at the St. Paul TUI to be a machinist, in 1995 I was laid off and got a job working as a highway maintenance worker for the State of MN and am still on the job until July 6, 2015 when I'll retire after 20 years on the State job. I'm looking forward to that big event of my career! I was married in 1983, but unfortunately was divorced after 21 years in 2006. I have a daughter and son, but both live in other areas (Phoenix, AZ & Fergus Falls, MN) I enjoy some fishing, maybe some camping now. The last class reunion we had in White Bear was great! Nice to see our classmates again! - Edward. Contact information- 35226 Silver Ave., Taylors Falls, MN 55084, 651-239-6287, eboyd1@frontiernet.net.



Christine, Brad and Edward Boyd

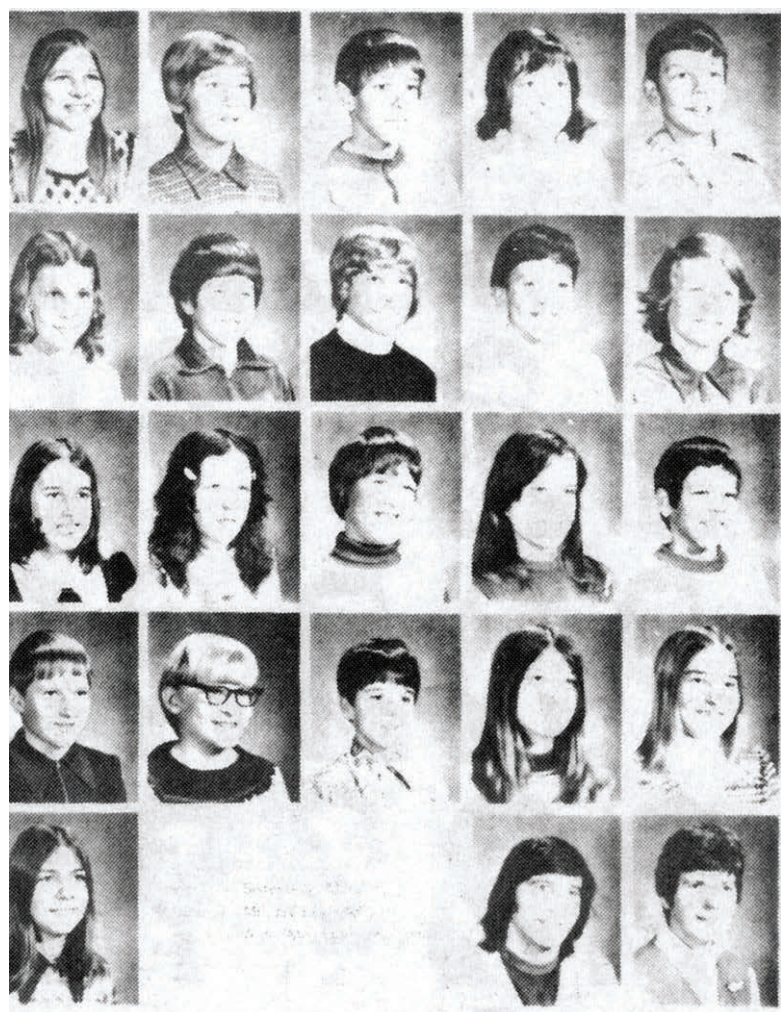


1965 teacher Phillip Markert exploring new literature with 1st grader Michele Munns and 8th grader Edward Boyd.

**Joanne Basch Kost '65** – sends memories of "Father Finn playing St. Nicholas, May Day parade with Crowning of Mary, piano lessons in the convent, flowers for Mary every day in May." Joanne attended Archbishop Murray Memorial High School and Bemidji State University where she earned a BS in Speech/Theatre and English, and a Certification in Education. She spent 40 years as a Vocational Counselor. She is a member at St. Odilia Catholic Community in Shoreview and is active on the Parish Council and is a Lector, Eucharistic Minister and Music Minister. Joanne is married to David Kost. She is a Wedding Coordinator, Party Planner, and all around "Coordinator of fun!" Her special hobbies are "reading, scrapbooking, gardening, family and friends!" Joanne's contact information: 1620 Stillwater St., White Bear Lake, MN 55110, Tele: 651-494-0931, Email: JoanneKost1951@gmail.com

**Margaret Cournoyer Moore '65** – writes that she and her husband, Joe Moore have two children, Steve – 41 yrs. and Kristen 39 yrs..





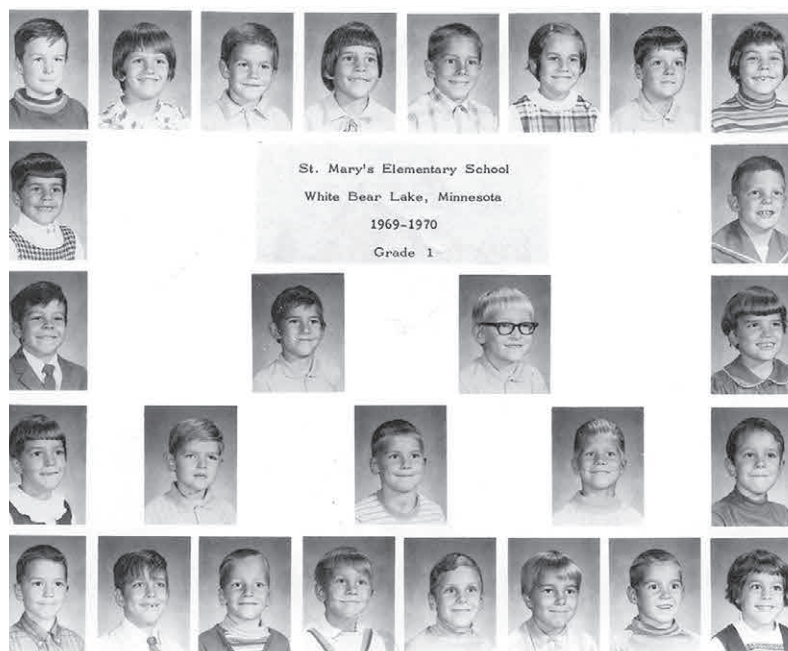
### Graduating Class of 1975 – one of two classrooms

*Top Row (L-R): Donna Brinker\*, Steven Pavik\*, Dan Kostuch, Heidi Carlson\*, Patrick Dunbar\* Sec ond Row (L-R): Peggy Norton, Scott Gillitzer, Tony Jambor, Ted Simpson\*, Patrick O'Connor\* Third Row (L-R): Marcia Bonin, Amy Kinneberg\*, Frank Macalus\*, Tracey \_\_\_\_, Andy Longtin Fourth Row (L-R): Patrick Malloy\*, Patrick Moore, Jay Lyons\*, Vicki Frogner\*, Charisse Letourneau Bottom Row (L-R): Michelle Bernard\*, Mr. Jay Friendshuh, Sr. Joan McGinty*

*Also remembered as classmates:*

**Bob Ayde\*, Kathi Brinker\*, Bob Cardinal\*, Shelagh Copeland, Carol Deranek\*, Shannon Dufresne, Leigh Farrell, Marty Frazer, Thomas Fredericks, Bridgit Gallagher, Donna Gavin, Mike Gorshe, Jana Jones\*, Timothy Karp, Michelle LaBore, Lori LeMay, Tom Leonhart, Tammy Lockbeam\* Molly Lowell, Mark McGraw\*, Drew Mickelson\*, Greg Moss\*, Mike Olson\*, Marlene Peltier, John Peterson\*, Gail Robokoff, Paige Schiessel\*, Richard Simpson, Kathy Tardiff\*, Matt Tierney, Mary Trumper\*, Greg Vandenberg\*, George Vadnais†, Mike Williams\*.**

\* No current address known. † Deceased



### A Portion of the Class of 1975 in the 1st Grade:

*Top Row (L-R): Drew Mickelson, Donna Gavin, Scott Gillitzer, Michelle LaBore, Dan Kostuch, Marcia Bonin, Mike Williams, Leigh Gorowsky*

*Second row (L-R): Bridget Gallagher, Greg Vandenberg*

*Third Row (L-R): Andrew Longtin, Bob Ayde, Patrick Moore, Shelagh Copeland*

*Fourth Row (L-R): Mary Trumper, Marty Frazer, Matt Tierney, Greg Moss, John Peterson*

*Fifth Row (L-R): Bob Cardinal, George Vadnais, Tim Karp, Mike Gorshe, Tony Jambor, Charisse Letourneau, Mike Olson, Kathy Tardiff*

The 1974-75 student population was 175 (grades 1 through 6).

The class of 1975 had the following teachers during their years at St. Mary's: Sister Catherine (1st grade), Sister Judith (1st grade), Mrs. Loretta Casey (2nd grade), Sister Anne (2nd grade); 3rd and 4th grade team: Mrs. Yvonne McComber, Mrs. Eileen Flaspeter, Mrs. Joan Hutchings, Sister Catherine, Sister Kathleen (music), Mrs. Loretta Casey, Mrs. Joan Schulstad, Mrs. Joan Ryan; Mrs. Beth MacDonald (5th grade), Mrs. Georgia Wulf (3rd grade), 4th, 5th, 6th grade teaching team: Sister Jeanne, Sister Lucy, Sister Barbara, Mr. Donald Skrypek (Social Studies), Miss Mary Wheeler (5th grade), Mrs. Yvonne McComber (6th grade), Mr Jay Friendshuh, (Phy. Ed.), Mrs. Mary Alvey (Art), Sister Joan (6th grade and principal).

## Class of 1975 Updates

**Tom Leonhart '75** – write that he, “attended Central Junior High School, White Bear Lake Senior High School (Class of 1981) followed by Lakewood Community College and two years at St. Paul TVI in cabinet making.” Tom was employed for 17 years as a cabinet maker and for the past 17 years as a carpenter. He’s married to Joselyn (Reid) and they have two children, Charlie (12) and Bella (7). Tom enjoys hunting and fishing.

**Gail Robokoff McNertney '75** – write that she has memories of “Sister Mary Fabian, the lay music teacher was so kind, she made me feel special.” Gail attended Central Junior High School, WBL North Campus and Century College. Gail is an Auditor in the Office of Internal Audit for the US Government. She attends the 1st Lutheran Church. She and her husband, Mike McNertney, and have four children, Brian (35), Michael (29), Daniel (26), and Christy (20). Gail enjoys gardening and fishing.

**Bridget Gallagher Schuneman '75** – writes that she remembers, “Mrs. McDonald and Sister Judith, Mr. Friendshuh (Phy. Ed.) and Mrs. Hutchings were great teachers. I remember Mr. Friendshuh saying on the first day of gym “I am your Friend and remember your Shoes”!! ... get it? Mr. ‘Friendshoe’/shuh!” Bridget attended Central Jr. High, White Bear High North Campus and studied financial accounting at Lakewood Community College. She worked as an Accounting Clerk for Waste Management and, now, works part-time as a PCA [Personal Care Assistant] for her uncle and day-care provider for her “four wonderful grandchildren”. Bridget is a member of Eagle Brook Church in Lino Lakes. She and her husband, Don



Don, Bridget with grandson

Schuneman, who is an electrician, have five children, Pam (Bible), Lori, Christine (Brausen), Kellie and Bridget Marie. “I love going to concerts, sporting events and shopping!” Bridget’s contact information: [bridgetdon5@yahoo.com](mailto:bridgetdon5@yahoo.com)

**Timothy Karp '75** – Tim attended St. Mary’s School only through 3rd grade but shared a few things that he remembers: in 1st grade sitting in a circle reading ; in Mrs. McDonald’s class she played a Beatles album as a ‘treat’; and virtually every day he got to go over to the convent to watch this new show ‘Sesame Street’. As for the Beatles album, Tim later emailed “she frequently played ‘When I’m Sixty-Four’ ... on their Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band album... Mrs. (Fran) Moss, my friends’ mom and neighbor was our teacher’s aide in the class.” He attended the Wednesday and Saturday religion classes “shaped my understanding of God”. Tim is now an accountant and lives in Wisconsin with his wife, Susan. Tim’s contact information: [tim.karp@icloud.com](mailto:tim.karp@icloud.com)

## Updates and Memories from 1970s students

*(Editor’s note: The Karp Family from St. Mary’s Church and School recently gathered to celebrate the life of an aunt, Sr. Jacqueline Sailer from the religious order of the Daughters of the Heart of Mary, who had died June 11. Later that week family members gathered after Sunday Mass to share a few alumni updates for this Newsletter.)*

**Jane Karp Gorecki '70** – For the past 13 years Jane has been a 1st grade teacher assistant at St. Scholastica Catholic School in Woodridge, IL. She and her husband, Jim, are very involved at St. Scholastica Church, he being Director of Contemporary Music and they both help coordinate the engaged couples seminar. Jane mentioned favorite teachers being Mr.

Skrypek (Social Studies) and Mrs. Rademacher, who in the 4th grade gave out M&Ms as a prize for knowing your multiplication tables. To this day, M&Ms are her favorite treat! Contact her at [j.gorecki@comcast.net](mailto:j.gorecki@comcast.net)



Barbara Karp '72

**Barbara Karp '72** – The Karp Family shared that Barbara went to White Bear High School and later graduated from the University of North Dakota in architectural design. She was living in Houston, Texas in 1993 when she was diagnosed with diabetes. She was hospitalized with complications due to that disease and

died from a blood clot on March 20. Barb was 33 years old and engaged to be married later that year.



Jane Karp Gorecki '70 with parents, Pat and Len, and brother, Tim '75.



“There are no can’ts in my class unless you follow it with a YET!” — *Sandy Leibel Reibel, St. Mary’s Phy. Ed. teacher, 1979-2014*

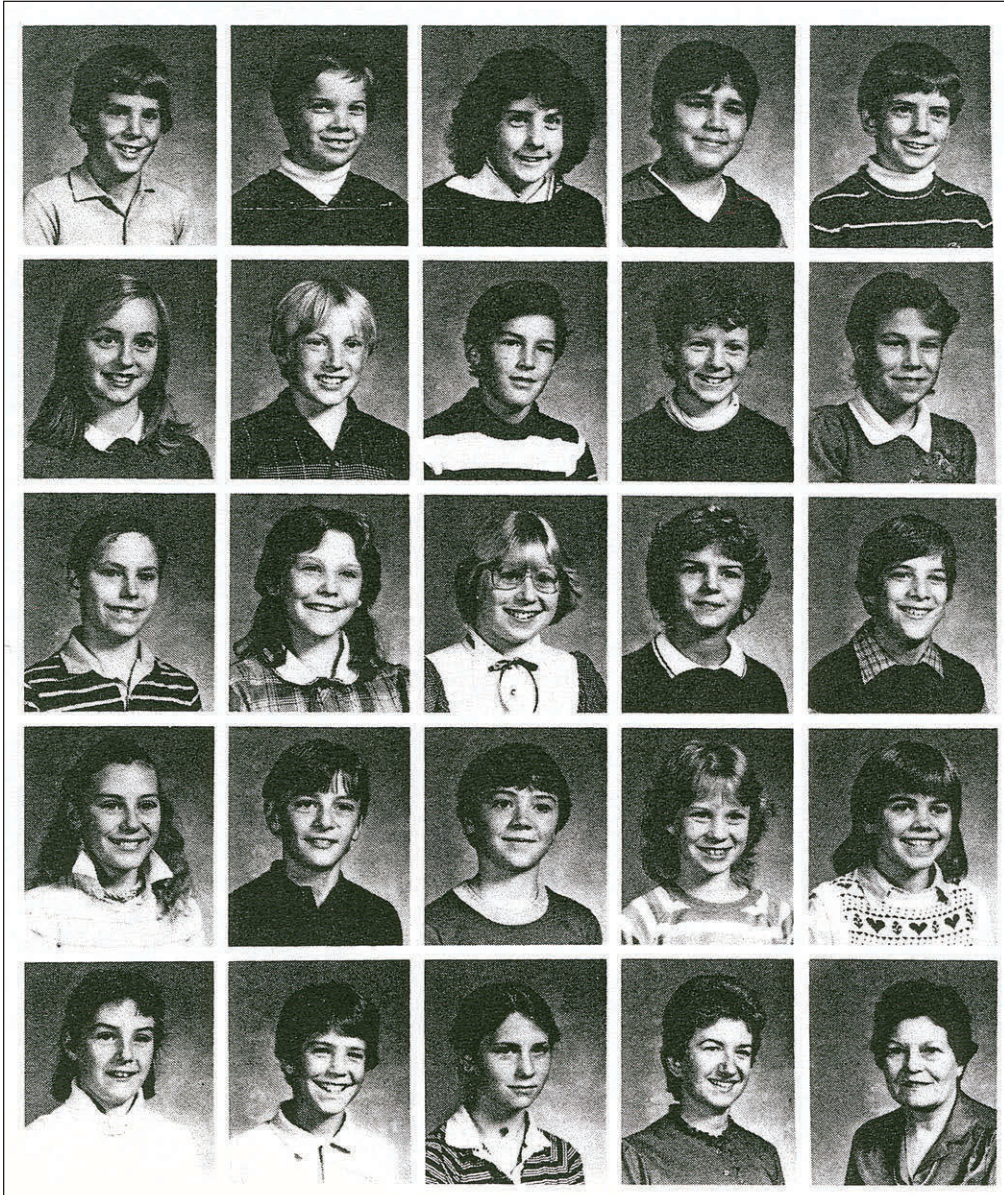


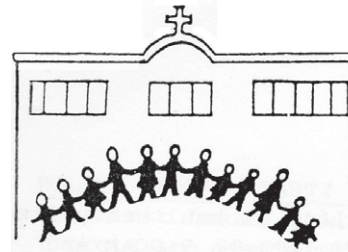
Photo thanks to Mrs. Beggan, teacher, from the 1984-85 Memory Book.

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 Second Row (L-R): Mary Duncan, Jeffrey Foshey, David Gerten\*, Jennifer Gunderson\*, Jamie Jansen  
 Third Row (L-R): Jayson Kjeldseth\*, Melissa Kiesling, Jill Klecker, Mary Ann Marko\*, John Moore  
 Fourth Row (L-R): Tara Murawski, Todd Murawski\*, Paul Nalipinski, Jennifer Reasoner, Erin Robinson\*  
 Fifth Row (L-R): Monica Sather, Chad Vossen, Elise Whitehill, Mrs. Fredericks, teacher, Mrs. Peltier, teacher aide

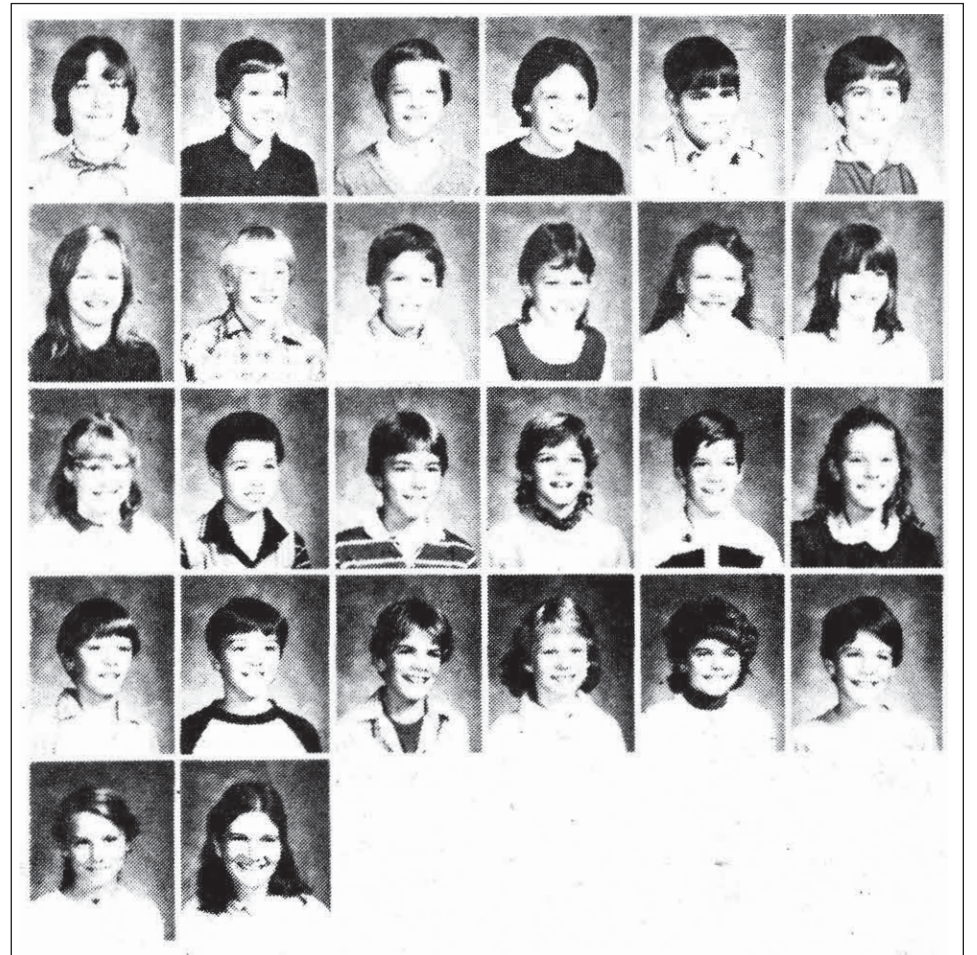
Also remembered as classmates: Ruth Ann Kirkevold, Hank Lee\*, Jean Claude Letourneau\*, Anthony Peltier\*, Paul Selbitschka

\* No current address known. † Deceased

The Class of 1985 had the following teachers during their years at St. Mary’s: Miss Easton (Clayson) (K), Mrs. Flaspeter (1st), Mrs. Reardon (2nd), Mrs. Bennek (3rd), Miss Wheeler (Beggan) (4th), Miss Leeder (5th), Mrs. Fredericks (6th), Mrs. Ashwood (Band), Mrs. Leibel Reibel (Phy. Ed.), Mr. Monogue (principal, 1977-81) and Mrs. Reardon (principal, 1981-90).



St. Mary's school logo from the 1980s and 1990s.



The Class of 1985 in Miss Leeder’s 5th grade class

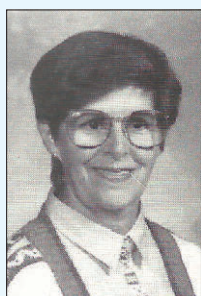
Top Row (L-R): Miss Leeder (Teacher), Jeffrey Auger, James Bryzinski, Ellen Campbell, Christopher Cincotta, Kevin Corbett  
 Second Row (L-R): Mary Duncan, Jeffrey Foshay, David Gerten, Jamie Jansen, Melissa Kiesling, Ruth Ann Kirkland  
 Third Row (L-R): Jill Klecker, Hank Lee, Jean Claude Letourneau, Mary Ann Marko, John Moore, Tara Murawski  
 Fourth Row (L-R): Todd Murawski, Paul Nalipinski, Anthony Peltier, Jennifer Reasoner, Erin Robinson, Chad Vossen  
 Bottom Row (L-R): Mary Elise Whitehill, Mrs. Effertz (Teacher Aide)

## Class of 1985 Updates

**Tara Murawski Ivory '85** – writes, “Some people who had an impact on me during my time at St. Mary’s were Mrs. Hall and Mrs. George. I enjoyed it when Ellen Campbell and I would help out the teachers over the summer. When it was cold or rainy outside we would go in the Red Room to play games and



Mrs. Peachy Hall



Mrs. Helen George

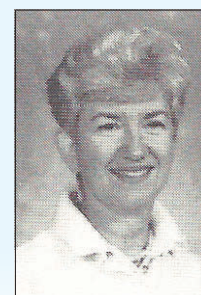


Mrs. Peggy Parenteau

puzzles or watch movies. I also thought it was cool to have Mrs. Reardon as the last class she taught before becoming the school principal. I also liked going down to the nurse office, Mrs. Parenteau was always super nice and had a ton of elephants decorating her office. I graduated from the University of St. Thomas with a Bachelor’s of Science in Speech Communications. I received a Master’s in Communication from Bethel University. I’m married to Tom Ivory with 3 children, Brenna 14, Brady 11, and Lindsay 7. We enjoy sports, camping and spending time together.” Tara’s contact information: tmivory@gmail.com .

**Mary Ann Marko '85** – writes that “Mrs. Fredericks encouraged me in my writing and to this day I love to write (blogs, journals, newsletters). Peggy Parenteau taught me how to cross stitch, I still do it today!” Mary Ann is a 1991 graduate of White Bear Lake High

School and a 2007 graduate of Concordia University in St. Paul with a Bachelor’s Degree in Innovation & Marketing Management. She is the National Account Sales Manager for Octane Fitness. Mary Ann enjoys volunteering and short-term mission trips. Her mission trips have included Haiti in 2013 and two trips to Honduras in 2014. She is also the Volunteer Director of Marketing for Milk & Money Missions – a non-profit doing work in Honduras. Other special interests include cooking, reading, and Bible study leader. Mary Ann’s contact information: 2681 Martin Way, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, Tele: 612-747-3530, Email: Maryann.marko@live.com



Mrs. Jan Fredericks



# CELEBRATING 100 YEARS ~ ST. MARY OF THE LAKE SCHOOL

“...The values instilled and life directions encouraged have been priceless.”

— Joe Evans '95



Wayne and Doris Hansmann, alumni parents, visit with Elaine Jackson Weichman '44

*Honor the Past ~ Inspire the Future*

## 1914 - 2014



### A CELEBRATION IN PICTURES August 17, 2014

*Photos courtesy C. Jane Jackson '42, Kathleen Hoffman Brown '56 and Daryl Mortek, MorTEK Productions*



Molly Bonin, alumni spouse and parent and Ann Bonin, alumni parent

“My years at St. Mary’s were a wonderful foundation for a happy and fulfilling life.”

— Patricia LaBore Bohaty '45



Bob Brass, long time parishioner and spouse of Camille Podvin Brass '41 (now deceased).



Friends and classmates gather for a photo op: front - Barb Wild Jorgenson, Carol Leick Farah '52, Judy Nelsen Furrer '52, back - Linda Nelsen Hurt '54, Joyce Arcand Carty '54, Elaine Lindorfer Steve '53 and Lea Mullin Lindorfer '51



Mary Kay Wyland '64 with her father, Ed Wyland '39



Alumni had a wonderful time sharing old times.



Bob Francis '55, Jean Schultz Hunt '55 and Barb Wild Jorgenson



Fr. Joe Bamanek, pastor at St. Pius X and Fr. Rodger Bauman pastor at St. Mary's from 2002 - 2011 share a greeting.



Millie Bauman, mother of Fr. Rodger, and Paul Abbott '55.



Connie Weber LeTourneau '55 and Diane Nelson Smith '48



Frances Trettel Moss '48, and Nancy Trettel Bogdanovich '56.



Brothers Tom '54 and Paul '57 O'Gorman reminisce their childhood growing up just down the street from St. Mary's School; in background is Tom's wife, Patty Connolly O'Gorman '57



Long-time friends: standing - Midge McDonald and Terry Reasoner, seated - Marlene LaRue, Kathy Matschke, and Connie Koch

“We’re turning a new chapter... praying it [Catholic education in WBL] continues to be a success... change can often times be very difficult for us ...excitement, along with the sadness,...for the Frassati school.”

— Fr. Rodger Bauman, pastor 2002-11



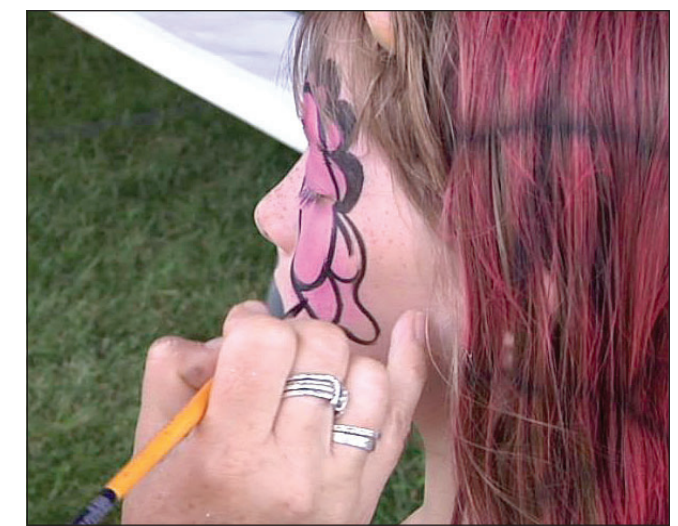
Dale Lieb, parishioner, Fr. Rodger Bauman, pastor at St. Mary's 2002-2011, Fr. Ralph Talbot, current St. Mary's pastor.



Marcia and John Fournelle '52 (facing center) chat with alumni teachers, l-r -Amy Smith, Mary Beggin, Jeanne Bennek and Marcia Reardon

“I offer thanks for those who have sacrificed much over these past 100 years to make that education possible for thousands of St. Mary’s young people.”

— Fr. Ralph Talbot, pastor



Face-painting at the Celebration was fun for the kids. Carmen Kostuch sits patiently for the artist.



# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

“Don’t cry  
because it’s over,  
smile because  
it happened.”

— *Theodor Seuss Geisel,  
‘Dr. Seuss’ (1904 – 1991)  
American author*



St. Mary’s parishioners, Mary Lynch and Darlene Hapka, are always ready and willing to help at any St. Mary’s festivities.



Patty Evans Saari ‘82 did a fabulous job as MC.



Robin Herzog Ahearns’ ‘97 (holding baby Kien) son, Liam, definitely enjoyed the colorful cupcakes!



Tom Keane, alumni parent, and Cathy Connolly Evans ‘59 share some light humor.



Green hair seemed to be the popular color of the day!



Lindsey Conway Bush ‘92 and her three children, Will, Luke and little Charlie had a fun afternoon.



Marcia Reardon, former teacher and principal at St. Mary’s shares words of thanks for 100 years of Catholic education at St. Mary of the Lake.



Renewing friendships and talking about ‘old times’ was the most important part of the gathering.



Elizabeth Parenteau Kostuch ‘92 children, Carmen and Christian and Grandpa Mike ‘61, in the background and Grandma Mary and Elizabeth’s sister, Ann (both out of view) enjoy the afternoon together.

“...A great day it is to reflect on the many blessings that God has given us in Catholic education for the last 100 years...we look forward to joining forces...two great traditions [St. Pius X School and St. Mary of the Lake School] in Frassati Catholic Academy...forming and educating the next generation of Catholics”

— *Fr. Ralph Talbot, pastor*



Rebecca Kaup Eurioeste and John Evans, alumni parent, entertained the appreciative crowd.



# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



The "Class Portrait Gallery" was a popular display. Paul Abbott '55, Nancy Carpentier Hodgkiss '55, Suzanne Carpentier Ligato '59 and Connie Koch, parishioner.



The Centennial Celebration was a good time to reminisce and catch up on one another's lives.

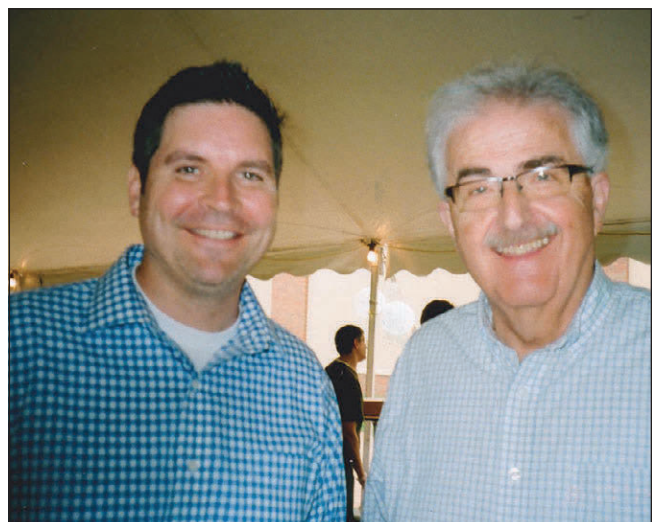
"When I think about an anniversary like this, 100 years, one of the first things that came to mind is that we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us...  
There have been so many, many people who have come together to make this such a wonderful learning and faith formation community for our children..."  
— *Marcia Reardon, teacher 1978-81, principal 1981-90*



The Pat Moore Band played some 'old-time' music (L-R: Pat, Pete, Gary)



C. Jane Jackson '42, Dan Downs '51, Elaine Jackson Weichman '44



Josh McDonald, Alumni spouse and John Cherek, Alumni parent and former Administrator



Brad Anderson '82



Jean Carpentier Olson '52



Dick and Kathy Mullin Holt '54; K. Brown '56



Kathy Cherrier Allen '62 enjoys chatting with George and Sarah Parenteau Berguetski '62 who traveled from their home in AZ for the Celebration.

"The 100th Anniversary Celebration was really terrific. Thank you to everyone who put in countless hours to plan and stage it."  
*Sarah Parenteau Berguetski '62*



Carol Leick Farah '52 and Joyce Arcand Carty '54.jpg



## Class of 1995 Updates



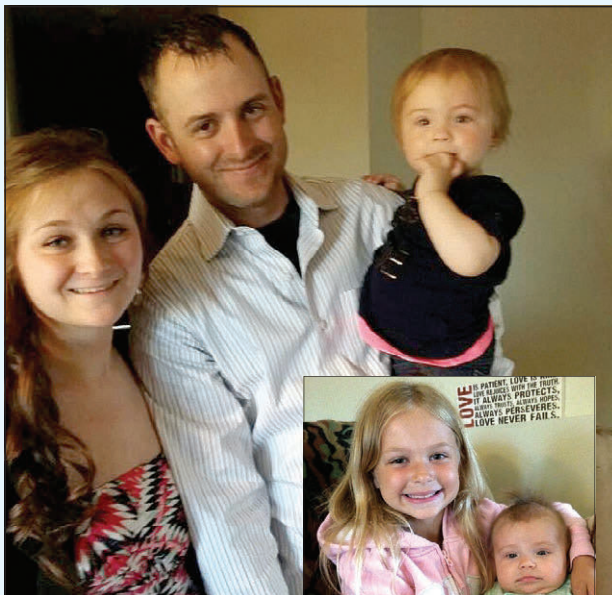
Joey Peters and Joey Evans, c. 1992

**Joe Peters '95** and his wife, Channing, will celebrate their second anniversary in August. Joe and Channing live in Lino Lakes and have 17 month-old daughter, Bexley, and 9 year-old, Haley. Busy with 2 girls, they spend a lot of time up north at their cabin. Joe currently serves in the 34th Military Police Company of the National Guard.

**Joe Evans '95** emailed "Greetings, fellow St. Mary of the Lake alumni! Over the past few years I've been busy working for a medical drug and device manufacturer in the Twin Cities and pursuing a Masters degree in Applied Economics (which I hope to complete Spring 2016). I spend as much time as I can playing music, going



Joe Evans



Channing, Joe and Bexley Peters



Haley and Bexley Peters

to concerts, traveling, and enjoying time with friends and family. I have fond memories of St. Mary's - The values instilled and life directions encouraged have been priceless. I continue to try to make it back to White Bear Lake as much as possible! Best of luck to all in the future!" Joe's contact information: 651-353-8164, evans832@umn.edu

**John Murphy '95** – writes memories of what events, teachers, and friends influenced his years at St. Mary's... "All of them, I'd have to go over 300 words to catch them all. One of my favorite activities is sharing stories with my siblings, going Trick or Treating at Ms. Auger's

parent's house, baking cakes for Birthdays with Mrs. Cords, breaking our crayons in 2nd grade and going on a field trip to Mrs. Whitehill's house, Mrs. Bennek's marble jar, Mrs. Beggin's Western town and Mrs. Frederick's music classes/research paper. I attended Holy Family Middle School '95-'98, White Bear Lake Area High School '98-'02, University of Wisconsin, Platteville '02-'06 (Bachelor's) and University of California, Berkeley '12-'13 (Master's). I have been employed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in St. Paul with the Civil (Geotechnical) Engineers. I'll be moving in August 2015 to Vicksburg, Mississippi and transferring to the US Army Corps of Engineers into the Engineering Research and Development Lab (ERDC). My goal in moving there is to do research and pursue a Ph.D. in Civil (Geotechnical) Engineering. I attend St. Mary's Church (WBL & downtown St. Paul). My special interests are traveling, woodworking, ice fishing, and playing Sunday night basketball at school [St. Mary's]". John's contact information: Tele: 651-755-0019, Email: murphy.john88@yahoo.com .

**Richard Sand '95** – writes memories of the "field trip to Ms. Whitehill's house; Wolfridge trip; the Red Room; Ms. Bennek's loft; 'There Is a River in Judea' (5th grade concert)." Rick attended Holy Family Middle School, St. Thomas Academy; University of St. Thomas, and the University of St. Thomas School of Law. He's a practicing attorney at Sand Law, PLLC. His special interests are amateur baseball and Special Olympics. Rick's contact information: 420 Summit Ave., Ste. 205, St. Paul, MN 55102, Tele: 701-609-1189, Email: Rick.Sand@Sandlawnd.com

## More good news from the 1990s

Spotted at the 2015 Manitou Days Parade in WBL was **Taylor Hilker Starkman '94**, and her husband Sam with the newest member of their family. 'George' was born on November 20, 2014. Taylor's contact information: thstarkman@hotmail.com



Sam, Taylor and George Starkman



Rev. Mr. Paul Strommer

### Congratulations to Rev. Mr. Paul Strommer '98!

Paul was ordained to the diaconate for the Diocese of Duluth on June 5, 2015. He will enter ministry as a Transitional Deacon serving the people of Mountain Iron and Virginia, MN this summer. St. Mary of the Lake has been the spiritual home for Paul as he attended St. Mary's Elementary School from 1992-1998 and received the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism,

Confirmation, Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary's. Paul's parents, Ann and Mike, are still parishioners at St. Mary's. Please pray for Paul as he continues on his path to the priesthood for the Diocese of Duluth.



The Strommer Family with the Bishop of Duluth on ordination day at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary: Ann, Mike, Lorraine Merkl (Paul's maternal grandmother), Bishop Sirba, Paul, and siblings, Christina '95 and Jeff '04.



It doesn't matter who comes in first or last. You should always try to do YOUR best and only try to BEAT YOURSELF!!"

— Sandy Leibel Reibel, St. Mary's Phy. Ed. teacher, 1979-2014

**St. Mary of the Lake School**  
White Bear Lake, Minnesota.  
Fifth Grade Graduation  
Class of 1995

**Top Row (L-R):** Kurtis Britz, Charlie Brogan, Mrs. Fredericks Teacher, Erin Cain, Molly Cox

**Second Row (L-R):** Joseph Evans, Daniel Gisch

**Third Row (L-R):** Billy Gregory\*, David Grube, Robert Kermes, Jolynn Lielbasa

**Fourth Row (L-R):** Ricky Kohler, Dawn LaValle, Sarah Maher, Daniel Makowski, Peter Marincel, Brendan McCarty, Richie Minich\*

**Fifth Row (L-R):** Nichole Olson, Benjamin Reasoner, Richard Sand, Emily Schwalbach, Christina Strommer, Patrick Thompson, Julie Walfort

**Teachers:** Mrs. Fredericks, Mrs. Auger (kindergarten), Mrs. Cords (1st grade), Mrs. Whitehill (2nd grade), Mrs. Bennek (3rd grade), Mrs. Beggin (4th grade), Mrs. Fredericks (5th grade).

Photo from Parish Archives, 1995 Memory Book  
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 These students are also remembered as being classmates with the Class of 1995: Elizabeth Ehlenz, Nicholas Lagos, Joseph Peters, Alyssa Rammer, Ashley Rick.

The graduating fifth grade class of 1995 had the following teachers during their years at St. Mary's: Ms. Auger (kindergarten), Mrs. Cords (1st grade), Mrs. Whitehill (2nd grade), Mrs. Bennek (3rd grade), Mrs. Beggin (4th grade), Mrs. Fredericks (5th grade).

If you know a classmate who is not listed and/or not receiving the Alumni Newsletter, please contact him/her to call the Parish Life Center with information. There are extra copies in the Parish Life Center and also in the Church's kiosk. Thank you! You may also contact the Alumni Association at the Parish Life Center, 651-429-777, or 4690 Bald Eagle Ave., White Bear Lake, MN 55110 or [contactus@stmarys-wbl.org](mailto:contactus@stmarys-wbl.org) and an alum will be in touch with you. Thank you.

\* No current address known.



Janelle Belland '94 writes "... my best to Mrs. Bennek, Mrs. Clauson and Mrs. Reibel. I still remember them fondly, and they are wonderful teachers. It was great reading about the in the latest alumni newsletter."

"Too often  
we underestimate  
the power of a touch, a smile,  
a kind word, a listening ear,  
an honest compliment, or the  
smallest act of caring, all of  
which have the potential to turn  
a life around."  
— Leo Buscaglia  
(1924-1998)  
American author

Teachers from 1994-95 school year: Seated (L-R): Mrs. Jeanne Bennek (3rd), Mrs. Deb Clarke (1st), Mrs. Harsch (2nd) Standing (L-R): Mrs. Terry Nelson (Librarian), Mrs. Jan Fredericks (5th), Mrs. Mary Beggin (4th), Mrs. Patty Clauson (Kindergarten) and Mrs. Sandy Reibel (Phy. Ed.).





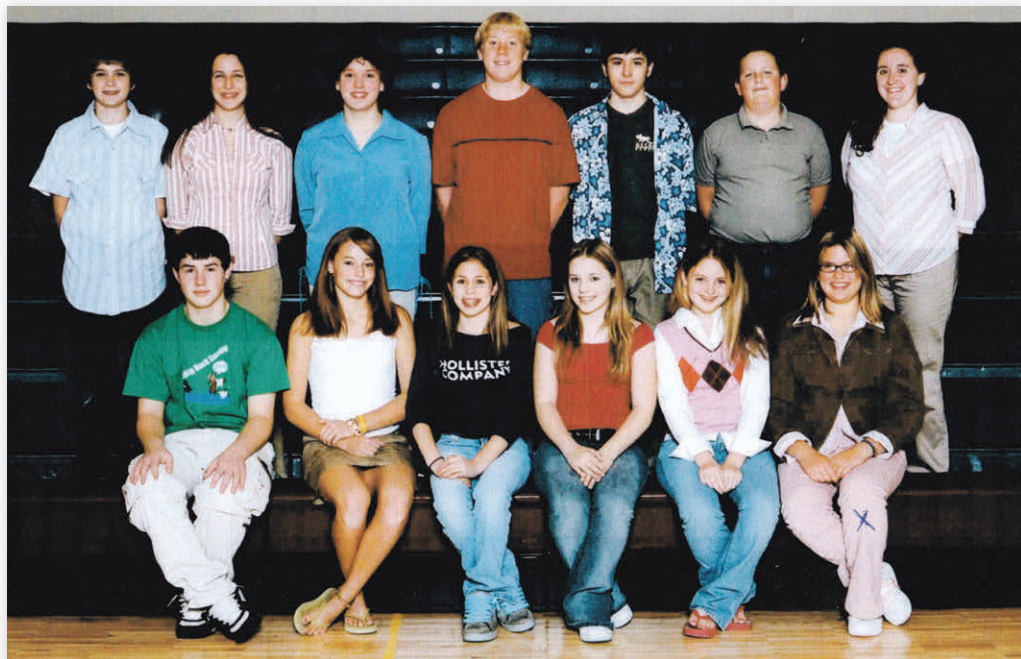
**Above - Class of 2005 graduation:** — Back row, l-r: Anne Bennek, Eric Chapin Middle row, l-r: Fr. Rodger Bauman, Rosalyn Murphy, Matthew Cusick, Jessica Zitur, Jordan Hagel, Kathleen Cox, Theodore Kermes, Christina Cossak, Julie Kluge, Fr. Roger Pierre Seated, l-r: Camille Solheid, Liam Gallagher




















**Below left: Class of 2005 in 8th grade (2004-5), Mrs. Van Overbeke's class** — Front Row (L-R): Liam Gallagher, Rosalyn Murphy, Camille Solheid, Christina Cossak, Jessica Zitur, Anne Bennek Back Row (L-R): Jordan Hagel, Kathleen Cox, Julie Kluge, Eric Chapin, Theodore Kermes, Matthew Cusick, Mrs. VanOverbeke

**Below right: Class of 2005 in 4th grade, Mrs. Bullis' class.**

This class has had the following teachers: Mrs. Deb Christiansen (pre-K), Mrs. Clauson (K), Mrs. Clarke (1st), Mrs. Olson (2nd), Mrs. Bennek (3rd), Mrs. Bullis (4th), Mrs Fredericks (5th), Mrs. Walker (6th), Mrs. VanOverbeke ((7th and 8th ), Mrs. Reibel (Phy. Ed.), Mrs. Johnson (Band), Mrs. Murphy (Computer Science) (Ms. Kathy Rowe (principal, 1998 - 2003), Ms. Fritz (principal, 2003 - 2009).

The 2004-2005 student population was 268 (plus 95 pre-K).



		Mrs. Pat Bullis Mrs. Kathy Grube	Teacher Assistant				
							Anne Bennek Derek Budde Eric Chapin Katie Cox Amanda Daul William Dietznm
							Mark Dominik Sara Duxbury Sarah Fitch Brittany Flom Abigail Furlong Liam Gallagher
							Jordan Hagel Katherine Hynan Marie Iannazzo Abraham Jungbauer Teddy Kermes Elise Kieffer
							Julie Kluge Michael Kohler Jacob Lorence Max Majkowski Rosalyn Murphy Blake Nelson
						Michael Quinn Sarah Redding Jonathon Sax William Struntz Matthew Wood Jessica Zitur	

2004

ST. MARY OF THE LAKE SCHOOL

MRS. VAN OVERBEKE - GRADE 8

2005



## Class of 2005 Updates

**Jordon Hagel '05** - Memories of the 8th grade graduation party limo was a blast. I am still in contact with all 12 of my classmates and teachers on social media.

I attended Winona State University with a major in Business Administration and a minor in Management. I am employed as an Application Sales Representative at Oracle Database.

I'm still attending St. Mary of the Lake Church. My special interests are sports, golf, technology and hockey. Jordan's contact information: 15780 Foxhill Ave. N., Hugo, MN 55038, 612-587-5812, Email: Jordon.Hagel@oracle.com.

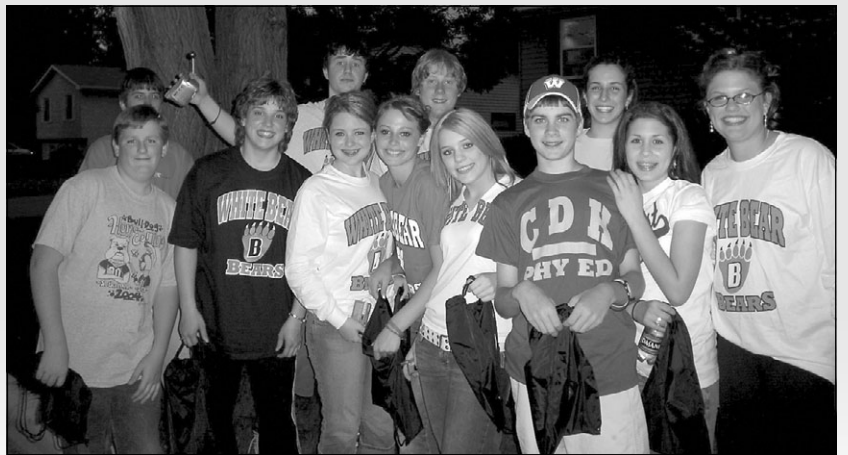
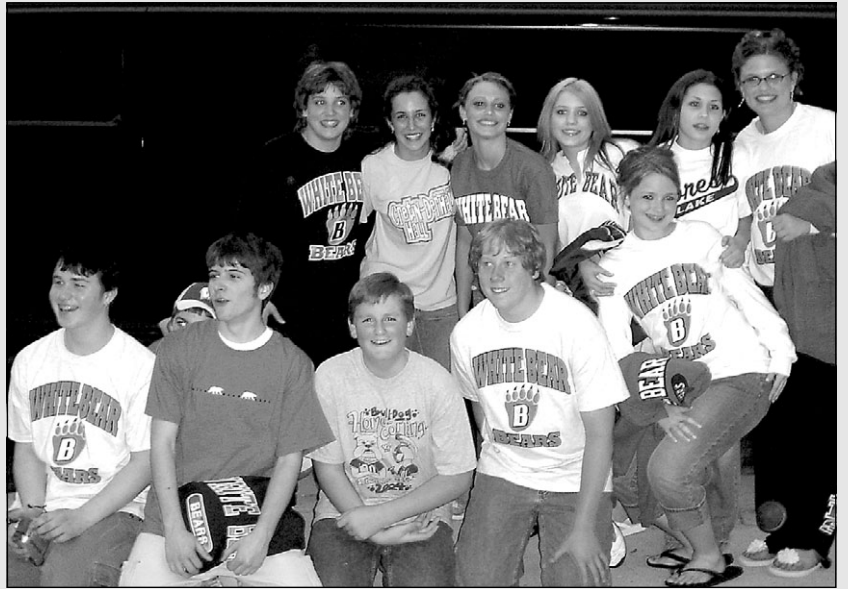


Jordan Hagel

**The Hagel Family: Samantha and Bob, Isabelle '12, Ben (will be in 6th grade at Frassati) and Jordan '05 (Adeline is missing in the picture and will be in 8th grade at Frassati).**



**At right: Members of the class of 2005 before and after their memorable limo ride.**



Photos from the Zitur Family

## Messages from other alumni and students from the 2000s

**Travis Neubeck '09** - St. Mary's parishioner and school alum Travis Neubeck was drafted on June 9th in The Major League Baseball Amateur Draft. He was drafted in the 7th round (206th overall) by the Miami Marlins. Travis graduated from Hill-Murray High School in 2013 and attended the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs his Freshman year. He played Division I baseball at Air Force where he was mainly a catcher. Travis left the demands of the Air Force Academy to go to school and play baseball at Indian Hills Community College in southern Iowa. He began to focus on pitching and became noticed by many baseball scouts last fall and this spring. He made 1st team All-Region for his junior college league.

Being drafted has been a life-long dream for Travis.



Travis Neubeck was just drafted by the Miami Marlins.

He has left for the New York-Penn League and will be playing for the Batavia Muckdogs. This league is a short-season league and he will play 60 games from June 19th - September 7th. Hopefully one day, we might see him pitching in the major leagues.

Jake with Brenna and Wycliff (please lightened the tree a bit so the two children can be seen better-thanks)

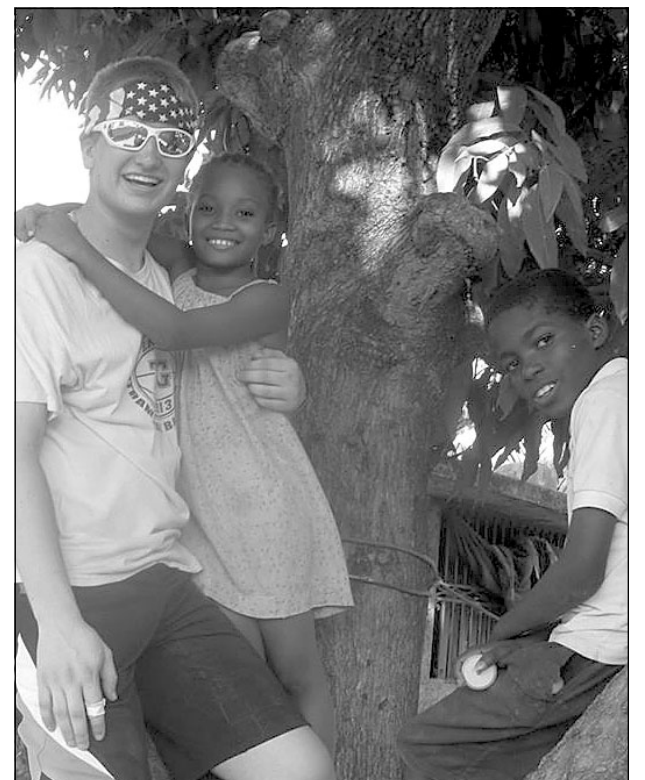
### Jake Pederson '10

In March of 2014 I got to go on my first mission trip ever. The destination of the trip was Port-au-Prince, Haiti. I was lucky enough to be chosen for the first team of students from Totino-Grace to go to Haiti with a group called Healing Haiti.

While my group was down there we helped with many different things; distributing water to the poorest slum in Haiti, Cité Soleil, caring for children at orphanages, and assisting the elders of Titanyen.

In the short time that I was in Haiti I was blessed with the opportunity to meet some pretty amazing people. Two of the people I met were two kids named Brenna and Wycliff. I met them at Juno's orphanage. This orphanage was a three room cinderblock "building" with two packed bedrooms and one school room. The kitchen was a back hallway that was just wide enough for a person to fit. The area the kids had to play in was about the size of half of a basketball court. When I asked to use the restroom, they showed me a corner in the back of the complex concealed by a hung bed sheet. None of this made any kind of difference for Brenna and Wycliff. These were two of the happiest kids I ever met. We played tag and soccer and climbed trees. At the end of the day, I brought one of the translators over, and all they asked for was "an opportunity."

It was the most influential experience of my life, and I have been lucky enough to have been given the opportunity to go back to Haiti this August [2015], with my long term goal after graduating college to spend at least 3 months teaching business to students at Grace Village School in Titanyen. If you ever want to learn more about how you can get involved feel free to ask me about it at Mass, or find me on Facebook.



Jake Pederson with Brenna and Wycliffe.



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# ST. MARY OF THE LAKE SCHOOL CENTENNIAL BOOK AND DVD

## St. Mary of the Lake School Centennial Celebration

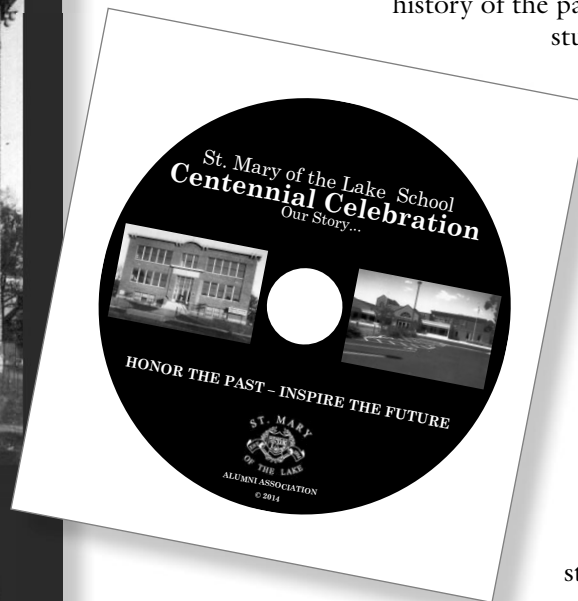
Our Story...



HONOR THE PAST – INSPIRE THE FUTURE

This is a unique treasury of 100 years of memories, photographs, and historical documentation of our very beginnings which started in the minds and hearts of those visionaries who laid the foundation, mentally and physically, for St. Mary of the Lake School in White Bear Lake, Minnesota. The accompanying DVD brings to life some of these memories and human beings whose lives were forever changed because of having walked through those hallowed doors of St. Mary of the Lake School.

This 352-page book takes you back to 1914 (and further!) and the birth of St. Mary of the Lake School. The book has over 400 pictures, a complete history of the parish, and several hundred memories about the students, school activities, educators, and pastors through each decade of the 100 years of St. Mary of the Lake School.



The companion DVD, which is included with the book, contains many more pictures and favorite memories from over 70 alumni, staff and families. It is a delightful video with some poignant, some funny, and all heartfelt memories of their days at St. Mary of the Lake School.

Purchase your copy of this 'Limited Edition' of St. Mary of the Lake School Centennial Book and DVD for \$40 plus \$5 shipping and handling. The Centennial Book and DVD is also available for purchase at St. Mary of the Lake Parish Life Center. Call or stop by during business hours, 651-429-7771, 4690 Bald Eagle Avenue, White Bear Lake.

An order form is enclosed with this 2015 Newsletter for your convenience.

*"The 100th Anniversary Celebration was really terrific ... Anyone who missed it should get a copy of the Alumni Book (Centennial Book/DVD). What a treasure! I miss being there and it brings back great old memories" – Sarah Parenteau Berguetski '45*

## Corrections to the Centennial Book

It has always been important to the Alumni Board that any Alumni documents, whether they are books or newsletters, be historically accurate. We do not want to repeat errors if we can avoid it, so we do need your help! Thank you.

Please send any misidentifications, omissions, misspellings, and 'missed' memories to St. Mary of the Lake School Alumni, 4690 Bald Eagle Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110 or ContactUs@stmarys-wbl.org

The following corrections to the Centennial Book were found after publication. Because human and/or technical errors sometimes do occur, we have been notified of or have discovered a number of misidentifications, omissions, misspellings, and even some 'missed' memories. The editors apologize for these errors and, at some point, the Alumni Association will publish an addendum with an index which will be available free to all those who have purchased the book/DVD. This free addendum will contain an index for the entire book (thanks to Kathleen O'Gorman '58), the corrections and additional memories.

Listed below are some of our 'discoveries' so far -

- Page 71 – 1925 Graduation picture ID: Front Row (L-R) - fourth person is Louise Parenteau. Back Row (L-R) – third person is Francis Guimond
- Page 74 – Also remembered as a 1927 classmate is Gertrude Miller.
- Page 74 or 77 - Also remembered as a 1927 or 1928 classmate is Joseph T. Weinand (info. from Joleen M. Weinand Hackl '51)
- Page 77 – 1928 Graduation picture ID: Fourth Row (L-R) – sixth person is Stanley Nickols.
- Page 92 - Also remembered as a 1935 classmate is Berniece Leick
- Page 117 – the photo on this page is NOT of Ed Michaud '45 (could anybody identify this child?). Here is the correct picture of Ed in the third grade (Ed. note: Thanks, Ed. 'Sorry about that!):
- Page 151 - Also remembered as 1955 classmates Joseph Ciresi, Thomas Jurek, Eugene McCauley and Maxine Young.
- Page 157 - Mark Ettel was in the Class of 1965 NOT 1956.
- Page 187-88 – Victoria Hanft was in the Class of 1964 NOT 1965.

- Page 190 - Also remembered as a 1965 classmate is Michael Jamison.
- Page 212 Third Row (L-R): 2nd student is David Kallemeyn NOT Daniel Kallemeyn.
- Page 215 - Also remembered as a 1972 classmate is Barbara Karp (info. from the Karp family).
- Page 224 - Also remembered as a 1975 classmate is Paige Schissel.



Identity unknown



Ed Michaud in the third grade at St. Mary's School.





Photo courtesy Mike Schearen Photography

## Congratulations

to the first  
graduating class at  
Frassati Catholic  
Academy



On Wednesday, June 4, 2015, fifteen eighth grade students graduated from Frassati Catholic Academy. They are moving on to different high schools to continue their educational journeys and will have many opportunities to put into practice the faith and knowledge they have learned at our new White Bear Lake Regional Catholic School! We are thankful for and immensely proud of these students. We ask that God may bless them during their high school years and may they know the special place they hold for continuing a Catholic school presence in our community.

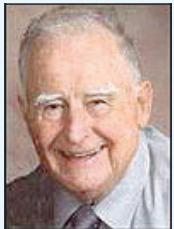
Front Row (L-R): Isabelle Scheffler, Benjamin Bonin, Caitlyn Trobec, Leo Johnson, Gabriella Passeretti  
Second Row (L-R): Maxwell Anderson, Victoria Metry, Ian Dougherty, Alicia Bruder, Billy Pilacinski, Natalie Friendt  
Back Row (L-R): MacAndrew Finn, Maddie Rausch, Fr. Ralph Talbot, Mr. Patrick Gallivan, Fr. Joseph Bamanek, Adeline Hagel, Nathan Thies

## Scholarship opportunities

### New Families:

Frassati Catholic Academy recently received a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the Richard M. Schulze Foundation. This grant was given with the express purpose of helping to increase school enrollment and is effective June 22, 2015. There are two types of tuition credits designed to attract new students and families to Frassati Catholic Academy: \$1,000 Transfer Credit- for new students who enroll at FCA from another non-Catholic School and \$250 Referral Credit- off of your family tuition for every student you refer who enrolls in our school.

### Sy Bendel Memorial Scholarship



Sy Bendel  
(1932-2014)

An ongoing scholarship was established at Frassati Catholic Academy in 2014, in memory of Sy Bendel who died on July 27, 2014 and attended St. Pius X Church. The scholarship is expected to be funded on an annual basis, in an amount between \$2,500 and \$5,000, with funding to occur by June 30th for the following school year. Sy grew up with limited means shortly after the Great Depression. A learning disability made school difficult, but after serving in the Korean War, he worked to the best of his abilities (overcoming those challenges) and graduated from the College of St. Thomas with a degree in Chemistry. Proud of this achievement, he impressed on his children the benefits of attending Catholic grade school, high school, and college. Devoted to his Catholic faith throughout his life, Sy demonstrated a serving heart, had an inquisitive nature, and a passion for science and the outdoors. Awards will be given in \$500 increments to prospective or existing students of Frassati who embody traits similar to Sy - especially working up to their potential and serving others. Preference will be given to applicants who, without the award might otherwise be unable to attend Frassati.

For more information, please inquire with Frassati's Principal Patrick Gallivan at 651-429-7771, 4690 Bald Eagle Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110.

— Information from the St. Mary of the Lake Church bulletin and Sy's wife, Betty Bendel.

## Manitou Days Parade, June 14, 2015

Frassati Catholic Academy parade unit a big hit with 200 participants.



Photos courtesy Cathy Connolly Evans '59 and Erin DaRosa

Top left: Banner bearers, Barb O'Brien and Tanya Rausch (with daughter, Isabella, alongside)

Above and upper right: Students carry the banners representing the six parts of a STREAM education at Frassati

Lower right: Zach Christenson is entering 6th grade at Frassati Catholic Academy.



**FRASSATI**  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

**STREAM** **SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY RELIGION ENGINEERING ARTS MATH**



Your financial gifts since the publication of the 2014 Newsletter are greatly appreciated! Special thanks to:

Mary Dee and Ron Auger '49  
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 Sarah Parenteau Berguetski '62  
 Patricia LaBore Bohaty '45  
 Mary Daly Bolen '35  
 Fred Brass '42  
 Joseph Brown '57  
 Eileen Twohy Capecechi '62  
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All donors should have received a "Thank You" message. If a contribution was not acknowledged, please accept our apologies and thanks. You are welcome to contact the Parish Life Center, 651-429-7771, to make sure your donation was received.

As of June 30, 2015 a total of \$2540 was received and documented (distribution: Alumni Association - \$1750, Centennial Celebration and Book/DVD production - \$490, Erassati Catholic Academy - \$300) in financial gifts through the Alumni Association and received since publication of the 2014 Alumni Newsletter.

Because of these generous donors plus the proceeds from the Fall Alumni Rummage Sale at St. Mary's, your Alumni Association has been able to contribute to or pay for:

- 1) Layout, printing and mailing of this annual Newsletter which is mailed to over 2300 alumni, staff and friends, and another 600 are inserted into the St. Mary of the Lake Sunday bulletin. (The editor and other helpers are all volunteers.)
- 2) Printing and mailing costs of 'Thank You', Christmas and bereavement cards and postcards sent out to alumni or their families.
- 3) Archival expenses to produce and preserve photos, media and memorabilia.
- 4) Expenses of the Centennial book and DVD.
- 5) Centennial Celebration activities.

*'For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'* —Matthew 6:21

## ~ 100th Anniversary Gifts ~

A total of \$1455 was specifically donated to be set aside for our 100th Anniversary Celebration last August 17, 2014 and for the production costs of the Centennial Book/DVD set.

Many thanks go to:

Mary Daly Bolen '35	Elaine Lindorfer Steve '53
Violet Furey Giovannini '35	Linda Nelson Hurt '54
Fred Brass '42	Tom O'Gorman '54
Catherine Auger Mogren '43	Sharon Olson Lundeen '56
Patricia LaBore Bohaty '45	Patty Connolly O'Gorman '57
Joseph A. Brisson '45	Kathleen Hoffman Brown '56
Edward Michaud '45	Don Mingo '58
Janice Hall Kohler '46	Jeff Obst '59
Nancy LeVasseur Chisholm '47	Thomas Revoir '62
Virginia Zollner Merrill '47	Louis Lutz '63
Eppie and Joseph Banken '48	Patty Evans Saari '82
Frances Trettel Moss '48	Helen George, librarian
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Jean Carpentier Olson '52	Thomas G. Colgan, friend
Barbara Matschke Casey '53	Darlene Hapka, parishioner
Mary Ella Dean '53	Blandine Hogan, alumni spouse
Sue Carroll Downs '53	- In Memory of Robert A. Hogan '49
Edward Grout '53	
George Moore '53	

Your prayers, correspondence and financial gifts are always greatly appreciated.

## ENVELOPES FOR CORRESPONDENCE AND GIFTS

The Alumni Newsletter includes an envelope for communicating back to the Alumni Association information you would like to share, i.e., address/email updates, Newsletter or Centennial Book corrections, school memories, family notices, etc. Because there will no longer be a printed Newsletter, information will be posted (depending on how and when the St. Mary's School Alumni website will be expanded) online in our alumni website. If you do not wish your information to be posted, please indicate that on the envelope.

Another purpose of the envelope is to invite your financial support. Due to book/DVD sales and your contributions we are debt-free from the book/DVD production

costs. However, our resources are now depleted. The Alumni Association maintains a small balance as our safety net, but we do anticipate outstanding bills from the production of this Newsletter. Your generosity at this time would be helpful.

**Alumni Association Activities:** Gifts support the expenses incurred from the current Newsletter's layout, printing and mailing costs, the preservation of our school's archives, sponsorship of alumni activities and materials, and alumni gatherings.

We strive to make our Alumni archives, activities and communications accurate, interesting and fun! Thank you for your support!

## Alumni Rummage Sale and Newsletter Changes

The St. Mary of the Lake Alumni Association will no longer sponsor the Fall Rummage Sale at St. Mary's Parish Life Center. The proceeds from this Sale paid for the layout, printing, and mailing of this Alumni Newsletter. Although this will be the final printed Alumni Newsletter, we plan to expand our St. Mary of the Lake Alumni website – ([www.stmarys-wbl.org](http://www.stmarys-wbl.org), click on "Discover Our Parish" and then click on "St. Mary of the Lake Alumni") to ensure it can handle all the communication needs of our alumni community. We do have many alumni email addresses in our database system. However, if your email address has changed or you would like to share your email at this time, please contact: [contactus@stmarys-wbl.org](mailto:contactus@stmarys-wbl.org) or use the enclosed envelope. Hopefully, this will become a good alternative link for our St. Mary of the Lake School Alumni family.

We apologize to all our alumni who are without computer access. We will do our best to stay connected in other ways. Please use the enclosed envelope to share your ideas.

Thank you for your patience and support.

Sincerely yours,  
 The Alumni Board



Above: Parishioners and Alumni always joined forces to put on a great Rummage Sale.

Right Mary, Betty, Luann and Kristine pause for a photo.

Far right: Mary and Mike Parenteau '61 and their daughters Ann, Elizabeth '92 and Christine '94 have been the Rummage Sales' faithful money-counters for most of the past 25 years.





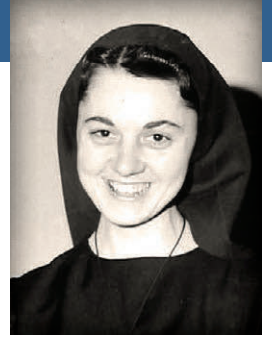
*“He will lead them to springs of life-giving water And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” —Rev. 7:17*

Our sympathy and prayers go to the families of those in our St. Mary of the Lake School Community who have died recently.

## Former Staff

**Margaret (Maggie) Kvasnicka** CSJ, teacher, 1960-76, died at Carondelet Village, St. Paul, MN on February 28, 2015. Sr. Maggie's ministries besides teaching included serving as Coordinator of Ritual and Liturgy Services for the Sisters of St. Joseph, Director of 'Sarah's...an Oasis for Women', Province Leadership Team Member for the Sister of St. Joseph, Spiritual Director and a Member of the Board of Trustees of St. Catherine University. Sister is survived by her brothers, Mike (Ruth), Paul (Ann), nieces and nephews, dear friend

Joan McGinty, CSJ and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. A wake and Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady of the Presentation Chapel, St. Paul with burial at Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials to Sisters of St. Joseph Ministries Foundation for Sarah's...an Oasis for Women or St. Catherine University for Financial Aid for Students. [Ed. note: Sr. Maggie was very helpful with historical information for the St. Mary's School Centennial Book/DVD. She was also Sr. Joan's friend and caregiver.]

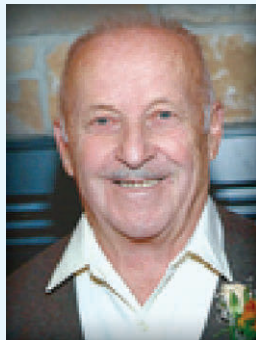


Sr. Maggie Kvasnicka

## St. Mary of the Lake School Alumni

**Anna Marie Ciresi Bechner '50** was born on September 25, 1936 and passed away on Sunday, July 6, 2014. Anna was a resident of Cambridge, Minnesota at the time of her passing. Mass of Christian burial was held Saturday, July 12th at Christ the King Catholic Church in Cambridge.

**William A. Bergeron '45** was born August 9, 1931 and passed away December 9, 2014 at his home in Forest Lake, MN where he was a long-time resident and businessman. He was preceded in death by parents William and Doris (Wall) Bergeron; his first wife of 48 years and mother of his children, Darlene; son, Scott; grandson, Benjamin; brother, Melvin and sister, Loretta McCall '44. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; sons, David, Greg (Deb), Steven (Lori) and Terry (Patti); daughters, Roxanne Muehlberg, Deborah (David) Wicklund, Victoria (Mark) Rosdahl, Melissa (Fred) Barg; step-children, Cheryl (Scott) Howe, Linda (Mike) Farnell, Donald (Chris) Moe and Pamela (Dave) Mills; 25 grandchildren; 11 step grand-children; 18 great grand-children; sister, Hazel Anderson. While working hard and raising his 9 children he still found time for his passion, touring the country on his motorcycle, often with his children right beside him. Mass of Christian Burial held at December 13 at the Church of Saint Peter, Forest Lake, MN. Interment at Calvary Cemetery, Forest Lake. Memorials preferred to the Cancer Society of America.



William Bergeron

**Robert J. "Rabbit" Campbell '43** of White Bear Lake died January 17, 2015. He was born June 19, 1929. Bob was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Anna Mae '45 (Vadnais). He is survived by his children Bruce '76, Ellen '85 (Terry) Drader, and Lisa, 5 grandchildren, 1 great-grandson and sister, Elaine Urman '46. "Bob was the seventh of ten children and moved into WBL from their family farm in Hugo in 1940...In order to pay for his books Bob did odd jobs over at the Convent...member of the WBL Fire and Rescue Squad for 21 years...communion minister, coordinated prayer services at the local Senior residencies" and helped out at St. Mary's almost daily. Anna Mae joined Bob in many of these activities. They received the 1999 St. Mary of the Lake School Alumni Award and Bob received the Dougherty Award in 2008. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, January 26 for Bob at St. Mary of the Lake Church. He and Anna Mae are interred at St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Hugo. [Ed. note: info. from 1999 Alumni Newsletter.]



Robert Campbell

**MaryAnn Lindorfer Carlson-Hess '44** died in a tragic car accident in Phoenix, AZ on February 8, 2015. She was a long-time resident of the Phoenix area. MaryAnn is survived by siblings Lenore '46 Barbara '47, Charles '50, Elaine '53, and James '56; 11 children, 1 step-child and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A funeral Mass and celebration of her life was held on February 21 at St. Catherine LaBoure Church in Chino Valley, AZ.



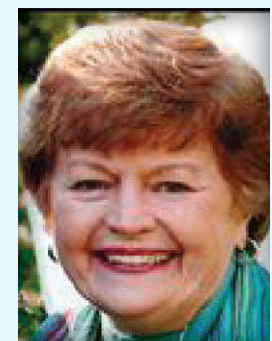
MaryAnn Carlson-Hess

**John Louis Carpentier '57** died at the age of 72. John was born on March 2, 1942 to Telephore '26 and Elsie in White Bear Lake, MN. He had 11 brothers and sisters: Mary '51 (deceased), Jean '52, Philip '53, Nancy '55, Suzanne '59, Richard, Janice '62, Robert, Kathryn, Karen and Debra. John is survived by his children, Lisa, Rachel, Pam, and John, 9 grandchildren and step-children. John was a proud US Navy veteran who retired from Northwest Airlines as a machinist. He loved to fish, hunt and play pinochle. John loved his family more than anything and his sense of humor will be missed by all who knew him. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at St. Mary of the Lake Church, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.



John Carpentier

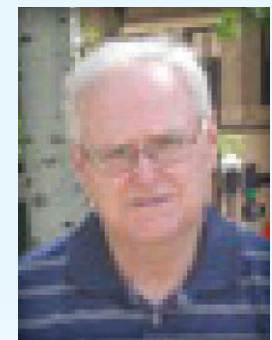
**Geraldine Jurek Espe '52** passed away peacefully March 17, 2015 at age 76 surrounded by her family. She was preceded in death by parents Florence and John Jurek; brothers Thomas '55 and Edward '59. Geraldine is survived by her loving husband of 57 years Fred Sr.; children Sandra (Dave) Sorenson, Fred Jr. (Colleen), Elizabeth (Todd) Knipping, David (Shannon Hesse), and Jennifer (Tony) Zajac; 8 grandchildren; sister Marge '56 (Mush) Valento. A Mass of Christian Burial was held March 23 at St Mary of the Lake Church. Memorials preferred to Multiple Systems Atrophy, Mayo Clinic.



Geraldine Espe

**Barbara Jeanne Lindorfer Fodstad '47** passed away at home in Pine City on July 8, 2015 at age 81. She was preceded in death by husband, Donald; son, David Emil; Dorothy '37, Ed, '41, Mary Ann '44, Irene and Robert. She is survived by children, Daniel (Patricia), Dale (Deborah), Dorinda (Steve), Lori (Gerry), Brian (Tracy), Brenda (Dennis), and Lenore (Troy); 19 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Valerie Fodstad; Lenore '46, Charles '50, Elaine '53, James '56. A Memorial Service was held on July 17 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Pine City, MN with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

**Timothy Paul Frazer '68** was born April 13, 1954 and died suddenly from a stroke on July 21, 2014. He is preceded in death by parents, Vincent and Rita Frazer. Tim is survived by his beloved companion, Carol Alders, and siblings, Thomas '62 (Patricia), Michael, Terrence '65 (Kathleen), Maureen '66 (Stephen) Hendrick, Mark (Hanifa), Terese (Warren) Van Hout, Tricia (Patrick) Carey, Martin '75 (Lan) and Mary Ann (Dale) Mozey. Tim is an uncle to many nieces and nephews, including alumni Missy '84, Brian '90 and Dan '92. A Mass of Christian Burial was said on Friday, July 25, 2014 at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church with interment at St. Mary's Church Cemetery.



Tim Frazer



## St. Mary of the Lake School Alumni

**Jerome A. Gadbois '51** was born May 25, 1937 to Rene and Magdelina Gadbois. Jerry was a passionate life-long cattle farmer to the end. He passed away peacefully surrounded by family on February 3, 2015. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Rene '50. He is survived by children, Colleen Riebel, Gregory (Elizabeth), and Jeanine Gadbois (Steve Kline) and their mother, Jean Gadbois; 6 grandchildren; siblings, Tom '53 (Lorraine), Richard '58 (Marge), Theresa '58 (Barry) White, Jim '60, Leo '61 (Renee), Stanley '64 (Marilyn), and Celine '65 (Richard) Dempich. A funeral service was held at Roberts Family Funeral Home in Forest Lake. Interment was at St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, Hugo.



Jerry Gadbois

**Geraldine Ann Will Ginter '43** was born April 21, 1929 and was a life-long resident of White Bear Lake. She passed away at age 85 on Dec. 31, 2014. Gerry was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; infant daughter, Katherine; parents; sister, Patricia '37, and brother, Fredrick '47. She is survived by children Peggy (Mark) Jordan, Terry (Jerry) Rodrique, Joe (Judie), Mary Christianson, Jenny (Paul) Birkeland, and Matt (Colleen); 12 grandchildren; 2 great-granddaughters; and 1 great-grandson. Gerry was an active member of both St. Pius X and St. Mary's Churches. She lived a "life of unconditional love, one day at a time". A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary of the Lake Church with burial at St. Mary's cemetery. Memorials preferred to the White Bear Food Shelf.



Gerry Ginter

**Janet D. Michaud Griemann '32** passed away on Nov. 15, 2014. She was preceded in death by loving husband of 54 years, Mathias, siblings Dorothy '25 and John '29. Janet is survived by her children Denise Danisch '64 (Robert Hartmann), Laurie Sanftner '65 (Dennis), Gary '69 (Cindy); grandchildren Jake (Chelsea), Gentry (Ryan), Amanda (Adam), Melanie, and Ashley (Kenny); and 4 great granddaughters. She worked for the city of WBL, NSP, and the WBL School District. She enjoyed painting, singing, traveling and spending time with her family. A celebration of her life was held at St. Mary of the Lake Church on Friday, November 21, 2014. Memorials preferred to the National Breast Cancer Foundation or the White Bear Lake Historical Society.



Janet Griemann

**Hugh Bernard Heckel '42** passed away on May 19, 2015 at the age of 87. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Gloria and is survived by his daughter, Linda '63 (Jim) O'Brien, grandson, Jason Vollbrecht, 2 step grandchildren, Kevin and David (Yolanda) O'Brien; 2 step great-grandchildren, Grace and Jacob. Hugh was a 17-year member of Fort Snelling Memorial Rifle Squad. He work 27 years with 3M and was a life-long member of St. Mary of the Lake Church. Hugh also received the 1997 Dougherty Award at St. Mary's and also Alumni Award for his A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church with interment at the St. Mary's cemetery. Memorials preferred to Ft. Snelling Memorial Rifle Squad, St. Mary's Church, or Feline Rescue, Inc.



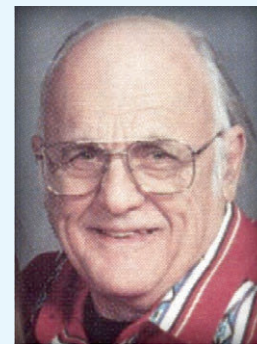
Hugh Heckel

**Michael "Mokey" Howard '67** passed at home on March 31, 2014. He was preceded in death by his parents, Shirley and Leonard "Bud" '33 Howard. Michael is survived by his wife, Debbie Emery; son, Benjamin (Heidi) Bathen; step-children, Mike, Brian (Melissa), Bobbi Jo (Brett) and Julie (Seth); grandchildren, Bella, Austin, Adam, Kaylee, Courtnie, Morgan, Brandon, Hannah, Christian, Hailey and Collin; siblings, Nancy '65, Mary '64 (Collin) Lowe and Mark '68 (Sheryl); three nephews & one niece. A Visitation in Memory of Michael was held April 3rd, 2014 at Mueller Memorial Lake Chapel, White Bear Lake.



Michael Howard

**Joseph Raymond Kieffer '53** died peacefully on April 12, 2014. He is preceded in death by parents, Joseph M. and Ethel. Joe is survived by his wife, Nina (nee Syring); children, Lori Ann, William (Anna), Michael, Laurie Marie (Jay); grandchildren, Lauren, Heather, Billie Jo, Stephanie and Brett; brothers, Roger '55 (Sheree) and Gary. A Memorial Service was held April 16 at St. Lucas Community Church in Lake Elmo with interment at St. Lucas Cemetery.



Joe Kieffer

**Lt. Col (Ret.) Donald Lee Langhorne '39** passed away October 1, 2013 at his home in Indianapolis, IN. Donald was born December 29, 1924 in Milwaukee, WI to Donald W. and Mary L. (Niles) Langhorne. He graduated from WBL HS in 1943 and the University of St. Thomas in 1951. On January 23, 1951, he married Winifred K. Arvidson. Donald was a career Air Force pilot and veteran of WWII and Korea. Donald had a life-long passion for golf which began at the age of 14 caddying at the White Bear Yacht Club. He is survived by his children, John (Sherry), Donald Jr., Peter (Tanya), Cynthia (Jim), Mary (John), Theresa (Randy); his brother John of Atlanta, GA, his sister Elizabeth Zerby of Minneapolis, MN, 21 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant son Donald Frederick, and his beloved wife Winifred in 2012. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on October 5, 2013 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Indianapolis, IN. Donald was buried at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis. Memorials may be made to Catholic Charities.

**Thomas Earl Oaks '67** was born June 8, 1953 to Freck '41 and Larry '43 Oaks and brother to Doug '64, Teresa '65, Kenny '68, Gordy '69, Steve '72, Bunny '74, Jim, Larry, DeeJay, and Karen; loving husband to Sarah Brown and father to her sons, Max and Henry. Tom passed away February 25, 2014 and was preceded in death by his sister, Joanie Frigaard, and his father. His days were spent with his work family at Consortium Book Sales and Distribution, the rest of his time was given to being present with those he loved. There was a gathering and service on Sunday, April 6 at the Keller Golf Club House in Maplewood, MN. Memorials preferred to Fairview Recovery Services Family Program.



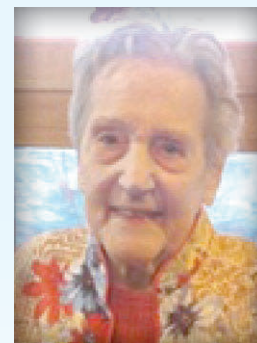
Tom Oaks

**Shirley Helen Gotch Randall '39** passed away on Saturday, October 25, 2014 with her loving family by her side. She was born July 11, 1924 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota to Albert and Bernice Marie (Jones) Gotch. Shirley moved to Lake Havasu City, Arizona 40 years ago from California to operate a business, Acoma Van & Storage that she and her husband, Norm, owned and operated. Shirley is survived by her husband of 48 years, Norm; sons, Michael and Terrance and daughter, Candice Fitzgerald; brother, Robert; sisters, Peggy Sherman '40, Carol Campbell and Joanne Roberts '49; 9 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.



Shirley Randall

**Cecilia A. Braun Thury '39** passed away at peacefully at home surrounded by family on January 19, 2015. She was 90 years old. Cecilia was preceded in death by husband, Clarence; parents, Adam and Lucie; and 9 siblings. She is survived by children, Bonita Winkelman, William (Elizabeth), Diane (Ronald) Warrick, Debbie (Jeffrey) Ganser, Scott, and Randy (Tami); 15 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren; siblings, Eva Thury '38 and Joseph '43 (Dorothy) Braun. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Pascal Baylon Catholic Church in St. Paul with interment at Union Cemetery, Maplewood. Memorials preferred to the American Cancer Society.



Cecilia Thury



## Other deaths in the St. Mary of the Lake Community

**Julie Lee Anderson** (d. 5/13/14) daughter of Donald and Rebecca 'Becky' (nee Lenhart) '46 (both deceased) and siblings Jeff, Joel, and Jayne.

**Guy "Rocky" Arcand** (d. Nov. 2014) husband of Amy; son of Rick '57 and Shirley (nee Schultz) '59; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Pat and Pete Thienes; grandpa, Dick '38; sisters, Amy and Marnie and brother, Chad.

**John C. Beckstrom** (d. Nov. 2014) husband of Louise (nee Cardinal) '50 father of Mike, Kathy, Linda, and Bev; 6 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; siblings, Barb, Judy and Pat.

**Nicholas John Cords** (d.1/21/15) husband of Maggie (teacher, 1985-93); father to Jim (deceased), John (Tamara), Nick, and Dan (Jane); granddaughters Asha, Aoife, and Kiran.

**Patricia "Chris" Trettel Fredricksen** (d. 2/20/14) wife of Gerald mother of John (Lori), Paul, Mark (Chris), James (Mary), Anne, Mary (Chris), Angie and Mary Joanne (dec.); 15 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and sister to Frances '48, David '50, Barbara '51, Margaret '54 and Nancy '56.

**Donald Raymond Frost** (d. 11/11/13) husband to Pauline (nee Talbot) '49, father of Theresa, Laurie, Carol, Ronald; grandfather to 9; great-grandfather to 7.

**George Philip Gent** (d. 11/14/14) husband of Karen; father of Rachel '12 and Riley; brother to Bernadette (dec.), Melissa (dec.), Nicholas (dec.), Janet, Annette, Mathias, Celeste and Charles; son to Raymond and Donna Gent.

**Wayne W. Hansmann** (d. Oct. 2014 ) husband of Doris; father to Deborah '80, Greg '76 (Tracy), Mike '78 (Suzy), Doug '82 (Amy); grandfather to Courtney, Jeremy, Zach, Jennifer, Krista, Jake, Kimber, Matthew and Benny and great-grandfather to Skylar, Bailee, Lainee and Ashlynn.

**Anthony "Tony" A. Jambor** (d. 7/13/14) husband of Jacquie (STM staff), father to Julie '72, Tony '75 (Jenni), and Mary Beth '77 (Paul ); grandfather to Eric (Merrily), Greg, Andrew, Neal, Cameron and Carlos; brother to Robert (Pat).

**Vaclavs "Victor" Kancans** (d. 3/25/15) husband of Anna, father to Ingrida '62, Anita '66, John '67, Silvija '69 and Andrew '70.

**Marilyn J. LaValle** (d. Nov. 2014) wife of Leonard '42; father to Caren (Dennis), Jeanette (Sam), Gary (Julie); grandmother to Timothy, Traci, Hannah and Leah.

**Joseph James Lee** (d. 2/16/14) husband of Audree (nee LeTourneau) '53; father to Colleen (Dan '60) Brinker, Joseph '72, Chris (Gerrie) and Matt (Rosa); grandfather to Tony (Chrissie), Joey, Danny '94 (Ashley), Sasha '96, Jolene, Ryan,

Cole, Raeven, Allee, Madison, Cassidy, Branden, Christa, Gino, Franco and Rocco; great-grandfather to Jonathan, Tianna, A.J. and Brooke; son to Laura Lee; brother to Patrick '53 (Janet), Mary LaBuda '54, Ann Neumann '58 and Susan Belland.

**William O. LeMay** (d. 10/27/14) husband of Joyce; father to Chris '65 (Mick), Mike '66 (Peg), Steve '68 (dec.)(Floss), Doug '70 (Nancy), Gene '72, Pat '72 (Tammy), Bill '73, Mary (Dan) and Amy (Jim); grandfather to 27 children; great-grandfather to 14; brother to Peachy '47 (dec.), Jack '49 (Marlene) and Jim '57.

**Eleanore C. Rivard LeMire** (d. 3/19/15) wife to Alvin '35 (dec.); mother to, David '58 (Marlys Kautz), Jerome '60 (Marilyn) and Robert '65 (Barbara); grandmother to 4; great-grandmother to 7; sister to Genevieve.

**Janet Biermeier Maher** (d. 4/8/15) wife to Bill; mother to Jeff '87 (Kerri), Steven '90, Sarah '95 (Mark); grandmother to Kaitlyn, Kenzie, Alex, Jack and Samuel; sisters, Lois (Tim) and Joan (Stan).

**Mary McKeague** (d. March 2014) wife to Jack; mother to Terry (Mike), Bob (Jean), Kathy (Tom), Kevin, Mary; grandmother to Jennifer '85 (Ben), Angie '92 and Ben '95, Dan (Kris), Jake, Zach, Erin (Jason), Ryan (Adrienne), Christopher, Mary, John (Kari), Kevin, Josiah, Samuel and Jesse; and great-grandmother to 12.

**Rosemary F. Minser** (d. 9/17/14) wife to Frederick '32 (dec.); mother to Frederick '65 (dec.), Barbara '67 (Gary), Pauline, Mary '72 and Edward '73; grandmother to Anna (Mike), Maia, Anthony, Ed (Lindsey), Sarah, Joshua, Lillian, Roman; great-grandmother to Kylee, Maveric, Dominic, Preston, Ariana, and baby girl.

**Brent Edward Olson** (d. 5/5/15) husband of Christine; father to Shanna '89 (Jon) McIntosh and Breanna '94; grandfather to Marissa and Skylar; brother to David (Dianne) and Clairice (Bill).

**Edna F. Greenberg Reasoner** (d. 5/8/15) wife to Ray (dec.); mother to Daniel (dec.), Timothy (dec.) and Michael (Terry); grandmother to 5 including Jennifer '85 (Ben), Angie '92 and Ben '95; great-grandmother to 10.

**Jack L. Sevelin** (d. 12/24/14) husband of 1st wife, Lucille, and 2nd wife Patricia; father to Randy '70 (Linda), Sandy '68 (Steve), Candy (Bob), Anne (Todd), Karen (Kevin), Michelle (Dave) and Nick (Shannon Piper) Stelton; grandmother to 10, great grandmother to 6.

**Irene Rose Thill** (d. April 2015) wife to Deacon Joe; mother to Joe '58 (Carol), Pat '60 (Rocky '60) Wittkop, Judy '62 (John) Miron, Sue '67 (Jeff) Rarden, Beth (Doug) Pratt, and Steve '72 (Janice); grandmother to 24 including Pam '86; great-grandmother to 51.



*“Lord, welcome into your calm and peaceful kingdom those who have departed out of this present life to be with you. Grant them rest and a place with the spirits of the just; and give them the life that knows no age, the reward that passes not away, through Christ our Lord. Amen”*

*~ St. Ignatius Loyola*



## Honor the Past ~ Inspire the Future



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### Thank you for the contributions to the 2015 Alumni Newsletter!!

The Alumni Newsletters have become a treasured and informative vehicle for many alumni. The pictures, names and articles help jog our memories of, perhaps, simpler and care-free times. The updates provide opportunities to reminisce appreciate and even reconnect with friends, alumni and staff. This 2015 Alumni Newsletter is the result of help from alumni, relatives of alumni, students, staff, parents, friends and parishioners who have come forward with memories, pictures, articles, classmate and picture identification, proofreading, and the creativity to make the Alumni Newsletter interesting, fun and historically accurate, as best as possible.

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The intention of this Newsletter and all Alumni documents is to be historically accurate.

Although this is the last ‘paper’ Alumni Newsletter, we will be researching other avenues available to connect with alumni, mainly (at this point) St. Mary of the Lake Church’s website – [www.stmarys-wbl.org](http://www.stmarys-wbl.org) – which has a link to ‘St. Mary of the Lake School Alumni’. If you have technical expertise that could help the Alumni Association manage its archives and communications please email us at [contactus@stmarys-wbl.org](mailto:contactus@stmarys-wbl.org) or call the Parish Life Center, 651-429-7771.

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### Remembering, Wondering, Thanking... A Reflection

By Fr. Michael J. Kennedy  
(1941-2010)

#### I

What does one remember  
About all those years  
And months  
And days?

#### II

Is it the people  
Like Fahey and Finn  
And Sister of Joseph  
After Sister  
Or the girl in front  
Or the boy in the row next  
Who even today  
Though he’s in his 70’s  
You still call by all three  
names?

#### III

Does the remembering  
Turn to wondering?  
How many moms and dads  
Came through here  
Did a tinker, a tailor  
A soldier or even a spy?

#### IV

How many lives were  
Touched in this long stretch  
From the Kaiser through  
New Deal  
To Hitler and Stalin  
From Cobb to Dimaggio  
To Kirby  
Wilson to Roosevelt  
Through Kennedy to Bush  
How many were touched?

#### V

Touched by the gentle  
Insistence that you can  
Learn in an arena of love  
That leadership is a duty  
And not an extra  
That our world and our lives  
Can be filled with hope  
No matter what  
No matter when  
And we know ‘tis time,  
As wondering turns to  
thanking,  
For now and forever  
We are stamped, sealed  
With St. Mary’s  
And the story of God.”

— This poem was written by Fr. Michael Kennedy for a booklet celebrating the 75th Anniversary of St. Mary’s School in 1989-90. It applies today, as well. And we remember and cherish Fr. Kennedy’s ‘Musings from Michael’ and his gift of storytelling, both of which would profoundly connect the spiritual with human realities.