

## **ALUMNI**

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## CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2014!



Albrecht











Glancey



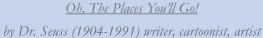




Jake Horvath









McGauley



Taylor Nelson







**Passeretti** 



Rachel Pederson





Nick Servatka



Kennedy Spiering



Thomas Walsh



The Class of 2014 had the following teachers at St. Mary of the Lake School during pre-kindergarten through 8th grade: Mrs. Pat Barry (Pre-K), Mrs. Karen Black (Pre-K), Mrs. Patty Clauson (K), Mrs. Dawn Follmer (K), Mrs. Cathy Olson (1st), Mrs. Beth Pothen Crosby (1st), Mrs. Mary Maloy (2nd), Ms. Melody Otto (2nd), Mrs. Jeanne Bennek (3rd), Ms. Kim Goebel Eversman (3rd), Mrs. Pat Bullis (4th), Mrs. Melissa Capocasa (4th), Ms. Patti Cibuzar (5th), Mrs. Barb lannazzo (Spanish, K-5), and the Middle School Team: Ms. Molly Cox (6th gr. homeroom, Math), Mrs. Katie Thompson-Wilfahrt (7th gr. homeroom, Language Arts), Ms. Patsy Bishop and Mrs. Molly Valentin (long-term sub.) (8th gr. homeroom, Social Studies, Religion, Math, Art), Ms. Claire Buethe (Language Arts), Ms. Rebecca Jacobson (Music), Ms. Allison Krenz (Spanish and Language Arts), Mr. Patrick Gallivan (Science), Mrs. Terry Nelson (Media Center), Mrs. Laurie Kielbasa (Computer Science), Mrs. Julie

Orloske (Computer Sciences), and Mrs. Sandy Reibel (Phy. Ed.).

These students are also remembered as being classmates with the Class of 2014: Maxwell Anderson (K), Isabel Birkeland (K-4), Bradley Capocasa (K-5), Adrie Danner (K-1), Anna Denali (1-3), Shane Denali (1-3), Riley Dumphy (Pre-K-K), Katelyn Ertle (Pre-K-5), Emily Fischer (Pre-K-7), Kaylyn Forliti (K-1), Emma Friedmann (1-5), Cullen Guzzo (Pre-K-4), Cassandra Haddad (K-2), Vanessa Hutchinson (K-4), Christopher Krautbauer (Pre-K-3), Rebecca Kurkowski (Pre-K-3), Anna Langer (1-4), Branden Lee (K), Matthew Leitner (Pre-K-6), Margaret LeMire (2-3), Grace Markell (K-3), Anna Newton (Pre-K-6), Austin Nodes (K-7), Jack Olson (K-3), Lauren Olson (1-5), Jacob Ranheim (K-7), Jack Reinseth (K), Caitlyn Schreier (K-6), Lily Simms (K-5), Brooke Sohn (K-3), Catherine Van Meter (K), Jack Van Meter (K), Garrett Walczak (Pre-K-7).

**Pictures from Lifetouch Studios** Congratulations, Graduates! Welcome into the St. Mary of the Lake Alumni Association. God bless you, and may the friendships and spiritual, academic and physical development you experienced at St. Mary of the Lake School enrich your journey in life.

## Highlights of the Class of 2014

Information provided by members of the Class of 2014

Eighteen of the twenty-one students in the Class of 2014 have been together since kindergarten (most of them, also, attended St. Mary's preschool); they include Patrick Albrecht, Maddie Doran, Hannah Feidt, Maddie Glancey, Elena Hanggi, Ben Horgan, Jake Horvath, Ava Krize, Calista McGauley, Taylor Nelson, Emily Olson, Sophie Palma, Rachel Pederson, Nick Servatka, Kennedy Spiering, Thomas Walsh, and Lillian Wenker.

Kennedy Spiering, Ben Racine and Anna Cusick joined the class in first grade, Brooke Garber in fourth grade, and in eighth grade Bianca Passeretti completed the Class of 2014.

The students shared a wide–range of memories from their pre-school and primary years at St.

Mary's: fun times in Mrs. Black's pre-school class (Sophie); 'The Sneetches' play in Mrs. Maloy and Mrs. Otto's second grade classes (with Lillian playing Sylvester McMonkey McBean!); raising those mealworms in 2nd grade (Maddie D.); Mrs. Bennek's student teacher, Ms. Krista, who taught the students French (Kennedy); the dictionary skills' game, 'King Lexicon', which has a medieval theme in fourth grade with Mrs. Bullis and Mrs. Capocasa (four students from each class 'won' King Lexicon); making 'pop' in 4th grade with friends Guzzo, Patrick and Taylor; cool projects for the Science Fair (Nick); narrating the Christmas Concert in fourth grade (Ava); studying Black History and performing the Black History play in Social Studies including Louis Armstrong (Thomas) and Mary Eliza Mahoney (Calista); puzzles ('wuzzles') each day in Mrs. Cibuzar's fifth

grade (Anna); fifth grade boys basketball (Ben and Patrick); and the girls' team winning the fifth grade CCA Basketball Championship (Ava, Maddie G. and Maddie D).

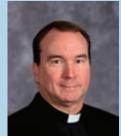
A memorable event during these students' sixth grade was going to Wolf Ridge ELC (Environmental Learning Center) in Finland, MN where they were 'immersed in nature exploration, cultural history, outdoor skills, team-building, and personal growth' [wolf-ridge.org]. Emily, Ava, Hannah and Rachel especially remember the winter 'survival' experience. Anna, being partnered with Nick, Taylor, Maddie G. and Lillian made the 'survival' experience even more memorable. Calista especially enjoyed the ropes course.

Other middle school memories include; playing on the playground (Taylor); Valley Fair in sixth and

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## Greetings from the Pastor...



Father Ralph Talbot

"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).

In 1914, the St. Mary of the Lake School building was completed and in the fall of that year, approximately 200 children became the first students. For the next 100 years, St. Mary of the Lake School formed the hearts, minds and souls of thousands of young people. This great achievement of Catholic education in our parish was made possible by the sacrifices of many people,

most especially the parents of the children, the parishioners of St. Mary of the Lake, lay teachers and the Sisters of St. Joseph, who served our school for many, many years. The school has been a positive and life-giving ministry of the parish for 100 years.

Now, after 100 wonderful years, a new chapter in Catholic education begins for the people of St. Mary of the Lake and for the wider White Bear Lake Area. In partnership with the parishioners of St. Pius X, St. Mary of the Lake will provide Catholic education and formation of our young people at Frassati Catholic Academy, which will be located in the St. Mary of the Lake Parish Life Center. Our PreK – 8 regional school aims to stabilize enrollment while maintaining healthy class sizes, maximize parish and parental investment in our schools, and combine the resources and traditions of two great Catholic schools and two faith-filled parishes to strengthen Catholic education in our community for the next generation of families. Our mission is to provide our students with an excellent academic education and form them in the great tradition of our Catholic faith. We seek to mold students who will be strong in their faith, excited about learning, and generous in serving the community.

I am grateful to the alumni of St. Mary of the Lake School and ask that you pray for the success of Frassati Catholic Academy. I encourage you to consider making a gift for scholarships to Frassati, so that every child has the opportunity to be formed in an encouraging, nurturing and faith-filled environment.

We entrust the continuation and success of the important work of Catholic education to Mary the Mother of God, the patroness of our parish, and to Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, the patron of our new school.

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

## Greetings from the Principal...



Principal Patrick Gallivan

Dear St. Mary of the Lake Alumni,

It is hard for me to believe that we have reached the end of the school year. The Class of 2014 graduated on May 29, 2014 and is ready to spread their wings as they continue to soar to new challenges that lie before them. It is also a bitter sweet time for our entire parish and school community. St. Mary of the Lake School has been in existence for one hundred years! Our community has been blessed with the dedicated service of many skilled staff, faculty, principals, pastors, parent leaders, and parishioners. All of these people have worked together to provide whatever was

needed for the youth of our parish. Our Alumni Association is strong and dedicated to not only preserving the memories of the past, but also, building new memories for future generations of graduates of our regional school!

I arrived in 2009 with great anticipation for building upon the foundation that these wonderful people laid before me. I did not imagine the many challenges we have faced in my time at St. Mary of the Lake. However, we have remained strong in our mission and dedication to our students. Ours is not to cling to the past. It is to always learn from it. Our collective past has many rich memories and traditions that will enable us to carry on our parish's mission to educate our young people in the faith as well as in the other disciplines we expect from a quality school. Like our graduates, the St. Mary of the Lake School will now transition to Frassati Catholic Academy. Our faith with be our connection to the past and will inspire our quest for the truth in the future.

Mr. Patrick Gallivan Principal

### Centennial Calendar of Events: August 2014

Alumni, parishioners and friends are welcome to all of these events! ust 16, 2014 6-10 P.M. August 17, 2014

August 16, 2014 6-10 P.M. Rockin' for Repairs Summer Concert fundraiser The Good, The Bad, and The

Funky \$10 (14 and under free) St. Mary's ParishLife Center (outside) – Food available 11 A.M. – Mass at Church Noon – 3 P.M. Ice Cream Social, school tours, children's activities, music Free event St. Mary's Parish Life Center

For further information on these events and much more, please check these websites:

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NOT PICTURED: KATHLEEN O'GORMAN

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### **2013 Newsletter Corrections:**

- page 8 Class of 1973 Barb Minser Rossbach '67 called to say her brother, Ed Minser, is NOT deceased. [Ed.: We're glad you're still with us Ed!]
- page 10 Class of 1963 Judy Bibeau Morrison sent in a list of all her teachers at St. Mary's. In the 2013 Newsletter, inadvertently, 7th grade teacher Mr. Higgins was omitted.
- page 27 Obituaries Teresa Bain '64 (Marcella Parenteau Sutton LaFosse's sister) called to tell us the picture on the alumni memorial page is not Marcy. [Ed. 'Sorry about that- the picture is that of Marcy's classmate, Geraldine Olson Palmer '50, who is listed after Marcy and died in 2012].

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.

# "St. Mary of the Lake Middle School in the Re-Making - School Year 2003-2004"

We now step back in time to the 2003-2004 school year. The following article consists of excerpts from the 2004 Alumni Newsletter and the 2003-04 Memory Book.

The 2003-04 school year was filled with fun activities like the Marathon for Non-Public Schools, a trip to Finland, MN to the Environmental Learning Center (ELC), "How the Grinch Found Christmas", Student Safety Patrol, Band, Junior great Books, Chess Club, Catholic Schools Week, the Science Fair, Spelling Bees,, Art Adventure, Mini-Courses, the 'Saints' sports teams, Ski Club, "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" and the Linus Service Project.

St. Mary of the Lake School welcomed 213 elementary children (K-7) and 82 preschoolers for the 2003-04 school year. The enrollment increased by 40 more students. This year saw the re-entry of sixth grade back into the program.



#### Messages and pictures from 2000s and 2010s student

Congratulations to Amy Toskey '00 who married Patrick Toninato in 2013. Bridesmaids included Christina Mangine '00 and Mary Beth Murphy '00.



MAXWELL CORY '10 – For the second year in a row, Max and the Centennial HS Hockey team participated in the MN High School State Hockey tournament. Max graduated from Centennial HS in June, and will be attending the University of St. Thomas. His favorite memories at St. Mary of the Lake include playing on the St. Mary's hockey team, winning the Catholic School Hockey Championship, and the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C..



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# Class of 1994 - 6th Grade Graduates (picture as 5th graders)



Row 1 (top), I-r: Tom Bennek, Jackie Bothman, Dan Brinker, Michael Brogan, John Cherek, Aaron Coronna

**Row 2, I-r:** Katherine Dose, Michael Egger, Daniel Evans, Taylor Hilker, Jared Hudalla, Justin Kelly

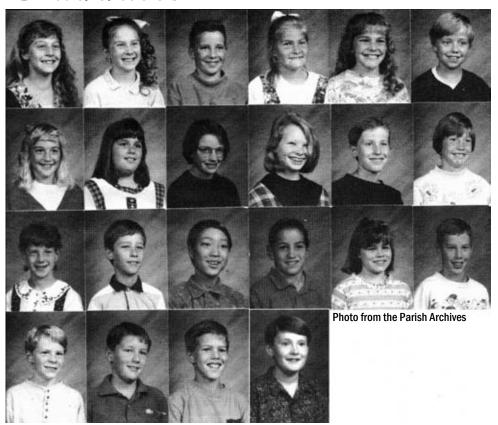
**Row 3, I-r:** Joshua Kielbasa, Lindsey Kiesling, Luke Kohler, Deanna LaValle, Lisa Manship, Betsy Markoe

Row 4, I-r: Gwen McNamara, Katie Niemic, Megan O'Brien, Breanna Olson, Christine Parenteau, William Pariseau

**Bottom Row, I-r:** Anne Peters, Meghan Riley, Ruth Schader, Kevin Toskey, Jordan Vadnais, Katie Zierdt

These students are also remembered as being classmates with the 6th graders of the Class of 1994: Brianna Carter (1-2), Nick Kast (3), Joseph LaBathe (K-3), Christopher Lagos (K-2), Ryan Morse (K), Erin Motz (1), Kimberlie Rick (K-2), Michael Schneider (1-4), Jessica Steinhoff (K-2), David Winkel (K).

# Class of 1994 - 5th Grade Graduates



**Row 1 (top), I-r:** Mary Albers, Janelle Belland, Scott Grundtner, Julie Gwizdala, Christina Henly, Eric Johnson

**Row 2, I-r:** Anna Jungbauer, Amanda Kapaun, Meghan Keane, Rochelle Kohler, Daniel Koppy, Jessica Lorence

**Row 3, I-r:** Meredith Major, Stephen Malek, Nicholas Marincel, Derek McCarty, Kimberly Olson, Thomas Shearen

**Bottom Row, I-r:** Matthew Solnitzky, Luke Swanson, Tony Walfoort, Charlie Milashius

These students are also remembered as being classmates with the 5th graders of the Class of 1994: Rachel Benham (K-2), Erica Dawe (K), Jennifer Ehlenz (1-3), Noah LaBathe (1-2), Elliot McSherry (K-1), Elizabeth Slagle (K-3), Courtney Tarsa (2-3).

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Both the 5th and 6th grade graduates had the following teachers during their years at St. Mary's: Miss Easton (Mrs. Clauson) (K), Mrs. Cords (1st), Mrs. Whitehill (2nd), Mrs. Bennek (3rd), Mrs. Beggin (4th), Mrs. Smith (5th), Mrs. Fredericks (6th), Mrs. Reibel (Phy. Ed.), Mrs. Ashwood (Piano/Band), Mrs. Reardon, principal (until 1990) and the Leadership Team (1990-1991) comprised of Mrs. George, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Cords and Ms. Mary Kane (1991-1999).

## Class of 1994 (5th graders) Updates



**Kathleen and Meghan Keane** 

MEGHAN KEANE '94: In the recently released Centennial DVD, Megan Keane shares a story about a 'carrot' in Mrs. Bennek's 3rd grade. Pictured here are Meghan and her mom, Kathleen at the 2013 Summer Concert.

JESSICA LORENCE TAYLOR '94 emailed "I am currently a physical therapist working with people who are dealing with

cancer at any stage of treatment or survivorship. I also work with people who have some sort of neurological insult like stroke or spinal cord injury. I have been doing this for 7 years.



Cecilia, Jessica & Ryan Taylor

Fifth graders – just having fun! Shown, I-r: Matt Solnitsky, Scott Grndtner, Amanda Kapaun, Anna Jungbauer

I married a wonderful man named Ryan and we had our first child, Cecilia, just before Thanksgiving last year. We also have 2 Labrador retrievers and live in New Brighton, MN.



### Highlights of the Class of 2014 (cont.)

seventh grades (Maddie G., Kennedy, Ben, and Patrick) (with Jake remembering that Garrett and Taylor got him to go on the 'looping starship' for the first time); being in the play Hansel and Gretel (Ava); the Percussion Spring Concert in Mrs. Thompson-Wilfart's seventh grade class (Hannah); tripping during the 50 yard dash in Mrs. Reibel's gym class (Sophie); singing Christmas carols to a dog (Lillian and Sophie); fun in ski club (Nick); the day the middle school drinking fountain broke and students had to go home after Mass (Brooke); the final performance of the play Hansel and Gretel an eighth grader who was playing the farmer played an April Fool's stunt on stage! (Thomas); playing sports, including basketball, soccer, volleyball, and softball (Rachel).

During their last year at St. Mary of the Lake, the Class of 2014 enjoyed the Quiz Bowl (Patrick); the Christmas party (Lillian); the Valentine's Day party planned and led by Lillian (Thomas put a single sweetheart candy in a pencil bag as a souvenir); hand ball in gym (Rachel); Student Ambassadors (Brooke was treasurer, Ava and Lillian were co-presidents); 'SkyZone' and seeing their friend, Steve; and the 8th grade vs. teachers' volleyball game. As the Class of 2014 wound down their final year, the trip to Washington D.C. with Ms. Buethe and Mrs. Reibel was definitely the highlight for these students. Confirmation and

graduation ceremonies were important final events as were the mixed feelings of being the last graduating class from St. Mary of the Lake School.

When asked who or what has helped them on their faith journey, they shared these answers: Ms. Cox taught them about their Catholic faith and to live life to the fullest by having faith in God (Brooke and Rachel); Mary Beth Jambor (Confirmation



An 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. has become a tradition for the past eight years (at least). It's the culminating highlight of their St. Mary of the Lake school years. Here the Class of 2014 poses with the Capitol building in the background. (Photo from Ms. Beuthe)

instructor) for helping them discover the gifts they have and how to share them (Jake and Taylor); Mrs. Bullis was an example of faith (Ava); Mrs. Bishop would challenge them daily as their eighth grade religion teacher with quizzes and various topics to strengthen their knowledge (Patrick, Anna, Emily, Lillian, Bianca, Hannah and Calista); Mr. Gallivan's influence on his faith-life (Patrick); every teacher in their own way had influenced his faith life (Ben); Fr. Bauman showed that religion can also be fun (Nick); Fr. Talbot's Friday Mass homilies were good and they sometimes offered a different perspective on life (Maddie, Kennedy, and Ben); Fr. Talbot being a wonderful example of our Faith (Ava); being able to go to Fr. Talbot for confession and feeling comfortable because they know each other (Thomas); appreciating Fr. Talbot's encouragement to live a more faithful and dedicated life to God as she grows older (Sophie); the service project Feed My Starving Children in Mrs. Cox's class (Hannah and Patrick).

## "Set out each day believing in your dreams."

Josh Hinds, author, speaker

The Class of 2014 shares the people and activities that helped them academically: Principal Gallivan's science class during 7th grade and the dissection of sheep hearts and chicken wings (Brooke, Kennedy, Jake, Thomas, Taylor, Nick, and Anna) (Sophie became interested in the medical field and, perhaps, becoming a surgeon and Patrick's interest in engineering was also sparked); Mrs. Cox's help in math and biology (Maddie and Patrick) (Rachel's now interested in becoming a doctor); Mrs. Bishop taught good note-taking skills (Kennedy and Anna) and a better understanding of history (Kennedy and Lillian); Mrs. Hirsch's chemistry class helped academically (Patrick); Mrs. Krenz and Ms. Buethe helped them improve their writing and literary skills, challenging them and enhancing their love of reading and writing (Lillian and Ava); Mrs. Maloy and Mrs. Schumacher were fantastic teachers (Ava); Elena, Maddie G., Emily, Bianca, Hannah, and Calista appreciated all their teachers' efforts, with Emily and Calista adding they have helped them become better students; Hannah's interest in teaching as a profession was sparked.

Some other special memories from students include: throwing eggs in parachutes with Mr. Gallivan (Sophie); digging out rocks with paperclips during recess in 5th grade (Elena); Middle School dances, Fall Festival and programming Lego robots (Patrick); the "GB Leighton concert when I was pulled on stage to strum his guitar during a song and later found the pick I used on the baseball field after the stage clean up." (Thomas); the microwave caught on fire and Mrs. Fritz put it out (Lillian); the musical, Seussical, in the gym (Lillian); climbing the ropes in gym (Calista); getting off-topic in religion class and having a debate (Hannah). Field trips also had their interesting moments like with Mrs. Cibuzar's fifth grade class at Warner Nature Center when Rachel fell in a lake and then in eighth grade when Bianca fainted at the Cathedral during the rosary.



8th Graders relax after the **Spring Concert,** May 2014

Students from the Class of 2014 will attend at least nine different high schools. Bianca, Brooke, Maddie D., Maddie G., Patrick, Rachel and Sophie will be attending Totino-Grace; Anna, Thomas and Ben H. will be at St. Croix Preparatory Academy; Taylor, Nick, Emily, and Jake will be at White Bear Lake High School; Elena and Ava will attend Hill-Murray; Kennedy will be at Cretin-Derham; Lillian will attend the St. Paul Conservatory for the Performing Arts; Hannah will be at the Creative Arts High School; Ben R. will be going to Centennial and Calista will be at Mahtomedi.



## Congratulations!

St. Mary of the Lake School Class of 2014 at their Graduation Mass on Ascension Thursday, May 29, 2014.

Front Row: Thomas Walsh, Lillian Wenker, Maddie Glancey, Kennedy Spiering, Elena Hanggi, Sophie Palma, Hannah Feidt, Jake Horvath

Middle Row: Fr. Ralph Talbot, pastor, Bianca Passeretti, Emily Olson, Ben Racine, Anna Cusik, Ben Horgan, Calista McGauley, Maddie Doran

Back Row: Rachel Pederson, Taylor Nelson, Brooke Garber, Patrick Albrecht, Ava Krize, Nick Servatka, Mr. Patrick Gallivan, principal

Photo from Michael Shearen Photography, White Bear Lake

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## Class of 1984



## Class of 1984 Updates

MELISSA FRAZER MONTGOMERY '84 shared lots of fun memories in the Centennial Book (now in print and available for purchase). These are a few of them: being Miss Easton's (Mrs. Clauson) first kindergarten class at St. Mary's; bringing baby brother, Brian, to 1st grade 'show and tell'; 2nd grade with Mrs. Reardon and her cool little Pooh corner; totally enjoying 3rd grade with Mrs. Bennek; reading the 'Fudge' books in Mrs. Merritt's (Mrs. Beggin) class; hamster-ville in Ms. Leeder's 5th grade; Mrs. Fredericks' music class and running errands with Mrs. Peltier.

"After St. Mary's I attended Central Jr. High ...[and then graduated] from Hill Murray HS... I went to St. Scholastica for 2 years, then to St. Thomas to finish



Clockwise from top right: Melissa, Robbie, Katie, Emi, Ashley, and Rob.

my degree in K-12 Health education, living with Anne Fredericks '84 and Kim Fahnel '84 for 2 years. I got married to a sweet and lovely guy [Rob] in 1999, becoming a stepmom in the process to a then 10 year-old daughter, Ashley. In the last 15 years, I've become a special education teacher, had 3 more chillens (Robbie, Emi and Katie) and last August, became a Grammy to Ashley's daughter, Aria. We have also opened our home to a former student of mine, Lacey, who resides with us part-time...I am currently a domestic CEO and maternal ruler. I volunteer frequently at my church, St. Genevieve's in Centerville; and do consulting work/subbing in the ISD 12 (Centennial) School District. Our class of 1984 has had a few reunions and we keep in touch through FB and emails. Please join our FB group...feel free to link it to other alumni pages as well. Contact info: 180 Pine St., Lino Lakes, MN 55014, home #763-259-1886, cell #763-438-1664, email: missymelon82@hotmail.com"

### Messages and Memories from 1980s students:

CHRIS BOUCHEE '88 emailed his memories, "I remember the Challenger tragedy in 4th grade in Ms. Beggin's class. It was a sad day, but it taught me about perseverance in the long run. Also, playing 500, tackle football, hockey and all other games on the playground are a fond memories. Long live the class of '88!"

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"Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God." Ronald Reagan

40th President of the United States (1981–1989)

Row 1 (top), I-r: Mrs. Fredericks, teacher, Renee Brihn\*, Teresa Campbell\*, Troy Corbett, Mychelle DeVore, Molly Downs, Kimberly Fahnel

Row 2, I-r: Jeff Foshay, Melissa Frazer, Anne Fredericks, Billie Kay Frogner, Jaye Gill\*, Jacqueline Goulette, Karen Hancock

Row 3, I-r: Dana Hendrickson\*, Daniel Hinds, Joseph Huber, Meagan Kelly, Christopher Kirkevold, Bridget Lane\*, Amy Motschenbacher

Row 4, I-r: Jeffrey Murawski, Kelly Olson\*, Scott Pelzer, Christopher Perzichilli\*, Susan Pishko\*, Brian Sauve, Cari Tonkin\*

Bottom Row, I-r: Danny Wright, Barbara Zerwas, Mrs. Peltier, teacher aide

These students are also remembered as being classmates of the Class of 1984: Lisa Chartrand, Tim Hines\*, Meagan Hoyland\*, Joh Marois\*, Jennifer Pederson\*, Stephen Pleasants\*, Norine Selbitschka\*, Ted Selbitschka, and Sheri Shawbold\*.

The graduating class of 1984 had the following teachers during their years at St. Mary's: Mrs. Flaspeter (1st), Mrs. Reardon (2nd), Miss Osberg (Mrs. Bennek) (3rd), Mrs. Merrit (4th), Miss Leeder (5th), Mrs. Fredericks (6th), Miss Leibel (Mrs. Reibel) Phy. Ed., Mr. Monogue (principal, 1977-81), Mrs. Reardon (principal, 1981-1990).

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### Class of 1984 in the 2nd grade

Row 1 (top), I-r: Renee Brihn\*, Teresa Campbell\*, Lisa Chartrand, Troy Corbett

Row 2, I-r: Paul DeVora, Molly Downs, Melissa Frazer, Anne Fredericks,

Row 3, I-r: Kimberly Fahnel, Billie Kay Frogner, Karen Hancock, Daniel Hinds

Row 4, I-r: Timothy Hines, Joseph Huber, Meagan Hoyland, Christopher Kirkevold

Row 5, I-r: Jon Marois, Jeffrey Murawski, Kelly Olson\*, Jennifer Pedersen

Row 6, I-r: Scott Pelzer, Christopher Perzichilli\*, Susan Pishko\*, Stephen **Pleasants** 

Row 7, I-r: Brian Sauve, Noreena Selbitschka. Theodore Selbitschka, Sherri Shawbold

Bottom Row, I-r: Danny Wright, Barbara Zerwas, Ms. Marcia Reardon (teacher)

Not pictured: Donna (Peachy) Hall (teacher's

1979-1980 Memory Book photo from the Parish Archives

# Class of 1994 (6th graders) Updates



**Deanna LaValle** 

DEANNA LAVALLE, '94 writes memories, "I remember, hatching chicks and making up a multi-dimensional booklet describing the process. Ahhh....the wonder of childhood." Deanna attended the Holy Family Middle School (7th), St. Agnes High School (8- 12th), College of St. Catherine 2000-2004 (ASL), and the University of St. Thomas (Catholic Studies). She hand-makes certain church linens (www. stjosephspalls.blogspot.com) and sometimes teaches the lacemaking and embroidery involved in that. She enjoys living with her 91-year-old grandmother and also teaches French

and various subjects to homeschoolers. In addition, she is a personal care attendant. Deanna is single and has no children, her special interests are singing, choir, family, walking and jogging. Contact information: deannalavalle@gmail.com and tel. # 917-837-6119.

TAYLOR HILKER STARKMAN '94, remembers, "Going up to ELC as a class in 5th grade and going through all the fun team building exercises/learning about the environment. I attended Minnehaha Academy and the College of St. Benedict/St. John's University and earned a BA in Psychology. In 2005 (to present) began working for Medtronic (Sr. Pricing & Contract Analyst in CVG Sales Finance). My husband, Sam Starkman, and I were married on September 21st, 2013 and are expecting our first child in November, 2014. My special interests include Jewelry Designer on the side, Soccer/ Hockey, and our yellow lab, Layla." Contact information: Email - thstarkman@hotmail.com. White Bear Lake



Sam and Taylor Starkman on their wedding day

JOHN CHEREK '94, writes memories of, "Taste Tests, the Red Room, Prison Ball, Current Events, Field Days, Creative Expressions, "Valour", Patrols, E.L.C., Jump Rope for Heart, ... and much more, Mrs. Whitehills Question Box: "What is a google?"! John



**Helen Lidewij Cherek** 

received a BA in Psychology from Seattle University (2004),and MS in Political John and Martina Science from



the University of Amsterdam (2009). He is a social worker. John and his partner, Martina Kolvenbach, have one daughter, Helen Lidewij Cherek, born 21st January 2014. Special interests include bicycling, cooking, traveling, and reading." Contact information: Chassestraat 20-3, 1057JE, Amsterdam, The Netherlands – Email-johncherek@ gmail.com. Amsterdam, The Netherlands



**Amanda and Dan** 

with "Mrs." and a drawing of a little hill: memories of that year always seem to bring a smile to my face. And then of course, there's Father Willis roller skating with all of us at Saints North skating rink... and the elaborate "tire" playground.

I live in Mahtomedi with my wife, Amanda, and three kids, Cicely (8), Tegan (4) and Miles (2). I work for an educational publishing company and am very active on

DAN EVANS '94 emailed "Some of my fondest memories of St. Mary's are from Mrs. Whitehill's second grade class. From the pillow-filled "reading bathtub," to walking through the halls singing in double-file lines, to the way Mrs. Whitehill signed her name



Cicely, Miles and Tegan

the board of a local school. The rest of my time is spent at home with the family and working on projects around the house.

It is hard to believe we graduated from St. M's 20 years ago!! I feel fortunate to be a part of its history." Mahtomedi, MN

ANNIE PETERS GISCH '94 emailed "I have so many great memories from attending St. Mary's. Some of my favorite times were; reading in the bathtub in Mrs. Whitehill's class, celebrating 100 day, getting chosen to play Mary in the Christmas program, choir concerts, the tight rope walk during our 5th grade trip to Wolf Ridge (I am still afraid of heights), hot lunch Friday's, Irish dancing in 3rd grade and renting a limo for our 6th grade graduation. In 2005 I graduated from The College of St. Catherine with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. In 2006 I married Mike Gisch



Mike and Annie

(class of 92). We lived in St. Paul and from there moved to Green Bay, WI, Chicago, IL and most recently split our time between Door County, WI for Mike's work and Columbus, OH for mine. In my free time when I am not traveling and spending time with family I love to get out on the water boating, relax by the pool, play golf and go running. Contact Info: 612-986-2105, annie.gisch@gmail.com Columbus, OH

## More from the 90s



Class of 1994 performing as first or second graders in the Christmas program -Front Row (L-R): Meghan Riley, John Cherek, Brianna Carter, Dan Evans, Dan Brinker, Jessica Steinhoff, Ryan Morse, Chris Lagos, Jackie Bothman, Luke Kohler, **Bill Bell** 

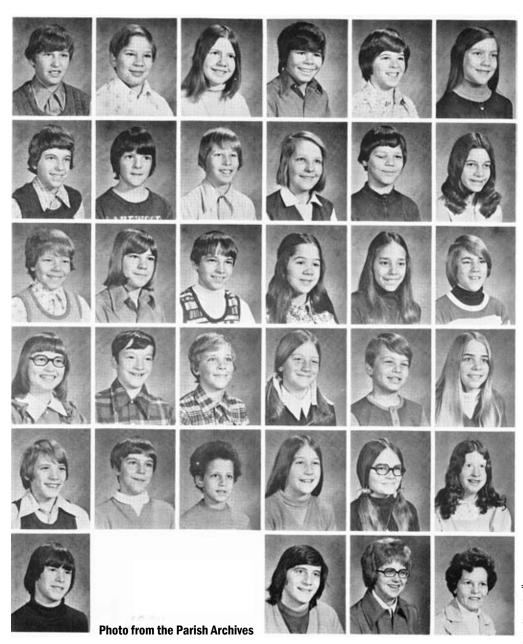


Getting ready to walk (or 'blade') in the 1994 Manitou Day Parade (I-r): Joe Peters, Jordan Vadnais, Patrick Thompson, Annie Peters, Andrea, Dan and Joe Evans with Victoria Nelson

"Hold onto your friends with both hands." African proverb

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## Class of 1974



## Class of 1974 Updates

STEVE FROGNERwrote that he graduated from White Bear High School, is married to wife, Janine and they have three children, Jill, Brad and Brian. Contact information: 14091 Fountain Ave. N., Hugo, MN 55038, Tele: 651-429-6231.

MARY BANKEN KUEHN shares that "Living so close to the church, school and convent, St. Mary's was part of our everyday life. Father Finn would stop by for tea. Father Siebenaler would play guitar on our patio. My most vivid memory however (being only 3 years old, I'm repeating the story as I've been



Eric, Steve, Mary and David Kuehn

told) was when my parents were attending an event with my oldest sibling and a sitter was hired. The severe storm sirens went off warning us that strong storms were approaching. Our sitter wanted to go home to be with her parents. Our neighbor, Mr. Auger was called in to cover until the

replacements arrived. The cavalry came in the form of two dressed to the hilt Sisters from the convent. Can you imagine? Two Sisters in full 'habits' rushing through our front door to stay with us until our parents returned home. It was impressive!!! The storms passed and before our parents arrived the Sisters made the lumpiest malts ever.

After working almost half my life assisting homeless children and their parents "build strong foundations they need to emerge from homelessness into a brighter future" at a local non-profit, I very recently took a leap and began working with the MN Office of Economic Opportunity. Looking out my office window I see the downtown St. Paul skyline versus working in my basement. I enjoy lunch with my brother, Joe, who works on the third floor and I on the fourth.

My husband, Steve, was not baptized Catholic but he admires the traditions and the sacraments that we have received through our faith. Funny how as children we take what we live for granted and it isn't until we mature that we "get it".

**Top Row, I-r:** Rick Dimmerman, Ken Flater, Marlene Stafki, Marty Devora, Greg Auger, Michelle Kaml

**Row 2, I-r:** Todd Muellner, Jacque Batroot, Tom Auger, Ann Schoeller, Myron Anderson, Sally Reif

**Row 3, I-r:** Warren Bauerfield, Steve Frogner, Denis Knapp, Cindy Nalipinski, Chris Voda, Paul Leonhart

**Row 4, I-r:** Mary Banken, David Cardinal, David Auger, Connie Schwalbach, Jeff Wensman, Jean Kohler

**Row 5, I-r:** Lance LeMay, Jay Olsen, Mark Molitor, Cara McNeely, Therese Frazer, Melissa Casey

**Bottom Row, I-r:** Steve Ayde, Mr. Jay Friendshuh (teacher), Mrs. Yvonne McComber (teacher), Mrs. Lorraine Peltier (aide)

These students are also remembered as being classmates with the Class of 1974: Marilyn Ayde, Jon Bibeau, Janice Blumenthal, John Blumenthal, Ed Brinker, Ann Brisson, Pam Cardinal, Mary Clemonson, Pat Collette, Peggy Dellwo, Guy Donnelly, Lisa Erhardt, Karls Frogner, Jeff Goulette, Jackie Hall, James Hurt, Jerry Jacques, Lora Karp, Bret Kostuch, Mark LeMay, James LeTourneau, Bernie LeVasseur, Beverly Lowell, Jay Lyons, Steve Moga, Bunny Oaks, William Olson, Margurite Rainer, Wanda Wittkop, William Wunderlich.

The class of 1974 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), Mrs. Joan Hutchings (3rd grade), Mrs. Georgia Wulf (3rd grade), 4th, 5th, 6th grade teaching team: Sister Jeanne, Sister Lucy, Sister Barbara, Mrs. Beth MacDonald, Mr. Donald Skrypek, Miss Lorraine Baxter, Miss Deborah Brennan, Mrs. Joan Schulstad, Mrs. Joan Ryan, Mrs. Yvonne McComber; Mrs. Mary Alvey (art), Sister Kathleen (music), Mrs. Soukup (music), Mr. Lloyd Schroeder (physical education), Sister Joan (principal).

## The 1973-74 student population was 212 (grades 1 through 6).

Our sons David and Eric attended St. Pius X and Holy Family Middle School and graduated from Hill-Murray High School. Steve and I reside in White Bear Lake, half way between Steve's childhood home and my childhood home. Most of the time we can be found in our backyard enjoying what God has blessed us, hanging out with friends/neighbors and family. My parents still live in the house - I love the feeling I have when I'm in the "shadow" of the church. It is a feeling of love, protection and camaraderie, of being with people who share the same faith. I'm thankful every day for the life that I've been given, and the life that Jesus gave to save me. Returning to my parents' home, attending Mass at St. Mary's is a true blessing".

JAY T. LYONS shared memories in the Centennial book which is now available. These are a few of them: "Being encouraged to read in 2nd grade by Mrs. Casey (which has served me very well in my professional life; guitar lessons from Sister Kathleen; the good feeling of getting congratulatory slaps on the back from the older boys after winning a spelling bee.

MARILYN AYDE NELSON remembers "Sister



Marilyn and husband, Howard

Anne, our second grade teacher, always went out of her way to help those who needed extra help. She spent lots of one on one personal time with me even to the point of taking me into her home after school hours to continue my studies, she was a real sweetheart." Contact in formation



Marilyn and granddaughter, McKenna



Husband (Howard) and grand-daughters, Kenna on left and Alyssa in the middle

roselady2@aol.com

### Message from 1970s student:

DEBBIE ANDERSON BARTLETT '76 "Keep up the nice work with the Newsletter!!"

## Class of 1964



The class of 1964 had the following teachers during their years at St. Mary's: Sister Mariella (1st grade), Sister Margaret (Mary Fabian) (1st grade), Sister Antionette (2nd grade), Sister Terence (2nd grade), Sister Joseph Louise (3rd grade), Mrs. Loretta Casey (3rd grade), Mrs. Julia Elliott (4th grade), Mrs. Mabel Cournoyer (4th grade), Mrs. Catherine Lamson (5th grade), Miss Jean Durand (5th grade), Mrs. Mary Rademacher (6th grade), Sister Mark (6th grade), Sister Catherine Marie (7th grade), Mr. Higgins (7th grade), Sister Justin (8th grade and principal).

**Top Row, I-r:** John Twohy, Janine McKenzie, \_\_\_\_, Jane Urban, Mike Frazer, Aurelia Beaudreau, Karen Grieman, DuffMiller, TomZellmer, \_\_\_\_, Gerry Urban

**Row 2, I-r:** Roxanne Casper, Mike Vilandrer, Vicki Peterson, JimFlaspeter, Karen Vadnais, TomGallay, Charlene Carpentier, DougOaks, \_\_ \_\_, Pat Macalus, \_\_ \_\_

**Row 3**, I-r: \_\_\_\_\_, Sally Buchan, Tom Woerhle, Judy Leick, Tom Purcell, \_\_\_\_, Jim Lane, Paula Tessier

**Row 4, I-r:** Sue Decoursey, Joe Kalisch, Jane Letourneau, Dan Korolchuk, \_\_ \_, Mike Holbach, Judy Mingo, Steve Gavin, Sue Buessler, Dan Adrian, Maureen Allen

**Row 5, I-r:** Mike Sheehan, Sandy Winkler, Harry Zemke, Mary Howard, \_\_\_\_, Teresa Parenteau, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_, Joe Goetz, \_\_\_\_, Robert Berrisford, Marion Manship, \_\_\_\_

Row 6, I-r: Mary Martin, \_\_\_\_, Jim Flater, Patty Gruber, Mary Kay Wyland, \_\_\_\_, DeAnn Hesse, Ken Kostuch, Mary Cleary, Dennis Spermbauer, Ramona Buhl, Peggy O'Neil, Jim Jacques

**Bottom Row, I-r:** Stan Gadbois, Jeanette Brinker, Mike Houliston, Jane Gallivan, Sandy Cartier, Mike Kalisch, Judy Doyle, Karen Ciernia, Mike Hayes, Linda Blackwelder, \_\_\_\_\_

These students are also remembered as being classmates with the Class of 1964: Sharon Arcand, Glen Bennett, Jake Cassiday, Cindy Dornfeld, Bob Hess, Linda Maurizi, Kathleen Vanderwyst, Marion Welter

The 1963-64 student population was 700.

## Class of 1964 Updates

ROBERT BERRISFORD '64 writes, "I recall the shocking announcement of JFK's shooting while sitting in Sr. Justin's classroom in Nov. '63. I biked to and from St. Mary's to our home on 10th Street (by Jantzen's Motel), up hill both directions, of course! I graduated from WB High School in 1968 and received a BS degree in Forestry in 1972 from the U of MN. I was employed with the USDA Forest Service for 33 yrs. and retired in Jan. 2006. My wife, Karen M. Berrisford, and I have been married since 1975. We have two children, Anne Josephson (Mpls) and Tom Berrisford (Duluth), and, 5 grandchildren, Ryan and Sam Josephson; Max, Vivian and Eli Berrisford. I enjoy time at our lake cabin just north of Duluth, and countless hours fishing in both winter and summer." Contact information: 3303 Medin Road, and Email: walleyebob19@ yahoo.com.

PAULA TESSIER DELLIS '64 sends her memories of "Sister Mary Ellen having us be pen-pals with a class in Grand Forks, ND. I went to visit my pen-pal in the summer! [I] had a great education at St. Mary's and am appreciative, as an adult, of the importance of respect for elders." Paula is now a retired RN having worked 40 years at the same hospital. She volunteered for many years for the American Cancer Society. Paula's husband died in 1986. She loves travel and reading! Contact information: Email – ppdminn@centurylink.net .

Karen Vadnais - First Holy Communion

KAREN VADNAIS HANSEN '64 writes "Those were the 'good old days' TRULY! I remember walking home at lunch time, being a crossing guard, Mrs. Lamson, Sr. Justin, having a crush on Gerald Urban, piano recitals in the gym (my sisters). I was in 8th grade where we heard that President Kennedy died. I remember dear Fr. Finn and Fr. Reiser. I attended Archbishop Murray, and worked for the Diocese of LaCrosse (WI) and UW-LaCrosse for 21 years. My husband, Allan Hansen and I have 3 children, Eric, Brian & Kevin and 8 grandchildren. Now that I'm retired, my special interests include

Karen Vadnais family - I-r: Jerry '53, Susan '60, Frances "Fran" '26, George '27, Karen '64 and Terry '56

catching up on reading and spending time with family and friends. I spent three wonderful weeks in Ireland ... hope to return!" Contact information: N336 Vanity Dr., Stoddard, WI 54658, Tele:608-788-0770. Stoddard, WI





The Hansen family

MICHAEL HOLBACH '64 writes "I remember Sr. Mark and Mr. Higgins as positive influences – and Sr. Catherine Marie. It was nice to have a male teacher like Mr. Higgins. Education includes a BA (English) from St. John's University, MA (Education) from College of St. Thomas, MA (Counseling) from University of Wisconsin – River Falls. Employment career as English teacher at Hill Murray H.S. (1980-1990), Counselor at St. Paul Sibley H.S. (1990-2000), Counselor at Edina H.S. (2000-2012), and retired 2012. Married, wife Mary Holbach, in 1996, who was a nurse assistant at St. John's Hospital, she was also,

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### 1964 Updates (cont.)



Mary, Mike and Katie Barron Holbach

the State Girls Soccer Champion in 1997. My step-daughter is Kathryn Barron who has a BA from U.M. Morris, and is currently at the William Mitchel Law School. Special interests

are golf, fishing and time at our cabin in Wisconsin." Contact information: 4147 Columbine Ct., Vadnais Hgts., MN 55127, Email- mikholbach@gmail. com. *Vadnais Heights, MN* 

DAN KOROLCHUK, '64 writes his memories of "Good friends, Tom Galley and John Twohy; favorite teacher was Sr. Mark; memories serving for Fr. Finn, altar boy picnics, working at LeVasseur's grocery store across Bald Eagle Avenue from school and many memories of Fr. Reiser. I have a BS in Physics from the U of MN, MS in Business Administration from Boston University. Employment consisted of the U.S. Army, Control Data, Perkin-Elmer, Physical Electronics, Applied Vacum Technology and I will be retired effective May 1st, 2014. Military Service was with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and retired as a Captain." Dan and his wife, Debbie have 3 sons, Nick, Matthew and Jason. Special interests are motorcycles, cosmology and mathematics. Contact information: Email: korolchukdan@gmail.com.

TOM PURCELL '64 writes his memories of "Father Finn's reaction when I rang the Communion bells at the wrong time; the altar boy picnics to Excelsior Park with Father Reiser; John Twohy, my classmate who so patiently taught me enough Latin so I could be an altar boy; Sister Marie Odile, my favorite teacher; walking in a procession from school to church for the Stations of the Cross; playing baseball and hockey and being so proud of our uniforms: St. Mary Saints; the day JFK was shot and killed, how our teacher talked to us; being a police boy and wearing our badge; everyone wearing our uniforms to school which made us all feel equal; being so fortunate to attend St. Mary's for 8 years. What a tremendous foundation both spiritually and academically. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You."

"God sends each person into the world with a special message to deliver, with a special song to sing for others.

With a special act of love to bestow.

No one else can speak your message, or sing your song, or offer your act of love."

John Powell



About half of the class of 1964 in Sister Catherine Marie's sixth grade classroom

**Photo from Judith Leick** 

### Messages and Memories from 1960s students:

JENNIFER BATROOT '60 emailed "I'm a chaplain at Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs, CA. We are the only trauma facility in southeastern California.

I have an undergraduate degree in Community Health and a Masters of Health Education from Minnesota State U in Mankato. I hope to visit MN this summer. I have a couple in my exercise class from North St. Paul. It is a small world."



JAMES J. BLUMENTHAL '68 "Married; 3 boys and 1 girl; 4 grandchildren; retired 2006."

NANETTE DIMMERMAN HOFFMAN '67 emailed "My favorite St. Mary of the Lake memories: Each morning I'd arrive at the school playground, and play until Sr. Justin (later, Sr. Donald) would ring the handbell the first time, indicating that we were to immediately stop our activity. The second time the bell would ring, we were to line up, by class, to begin entering the school. Once our coats were put away in the cloak-room, and books were put away in our desks, we recited the 'Pledge of Allegiance' and the 'Morning Prayer'.

I was always excited when all the class levels walked, two by two, from the school to the church, for Holy Days, First Fridays, Stations, and Confession. We filed into the church, and were seated by grades, with the first graders up front. I loved the 'old' church, with the huge, wooden front doors, the chapel, and all the stained-glass windows, and will always hold that in my memory. I will never forget walking up the creaking steps to the choir loft, to sing at the 6:00 a.m. Mass, on Easter Morning. The sunrise began to shine through the stained-glass window, while we sang 'Jesus Christ Is Risen Today' and 'Ye Sons and Daughters of the Lord', while Mr. Auger played the pipe organ. Mass would not be complete until we sang Fr. Finn's recessional song, 'Holy God, We Praise Thy Name'. It was a very special time which cemented my deeply-rooted faith.

I remained a competitive athlete throughout my school days and into adulthood.

I often wished I could go back to tell my teachers 'Thank You'.

These are the teachers I had from 1959 to 1967: Sr. Avita (1), Sr. Mary Gregory (2), Sr. Paul Anthony (3), Mrs. Conoyer (4), Mrs. Lamson (5), Mrs. Rademacher (6), Mr. McAlpine (music), Sr. Catherine Marie (7), Sr. Raphael (8), and Miss Durand (Phy.Ed.).

WILLIAM L. ZEMKE "BILL" '60 shared his memories of, "60 kids in a classroom;...running and playing games in the "stickers" on the playground; walking home for lunch and watching "Amos and Andy"; Father Finn and Father Reiser reading our report cards in front of the class; bringing a little bottle of blackberry brandy to class for my asthma."

## Class of 1954



**Photo from the Parish Archives** 

These students are also remembered as being classmates with the Class of 1954: Larry Christianson, Kathleen Gallivan, Beth Masters.

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. Feel free to 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 and an alum will be in touch with you. Thank you.

## The class of 1954 had the following teachers during their years at St. Mary's:

Sister Georgina (1st grade), Sister Peter Eymard (2nd grade), Sister Mary Patrick (3rd grade), Sister Electa (4th grade), Sister Adalia (5th grade), Mrs. Pabst (6th grade), Sister Maria (6th grade), Sister Veronica (7th grade), Sister Lucile (7th grade), Sister Francis Regis (8th grade), Sister St. Barbara (principal).

#### The 1953-54 student population was 584.

### **Graduating Class of 1954**

Front Row (L-R): Father Nicholas Finn, William O'Donnell, Joyce Arcand, Charlene Cartier, Nancy Olson, Robert Olsen, Jeannine Cartier, Kenneth LeTourneau, Joyce Kostuch, Wayne Thein, Darlene Larson, Thomas O'Gorman, Judy Masters, Mary Alice Bibeau, Richard Penny, Louella Brisson, Robert Wyne, Shirley Maloney, Linda Nelsen, Donna Joy

**Second Row (L-R):** Gary Bibeau, Patricia Delehanty, Eugene Flowers, Barbara Niemic, James Brown, Roberta Herbert, Francis Tessier, Patricia Ratte´, Harold Toland, Mary Jo Stanton, Robert Goff, Kathleen Mullin, Kathleen Neuman, Theodore Rude, Elaine Halvorsen

Third Row (L-R): Gloria Nordstrom, Roger Leick, Margaret Trettel, David Mample, Geraldine Powers, Michael Buhl, Jane Anne Matschke, Roger Perron, Jean Diltz, Donald Richter, Mary Jane Lee, Larry Callahan, Geraldine Leick, Craig Vollhaber

Back Row (L-R): Eugene Ritchie, Jack Diltz, Robert Woog, Ronald Arcand, Mick Roberts, Jim Maloney, Thomas Fisher, Theodore Zehnpfennig

## Class of 1954 Updates

JEANINNE CARTIER BEDEN '54, emailed memories of, "Sister Francis Regis eighth grade math and grammar - she really was a special teacher. She even coerced Father Finn to allow our class to use the NEW gym for square dancing class with Mr. Brown as caller. She was a great teacher and friend. I attended Rockford College in Rockford, Illinois and worked at the Chicago Heart Association, Cook County Hospital, Chicago and Children's Hospital in Boston where I was program coordinator for the New England Regional Infant Cardiac Program. I am active at St. Ann Catholic Church in Colonial Heights, Virginia. I am a member of Altar and Arts, The Martha's and former Regent of the Catholic Daughters of the America's, Court Regina Coeli. I was also the 19th District Governor of Quota International for Virginia and North Carolina. Quota is an International organization helping the deaf and disadvantaged women and children. I was also a member of the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Advisory Committee for Virginia. I am active at the local YMCA, on the social committee for the H2O Kids!! And enjoy painting --acrylics and watercolor. My husband and I enjoy traveling as well." Email: jeaninne87@verizon.net Colonial Heights, Virginia

JEAN ELIZABETH DILTZ BODESHEIMER shares her memories: "The only teacher I remember is Sister Francis Regis. She was a very strict teacher but one of the best. The usual things on the playground were jumping rope, playing with marbles and jacks. I was a crossing guard, so I thought I was pretty important. In eighth grade I worked in the library. One of my fondest memories was singing in the church choir. I'm not much of a singer, but amongst all the other kids, no one noticed."

MICHAEL BUHL '54,writes, "I am a graduate of Dunwoody Printing and have worked for 45 years in the printing industry. I spent 2 years active duty at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. My wife JoAnn (Houle) Buhl and I have two sons, John (1964) and Mark (1968). Special interest is "Old Cars".

BOB GOFF '54, writes memories of, "Sister Francis Regis as a good teacher, but a constant disciplinarian – she seemed obsessed with sentence structure. I was often the first one she questioned, or, maybe it was because I sat in the front row and in close proximity. Good memories of recess and playing pump-pump-pull-away with the boys, until I woke up to the virtues of girls and their presence in eighth grade!"

KATHY MULLIN HOLT '54, emails, "I have many happy memories of my few years at St. Marys. The teachers and students were very kind to me. My Faith was deepened and nourished there. The availability of the church being so close to the school made me want to live near a church as an adult. Grammar being so important to Sister Francis Regis and me, I was able to take a test and omit the class as a freshman at St. Joseph's Academy."

LINDA NELSEN HURT '54 writes her memories: "Remembering my years at St. Mary's how could I ever forget Sister Francis Regis. English and math were pretty much what we did in her class. First Fridays and the hot breakfast mothers would make in the school after Mass. Stations of the Cross, Latin Mass, singing Latin hymns in the choir.

BETH MASTERS KAMRATH '54 classmate writes, "After high school took 6 months of nursing. Retired at 62 years from Our Lady of Good Counsel's Dietary Dept. and cooked at other places, too ... Headstart for one. I am an active member of St. Bernards Catholic Church, my husband Bob Kamrath and I have four children, Barb. Mark, Patrick and Kelly, 8 grandkids and 2 great-grands. My special interests include crocheting and church volunteering, packing food for (Feed My Starving Children), making quilts for nursing homes and hospitals." [Ed. note: Beth recently experienced a house fire in St. Paul. By August, she and Bob will be moving up to their home on Long Lake, MN.]

ROBERTA HERBERT LAVALLEY '54 shares: "Wonderful memories of 1st Holy Communion, walking behind Father Finn [from] school to church; the incredible job Sister Francis Regis did teaching us in eighth grade – made going

## 25 Year Service St. Mary of the Lake Alumni Award Recipient - C. Jane Jackson '42

In 1964, Father Nicholas Finn hired Jane as the parish secretary. The job was typical secretarial work: typing, bookkeeping, record keeping, telephone and doorbell answering, and a few extras like chauffeuring Fr. Finn to appointments, making coffee, and later in her employment preparing meals for the priests when Elizabeth (the housekeeper) retired.



C. JANE JACKSON AND FATHER RALPH TALBOT

**Photos from Sandy** 

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For the 100th Anniversary of St. Mary of the Lake Church (1981), Jane organized a 1500 coffee mug fundraiser. By 1989 the school was preparing to celebrate its 75th Anniversary. Principal Marcia Reardon, teaching assistant Lorraine Peltier, and other organizers felt this would be an opportune time for the school to reconnect with the 75 years of alumni. The first Alumni Task Force meeting took place on August 21, 1989. In attendance were Marcia Reardon (chair), Bernice Auger (co-chair), Catherine Dorr, Gerry Ginter, Mary Beth Jambor, Lorraine Peltier, Marilyn Sklar, Elaine Weichman and Jane.

It was during these early Task Force meetings that the committee appointed Jane the official St. Mary of the Lake Parish historian which was later confirmed by the Parish Council. Jane's starter set source of information from the parish was a portable file box belonging to Father Fahey and a small leather satchel belonging to Father Finn. Both contained valuable parish information, including the ledger books and blueprints belonging to her grandfather, William Jackson, who was the general contractor for the original school building.

Jane has said she 'was born with a camera in my hand', so over the years she has taken thousands of pictures of parish life from baptisms to funerals and everything in between.

As St. Mary of the Lake School arrives at its Centennial doorstep, the Alumni Association Board decided it was the perfect time to honor C. Jane Jackson, parish historian, for her many years of service to the school and parish.

On January 30th, 2014 at the annual Catholic Schools Week Mass, Fr. Ralph Talbot, pastor, and Mr. Patrick Gallivan, principal, presented Jane with a special 25 Year Service Alumni Award. Annual activities, special Masses, celebrations and the alumni newsletters were greatly enhanced with the parish artifacts, articles and pictures that Jane made available.

Jane thanks God for allowing her to do the historical work which she so much enjoys and we thank Jane with this inscription:

C. Jane Jackson '42 - Parish Historian In recognition for over 25 years of devoted service to the gathering and preservation of the history of the St. Mary of the Lake Church and School. With Sincere Gratitude from the St. Mary of the Lake Alumni Association.

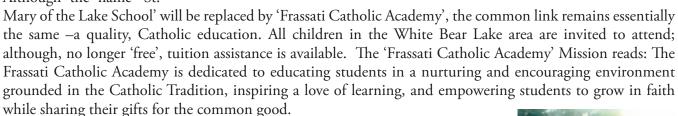
## A new look at Catholic Education in White Bear Lake

The final day of St. Mary of the Lake School came on Thursday, June 5, 2014 and the first day of Frassati Catholic Academy (the new White Bear Lake Area Catholic School) will be Tuesday, September 2, 2014, exactly 6 days shy of 100

years since the opening

of St. Mary of the Lake School on September 8, 1914.

Although the name 'St.



On June 9, 2014 the staff\* of Frassati Catholic Academy assembled for the first in a series of three graduate courses. The first course is Engineering and Mathematics, in a STEM certificate sponsored by St. Catherine University-National Center for Elementary STEM Education. The new staff met onsite at Frassati Catholic Academy (located at St. Mary of the Lake Parish Life Center, which formerly housed our school) for forty hours of rigorous coursework, kicking off the

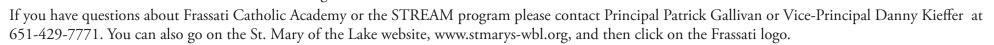
implementation of the STREAM (Science-Technology-Religion-Art-Math) model at Frassati Catholic Academy

Staff executed experiments such as the 'Disaster Relief Drop" (with tiny parachutes) and the 'Paper Helicopter Experiment' (using pieces of paper with paper-clips) from the school's roof-top. As one teacher said, "They [the experiments] were both a hoot! [Which will surely means the experiments will be exciting for the students!]

St. Mary of the Lake Alumni Association wishes the new Catholic School the very best and will keep alumni students and staff apprised of its progress as the years go by.

> You are invited to attend the Open House on August 28, 2014, 3:30 - 4:30 for Kindergarten Kick-off & Pre-school Peek 4:30 - 6:00 1st through 8th Grade Overview

DURING THE WBL MARKESTFEST, JOANIE AND MADDIE (St. PIUS X PARISHIONERS) HELPED PROMOTE FRASSATI CATHOLIC ACADEMY BY DEMONSTRATING FUN SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS





# ST. MARY OF THE LAKE SCHOOL COME JOIN

As we conclude our 100th year of St. Mary of the Lake School please join us:

Saturday August 16 from 6 PM until 10 PM at the Parish Life Center when fellow alumni, parishioners, and friends will gather for St. Mary's Summer Concert at the Parish Life Center. The ball field will be transformed into a fun-filled music festival with The Good, The Bad, and the Funky Band (6-10 PM). Tickets are \$10 each (14 and under are free); food and beverages will be available. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket. This family-friendly event is a fundraiser sponsored by the St. Mary's Maintenance Committee to help pay for church repairs and improvements.

Sunday August 17 at 11 AM at the Church to celebrate Mass and give thanks for 100 years of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic School in White Bear Lake. At the free Ice Cream Social after Mass there will ice cream from Culver's, a variety of toppings supplied by 'Cup and Cone', beverages, activities for the children like face painting and neon hair spraying and music through the ages by the Pat Moore Band and the Four Leaf Clover. Historic memorabilia will be on display; tours of the school/ Parish Life Center will be available; an opportunity to gather with alumni and former staff who shared their lives with us. ALL

**ACTIVITIES ARE FREE.** 



Honor the Past Inspire the Future Celebrating 100 Years 1914 - 2014



These are some of the folks who helped produce the Centennial Book and DVD:

Cynthia Vadnais '68 (chief editor)

Daryl Mortek (videographer), John Evans & Rebecca Eurioste (sound track)







Sara Markoe Hanson (Foreward & historical editor)

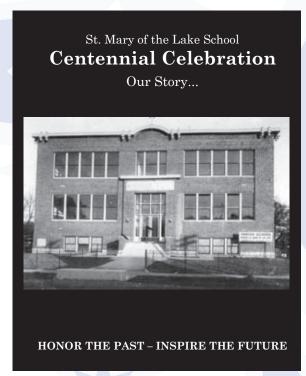
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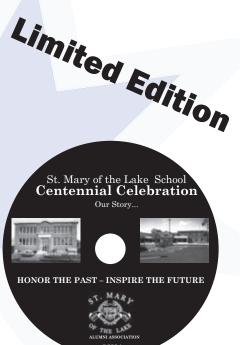






**The Pat Moore Band** 





## St. Mary of the Lake School Centennial Celebration Book & DVD

PURCHASE YOUR COPY of the "Limited Edition" St. Mary of the Lake School Centennial Book and DVD (\$40), shipping and handling \$5 per book/DVD.

Available for purchase at St. Mary of the Lake Parish Life Center (PLC). Contact Laurie Munns, 651-429-7771, at the PLC, or email contactus@stmarys-wbl.org, attn.: Centennial book/DVD, or send in the enclosed order form. Thank you!



Dan Downs '51



Mrs. Mary Miller Maloy, teacher 2001-13



**Andrea Hoyt '13 supports Cullen** Trobec '12 & Gina Jablonski '13 as they share St. Mary memories

Silvija Kancans '69









These are a few of the 70 alumni and former staff who have shared their memories on the recently released DVD which accompanies the 352-page Centennial book. Purchase this wonderful treasury of memories for only \$40 (Book/DVD)

Parenteau-**Kostuch Family:** Mike '61, Elizabeth '92, Carmen (1st gr.), **Christian (pre-K)** 

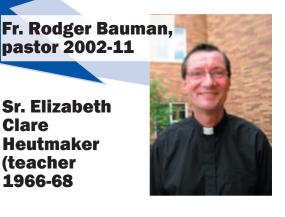


Jake Horvath '14 & Ben Horgan '14



pastor 2002-11

Sr. Elizabeth Clare Heutmaker (teacher 1966-68



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# 2014 St. Mary of the Lake School Friend's Award Teachers of the Century

At the 2014 Catholic Schools Mass the longest serving teachers of St. Mary's 100-year history were honored.

Mrs. Jeanne Osberg Bennek was hired as the third grade teacher in 1974. Mrs. Patty Easton Clauson has worked with the kindergarteners since she came on board in 1977 and Mrs. Sandy Leibel Reibel followed in 1979 as the Phy. Ed. teacher. Their combined years of service to St. Mary of the Lake School is 112 years!

During their combined century they married and had children who also attended St. Mary of the Lake School. Jeanne and Jerry Bennek raised Tom '94, Matt '98 and Annie '05. Patty and Dick Clauson had their son, Collin '01, and Sandy and Brent Reibel's family included Kelly '97, Katie '99 and Kylie.

Each of these teachers has experienced the many changes of the physical school plant through the '80s, '90s and 2000s. Pastors and principals have come and gone. They have worked with at least 60 other St. Mary's teachers at one time or another, and many more specialists and support staff. Individually they have impacted the lives of at least 1000 children. Their students have often been quoted as saying their favorite memory is reading *Charlotte's Web* in third grade, achieving the Presidential Fitness patch or Jump Rope for Heart in Phy. Ed. or having "Watermelon Day" in kindergarten.

## 'Thank You, Teachers, and Congratulations on this special 'Friends Award' to three of the best life-long friends the school has ever known!"

### Mrs. Jeanne Osberg Bennek (3rd grade)

"I graduated from the College of St. Benedict in 1974 with a major in elementary education and a minor in French. I have been at St. Mary's since the fall of 1974, and I just went to my 40th St. Ben's reunion. So it is easy to do the math - 40 wonderfulyears at St. Mary of the Lake School! The students, families, small family-





Ms. Jeanne Osberg Bennek - (1979-80) and currently

like atmosphere, my terrific colleagues, AND the opportunity to read Charlotte's Web to a new class of third graders in the fall have been a few of the many things that have kept me coming back each year.

My husband Jerry and I have three grown children who were each third grade students of mine. Tom is 33 and lives in Minneapolis; Matthew is 28 and lives in Shoreview; Annie is 23, a recent college graduate and is our lovely roommate at the present time.

Some of the good things in my life include reading, cooking and baking, gardening, walking, crafts, researching ways to become a better teacher, and spending time with family and friends."

### Mrs. Patty Easton Clauson (Kindergarten)

"I graduated from the College of St. Benedict in 1977 and began applying for teaching jobs in the public schools in the Twin Cities area. After getting only one call from Elk River, I went to the Catholic Education Center to look for openings

in the Catholic Elementary Schools. Ι found two part time jobs at St. Mary's, one a morning kindergarten position and teaching one physical education grades 1-6 in the





Mrs. Patty Easton Clauson - (1979-80) and currently

afternoon. I was so excited to get hired and begin my teaching career! I have loved teaching at St. Mary's for 37 years simply because of the amazing children and their families. Teaching in a faith-filled environment is a wonderful way to spend each work day. I have never really considered teaching anywhere else!

I live in a log home in Hugo with my husband, Richard. We have one son, Collin, who is a musician in the Chicago area. Dick also has two children who are married with two children each. We try to spend as much time as possible with our four grandchildren.

I love to ride my bike, swim, read, and spend time with friends and family. My husband and I enjoy cooking and being at home together. We love to travel and to watch all of the PBS mystery shows!"

### Mrs. Sandy Leibel Reibel (Physical Education)

I received my 2-year Liberal Arts degree in 1976 from Lakewood Community College, followed by my B.S. degree in 1979 from St. Cloud State in Physical Education K-12 with a recreation minor and a coaching emphasis. After a





Mrs. Sandy Leibel Reibel - (1979-80) and currently

summer teaching job in Mounds View, I was offered a position at St. Mary's as a PE specialist for the school year.

I remember walking into the gym and seeing a couple of mats, some gymnastic equipment, a few balls and jump ropes. I was very excited to improve the P.E. program. The gymnasium doubled as the lunch room and over-flow space for large funerals and other events. With P.E. right after lunch we had to be careful of a wet floor. With creativity and flexibility I could teach a 32-student P.E. class in a small classroom, if needed. When I compare my teaching circumstances then and now, I wonder how I ever did stay. But then I think of the many wonderful children and families I've worked with through the years and am very happy I never left. My goal is to have every student like coming to P.E. and want to be active.

During my 35 years at SMOL I got married to Brent and changed my name from Miss Leibel to Mrs. Reibel. I have three girls, Kelly (29), Katie (26), and Kylie (22). Kelly is married and works at MPC as an engineer; Katie is finishing up her doctorate as a Physical Therapist at Des Moines University; and Kylie is a Hair Stylist at Indulge Salon in White Bear Lake. No grandchildren, yet, but I'm looking forward to those days!

My family and I love to travel, go for boat rides, walks, and just be together. I have been at St. Mary of the Lake for over half of my life. I couldn't wish for a better place to have spent my career. Thank you SMOL students and families, you are the best!

## 2013-2014 Staff and Teacher pictures

## "A truly special teacher is very wise, and sees tomorrow in every child's eyes." Author Unknown



Mr. Patrick Gallivan (Principal/MS Science)



Mrs. Pat
Barry (Preteacher/Media
Specialist)



Mrs. Patty Easton Clauson (K)



Mrs. Dawn
Follmer (Pre/
teacher)



Ms. Ryeanna Raymond (2nd)



Mrs. Jeanne Osberg Bennek (3rd)



Mrs. Cathy Casey Olson (4th)



Ms. Elizabeth Sierminski (K)



Ms. Rachel Gilbert (1st)



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Ms. Melissa Capocasa (5th)



Ms. Patti Cibuzar (5th)



Ms. Brenda
Barrett
(MS Art/
Spanish)



Mrs. Teri Hirsch (7th/Science)



Mrs. Michelle Heinz (7th/MS Science)



Ms. Patsy Bishop (8th/ MS English/ Language Arts/ Religion/Social Studies)



Mrs. Sandy Leibel Reibel (Phy. Ed.)



Mrs. Barb Iannazzo (PreK-5 Spanish)



Ms. Beth Johnson (Band)



Mrs. Julie Orloske (Technology Coordinator/ TeachNer)



Mrs. Nancy Ciernia (Admin. Assistant)



Mrs. Ann Stelter (Food Services Director/Media Aide)



Mrs. Nicolette Olson (Extended Day Coordinator)



Mrs. Carolyn Messbarger (Health Aide)



Mrs. Laura Morris (Pre TA)



Mrs. Julie Forbord (Pre TA)



Mrs. Lisa Geotle (Pre TA)



Mrs. Kaye Schlager (Pre TA)



Mrs. Karen Stanko-Brogan (Educational Aide/5th)

NOT PICTURED: Mr. Judd Pederson (Athletic Director) Mrs. Molly Valentin (8th long-term sub.)

Ms. Doran (5th TA)



Ms Joy Wedan (TA)



Ms. Sara Mueller (1st TA)



Ms. Rebecca Jacobson (Music)



Ms. Claire Buethe (6th/MS English/ Language Arts/ Religion/Social Studies



Mr. Joe Iannazzo (Playground super.)

**Pictures from Lifetouch Studios** 

### (TA=teaching assistant, Pre=Pre School, MS=Middle School)



### Message from Alumni Teacher:

MARY BEGGIN TEACHER 1973 – 1998 "I loved my years of teaching at St. Mary's – wonderful memories, terrific students and lifelong friends."

"To teach is to touch a life forever"

Author Unknown

Current and former teachers and staff periodically gather to catch up on each other's lives. Pictured here are, I-r: Mary Beggin, Helen George, Marcia Reardon, Patty Clauson, Jeanne Bennek, Maggie Cords and Amy Smith

### 1954 Updates (cont.)

to the high school so much easier...she was probably my very favorite and best teacher." After White Bear HS, Roberta attended Winona State and the University of MN and had a career in sales. She's belonged to St. Pius X Church for 50 years, as well as, lived in the same house on the southside of White Bear Lake. Roberta has one son, twin daughters; nine grandchildren, ages 8-22; and one great grandson, age 3. She lives in WBL and spends her winters in Florida. Contact information: erlavalley@ yahoo.com

ROGER LEICK '54, writes memories of, "Intriguing stories read to our 6th grade class by Sr. Veronica and Sister Maria. Great recess activities: "Work-up" baseball games, pump-pump-pull-away games on the sticker infested playground. Staged "gang fights" with lots of pushing &

tripping and "pretend violence". When these events were witnessed by either the policeboys& police girls, or even the Nuns they were discouraged, of course. Education includes White Bear High School, College of St. Thomas, BA Degree in Sociology, Masters Degree in Teaching (St. Thomas). I am now retired, formerly taught Social Studies at Stillwater Public Schools (Oak-land Jr. High) for 26 years. No church affiliation, Military service, U.S. Navy on Active duty 1963-65 on USS Ranger Aircraft Carrier deployed off Coast of Vietnam. My wife, Yvonne and I have two children, Bridget, Yvette and 7 grand children. Special interests include golf, tennis, travel (USA, Europe, so far), Senior Classes @ U of M, Univ. of St. Thomas, Univ. of St. Catherine, Hamline, Macalester, reading, gardening, etc..." Contact information: 2161 Niles Ave., St. Paul, MN 55116, Tele#-(H)651-690-1160, Email- yvonneroger@comcast.net . St. Paul, MN



**Brothers Thomas and Paul** O'Gorman were altar boys during the 1950s

THOMAS O'GORMAN '54 writes memories, "Going to the convent to learn Latin needed to be an altar boy. I remember spending time with Gene Ritchie who had pugilistic tendencies, but kept peace on the playground with his just and well directed wrath. Yes, I'm still picking sandburs out of my skin from the playground field! Sister Francis Regis was my 8th grade teacher. She had a patient demeanor and was very good at what she chose to do. She was well seasoned and always seemed able to bring out the best in all of us. At the end of the year, additional help was given to those going on to Cretin High School. I

> National Guards for 8 years. I have been married to my childhood sweetheart, Patty Connolly '57, for 43 years. We have 5 daughters (Debbie, Michelle, Denise, Cassie & Annie) and, 2 sons (Tom & John). My special interests include Viticulture, Numismatics,

Ornithology,

attended Cretin High School, St. John's in Collegeville and U of M ext. and worked for Minnesota Mining @ Mfg. Co. (3M) for 33 years; I was in the



Patty '57 and Thomas '54 O'Gorman



RICHARD PENNEY '54, remembers, "Obtaining my education through 'National Geographic Magazine' in Sister St. Barbara's office! I went to college for 4 years, employment career has been in Prototype Engineering and Fabrication. Military Service was in the United States Navy from 1959-1964. I am divorced and have a son and daughter; special interests are in my Home Machine Shop." Contact information: Address – e5456 – 705th Ave., Menomonie, WI 54751. Menomonie, WI

CRAIG VOLLHABER '54, writes memories of, "Father Finn and Sister Francis Regis. Education includes Cretin High School and a BS – Mechanical Engineering from the University of Notre Dame. Retired owner SVL, Inc. Mechanical Equipment Business. My wife, Donna Herbert and I have three children, Todd, Vicki and Mary. My special interests are golf and world travel." Contact information: 17129 S.E. Limrick Ct., Tequesta, FL 33469, cell# 651-262-4870, email – craig@svl.com. Tequesta, FL

MARGARET TRETTEL '54 shares her memories of: "Sister Francis Regis tried to teach the kids responsibility. She would entrust kids with the key to lock and unlock the doors.

I loved school and credit my faith life and good education to St. Mary's. "

St. Mary of the Lake School was a Carpentier Family affair for many years! Jean '55 and Mary '51 are two of twelve children of Elsie and Telesphore '26 Carpentier. Antoinette '26 was Telesphore's sister.



Shown, I-r: Elsie Carpentier, Antoinette Carpentier Nolles '26, Jean Carpentier Olson '55 and Mary Carpentier Meysemberg '51

### Morning Pattern

Two by two black figures glided
From the convent, cross the street,
Down the walk and to the church
door

Daily on swift-moving feet.

Shawls about them in the winter,

Buckled

Dorothy Lange Ciernia, '31

## Did you know?

The Alumni Archives are a collection of historical photographs, documents and other significant memorabilia, managed for the Alumni Association, school and parish, by C. Jane Jackson '42. The archives help us to remember, celebrate, and tell our story. Donations of historical materials are always welcome and appreciated!



Photo from the Parish Archives

The Teaching Sisters at St. Mary of the Lake School – circa 1942

**Front Row I-r:** Sister Andrina Melusky, Sister Firmina Malone (principal), Sister Dorinda Hamill, Sister Elaine Meurer, Sister Georgina Thibodeau

**Back Row I-r:** Sister Myra Louise Gannon, Sister Jean Frances Honsay, Sister Ida (Adolpha) Schenher

**Richard Penny** is a scientist, and settled for life. **Nancy Olson** is his devoted wife. **Eugene Ritchie** chose a profession rough. He's boxing, which make any man tough.

**Robert Woog** has gone to the Far East grim. He's a missionary priest. God take care of him. **Michael Roberts**, we regret to say, in his youth did not walk the studious way. He has now become a Westerner rancher, where city dudes ride many a prance.

**Roger Perron** and his wife, **Lowella Brisson**, own a farm that's a dairy man's dream. They sell cheese, butter, milk, and cream.

**Dave Mample** is a comedian who lives near the track. He's always waiting for his jokes to crack.

**Joyce Arcand** owns two candy shops, and if it's sweets you want, here is tops. **Robert Herbert** some nurses does supervise. She walks around and looks so wise.

What happened to **Mary Jane Lee**, you say? After Wyne's early death, she pined away.

Sharlene Cartier, of the care-free life, has settled down as Eugene Flower's

Patricia Delehanty, as Sister Grace, has taken Mother St. Barbara's place.

Geraldine Leick is in dramatic art, in many places she takes part. Jean Diltz and Judy Masters are librarians now. Mary Jo Stanton runs a school that teaches gentlemen how to bow.

**Darlene Larson** has a beauty parlor along with **Geraldine Powers**. Before the mirror they spend long hours. Oil is the source of money in the pockets of **Wayne Thein**. He flies his private plane from line to line.

**Barbara Niemic** is a composer fine. She's writing poetry all the time. **Craig Vollhaber** is the governor of our state. **Robert Olson**, his chauffeur, thinks Craig is just great.

Margaret Trettel ia now a teacher of voice. None of us dreamed that would be her choice. Figure skating fans scream with delight when **Linda Nelsen**, the champion skates in to sight.

**Jean Ann Matschke** is an ambulance driver, and **Gloria Nordstrom** is a deep-sea diver.

## 1954 Updates (cont.)

### 1954 Class Prophecies:

I gazed into my crystal ball, and saw my eighth grade classmates all. Ten years have now passed o'er, and it is it is nineteen sixty-four.

I saw a face. As it was coming forth, I recognized **Harold Toland**, a farmer up North. **Bill O'Donnell**, of baseball fame, is now head coach at old Notre Dame.

While **Donna Mae Joy** is in school teaching French, **James Maloney** is a carpenter using hammer and wrench.

**James Brown**, our eighth grade hummer, is now a very wealthy plumber. He sings Irish songs on the radio, he's **John McCormack**, you know.

Francis Tessier has a rabbit farm now, Kenneth Letourneau has invented a plow. Kathleen Mullin is a great accordion player, and Thomas Fisher is a concrete brick layer.

**Patricia Ratte**' is a society lady who teaches etiquette. **Robert Goff** is an English teacher who never has any trouble with his prediquette.

**Gary Bibeau** teaches math in a select boys' school. That large paint company is the firm of **Joyce Kostuch** and her husband, **Mike Buhl**.

**Ronald Arcand** has become a dancer. **Roger Leick**, a famous doctor, has discovered a cure for cancer.

**Kathleen Newman** has grown slim as a stick, because her diet is ice cream pint and brick. **Larry Callahan**, the promising Irish lad, died early from constant laughing. Too bad. Too bad.

**Ted Rude**, who has brawn as well as brain, for the New York Yankees early started to train. **Jeannine Cartier**, our class president is married to an excellent Catholic gent.

**Elaine Halverson**'s voice is a gift all right. As a nun, she sings God's praises day and night. **John Diltz**, with the greatest of ease, is doing his work on the flying trapeze.

**Kathleen Gallivan** has an honored career. She is married and has a large family to rear. **Mary Alice Bibeau** is a model working in New York. **Donald Richter** owns a factory where they make gum and cork.

**Tom O'Gorman** has followed his father's career. He's an architect without a peer. **Robert Wyne** died young of a broken heart. Do you think **Mary Jane Lee** in this had a part?

### Message and Memories from 1950s students:

MARK LOHMANN '50 "Thank you for sending the 2010 and 2013 newsletters... even though it's been 53 years since I left St Mary's there are still a lot of names that are familiar... Father Finn ... was memorable... I can still hear him belting out "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"... served a lot of funeral masses for him... Will look forward to receiving more St Mary's news in the future...

MARGARET TESSIER TANSOM '50 "Thanks for all your hard work [on the Newsletter]."

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## Class of 1944



Photo from the Parish Archives Student identification thanks to Elaine Jackson Weichman

These students are also remembered as being classmates with the Class of 1944: Cynthia Hawkinson, Corrine LeTourneau+.

Front Row, I-r: Sofie Letourneau+, Violet Blume\*, Dorothy Greengard, Genevieve Auger\*, Evelyn Hinds+, Elreen Banken+

**Row 2**, **I-r:** Donald Christiansen+, Thomas Chock+, Wallace Bibeau+, Thomas Hodsdon+, Thomas Starky\*, Bert Kerstetter+

**Row 3, I-r:** Marilyn Knapp, Therese Marier+, Elaine Jackson, Edith Cardinal+, Mary Ann Lindorfer, Marie LaBore+, Loretta Bergeron\*, Lorraine Morancey+

**Back Row**, I-r: Martin "Bud" LeVasseur+, Albert Blume+, Thomas Peltier+, Robert Fischer+, Jerome Vinck, Paul Stutz, Michael Billingsley+

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## Class of 1944 Updates

MARILYN KNAPP ANDES '44, writes, "I was especially influenced by Sister Dorinda. She was a wonderful teacher, and a lovely person. She loved to play baseball with us at recess. Father Keller played the guitar and Sister Dorinda and all of us sang with him. It was a fun time! I graduated from White Bear High School in 1948. I was a Secretary for a law firm in St. Paul – Briggs, Gilbert, Morton, Kyle and McCartney and for the bond firm, Juran Moody. I also spent 10 years in the banking business. My husband, Robert Andes, and I have one son, David. My interests are playing Bridge 2 to 4 or 5 times a month; I belong to a Book Club – reading is my great pastime. Contact information: 12444 Granada Drive, Leawood, Kansas 66209, 913-491-4186. Leawood, Kansas

**PAUL STUTZ** '44, wrote that he attended Cretin High School and was a Cadet Captain in their ROTC program. He was in the US Air Force for 28 years and 6 months and was a Senior Master Sergeant. He worked in the Fairborn City School District. Paul was Sacristan at Mary, Help of Christians Church in Fairborn City. He and his wife, Janice (Daggy), have 6 children, Steven, Paul, Gwen, Marcia, Linda and Douglas. Special interests are golf and photography. Contact information: 351 Zimmer Dr., Fairborn, OH 45324, Tele#937-878-8743, paulstutz133@SBCGLOBAL.NET *Fairborn, Ohio* 



Elaine Jackson Weichman on her First Communion Day

**ELAINE JACKSON WEICHMAN**, '44, writes memories of, "3rd grade – 1st Communion preparation – when the host is raised, say to yourself "My Lord & My God". When the chalice is raised say, "My Jesus Mercy". 75 years later, I

still do this – Thank You, Sister Agnes Patrice. I graduated from White Bear High School and worked at 3M in St. Paul as a Secretary in the Engineering



Elaine Jackson Weichman in front of St. Mary's

Bishop Piche and Elaine Jackson Weichman '44 visit at reception for Father Ralph Talbot's installation as pastor of St. Mary of the Lake parish in July 2009



Department. I married Sidney L. Weichman who was the 3M Mfg. Director, we have 3 children, Lawrence, May 18th, 1952, Cathy, born January 6th, 1956 – September 22, 1971 and Mark, October 6th, 1959. My church is still St. Mary of the Lake where I enjoy volunteering and playing Bridge." White Bear Lake, MN

C. Jane Jackson '42, Pat LaBore Bohaty '43, and Elaine Jackson Weichman '44 attend the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Bob '43 and Anna Mae '45 (Vadnais) Campbell



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### Lorraine Morancey Vierkandt 1930 -2014



Lorraine's daughter, Becky Gunderson, writes "My mother passed away January 27th, 2914. She graduated from White Bear High School in 1948 and was employed as a bookkeeper at Forester Boats, Inc. and was also a farm wife. Her church involvement included St. Mary's

until 1962 and then St. Peter's Catholic Church in Forest Lake from 1963-1978. Lorraine and her husband, Gustave E. Vierkandt had six children, Debra, Marcia, Becky, Bruce, Wendy and Brian. Her special interests were gardening and bird watching.

## Class of 1934



**Photo from the Parish Archives** 

### Class of 1934 – An Informal Photo

**Front Row, I-r:** Dolores Wyland+, Eleanore Mogren+, Patty Weber+, Ruth Mae Lonergan+, Vera Fitzgerald\*, \_\_\_\_\_

**Row 2, I-r:** John Tautges+, Ralph Becker+, Louis Payette+, Harold Schmidt+, Ed Williams+

**Row 3, I-r:** Kathleeen Krause+, Florence Smith+, Clementine Auger+, Dorothy Van Voorhis, Florella Peltier\*, Bernice Leick\*, Betty Benson+

Back Row, I-r: Russell Hausner\*, George Gamble\*, Clarence Paris '35,



Van Voorhis sisters gather at the "Pic": June '38, Lorraine '36, and Dorothy '34 at the Piccadilly in Mahtomedi in July, 1993. June and Lorraine are deceased. Dorothy lives in Isle, Minnesota.



Betty Peltier
Martin '36 and
Marcella LaBore
Samuelson
'39 share the
spotlight in
the recently
produced DVD
(sold with the
Centennial Book)
with Betty's fun
story of her pet
mouse!

Front Row, I-r: Russell Hausner\*, Harold Schmidt+, Vera Fitzgerald\*, Patty Weber+, Louis Payette+, Ralph Becker+

**Row 2, I-r:** Florence Smith+, Dolores Wyland+, Kathleen Krause\*, Ruth Mae Lonergan+, Florella Peltier\*, Dorothy Van Voorhis

**Back Row, I-r:** \_\_\_\_, John Tautges+, Betty Benson+, Clementine Auger+, Bernice Leick\*, Ed Williams+, George Gamble\*, Father John Fahey

These students are also remembered as being classmates with the Class of 1934: Eleanor Mogren+, George Peterson\*.

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"We did not weave the web of life; We are merely a strand in it.
Whatever we do to the web
We do it to ourselves."

Chief Seattle

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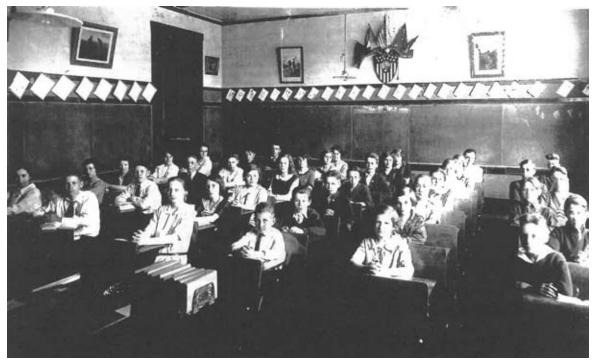
### Messages and Memories from 1940s student:

NANCY LEVASSEUR CHISHOLM '47 "Fifty-five years of marriage to Thomas Chisholm and ALIVE! Thank you to the Class of 1947 for the monthly breakfasts!!"

ROBERT '49 AND BLANDINE HOGAN celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 29, 2013 with a Mass of Thanksgiving at the Church of St. Pius X, WBL, and reception at Tartan Park with family and friends in MN and, again, on August 15th, 2013 with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Mary's Church in Ware, MA and a reception a following with Blandine's family and friends in Massachusetts . [Ed. note: The Class of 1948 did not have a formal graduation picture, however, Bob made available to the Alumni Association, several informal graduation day pictures that he and/or his family had taken that day in 1948. These pictures are in the recently released Centennial Book. Bob passed away April 23, 2014.]

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## Class of 1924



**Photo from the Parish Archives** 

**Far Left Row (front to back):** Lydia Hermann, Dorothy Tardiff, Mary Daman, Frances Auger, Mary Dougherty

**Second Row (front to back):** Marshall LeTourneau, Eugene Collette, Fred Miller, Robert Gallivan, Frances Parenteau, Helen Doyle

**Third Row (front to back):** Ruth Mingo, Druscilla Doty, Jeannette Fournelle, Josephine Bacon, Roxanne Whitaker, Dorothy Bibeau, Mary Greengard

**Fourth Row (front to back):** Mitchell Tardiff, Raymond McCarthy, Richard Voges, Gerald Conway, Andrew Yeager, Dorothy Kieffer, Mary Bernish

**Fifth Row (front to back):** Pauline Link, Frances Penders, Marie LaMotte, Marion Picha, Mary Hare, Helen Mackenhausen, Bessie Buchal

**Sixth Row (front to back):** Paul Miles, Marvin Heckel, Jerome Fournelle, Joseph Weinand, Henry Yeager, Urban "Bud" Bazille



Shown (I-r): Mary, Bob and Everett Gallivan

### Message and Memories from '10s and '20s alumni family:

PHYLLIS GALLIVAN (KREY) '50 wrote: Robert "Bob" Gallivan '24 with his older siblings, Mary '20 and Everett '18, would ride their ponies to school from their home three miles north of St. Mary's on Highway 61.

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### Messages and Memories from 1980s students (cont.):

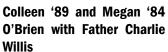
LISA KELLY MEYER, '86, emailed, "I had Miss Miller in 5th grade. I have fond memories of the class pets – "Rock" and "Roll" – 2 white rats. "Rock" was fed with milk & food and Sprite was given w/food to "Roll". Rock grew large and Roll was small, but lived longer. Two class members took them home after the experiment."



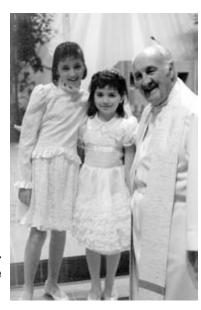
Lisa Jungbauer and Rebecca Hulm on their First Holy Communion Day

track and field day with Mrs. Reibel, multiplication with Mrs. Bennek, Astronomy with Mrs. Beggin, growing up with Ms. Smith, The Hobbit with Mrs. Fredericks, and seven years spent learning, growing and caring with good friends."

COLLEEN O'BRIEN '89 submitted this First Holy Communion picture.



LISA **JUNGBAUER** NIKOLAS'89 emailed, "...a.m. kindergarten with Ms. Easton, learning about dinosaurs with Mrs. Flaspeter, First communion/ confirmation in 2nd grade with Mrs. Harding, field trip to Fillebrown House, library with Mrs. George,





St. Mary of the Lake Church and Convent, ca. 1925. Do you recognize any of your ancestors in this photo? If you do, please contact St. Mary's or the White Bear Lake Area Historical Society.

Photo from the White Bear Lake Area Historical Society



Thank you to Lorraine Tessier Peltier '39 and Diane Nelson Smith '48 for their many years of service for sending out thank you cards for donations received for the support of the Alumni Association's projects. Thank you to Kathleen Hoffman Brown '56 for sending out sympathy cards to the families of deceased alumni and Patty Connolly O'Gorman '57 for designing the sympathy cards, along with many other cards, postcards and order forms over the years. Thanks to a suggestion by board member, Jane Jackson, Patty recently has designed an Alumni Christmas card that is sent out to about 130 older alumni each year.

If you would like to share your ideas of how the St. Mary of the Lake Alumni Association can better communicate and serve alumni and their families, please contact St. Mary's, attn.: Alumni Assoc., 4690 Bald Eagle Ave., White Bear Lake, MN 55110 or email: contactus@stmarys-wbl.org *Thank you!* 



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## Your financial gifts since the publication of the 2013 Newsletter are greatly appreciated! These Special thanks to:

Rachel E. 'Betty' Tautges Taney '37 Raymond P. Thein '37 Patricia Daly Salt '39 Marjorie Shea Guffey '40 Mel and Jane Vincent Lagoon '40 Marleen Olson Creighton '46 Nancy LeVasseur Chisholm '47 Virginia Zollner Merrill '47 Rosemary Haussner Novotny '47 JoAnne Matschke Edell '48 Francis Trettel Moss '48, staff, 1971-76 Beverly Hodsdon Wald '48 in memory of husband, Vern Bob Hogan '49 Mark F. Lohmann '50 Margaret Tessier Tansom '50 Dan Downs '51 Jean Carpentier Olson '52 Elaine Lindorfer Steve '53 Paul L. Callahan '54 Roberta LaValley '54 Anonymous William (Bill) Foshay '57 classmate

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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/message was received.

As of June 20, 2014 a total of \$1860 (distribution: Alumni Association - \$1345, Tuition Assistance - \$315, Centennial Celebration and production of Book/DVD - \$200) in financial gifts was received since the 2013 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 contributors 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) Alumni Memorial Mass reception.
- 5) Two bike helmets for the PE Dept. to be given away in a drawing at the school's end-of –the-year Field Day.
- 6) \$200 toward the upkeep of St. Mary's Cemetery where many of our alumni are buried.
- 7) \$200 toward the school's 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C.
- 8) Up-front expenses of the Centennial book and DVD.
- 9) Centennial celebration activities.

## 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 Board information you would like to share, i.e., address changes, school memories, Newsletter corrections, etc. If you do not wish your memories or other information published in the following year's Newsletter, please indicate that on the envelope.

Another purpose of the envelope is to invite your financial support in a variety of endeavors that are going on at your alma mater. Here is a brief explanation of each of these gift opportunities:

**Alumni Association Activities:** Gifts support the publication of this Newsletter, expenses connected with the preservation of our school's archives, Alumni Award expenses, sponsorship of alumni activities and materials, Alumni gatherings.

The past few years funds have been set aside when possible for the publication of the 352-page Centennial Book and 1-hr. and 17 min. DVD. Those who have been close to this project anticipate the sale of this publication to be very successful.

**Tuition Assistance:** Gifts to this fund allow a family of limited financial means to send their child/children to Frassati Catholic Academy. All applicant families fill out the required confidential TADS financial aid assessment forms.

**Centennial Activities:** The Centennial Celebration will include a free Ice Cream Social with music and children activities. Other activities continue to be planned, also.

Thank you very much for any and all of your communications and gifts. You are truly appreciated and also prayed for at school Liturgies.

## Alumni Rummage Sale – A Community, Parish and Alumni Gathering Event



Carole McKinzie (former assist. librarian at St. Mary's School and alumni parent) organizes the book and media section; Jessica Bougie (a recent graduate of White Bear HS and granddaughter of Patty O'Gorman '57) is a great helper wherever she's needed; Sue Halverson (an alumni parent) is always a ready helper; Fr. Talbot loves to pop in for visits and check out the great donations, as well as, encourage the workers and greet the shoppers!; Mary Anderson uses her expertise in antiques to organize the 'Next-to New' section.

The 2013 Fall Rummage Sale was another success for the St. Mary of the Lake Alumni Association. Under the direction of President Connie LeTourneau, Alumni Board members, School families and St. Mary of the Lake parishioners worked tirelessly to produce another very profitable event which was held at the parish's Parish Life Center. Both the Gym and Kohler Hall were again overflowing with treasures that people had donated. The 2013 Sale raised \$6,914.01 for the mission and purposes of the Alumni Association.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated and/or shopped at the Sale. Leftover items always find their way to charitable places, too.

THE NEXT ALUMNI FALL RUMMAGE SALE IS OCTOBER 16 - 18, 2014! 'SEE YOU THEN!!

St. Mary of the Lake parishioners, alumni and friends are a huge help during the Alumni Rummage Sale.



The Connolly-O'Gorman clans have also been mainstays at the Rummage Sales; left are Marilyn '61, Patty '57 (seated), Samantha, Cassie, Jessica, Anna (front right), and Kelly (front).

## Alumni Deaths Our sympathy and prayers to the families of these alumni and former staff

### Deceased former staff:

Ancelle Gagnon, CSJ taught at St. Mary of the Lake from 1964 – 1966. She lived at the Carondelet Village in St. Paul where she died peacefully on March 2, 2014. She was preceded in death by her parents and seven of her siblings, Loretta, Hazel, Gertrude (her twin), Myrtle, Marge, Thomas, and Lawrence (Pete). Sister Ancelle spent over 30 years teaching mostly middle school grades in several schools. She also worked in the Library at the College of St. Catherine and served as a receptionist and a companion in several places. She is survived by her brother, Martin, and the Sisters of St. Joseph. A funeral liturgy was held at St. Joseph Provincial House with burial at Resurrection Cemetery. Memorial to Sisters of St. Joseph Retirement Fund, 1884 Randolph Ave., St. Paul, MN, 55105.

Sister Elizabeth Clare Heutmaker CSJ taught at St. Mary of the Lake School from 1966-68. She also taught in LeSueur, and Richfield, and served as remedial and special ed. teacher at Ascension School in Mpls. She died on September 13, 2013 at Carondelet Village. Sister Elizabeth Clare is survived by nieces and nephews and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. The wake and funeral liturgy were held at Carondelet Village Chapel in St. Paul. [Ed. note: Sr. Elizabeth Clare was gracious enough to be interviewed last summer for our Centennial DVD.]



**Yvonne Josephine (Erickson) McComber** died at the age of 81 on May 10, 2014 while recuperating from surgery at St. John's Hospital. She taught



at St. Mary's from 1970-79. After graduating from Hibbing HS, she received her teaching degree from The College of St. Scholastica. Yvonne was Admin. Assist./Development Associate/Alumni Director at Hill-Murray H.S. for many years until retiring in 2004. She was also a member of St. Mary's Schola Choir. Yvonne is survived by her husband, Alfred, and children Alfred "Mick" IV (Lynn Oehlke), Timothy, Christian (Nancy Nord), Mary Jo '76 Wertzler (Paul), and Jed '78

(Jennifer Hoffarth) and 13 grandchildren. A Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Mary of the Lake Church.

### Deceased alumni:

Edward Peter Basch '53 died at the age of 74 at his home in White Bear Lake. He was preceded in death by sister, Judith '56 and is survived by his wife, Ila; daughter, Rebecca (Chris); son, Anton (Amanda); granddaughter, Carina; siblings, Margaret '51, Kenneth '55 (Dixie), John '61 (Jean) and Joanne '65 (David). Mass of Christian Burial was held October 24, 2013 at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church with interment at the church cemetery.



**Thomas J. Belland '33** passed away January 6, 2014 at the age of 96 in Leesburg, FL. Preceded in death by parents, one brother, one sister, and wife, Dorothy. Survived by two sons, Michael (Barb) and Douglas (Linda); long-time companion Marylis Schoeler; five grandchildren; great-grandchildren; sister, Elizabeth Baller. Private services were held in Minnesota.

Marietta F. Arcand Beseke '37 passed away peacefully on Mar. 15, 2014. She was born on Jaunary 1, 1924 to Alphonse and Mary Arcand. Marietta was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn, brothers, Francis '28, William, Robert '37, Harold '39, sisters, Elizabeth '30 (LaBore), and Lucille '37 (Lindbeck). She is survived by many nieces and nephews. A Memorial service was held at a later time.

"He will lead them to springs
of life-giving water
And God will wipe away every tear
from their eyes."

Rev. 7:17

Ronald L. Birch '55 died peacefully after a valiant fight with Inclusion Body Myositis, complicated by severe lung issues. Ron graduated from St. Thomas Military Academy and attended St. Thomas Univ. and the U of MN. He was a Realtor and residential/commercial contractor. After his family and his faith, hunting, fishing and rock climbing were his loves. He will be sadly missed by his wife, Lenore (Sis); children Cammie (Joe), Ron, and Cara (Scott); 11 grand-



children; sister, Barbara '57 (Jerry) Ciresi. A celebration of Ron's life was held at St. Mary of the Lake Church.



Walter Robert "Bob" Brobeck '42 passed away on April 18, 2014. Walter's education and business brought him to many parts of the world. After retirement, Walter and Gerd split their time between White Bear Lake and Asker, Norway. His travels and life journey made for hours of humorous stories. Walter is survived by his wife Gerd, granddaughters Emma and Tina, his daughters Diana and Melinda He is preceded in death by his parents, Walter and

Malinda and his brother James. A celebration of Walt's life was at the VFW Post 1782 in WBL. Interment was at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Leonard David Brunjes '41 passed away at the age of 87 on January 11, 2013. Leonard was a retired 37 year Postal Clerk. He is preceded in death by his parents, Irene and Rudolph; siblings George, Charlie, Eugene, Irene, and infant sister. Leonard is survived by his wife of 56 years, Harriet (Lindbeck); children Joan (Merril), David "Avery" (Patti), Barbara and Karen (Dean); grandchildren Scott, Tyler, Ryan and Kathryn. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary of the Lake Church. Leonard is buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.





Lorraine Van Voorhis Enneking '36 passed away January 21, 2014 in Rancho Cucamonga, CA at the age of 91. She is preceded in death by her husband, John, siblings Donald '29, James '28 and Howard '32, Jane '38, June '38, Marion '. Lorraine is survived by her sister Dorothy '34 of Isle, MN, and her son, Stephen, of Pomona, California. She graduated from Humboldt High School and moved to CA in 1941. Lorraine's employment included bookkeeping at the Brown Derby restaurant and Marion

McCoy Originals. Lorraine enjoyed hosting get-togethers and loved animals and spending time with her family. A Mass of Resurrection was celebrated at St. Joseph's Church in Upland, CA. [Ed. note: A childhood picture of Lorraine and two of her sisters, Jane and June, are included in the Centennial Book.]

LaVerne Mary "Andy" Anderson Fontaine '47 passed away May 27, 2014. On July 21, 1951, LaVerne married her WBL High School sweetheart, Roger F. Fontaine, at St. Mary's Church. They've lived in Webb Lake, WI since April 1979. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, gardening, cooking, baking, canning, camping, fishing, and a good round of golf. Andy is survived by Roger; children Debbie (Wayne), Doug, Dawn, Dennis, and Daniel (Debbie); 11



grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; siblings David and Rose Marie '45. She is preceded in death by her parents, Theodore and Alice; siblings Donald '41 and Betty '43. A Memorial Mass was celebrated at Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Catholic Church in Webb Lake, WI.

Patricia "Chris" Trettel Fredricksen passed away on February 20, 2014 at the age of 82. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Mary Joanne, and several siblings. Patricia is survived by her husband, Gerald; children John (Lori), Paul, Mark (Chris), James (Mary), Anne, Mary (Chris), Angie; 15 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren; and siblings Frances '48, David '50, Barbara '51, Margaret '54 and Nancy '56. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Pius X Church.

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"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 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

Elizabeth Kohler Goetz '37 died at the age of 91. She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry, of over 50 years, daughter, Mary Ann '62, and son, James. Elizabeth is survived by her children Anita '58 (Richard), Jerry '60 and Joseph '64 (Susan) and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary of the Lake Church. Elizabeth is buried at St. Mary's Cemetery.



Mark E. HAGGERTY '62 passed away in March 2014 at the age of 65. Mark was an Evans Scholar at the U of MN and a graduate of the U of MN School of Law. He was preceded in death by parents, Dorothy and William; brothers, John '50 and Bob '52. Mark is survived by his, Linda; children, Marcia (Lonnie Holley), Brian (Sarah), Carol (Jake); grandchildren, Alexis, Joanna, Marcus, Lydia, Fio; brother, Tom '57 (Sue); sisters, Patty '62

(Richard), and Maryann '63 (Bob). A Mass of Christian Burial was held at the Church of St. Joseph in New Hope with interment at St. Joseph Cemetery in Rosemount, MN.

Robert Earl Hall, Sr. '51 passed away peacefully June 20, 2014 of heart failure. Bob was born on March 25, 1937 in Conde, S.D. and was a long-time resident of White Bear Lake. Bob was a proud union pipefitter for four decades, and served in the National Guard. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; children Robert Jr, Terri, Scott, Dennis (Sue); grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. A Memorial Service was held at St Andrew's Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi.





Robert Hogan '49 passed away April 23, 2014 surrounded by his family. Preceded in death by his parents Clarence '25 and Frances (Auger) '24 and son-in-law Edward Heck, Bob is survived by loving wife of 50 + years, Blandine; children Richard, Alicia, Jean (Scott), John (Tracey), Ann (Mitch Porter), Mary (Jamey), Carol (Jeremy); 18 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; siblings Marylyn '51 (Russ), Al '53 (Shirley), Kathy '56 (Bob '54), Peggy '59 (Dan), and Pat '61. Bob was a

quiet, faithful man who was very active at St. Pius X Church, KCs, and his local community. Mass of Christian Burial was at St Pius X with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Jerome W. Hostrawser '53 of Grand Marais, MN and Mission, TX passed away March 30, 2014 in Mission, TX. Jerome is survived by his wife, Carol; children Dawn, Rose (Kent), Sue (Todd) and Mark; grandchildren Nicole, Heather, Jennifer, Matthew, Amanda, Brady, Hannah, James and Joe; great-grandchildren Ava, Harper and Braeden. Funeral Services were held at the Johnson-Peterson Funeral Home, WBL, with burial at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.





Michael Douglas Houliston '64 died peacefully at home on October 27, 2013 surrounded by family and friends. Born in St. Paul, MN to Harry and Joan Houliston on August 16, 1950, Michael is survived by his best friend and partner, Tim Waller; siblings Christine '65 (Bernie), Paul '68 (Suzanne), and Vincent '69 (Sue) and nieces and nephews. Employed by Minneapolis Public Schools and MN State Government, Michael served as the assistant

deputy commissioner of Labor and Industry. A memorial service was held at The Celebration Room in North St. Paul.

Lyle C. Hutton '47 died at home at the age of 78 on January 10th, 2012. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mildred, and is survived by his wife, Marcia; children, Judy Kiges of Hastings, Jeff Hutton of Boulder Juntion, WI, Joe (Tricia) of Mahtomedi; grandchildren, Hannah, Zoe of Prescott, and Frankie Marie. A Memorial Mass was held at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in St. Paul.

Kent J. King '72 passed away from cancer. Upon his wishes, Kent was buried in the Catholic cemetery in Fort Thompson, SD, near Dakota Sioux land next to the Missouri river where he vacationed and contributed to the Native Americans. He is survived by parents Paul and Judy King and brothers Shane '72, Todd '76 and Chad '82. A Celebration of his life was held on Sunday, February 23, 2014 at St. Mary of the Lake Church in the St. Joseph room. Kent was a partner in Judy King Estate



Sales. An art enthusiast, he was an avid reader and restored vintage houses. He was generous to people in need. Any memorials were dispersed to his favorite Indian schools.



Walter Kohler '43 passed away on October 31, 2013. He was survived by wife, MaryAnn and their 5 children: Doris '65, Karen '66, Frank '69 (Debbie), Gary '72 (Mary), Sue '73 (Dan); 9 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; sisters, Marcella (Marv) and Jeanne '56 (Jim). Walter was the former President of Kohler Mix in WBL. A Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Mary of the Lake Church. [Ed. note: Walter's wife, Mary Ann, died a short time later on December 13, 2013.]

**Thomas C. Lawler '55** passed away on April 10, 2014 at the age of 72 in Naples, Florida. He was born Sept. 18, 1941, in Springfield, the son of Thomas and Dorothy (Dunn) Lawler. Thom graduated from Miami University of Ohio, where he remained an active alumnus. He worked as a salesperson for Appleton Papers in Wisconsin, retiring after 36 years. Thom was an avid golfer and runner. His greatest enjoyment, however, was spending time with his family and friends. Thom is survived by his children, Joshua and Brooke; his children's mother, Nancy; and dear friend, Penny. A funeral service was held at Malone Funeral Home in Geneva, IL.





David A. Mallinger '56 died at the age of 69 on October 18, 2010 after a courageous battle with Pancreatic Cancer. He was preceded in death by his parents, Aloysius and Loretta. David is survived by his wife, Mavis; children Lisa (Tom), Jason (Jen); grandchildren Ryan, Natalie, Jorie, Ellie; sister, Judy (Terry) Bollinger. David loved many things in life, but none more than spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. A Celebration of Life was held at Johnson-Peterson Funeral Home in White Bear Lake.

Mary Antoinette Carpentier Meysembourg '51 passed away peacefully on November 5, 2013. Mary was born to Telesphore and Elise on May 14, 1937. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, H. Peter and is survived by children Monica (John), Diane (Steve), Pete (Cindy), Marty (Laurie), and Mary (Jim); grandchildren and great grandson; siblings Jean '52 (Bill), Phil '53 (Wanda), Nancy '55, John '57, Sue '59 (Tony), Rich (Karen), Janice '62, Rob, Kathy, Karen (Paul), and Debbi (Tom). Mary was a master cook, master gardener and master conversationalist. Mass of Christian Burial was held at the Church of the Assumption, St. Paul.



[Ed. note: There is an interview with Mary on the Centennial DVD.]



Clayton Fred Nadeau '45 died at the age of 81 in August 2012. He was preceded in death by mother, Frances; father, Fred; siblings Evelyne, Les, and Gerald. Clayton is survived by his wife Delores; children, Cliff (Tari), Kile (Jenny), Craig (Kelly); grandchildren, Jessica (Richie) Miehe, Rebecca (Seth) Engberg, David (Allysa), Jamie, Daniel, Cody, Carley, Emily; greatgranddaughter, Lucy Miehe. A Mass of Christian

Burial was held at Saint Mary of the Lake Church with interment at the church cemetery.

Lawrence "Larry" Oaks '43 died at the age of 85 on August 8, 2013 at the Good Samaritan Society in Pine River, MN. Larry is survived by his wife, Rosella 'Freck' '41 (LaBore); sons, Doug '64 (Paula), Tom '67 (Sarah), Kenny '68, Gordy '69, Steve '72 (Norma), Jim and Larry (Jenny); daughters, Teresa '65 (Gilbert), Bunny '74 Oaks, DJ Quick (Scott) and Karen Birchem (Scott); son-inlaw, Marty Frigaard; thirty grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. Larry was preceded in death by his



parents; daughter, Joni Frigaard; one granddaughter, one grandson; six brothers and one sister. Mass of Christian Burial was August 13, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Pine River. Larry is buried in Norwood Cemetery, rural Pine River.

**Eugene Ritchie '54** was born May 7, 1940 and died March 13, 2010 in Winona, MN. Gene's son, Michael, posted this about his Dad. "My Father had a Big heart, he always would wink at me and tell me that he LOVED me. The times that I spent with him are golden, the same with my brothers...I LOVE MY FATHER!"



Sally McCarty Ruvelson '56 passed away unexpectedly at her home on October 6, 2013. She was preceded in death by her husband James Ruvelson Sr., and her parents. Sally is survived by her children Holly, Bryan, Sandy, Jim, David, Jennifer, and Rob; 11 grandchildren; sister, Nancy. Mass of Christian Burial was at the Church of St. Michael in Stillwater, MN with burial at Resurrection Cemetery in Mendota Heights, MN.

Maxine Banken Schultz '45 was born on July 10, 1930. She was the daughter of Theodore and Frances. Her siblings were Marie '36, Theodore '39, Lenore '42, Erleen '44, Joseph '48, and Dennis '49. Maxine died on August 29, 2008 and was preceded in death by her husband, Tony. Maxine is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Patricia Fournelle Sevelin '46 died at the age of 83 in April 2014. Pat was preceded in death by her parents Peter and Rose Fournelle, husband Mel Stelton, sister Elaine Beyer '47 and 2 step grandchildren. Survived by loving family members, husband Jack, son Nicholas (Shannon Piper) Stelton; step children Randy (Linda) Sevelin, Sandy '68 (Steve) Fisher, Candy (Bob) Harding, Anne (Todd) Lecy, Karen (Kevin) Monson, Michelle (Dave) McCrae; grand-children and great children. A Mass of Christian Resurrectionwas held at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church with private interment at St. Genevieve Cemetery in Centerville. [Ed. note: Pat and her husband, Jack, were on the St. Mary's Alumni Board during the 1990s.]

Irene Cardinal Soete '37 at the age of 92 on February 22, 2014. She was preceded in death by her husband Herbert; daughter Sharlene; 1 brother; 3 sisters. Irene is survived by daughters Sharon and Sandra, grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and 2 great grand-children; sisters Annie Krueger '40, Edith Beecher '44, Jerita Haynes and Louise Beckstrom '50 (Jack). A Memorial Mass was held at the Church of St. Peter in North St. Paul.

**Francis J. Tessier '54** died Nov. 15, 2011 at the age of 73. He was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys and a brother. Francis is survived by his children, Mike Nygren, Christine (Rick) Thaxton & John Tessier; granddaughter, Jessie (Davith) Khang; 4 great grandchildren; 3 sisters; and 3 brothers.

**Lorraine Morancey Vierkandt '44** passed away on January 27th, 2014 after a yearlong battle with illness in McGrath, MN. She joins her husband, Gus, and brothers, Bob '48 and Dick. She was fiercely independent since the ripe



old age of ten when she earned enough money delivering newspapers to buy her own bike, still riding one up until last July 2013. Lorraine is survived by her children, Debbie, Marcia, Becky, Bruce, Wendy and Brian, 15 grandchildren and great grandchildren and brothers Fran '42 and Bill. She grew asparagus and more. She loved flowers, peacocks, cats and dogs, dancing, and Elvis. There was a graveside service

at the Morancey family plot in Hugo, MN.

**Matthew 'Sonny' Vukelich '58** passed away suddenly on October 19, 2008 in Sedona, AZ. Matt was survived by his wife, Rosh Preuss, of Mpls; daughters, Amy and Jessica; and sister, Barbara Skipper of Napa, CA. An informal celebration of Matt's life at the Minneapolis Golf Club in St. Louis Park, MN.

Mary Michaud Westlund '37 and her husband, Irvin, died within four days of each other. Mary died peacefully at the age of 90 at St. Joseph's Hospital



on October 9, 2013. Her husband, Irvin H. Westlund, 97, passed away peacefully on October 13 at Waverly Gardens Presbyterian Home in North Oaks. Mary and Irvin were married on November 28, 1942 married Irvin Westlund at St. Mary of the Lake Church. She had a gift of hospitality for her family and friends as a wonderful cook, accomplished bridge player and led a very active life. Mary and Irv lived the last six years of their life at Waverly Gardens where they were part of the caring companion program for Alzheimer's patients and their caring spouse.

Mary was Irv's caregiver and greatest advocate. Mary and Irvin are preceded in death by their daughter, Nancy, and, Mary by her brother, David '35. They are survived by their daughters, Sydney and Susan (Michael), and Mary by her siblings Edward '45 (Joan) Geraldine Doyle '40. They are also survived by their 8 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary of the Lake Church with interment Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Cheryl Tuma Wettengel '59 passed away peacefully on September 1, 2013. She will be sorely missed by family and friends. Her strength of spirit while battling cancer was an inspiration to all. Cheryl was preceded in death by her parents, George and Dorothy Tuma and her loving husband, John. She is survived by her daughter, Christine (Peters), grandchildren Rick and Holly, her son Scot, her brother Wayne. A Celebration of Life was held at Gear Heads Restaurant in White Bear Lake.

**Thomas M. Wilt '50** was born Nov.22, 1936 in St. Paul. He died August 9, 2013 at the age of 76. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Susan and is survived by his wife Gerri '54 and daughters Sally (Frank), Shannon (Sean), Stacey (Mark) and Sarah (Tim); 12 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Thomas was also survived by a brother Clarence (Bernice) Zeleschnak and other family members. A Memorial Mass was celebrated at St. Mary of the Lake Church.

## We also extend our sympathy and prayers to the alumni and staff families of:

**Ernest J. "Red" Bernier,** husband of Delphine Tessier Bernier '39; father of Sandy (dec), Shirley, Bob, Donna, Sally, Jerry, Bonnie, Rosie, Tim, Tami, Tari, Randy, and Rick.

**Maureen Flowers Carrell** (d. 12/26/13) wife of Bill (dec.), mother to Bonnie (dec.), Shelia; sister to Michael '60 (dec.) and Gene '54.

**Richard Kiesling, Sr.** (d. 7/2/2014) husband of Susie, father to Missy '85, Rick '88, and Lindsey '94; grandfather to 6.

**Lawrence LeMay** (d. 6/22/14) husband of Deb, father to Joe and Gina, son to Jack '49 and Marlene, brother to Michelle '72, Jeff '72, Mark '74, Lori '75, Tom, Chuck, Kathy, and Kris.

**LaVern Letourneau** (d.1/21/14) mother to Bob (Andre); grandmother to Steven, Philip'88, Brian '91, Cleve '93.

Earl Lowell, father to Lance '68, Pete '72, Beverly '74, Molly '75 and Mark.

**Helen Mae Hanselman Tardiff** (d.10/2/13) husband of Mitch '39; mother to Greg '61, Michelle '63, Brett '72, Mary '72, and Kathleen; grandmother to 7 and great grandmother to 4.

**Wayne Werkhoven** (d. 9/20/13) husband of Peaches; father to Guy '82 and Jada '86; grandfather to 2.

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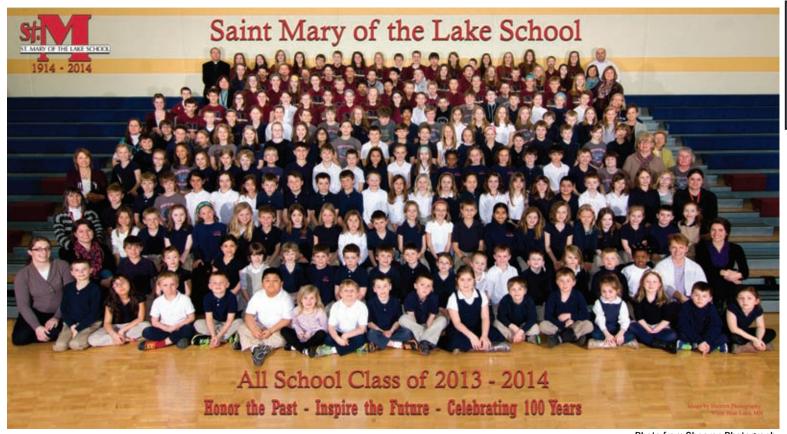


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# Honor the Past Inspire the Future Celebrating 100 Years 1914 - 2014

An order form for this superb photo of the final St. Mary of the Lake School student body and staff is in this Newsletter. The 12" x 22 " photo poster can be purchased for \$20.

If there is any information that is inaccurate, please drop a note, email or phone St. Mary of the Lake Alumni News, 4690 Bald Eagle Avenue, White Bear Lake, Minnesota, 55110, (651) 429-7771 email:contactus@stmarys-wbl.org. The intention of this Alumni Newsletter is to be historically accurate.

## A note to Alumni in the graduating years of '15, '25, '35, '45, '55, '65, '75, '85, '95, and '05:

Every year, a questionnaire is sent out to the graduates who are in the classes that will be highlighted in the next Alumni Newsletter edition. Typically, the questionnaire is mailed out in February or March. The completed questionnaires that are returned are the basis for the content in the particular class. We really depend on your information and your memories to help folks reflect and re-connect. Next year, the highlighted classes are those ending in '5', that is the Class of 1915 through the Class of 2005. We'd love to hear from you, so please be watching for your mailing, and let us know where and how you are and share your memories!! Or simply email us now at: contactus@stmarys-wbl.org.

## Interested in getting your own class together for a reunion?

We can get you started with names and mailing addresses. Please contact St. Mary of the Lake Alumni Association, 4690 Bald Eagle Avenue, White Bear Lake, Minnesota, 55110 (651-429-7771) or email:contactus@stmarys-wbl. org and an alum will contact you

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## Thanks for the contributions to the 2014 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. As always many good minds and hearts have helped create the text and images provided within. This 2014 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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