



# ALUMNI

## NEWSLETTER

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# CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2010!



Charles Anderson



Karl Breustedt



Andrea 'Andie' Chapin



Maxwell Thomas Cory



Danielle Crawford



Molly Dubois



Amber Dunlap



Philip Spencer Gelber



Khalil Butler Hendrickson



Alexander James Hutchinson



Jonathan Kohler



Alexander Krengel

*"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose."*

— Dr. Seuss (1904-1991) American writer and cartoonist best known for his collection of children's books



Luke Anthony Laszewski



Sarah Jane Leeper



Sarah LeMay



Matthew Miotke



Daniel John Mulally



Nathaniel David Fessler Murphy



Trevor Kelly Nelson



Patrick Ohman



Jacob Pederson



Erin Nicole Powell



Zaccary Thelen



Zachery Villarreal

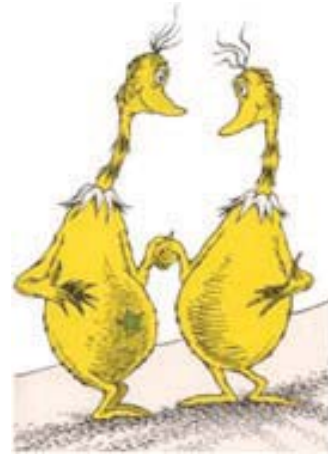
Pictures from Enstrom Studios

The Class of 2010 had the following teachers at St. Mary of the Lake School during pre.K through 8th grade: Mrs. Barry (pre-K), Ms. Spannbauer (Mrs. Follmer) (pre-K), Mrs. Clauson (K), Mrs. Crosby (1st), Miss Miller (1st), Miss Otto (2nd), Mrs. Olson (2nd), Mrs. Bennek (3rd), Ms. Goebel (Mrs. Eversman) (3rd), Mrs. Bullis (4th), Mrs. Capocasa (4th), Ms. Cibuzar (5th), Ms. Bishop (5th), and the Middle School Team (Ms. Reibel, Mr. Carlson, Mr. Anderson/Mr. Zobitz/ Ms. Thukral, Ms. Root, Mrs. Nelson, Mr. Langer, Ms. Thompson-Wilfahrt, Ms. Bishop, Mrs. Van Overbeke, Mrs. Orloske, Mr. Mooney, and Mr. Gordon), Ms. Prom (tech), Mrs. Kielbasa (tech), Mrs. Iannazo (Spanish), and Mr. Cabrera (Spanish).

These students are also remembered as being classmates with the Class of 2010: Nicholas Beavens (6th-7th), Emma Devera (pre-2nd), Jacob Dittel (6th), Mary Rose Doran (K-7th), Samantha Hamernick (pre-6th), Jacob Hansmann (pre-5th), Sadie Hogan (pre-6th), Allene Jensen (K-5th), Kevin Larson (K-3rd), Maia Beth Lundstrom (pre-7th), Samuel Manley (2nd-4th), Johnny Mertes (pre-7th), Elizabeth R. Newton (1st-7th), Sarah Paddock (pre-3rd), Carter Pasma (pre-5th), Lindsey Schwartz (K-7th), Anthony Sirek (6th-7th), Nicholas Vadnais (pre-7th), Michael (Mickey) Warner (pre-7th), Jordan Wright (6th-7th).

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 2010



The Sneetches and Other Stories (1961)  
Dr. Seuss Enterprises/Random House

The graduating class of '10 has 15 students who have been together since Kindergarten (including 10 students who also attended St. Mary's preschool with Mrs. Barry and Ms. Spannbauer [Mrs. Follmer]), they include: **Andrea (Andie) Chapin, Amber Dunlap, Khalil Hendrickson, Alexander James Hutchinson, Alexander Krengel, Luke Anthony Laszewski, Sarah Jane Leeper, Sarah LeMay, Daniel John Mulally, Trevor Kelly Nelson, Patrick Ohman, Jacob Pederson, and Zachery Villarreal.**

**Danielle Crawford** and **Maxwell Cory** joined the class in first grade, **Erin Nicole Powell** in second grade, **Jon Kohler** in third grade, **Philip Spencer Gelber, Charles Anderson and Karl Breustedt** in fourth grade, and **Nathaniel David Fessler Murphy, Zaccary Thelen and Matt Miatke** in fifth grade. **Molly Dubois** came as an eighth grader to complete the 24 member Class of 2010.

Some highlights of the classmates who spent their elementary years at St. Mary's were: recess, Dr. Seuss' story, *Sneetches*, which they made into a play in 2nd grade, the Non-Public School Marathon and having Ms. Bishop in 5th grade. Also, very popular in the 5th grade was the "Exchange City" project, which was an interactive event whereby students participated in "real life" businesses.

By far, the most memorable experience during these earlier years was the fifth grade trip to Wolf Ridge: Environmental Learning Center (ELC) in Finland, MN. The three days of hands on learning and working together included a challenging ropes course and role-playing the fur traders and the Ojibwa experience.

As these students moved into their middle school years at St. Mary of the Lake, the sports teams (including, soccer, football, hockey, basketball, baseball and tennis) became an important part of their school and after-school experience, including the very popular Ski Club (especially in 8th grade). A 7th grade highlight for Max was breaking Chad King's ('82) 50 yard dash record with a time of 6.2 seconds and, also, now in 8th grade breaking Aaron Coronna's ('94) quarter mile run with a time of 1.07. [ed. note: Wow, way to go, Max, congratulations!] The yearly trip to Valley Fair was at the top of the "fun" list and pulling buckthorn trees and shrubs at Camp Sacajawea was a great time, too. The middle school musicals (*Sensical, Jr.* ['08], *Music Man, Jr.* ['09], and *Willy Wonka, Jr.* ['10'] provided good theatre and backstage experience for students which Amber especially enjoyed in *Music Man* as the mayor's wife. Field trips, like going to the Guthrie Theatre in Mpls., also expanded their horizon. The daily study hall and Book Club were mentioned as academically helpful.

The eighth graders mentioned that weekly Mass, St. Mary's Summer B.L.A.S.T. (Believers Learning And Serving Together) program, the middle school 'mix', Mr. Langer's religion classes, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Eversman, their parents, and service projects like the "Food Fast" and "Feed My Starving Children" have contributed to learning and living out their Catholic faith. Charles shared that he recently became a Catholic at St. Mary of the Lake. Welcome, Charles!

Academic highlights included Language Arts with Mrs. Thompson-Wilfahrt, with one student crediting Mrs. T-W with encouraging her to do better. Teachers, parents and friends were similarly helpful with Ms. Root and Mrs. Van Overbeke specifically being mentioned.

High marks were given to Ms. Bishop for being a super homeroom and social studies teacher with one student's appreciation for summer tutorial help from Ms. B.

The Class of 2010 topped off their 8th grade year with a trip to Washington, D.C., which proved to be a fabulous experience academically and socially.

As the Class of 2010 look forward now to high school, they mention their enthusiasm for meeting new friends from diverse backgrounds and playing high school sports. They are welcoming a broad-range of new, fun and challenging classes (including math!), excited about participating in new activities, 'expanding my horizons and improving on the basics', being in a bigger school with more people, having 'more freedom', learning to drive, 'everything'!

Most of the students from the Class of 2010 will be attending **White Bear Lake High School**. Matt and Spencer will be at **Hill-Murray**, Jacob at **Totino-Grace**, Maxwell at **Centennial**, and Sarah LeMay at **Convent of the Visitation**.



## Greetings from the Pastor...



Fr. Roger Bauman

My Dear Friends,

As we approach the end of another school year, I look back with a sense of gratitude on a truly wonderful year. We welcomed a new principal to our school community. Mr. Pat Gallivan replaced Mary Fritz who retired and has helped to bring a renewed energy and excitement to our school. He has worked tirelessly with the faculty, Catholic School Committee and parents to ensure that St. Mary's school continues to provide a quality Catholic education for our families in the greater White Bear Lake area. He is also working with the faculty and others in preparing for our accreditation which will happen in 2011. He has come to us during a challenging time as we, and many Catholic schools in our Archdiocese and elsewhere are experiencing enrollment decreases and tight finances. But these challenges are approached as opportunities to hone our marketing skills and more than double our efforts to promote the wonderful educational environment we

have here. Pat has provided strong leadership at a time when our school ministry has needed it and we are so grateful to have him with us.

As you know, providing education in today's world is increasingly challenging on virtually all levels. Increasing costs related to personnel, facility maintenance, shifting demographics and other factors means that we must always be finding ways to effectively manage our resources. I believe we are good stewards of those resources here at St. Mary's. And we have a strong, proud 96 year tradition of Catholic education to motivate us to plan for the future. Please consider helping us by providing a "building block" through a donation to St. Mary's school. If the school was there for you during a formative time of your life, now you can be here for our school. Imagine if every living alumni donated \$50 or \$25 dollars, the kind of impact that could have on our school ministry. We want to be here another 96 years so please consider St. Mary's school as part of your charitable giving.

Thank you and God Bless.

*Fr. Rodger Bauman, Pastor*

### ST. MARY OF THE LAKE ALUMNI BOARD, 2009-2010

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### ST. MARY OF THE LAKE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Association is organized for the purpose of coordinating the interests and resources of members of the Association in support of the educational programs of St. Mary of the Lake School; to keep alumni informed of the activities and programs of the school; to serve alumni following graduation; and to act as an organization for the mutual exchange of ideas between the Association and the School.

## Greetings from the Principal...

Dear Friends,

The St. Mary of the Lake School community is thankful for all of the blessings we have experienced during this school year. Our school fundraisers have exceeded their anticipated goals, quite remarkable given the state of the general economy. We are also proud of our faculty's commitment to excellence. Our students in grades one through eight have been able to successfully acclimate themselves to our new testing format and have shown very positive results. The school community has also been blessed by our generous St. Mary of the Lake School Alumni. Individual alumni and the Alumni Association have donated over \$4000.00 to those in need of tuition assistance. We are truly grateful for your continued support!

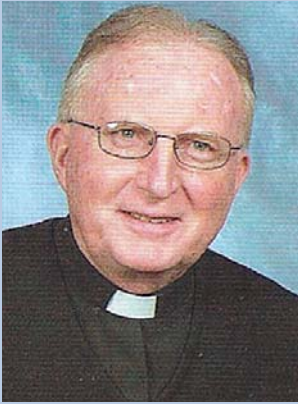
As one can see, the future is bright and God is good to his faithful servants. St. Mary for the Lake School will continue to serve God and is dedicated to educating students in a nurturing environment while respecting their gifts and guiding them on a life-long journey of faith. In Christ,



Mr. Patrick Gallivan

*Patrick Gallivan, Principal*

## Greetings from our Pastor Emeritus...



Fr. Roger Pierre

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Last year in this newsletter, I reminded us of G. K. Chesterton's assertion that "The test of all happiness is gratitude". I am deeply grateful for you all, and I want to be sure that you know of my gratitude. This year, especially in light of the challenges we face as a world, nation, and as people of faith, I searched for perspectives as to how we might be more effective simply as people working to be better engaged with each other. I found I was intrigued by some characteristics of true community, as proposed by M. Scott Peck, in his book "The Different Drum":

- Inclusivity, commitment and consensus (accept, embrace, celebrate)
- Realism (understand through multiple perspectives)
- Contemplation (individual and collective self-awareness)
- A safe place (all can share, be safely vulnerable)
- A laboratory for personal disarmament (mutual compassion and respect)
- A group that can fight gracefully (resolve conflicts with wisdom and grace)
- A group of all leaders (harness the spirit of the community)
- A spirit (of peace, love, wisdom and power)

Regardless of the communities in which we find ourselves, it seems to me that the Gospel message resounds throughout the above list and that our faith can guide and comfort us through our times of challenge!

Peace and blessings to you all, and many thanks for your faithfulness and good works!

*Fr. Roger Pierre, Pastor Emeritus*

### Calendar of Events: June 2010 - June 2011

\*June 3, 2010, 6:30 PM Church  
Class of 2010 - 8th Grade Graduation Mass

June 14 - 17  
St. Mary of the Lake Basketball Camp

\*Thursdays, June 17 - July 29, 2010  
Marketfest, 6-9 PM, Downtown WBL

\*June 17 - July 4, 2010  
Manitou Days 2010  
Theme: Books, Beaches and Boats

June 21-25  
St. Mary of the Lake Volleyball Camp

September 7, 2010  
First day of 2010-11 School Year

\*September 11 & 12, 2010  
St. Mary of the Lake Fall Festival  
Church and Parish Life Center

\*September 26, 2009, 11 AM  
Alumni Memorial Mass

\*October 2010 TBA  
St. Mary of the Lake  
Oktoberfest-ival of Our Nations

\*October 21 - 23, 2010  
Alumni Rummage Sale  
SMOL Parish Life Center

\*December 5, 2010 8 AM - 1 PM  
8th Graders Belgian Waffle Breakfast  
SMOL Parish Life Center

\*January 29 - Feb. 4, 2011  
Catholic Schools Week

\*April 23, 2010  
Spring Fling Auction and Dinner  
Parish Life Center

\*June 2, 2011  
Class of 2011 Graduation

\*June 2011  
Alumni Newsletter published

\*Alumni will especially enjoy!

For further information on most of these events, please check these websites:  
[www.stmarys-wbl.org](http://www.stmarys-wbl.org) | [www.whitebearlake.org](http://www.whitebearlake.org)

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**To families of deceased alumni and staff:**  
When we become aware of an alumni or teacher/ staff death we discontinue sending the Alumni Newsletter to his/her address. If the surviving family member/s would like to continue receiving the Alumni Newsletter which comes out once a year in June, please contact the Alumni Association at the Parish Life Center, 651-429-7771. If you attend St. Mary of the Lake Church, there are extra copies in the kiosk in the gathering space. There are also copies available in the pamphlet rack near the office in the Parish Life Center. Thank you.

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Please notify the Alumni Association with any corrections.

Thank you very much in advance!

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### 2009 Newsletter Corrections:

Page 18 corrections from Bob Hogan '49 and Jack LeMay '49: Pat Bradley, Jim Carroll, and John Delaney were in the Class of 1948 (not 1949) and are now deceased. Leonard Kohler was in the Class of 1950 (not 1949) and is now deceased. Dan Collins was in the Class of 1949. A girl named "Claudette" was also the class of '49. Carol Parenteau '49, Mike Ettel '49 and Chuck Hoffman '49 are now deceased. Spelling corrections: Chuck LeMere '49 (not LeMire). Marylyn (not Marilyn) Hogan Bouvee '51. 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 future generations.



# Class of 2000

 Mrs. Jan Fredericks	 Mrs. Ann Stelter Teaching Assistant	 Liza Albers	 Amanda Berggren	 Emily Burris	 Rachel Cain	 Diana DiFabio
 T.J. Dubbs	 Denise Elizondo	 Madelynn Furlong	 Nick Halverson	 Matt Hartmann	 Mallory Heinz	 Allie Hynan
 Samantha Majkowski	 Christina Mangine	 Bridget Mateyka	 Mary Beth Murphy	 Leah Olson	 Kelsey Pierce	 Josh Redding
 Jesse Rodrique	 Joe Roszkowski	 Amy Toskey	 Greta Turnbull	 John Vichich	 Courtney Williams	 Dan Wood

**Row 1 (top) l-r:** Mrs. Fredericks, Teacher, Mrs. Stelter, Teacher's Aide, Liza Albers, Amanda Berggren, Emily Burris, Rachel Cain, Diana DiFabio

**Row 2 l-r:** T.J. Dubbs, Denise Elizondo, Madelynn Furlong, Nick Halverson, Matt Hartmann, Mallory Heinz, Alexandra 'Allie' Hynan

**Row 3 l-r:** Samantha Majkowski, Christina Mangine, Bridget Mateyka, Mary Beth Murphy, Leah Olson, Kelsey Pierce, Josh Redding

**Row 4 l-r:** Jesse Rodrique, Joe Roszkowski, Amy Toskey, Greta Turnbull, John Vichich, Courtney Williams, Dan Wood

The Class of 2000 had the following teachers at St. Mary of the Lake School: Mrs. Clauson (K), Mrs. Clarke (1st), Mrs. Olson (Miss Casey) (2nd), Mrs. Bennek (3rd), Ms. Bullis (4th), Mrs. Fredericks (5th), Ms. Kane, Principal (1991-1998), Ms. Kathy Rowe, Principal (1999-2003)

Most of the mailing addresses for these classmates are at their WBL family home address. We do not have any address for those with an asterisk (\*) after their name. Please contact St. Mary's with address changes. Thank you.

If you know a classmate who is not listed and/or not receiving the Alumni Newsletter, please contact him/her to call the Parish Life Center with information. There are extra copies in the Parish Life Center and also in the Church's kiosk. Thank you!

Photo from 1999-2000 Memory Book

# Class of 2000 Updates

AMANDA BERGGREN emailed, "I went to Hill-Murray High School and now am attending Winona State University majoring in advertising and a minor in marketing. I'm planning on graduating in 31/2 years so will graduate Spring of 2011. (I missed one semester due to mono.) I have worked at Cup and Cone since sophomore year of high school, Caribou Coffee for a short time, and at Genesis Chiropractic. Last summer I worked at Gotlz Pharmacy in Winona until this past October, 2009. When not at school, I live with my younger brother, Ryan (a freshman at Hill-Murray) and my mom and stepdad (Jeanne & Bill Hartman). I am interested in playing all sports, but mostly soccer. This past spring break I went on a road trip to 10 states all the way to Las Vegas, Nevada and back to Winona." Amanda's contact information: 5767 Lake Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, Email address: ABerggren06@winona.edu. Winona/White Bear Lake, MN



Amanda Berggren and her boyfriend, Andy, at his 2010 graduation from Winona State.

MADELYNN "MADDY" FURLONG called saying she's a 2010 graduate of Bethel University in St. Paul with a B.A degree in Studio Art (focusing on painting and drawing) with a minor in Art History. She spent a college semester in New York City, which is where she'd like to return to for a Master's Degree. During her high school years at WBL, Maddy ran cross country, track and cross country skiing. Minneapolis, MN



Nicholas Halverson



Christina Mangine

NICHOLAS "NICK" HALVERSON is studying biology at Century College and plans to attend St. Mary's University in Winona this fall. Nick graduated from Hill-Murray in 2007 where he ran track. He also played Jr. Gold Hockey for White Bear Lake. He works at Freedom Value Center in WBL and enjoys snowboarding. White Bear Lake, MN

CHRISTINA MANGINE emailed, "I just finished my junior year at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota, and I am studying International Management and Vocal Performance. I also just returned home from spending this past semester in Florence, Italy studying abroad! It was a wonderful experience, and I'm so happy I decided to travel abroad! At Gustavus I am a soprano in the Gustavus Choir, and I also enjoy playing intramural softball in the spring with my friends! My contact information is: cmangine@gac.edu, cell: 612-701-0168, 75 Wedgewood Drive, Mahtomedi, MN 55115." St. Peter/Mahtomedi, MN

MARY BETH MURPHY emailed, "I am currently living, working and studying in Sydney, Australia. Upon my return to the United States in July 2010, I will complete one more year of an economics degree from the University of St. Thomas. After graduation, I plan on continuing to work for Apple Incorporated in the corporate sector (hopefully, back in Sydney). Some of my fondest memories from St. Mary's have been the E.L.C. trip, roller skating at Saint's North, the amazing hot lunches, and scooter city. I also will be forever indebted to Mrs. Pat Bullis for braiding my hair on picture re-take day. Email address: marybeth921@msn.com. "Sydney, Australia



Mary Beth Murphy

JOSHUA REDDING writes that he finished middle school at Holy Family, graduated from Hill-Murray, went on to Winona State University, and is now in a fire safety/EMT program at Century College. He works part-time at UPS and enjoys playing guitar. White Bear Lake, MN



Joe Roszkowski

JOE ROSZKOWSKI attended Holy Family Middle School where he was in band. He then went on to graduate from Hill-Murray in 2007. Joe has worked at Evans Music in downtown White Bear Lake for the past 5 years, and has been teaching guitar since 2008. He also attends Century College. Email address: ros0001@go.century.edu. White Bear Lake, MN

AMY TOSKEY emailed "I currently live in St. Paul, but will be soon coming home to White Bear for the summer following my third year at the University of St. Thomas. I am majoring in Social Work and minoring in sociology with the hopes of working with the elderly or adults with developmental disabilities. I plan on attending the University of Minnesota to get my master's degree in Social Work after St. Thomas. I am still best friends with both Christina Mangine and Mary Beth Murphy, both of whom I met at St. Mary's.



Amy Toskey

One of my favorite memories from St. Mary's is the Thanksgiving play in Mrs. Clark's first grade class and Mrs. Frederick's music classes. I attended Holy Family, Hill-Murray and now UST after St. Mary's. I enjoy working with the elderly and watching baseball, and I have a job as an usher at the new Twins stadium, Target Field. Email address: avtoskey@stthomas.edu. St. Paul/White Bear Lake, MN



# Class of 1990



**Row 1 (top), l-r:** Jenny Ankenbauer\*, Becky Brokke\*, Emily Butler\*, Joseph Coenen, Nathan Edberg, Timothy Farnan

**Row 2, l-r:** Brian Frazer, Brian Grundtner, Melissa Hulm, Ben Johnson, Danielle Johnson, Matthew Jungmann

**Row 3, l-r:** Tony Kimlinger, Teri Klecker, Megan Kohler, Danielle LaValle, Nicholas Lowell\*, Steven Maher

**Row 4, l-r:** Kaija Markoe, Kevin Marsh, Shaun McLafferty, John Milhofer, Patrick Norton, Gina Perzichilli\*

**Row 5, l-r:** Andrew Reinhardt, Seth Sonnonstine, Molly Vadnais, Chad Wilmes, Mrs. Fredericks (Teacher), Mrs. Peltier (Teacher Aide)

not pictured Jenny Hagle\*

1989-1990 Memory Book photo thanks to Tom Evans '91

**These students are also remembered as being classmates with the Class of 1990:** Shawna Hall\*, Cherie Karpinko\*, Erik Kubitschek\*, Kari Miller\*, Ben Stewart\*

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**Photo from 1989-1990 Memory Book thanks to Tom Evans '91**

## Class of 1990 Updates



Andrew, Mike, Danielle, Ella  
front: Anna and Ryan

DANIELLE LAVALLE Ferrin writes that her memories include the Red Room, bowling and chin-ups/shuttle races in Mrs. Reibel's gym class, weekly hot lunch, recorders with Mrs. Fredericks, great office staff, Mrs. Whitehill's birthday cake drawings and the reading bathtub, Mrs. Smith handing "snickers" out before sex ed, playing house in the roots of the jumbo tree behind the baseball field, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands-Aragon, Neon, Radon, Xeon...", TaCumba as artist-in-

residence, exploring the off-limit basement hallways/bathrooms, crossing guard patrol, National Geographic collection across from Mrs. Beggin's 4th grade classroom, winter church bazzars, putting people "in jail" at the school carnival, learning while laughing and growing up! Thanks! [ed.note: Wow, and thanks for your fun memories, Danielle!] Danielle graduated from White Bear Lake HS and went on to Bethel University studying writing and communications. She's the owner of Fun Places, with interactive murals and public art for children of all ages. Danielle is married to Mike Ferrin and they have 4 children, Ella (10), Andrew (8), Anna (6), and Ryan (5). Her contact info: 3010 Victoria St., Roseville, MN 55113, 651-486-9449, mdFerrins@comcast.net. Roseville, MN



Brian Grundtner

BRIAN GRUNDTNER emailed "I am currently stationed in North Carolina, but since I am deployed to Iraq I do not have an address at this time, so I use my parents...I graduated from the University of Minnesota in 2001 and I am currently serving in the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Bragg North Carolina, with the 4th Psychological Operations Group. Hopefully, we will be able to find out which four corners of the globe people scattered to, it would be great to be able to keep in touch even if only every few years. Thanks." White Bear Lake/Iraq



Benjamin Johnson

BENJAMIN JOHNSON writes memories of hot lunch Thursday, the entire male population in fourth grade getting detention for going to baseball practice, school meetings in the Red Room, and "getting my hands on the latest, greatest book in the library and hiding out with it". Ben graduated from White Bear High School in 1996 and attended the University of Minnesota from 1999-2001. He's been employed as a Mortgage Counselor at Wells Fargo Home Mortgage since 2002. Ben's contact info: 5405 Kings Cr. N., Brooklyn Park, MN 55443, 651-343-5900, lightstorm529@hotmail.com. Brooklyn Park, MN

*"To fall in love with God is the greatest of all romances.  
To seek God the greatest adventure.  
To find God the greatest human achievement."*

— St. Augustine (354 – 430) Bishop of Hippo, philosopher and theologian

# Class of 1990 Updates (continued)



Emily Johnson and Mitch Jaden & Ava

EMILY BUTLER JOHNSON emails "I still live in White Bear Lake with my husband, Mitch, and 3 kids, Jaden-8, Ava-4, and Ella- almost 2 weeks! I also work part time at Sunbear Salon in downtown WBL. My contact info: 1994 Oak Knoll Drive, WBL, MN 55110, (651) 407-7311, emjohnson729@msn.com". White Bear Lake, MN



Megan Keyser and Adrian

MEGAN KOHLER KEYSER emails "I graduated from the U of M Twin Cities with a make-up-your-own Individualized Interdepartmental BA (Representation of Women in Media). I have been working in the Brokerage Industry since 2006 and I currently work in the Brokerage Home Office at Thrivent Financial in Minneapolis. In April 2009, I married Adrian Keyser and we live in Oakdale, MN. I swear I'm not as boring as I sound on paper. My contact info is: megankeyser@hotmail.com or via Facebook." Oakdale, MN



Steve Maher

STEVE MAHER emails that he is "Currently living in Northeast Minneapolis with my wife, Jackie, and our two sons, Jack and Samuel. I'm working as a Mechanical Design Engineer." Steve's contact info: stevemaher8@gmail.com. Minneapolis, MN



Kevin Marsh

KEVIN MARSH emailed, "I moved from WBL about 8 years ago. I'm an appliance technician and I love to go to all the sporting events and clubs in MN! I've found that living in the city is where I've always wanted to live! I still hang with my sister who lives in Hugo and my brother who lives about a mile away in downtown Minneapolis. Home address: 629 5th St. NE Minneapolis MN 55413. You can contact me at marshimuss1@hotmail.com. Minneapolis MN



Teri Klecker Olichwier

TERI KLECKER OLICHWIER emails that "Some of my favorite memories include field trips, liturgies in the "Red Room", "Chicken Come Home" game in Phy. Ed, being "Mary" in the Christmas pageant and, of course, all my wonderful friends, teachers and St. Mary's Staff. I received a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall. I work in Accounting/Employee Benefits at HLB Tautges Redpath, Ltd. in White Bear Lake. My husband, James "Jimmy", and I have been married since 2001, we have two children, Meredith (5 years) and Spencer (18 months). I love spending time with my family, shopping, walking, movies, reading, researching and writing." Contact info for Teri: klecket@hotmail.com. Woodbury, MN



Melissa Pastor and Anthony

MELISSA HULM PASTOR emailed, "I live in West Palm Beach, Florida. I am married to a fabulous man named Anthony. We don't have any kids, yet, but we love and spoil our 5 year old Boxer, Kaiser. I went to college at Florida Atlantic University earning a degree in Elementary Education and someday, hopefully soon, will get my Masters in Reading. We like to travel and spend time with our families. We will actually be in Minnesota [June 11-13] when my little sister is having my niece baptized at St. Mary's! We're excited to see everyone! Contact info: mhulm1225@yahoo.com, 5264 S.E. Sweetbrier Terrace, Hobe Sound, FL 33455 (407-595-1290). West Palm Beach, FL



Molly Vadnais

MOLLY VADNAIS emailed, "After living in Iowa for twelve years, I recently moved back to teach art at Central Middle School. I absolutely adore my job and spending time with my nephew and niece who also live in WBL. While in Iowa, I taught high school art for four years before going back and getting my Master's Degree in Art Education from the University of Iowa. I also worked in a museum for two years before finally finding a way back to White Bear Lake. In my free time I'm active on my brother Josh's (also a St. Mary's Alum) race team and I write a column for a regional racing newspaper. White Bear Lake, MN

CHAD WILMES writes that he received a BA in Biology from Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall and is now employed as a Microbiology Lab Technician at Cargill. He and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Champlin, MN. Chad enjoys fishing, ice fishing, movies, camping and swimming. He also "remembers in sixth grade that we buried a time capsule in the front yard of St. Mary's." Champlin, MN

## News from students from the 90s

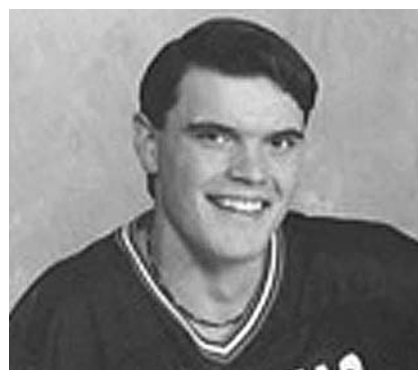
ANNIE CHEREK MCDONALD '92 was recently invited by St. Mary's Health Committee to make a presentation concerning her involvement with the organization, WomenHeart. She was warmly received by the 50+ attendees. She explained that she became involved in WomenHeart "because of my own cardiac diagnosis of Long QT Syndrome, an arrhythmia that affects approximately 1 in 5000 people, the majority of which are women. My own experience taught me that there is a disparity in the treatment of women with cardiovascular health issues, and it spurred me to become involved with WomenHeart to help women get educated about their heart health, and become advocates for themselves when seeking medical care." As many Alumni may remember, Annie's sister, Kristen '86, died from a sudden cardiac arrest in 1993. Unbeknown to her and her family, Kristen had Long QT Syndrome. For more information on the organization contact: www.womenheart.org. Annie's email address is: acherek80@gmail.com



Classmates Erica Martin and Annie Cherek McDonald visit after Annie's April 2010 talk on heart health at St. Mary's.

*"Never give up,  
for that is just the place and time  
that the tide will turn."*

— Harriet Beecher Stowe (1811-1896) American abolitionist and author (Uncle Tom's Cabin)



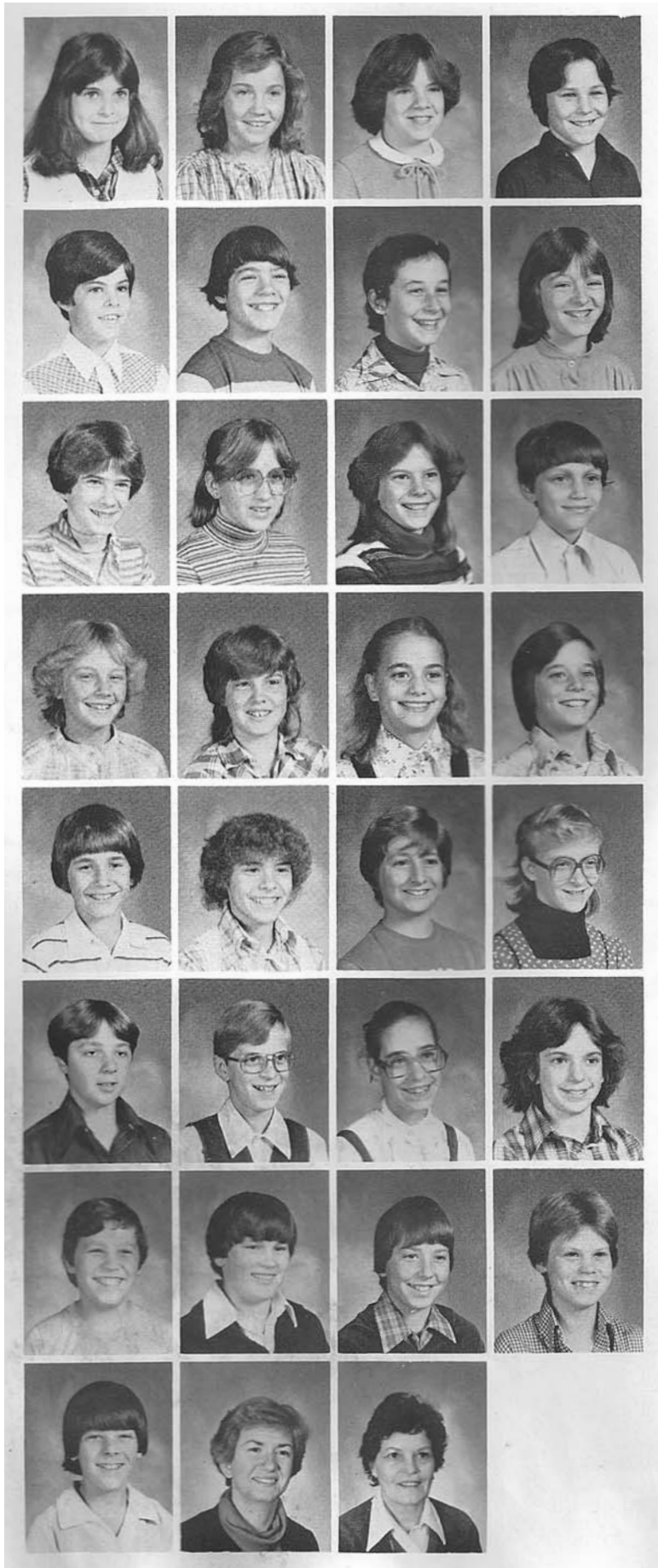
### NATHAN EDBERG '90

It has been over 11 years since classmate, Nathan Edberg, was last seen in April 1999. Since then, family and friends have kept a continuous vigil for his safe return. On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of Nathan's disappearance, his mother, Jackie, brother and sisters, Tony, Jennaya and Allison invited family and friends to a prayer service April 14, 2009 at St. Odilia's Church in Shoreview. His siblings have set up web pages for Nathan on Facebook and MySpace. The missing person's file for Nathan is still an open case with the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department. Detective Tom Paget has been in charge of his case and can be reached at 651-266-9366.



During the 1985-86 school year, Principal Marcia Reardon introduced Artist-in-Residence Tacoumba Tyrone Aiken to our school community.

# Class of 1980



**Row 1 (top) l-r:** Kimberly Arth\*, Angela Aymar, Marcia Berger, Ronald Birch

**Row 2, l-r:** Kevin Carter, Christopher Collins, Kathryn Diedrick\*, Marlene Foshay

**Row 3, l-r:** Victoria Fredericks, Darice Gilde\*, Dawn Gregory, Terrance Grewe†

**Row 4, l-r:** Maureen Haessly, Kay Huber\*, Bernadette LaBore\*, Brian LaBore

**Row 5, l-r:** Paul Lees, Jeanine Letourneau, Jeff Mample, Corrine Moore

**Row 6, l-r:** William Nalipinski, Michael Neubeck, Lori Pavik, Becky Schierman

**Row 7, l-r:** Michael Tucker, Christopher Urban, Matthew Voda, Jan Whitehill\*

**Row 8, r-l:** Jerry Wright, Mrs. Jan Fredericks (Teacher), Lorraine Peltier (Teacher Aide)

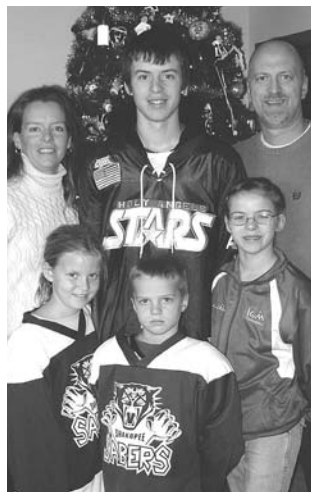
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**The Class of 1980 had the following teachers at St. Mary of the Lake School:** Mrs. Flaspeter (1st), Mrs. Casey (2nd), Miss Osberg (Mrs. Bennek) (3rd) Miss Wheeler (4th), Miss Leeder (5th), Mrs. McComber (6th), Sr. Joan, Principal until 1977, and Mr. Monogue, Principal during 1977-81. Other teachers during these years were Sister Donna, Sister Kathleen Marie and Mrs. McDonald.

Photos from 1979-80 Memory Book

## Class of 1980 Updates



Christmas 2009 at the Neubecks  
Back: Peggy, Travis and Mike  
Front: Megan, Tony and Annikki

MICHAEL NEUBECK writes that his memories include "all the classmates, playing hockey at recess, being in Mrs. Fredericks' first class, people like Paul Lees, Bill Nalipinski, Chris Urban, Jan Whitehill and many more. I have a Doctorate in Educational Leadership. I'm the Principal at Shakopee Middle School and still umpire the St. Paul Saints." Mike and his wife, Peggy, have four children, Travis (15), Annikki (11), Megan (8) and Tony (7). His special interests/hobbies are being an umpire and coaching baseball and hockey. Contact info: 877 Basenji Curve, Shakopee, MN 55379, (952) 403-9688, ump13@yahoo.com. Shakopee, MN

### NEUBECK NEWS!

*Michael Neubeck will begin his new duties July 1, 2010 as Mahtomedi Middle School's new principal. The Neubeck Family have immediate plans to sell their Shakopee home, enroll their children in the Mahtomedi School District, and to make their home closer to Mahtomedi. Congratulations, Mike, and good luck to you, Peggy, and your children!*

REBECCA 'BECKY' SCHIERMAN writes that her fondest memories are of the "Christmas Pagents, Science class with Ms. Leeder, and favorite teacher, Mrs. Fredericks." Becky received a B.S. in Journalism and a Masters in Public

Health. She's employed as Manager of Quality Improvement at the Minnesota Medical Association. Her special interests are reading, family and gardening. Vadnais Heights, MN

MARCIA BERGER SNUGGERUD writes that she has memories of her St. Mary's friends, that she's an Oncology Nurse and is married to Chad Snuggerud. They have one child, Emmett. Marcia's contact info: mcberger26@hotmail.com. Woodbury, MN

ANGIE AYMAR DOWNS emailed "I have many fond memories of St Mary's days! Would love to see everyone again! I have 2 daughters Ashley 21, Taylor 15 and a 2 year old grandson Jordan. I live in Maplewood with my fiance Chris and youngest daughter Taylor. Busy with Taylor with dance and sports. Chris and I coach Taylor's slow pitch softball team during the summer. I am employed by Ferguson Fire & Fabrication. My email is angeladowns67@msn.com"

*"Go confidently into the direction of your dreams.*

*Live the life you've imagined."*

— Henry David Thoreau (1817 – 1862) American author and poet

## Messages from students from the 1980's

JENNIFER EVANS BILCHICK '83 writes from Charlottesville, VA, "I greatly enjoy reading the Alumni Newsletter-thanks so much for producing it! I got to see several St. Mary's classmates at my 20th WBLAHS reunion in August 2009."

CHRIS CINCOTTA '85 shares that "Presently have a business 'Cincotta Construction-UC', began by flipping houses and now do all around remodeling and building. Always looking for more work. 'Have a youngster in the Summer Academy program [2009 at St. Mary of the Lake] and he loves it. 'Had a daughter, Abby, and now added two boys to the family, Carlos and Austin."

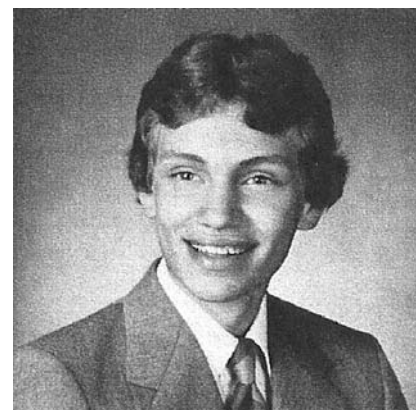


Chris Scherer and son Tanner

CHRIS SCHERER '79

A fundraiser was held in July 2009 (highlighted in the 2009 Newsletter) for Chris Scherer '79 who had been diagnosed with stage 4 incurable brain cancer. After radiation, chemotherapy and a new cancer drug, and with the support and prayers of family and friends, Chris is now cancer-free (as of May 2010). Chris lives in Spring Valley, WI with his wife, Denise, and children, Haley, (14) and Tanner (5). They

will be moving this summer to Cushing, WI. Another daughter, Rachael (21), lives in St. Cloud.



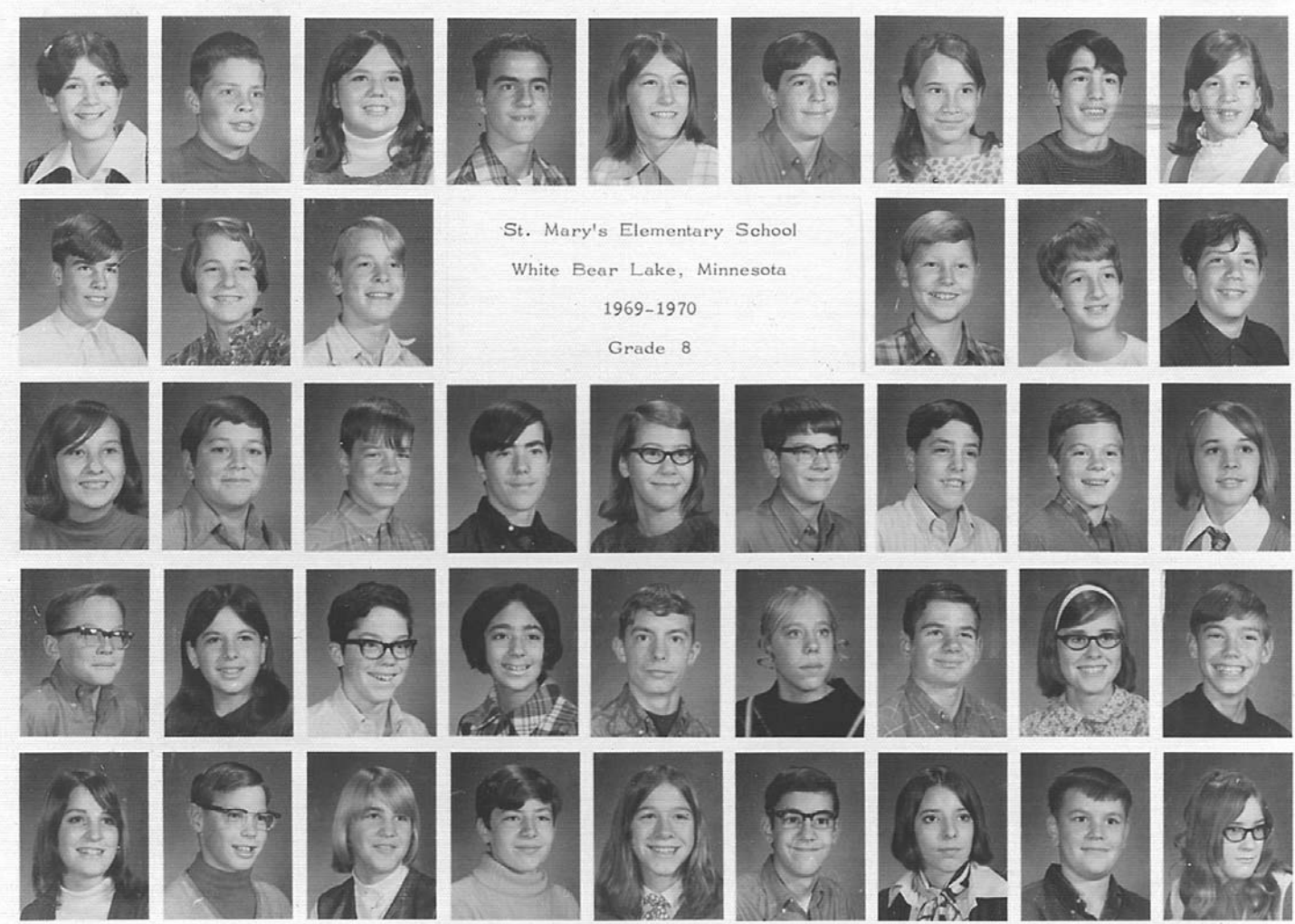
Terrence J. Grewe

1968 - 1990

Terry died accidentally on Jan. 27, 1990. He is buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.



# Class of 1970



**Row 1 (top) l-r:** Cathy Weichman†, Jim Norton, Lynn Chesebro\*, John Wald\*, Therese Paul, Thomas Rosenthal, Joy Jaques, John Hecky\*, Nancy Gavin\*

**Row 2 l-r:** Steve Bragg, Jane Karp, Jim Hunter\*, Jerry Westbrook, Marie Macalus, John Farley

**Row 3 l-r:** Brenda Cleary\*, Gordy Oaks\*, Dave Urban\*, Lenny Ayde\*, Joan Martin, Dale Urban, Gordy Peltier, Mike Munns, Pam Dupre\*

**Row 4 l-r:** John Smith, Wendy Duell\*, Joe Twohy, Michele Leonhart\*, Tom Vandenberg, Patty Murphy\*, Stephen Kemmerer, Donna Spermbauer, Tom Connolly

**Row 5 l-r:** Karin Copeland, Mike Banken, Judy Kohler, Richard Ciernia, Mary Flater, Tom Hodgdon\*, Cathy Voda, Thomas Peterson\*, Patty Rainer

**The Class of 1970 had the following teachers at St. Mary of the Lake School (name change after Vatican II). This list is not complete, however:** Sr. Mary Fabian (Margaret) (1st), Sister Terrance (2nd), Sr. Antoinette (2nd) Ms. Durand (5th), Sr. Elizabeth Clare (6th), Mrs. Rademacher (6th), Sr. Lucy (7th), Sr. Jeanne Michael, Sr. Roseann, Sr. Donald (Joan) (principal and 8th) Sr. Justin (principal, 1958-64) Mr. Alberta, Mr. Long. Ms. Durand was also the volleyball coach.

1970 Class photo and names thanks to Jim Norton

# Class of 1970 Updates

DAVE BECKER writes, “Memories of Sister Justin, Sister Mary Fabian, being an Altar Boy for Fr. Finn, and school uniforms.” He attended college and for 34 years has been employed at the Oxygen Service Company, an employee-owned company where he serves on the Board of Directors. He and his wife, Debbie, have two children, Nicole (26) and Lindsey (22). Dave’s special interests are hunting and fishing. Woodbury, MN

KATHY VODA BELPEDIO writes her memories of “playing basketball, volleyball and softball for the school with Ms. Durand as Coach and walking home for lunch every day; people remembered: Mary Flater, Norton Family, Twohy Family.” Kathy received a Masters Degree in Speech/Language Pathology, and is currently a High School Special Ed. Department Chair. Kathy has one daughter, Anna, who is a Sophomore at Winona State University. Her special interests are Stained Glass Artwork and Greyhound Adoption. Minneapolis, MN



Patricia O'Gorman Callahan

PATRICIA O’GORMAN CALLAHAN emails “I attended St. Mary’s School through the 6th grade, moving on to Central middle school and graduated from White Bear Lake High School. My further education was 916 vocational, Lakewood Community and Metro State University. My major course studies were child development, human services and psychology. I worked in group homes that housed those with disabilities, including Northeast Residence for several years. I moved on to work in special education, including 917 schools and Northeast Metro Alternative schools with autistic and the EBD population for many years.

Memories of St. Mary’s include the expectations from our teachers to have quiet classrooms, with the occasional whisper from a neighbor in hopes you would not get caught, making good friends, and Sister Terrance who was a very kind, sweet, helpful teacher.

I am married to Patrick Callahan and have two children, Cristin and Thomas. Some of my hobbies include golf, bowling, hiking, fitness classes, yoga and watercolor painting.

Presently, I paint in watercolor. I continue to take watercolor painting classes from a very fine, experienced artist, Frank Zeller. Some of my paintings and greeting cards may be found for sale in a gift store in Stillwater called “Lost Treasures” that carries an eclectic mix of new and old vintage art. It’s located at 2221 E. Chestnut Street. My contact info.: pattyoc@comcast.net and home # 651-762-0736, cell # 651-253-3642.”



Tom Connolly and Family

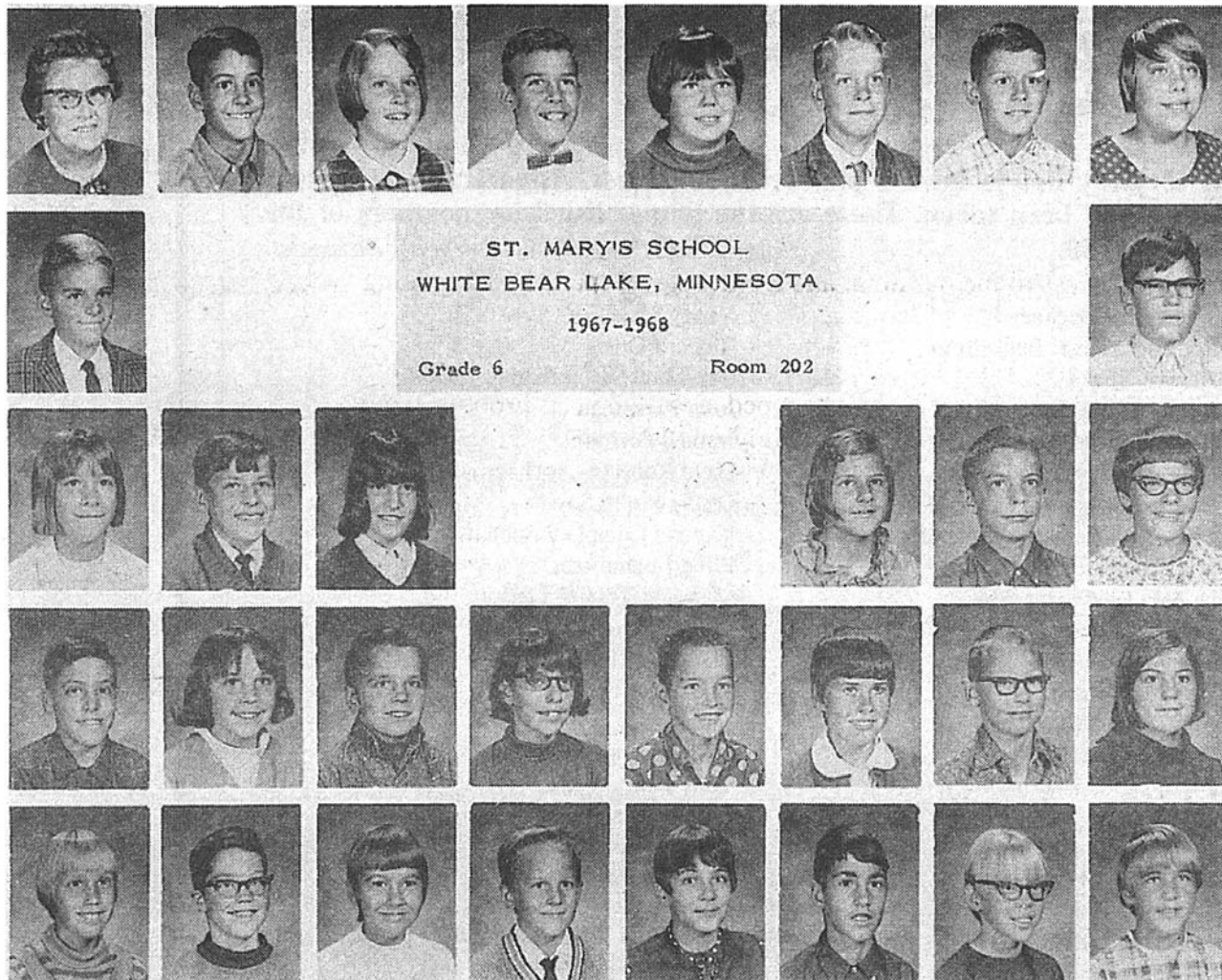
THOMAS FRANCIS CONNOLLY is a man of few words, and so this commentary comes from his sister, Patty ‘57. “While Tom has accomplished much in his lifetime, it is his wonderful family he is most proud of. He married his childhood sweetheart, Barbara Mischke, over 30 years ago. She is a travel agent for Macy’s which has helped them enjoy many great adventures throughout their married life. They have three children, Allison (27) who is a Registered Nurse, Kristina (24) an Aveda graduate in Cosmetology and whose husband, Matt (of whom we are all very proud,

too) served as a medic in Iraq and Haiti, and Tim (21) who has been working and learning the “ropes” for many years and is stepping into management of Tom’s Burger King stores as Tom prepares for retirement. Tom remains in contact with classmate-friends, Steve Bragg and Dave Holm, with whom he shares many great memories. Tom is always the first to step forward with help and support for family and community. His favorite pastimes are spent entertaining his two grandchildren, Daevon (4 yrs.) and Abigail (2 yrs.), and traveling the world with Barb.” Tom’s contact info. is: tfcon123@comcast.net. New Brighton, MN

MICHAEL MUNNS emailed “I moved to Johnstown, CO in 2004 as a job transfer with State Farm Insurance when the Woodbury office closed. I miss the Twin Cities and can’t wait to return when I retire or can get transferred back, whichever comes first! There are so many memories of St. Mary’s, some starting to fade as the years add up, but what I remember (although, I did not like school) were the fun times spent with wonderful friends and caring teachers who had so much patience with me. Some specifics that stand out: Sr. Mary Fabian’s patience with this crying 1st grader, those uniforms, Sr. Justin’s bell, first in line for everything because I was the shortest, getting out of school to be an altar boy for funerals, the school play “Cupid on the Loose” in which I was Cupid, middle school-new addition, no uniforms, Mr. Alberta, my best friend, Joe Twohy, and a major crush on Michele Leonhart!”

Mike attended White Bear Senior High, received an AA from Lakewood Community College, and a BA from Metropolitan State University. His employment career includes the old Maple Leaf Drive-In Theater working various jobs from janitor to manager and State Farm Insurance from 1978 to the present where he is currently a Life/Health supervisor in the Greeley, Colorado office. Mike is married to Bonnie and has five children; Maggie, Andrea, Jeremy, Elicia and Corey; three stepdaughters, Angel, Olivia and Jessica; and five grandchildren, Caitlyn, Taylor, Skyler, Henna and Ashlyn, with a granddaughter (Kadence) due in July! His special interests are the MN Twins, Wild, Vikings, and skiing. Mike’s contact information is mbaoj@wdemail.com and 1106 N. 5th St., Johnstown, CO 80534. Johnstown, CO

# Class of 1970 (continued)



This photo was in the 2000 Newsletter thanks to the Dillon Family

**Row 1 (top), l-r:** Mrs. Rademacher, Tom Hodgdon\*, Jane Karp, Steve Bragg, Lynn Chesebro\*, James Hunter\*, Doug LeMay, Patricia Murphy\*

**Row 2, l-r:** Joe Shearen\*, Dale Urban\*

**Row 3, l-r:** Mary Flater, Richard Ciernia, Karin Copeland, Anita Giovannini\*, Tom Vandeberg, Catherine Wyland

**Row 4, l-r:** Gordon Peltier, Pam Dupre\*, David Becker, Cathy Voda, Patrick Dillon, Donna Spermbauer, Jerry Westbrook, Patricia O'Gorman

**Row 5, l-r:** Jean Parenteau\*, Joe Twohy, Joan Martin, Jeff Korolchuk\*, Cathy Weichman†, John Hecky\*, Nancy Gavin\*, Judy Kohler

**Because the Class of 1970 was very large, there were, apparently, two classrooms of the Class of 1970. These were also listed as 1970 classmates:** John Dolfay\*, Dorothy Kohler\*, Brian Kostuch, Lee LaCasse\*, Sue Lindbeck\*, Laurie Long\*, Susan Marcotte\*, Mac McKenzie\*, Edward Otte, Walter Robokoff\*, Randall Sevelin\*, David Svoboda, Nancy Vanderwyst\*, William Wunderlich\*, Edward Wyland\*, Margaret Blackwelder\*, Josephine Brinker, Colleen Callahan, Kevin Callahan, John Farley, Louise Gatzow, Nancy Gavin, Dave Holm, Peggy Honsa, Sue Husnik, Andrew Kancans, Gregory Karp, Michele Munns\*, John Nakasone, Paul Sisterman, Mary Thill\*, Cathy Wyland, Sheila Tracey\*

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## Class of 1970 Updates (continued)



James Norton

JAMES 'JIM' NORTON writes, "Memories of Student Safety Patrol w/Randy Sevelin and Dan Ronning stopping traffic (sometimes radically!) on Highway #61 w/our orange flags and being kicked off and reinstated on the Safety Patrol four times in one year by Ms. Durand. Also, remember 1st grade and Sister Mary Fabian (a.k.a. later years as St. Margaret) 'having eyes in the back of her head'. The many great educators like Sister Lucy (7th-8th Grade Science), Sister Jeanne Michael (Math), Sister Roseanne for putting up with us, and Mr. Long's Biology class on Alaska fishing & salmon. A very fond memory is of Fr. Finn sitting up front and calling each student forward to individually receive their report card. By 2nd grade mine was "James Norton", I would walk up front, he would scan me, scan the report card, I would receive the 'Fr. Finn cheek tap' a bit firm with "Laddy, I'll be telling your Father about this" ('conduct' was not my strong point) a bit later he would call "Sheila, Sheila Tracey ... now, that's a good Irish name" in his accented voice. A final memory is of the nuns walking 2 x 2 from the convent to St. Mary's Church for 6:00 AM Mass in their 'black & whites'. One thing I was always proud of, my Senior year (1974) at White Bear High, 3 of the 4 Class Officers were St. Mary Alumni – John Nakasone, Mary Flater, and myself."

"Currently, I'm a Captain in my 25th year of active duty in the United States Navy as an Aerospace Physiologist in the Medical Service Corps - great job, great times. I'm attached to a Naval Hospital Corps School at Great Lakes Naval Station, North Chicago, IL"

Jim received a dual major B.A. in Chemistry and Biology from Southwest Minnesota State University in 1978, an M.S. degree in Exercise Science from the University of Massachusetts in 1984 and a PhD in Kinesiology from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities in 2001. Jim has been awarded many Navy and professional honors including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Aerospace Medical Assoc. Aerospace Physiology Society's Hitchcock Award for outstanding contributions in the field. He's married to the former Cynthia Ann Purkey of Gainesville, FL (Go Gators!). They have four children, Jason (29), Natalie (27), Jimmy (21), Emily (18) and grandsons, Dylan (5) and Evan (6 mos.). Highland Park, IL

DAVID SVOBODA writes his memories "of the Police Patrol, uniforms, going home for lunch, getting beat up for bad behavior at school, then being punished at home by my Father." After graduation from White Bear High School, David attended 2 years at Lakewood, 2 years at St. Paul TVI and 4 years of night school. He's been a pipefitter for 30 years and was 5 years in the National Guard. His wife, Lori, and he have three children, Joe (25), Jake (22) and Jeff (19). His special interests are fishing and motorcycle HD. Vadnais Heights, MN



Peggy Honsa Thomeson

PEGGY HONSA THOMESON writes of her memories of "walking to and from school with all the other kids in the neighborhood, there were six of us who walked together or biked up Birch Lake Avenue". Peggy graduated from White Bear Lake High School, Lakewood Community College and the University of St. Thomas. She's an RN at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center-Pediatric Intensive Care. She and her husband, Doug have two children, Emily (16) and Kaitlyn (15). Peggy enjoys scuba diving with her family. Cromwell, CT

JOSEPH TWOHY writes that he's the IT Manager at United Health. He and his wife, Judy Doonan, have two children, Beth (26) and Patrick (23). Joe's special hobby is photography." Lino Lakes, MN

MARIE MACALUS WILHELMY writes "The past 26 years I have been employed with the White Bear School District #624 working various administrative assistant positions." She and her husband, Jerry Wilhelmy, have two children, Chad (36) and Andy (33), and two grandchildren, Ezia and Pimsiri. She enjoys baking, reading and exercising. Marie remembers "writing a report regarding my Confirmation name." Chisago City, MN

MARY FLATER WOODRICH writes many memories with "my good friends – Cathy Wyland, Kathy Voda, Nancy Gavin, Patty O'Gorman, Jim Norton, John Nakasone and Terry Paul; playing softball at recess, walking home for lunch, shopping in the little store across the street with my pennies, going to church every day during Lent and learning the Stations of the Cross. I work for the WBL ISD #624 in the Community Services office. I work with Marie Macalus – now Marie Wilhelmy – class of '70, also. My husband, Ward and I have been married for 34 years and have two daughters, Rita (30) and Becca (27). I enjoy traveling, reading, knitting, camping, movies and spending time with my family. My home email address is: mbw52656@hotmail.com". White Bear Lake, MN

PATRICIA RAINER FRANK writes that she is the Social Ministry Director at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Security, CO. She has an AAS Degree. Patricia and her husband, Jeffrey Frank have been married for 27 years. They have three children, Adam (25), Michelle (24), Jessica (22) and three grandchildren, Joseph (6), Troy (3) and Kylie (1). She's an avid reader and hiker." Fountain, CO



# Class of 1970 Updates (continued)



Michele Leonhart

MICHELE LEONHART and the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) have been in the national news a lot during the past six months. Michele is currently the DEA's Acting Administrator in Washington, D.C. In a June 10, 2010 news release about the Agency's "most extensive and most successful" operation ever targeting Mexican drug cartels, federal authorities on Wednesday [6/7/10] launched raids across the country and arrested more than 400 people... The entire operation, dubbed "Project Deliverance," dealt a "debilitating blow" to a network of people inside the United States who act on behalf of Mexican drug cartels and contribute to the rising violence along the U.S.-Mexican border, DEA Acting Administrator Michele Leonhart said. "[Project] Deliverance continues a deliberate and strategic effort to cut off and shut down the supply of drugs entering our country, and the flow of drug profits and guns to Mexico," Leonhart said. "The stakes are extraordinarily high, and this massive operation is a milestone in our tireless assault on these violent drug cartels."

Following St. Mary of the Lake School and White Bear High, Michele graduated from Bemidji State College in Minnesota with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 1978. She began her law enforcement career by attending the Baltimore Police Academy, after which she served as a patrol officer in the Northwest District of Baltimore. She joined the DEA as a special agent in late 1980. Michele is married with 2 sons. In a recent email Michele wrote, "One of the saddest things about our class was the loss of Cathy Weichman. After spending 9th grade at Archbishop Murray together she died of aplastic anemia after her battle with the disease. I was proud to call her a close friend and fellow team member of the White Bear Lake Trojanettes Drill Team and Color Guard. She was buried wearing her Trojanette uniform."



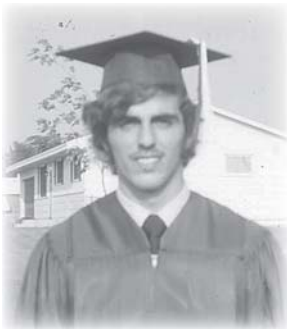
Cathy Weichman '70, Michele Leonhart '70, and other St. Mary's students were teammates in this White Bear Lake Trojanettes Drill Team and Color Guard picture, circa 1970. Cathy's uncle, Dick Jackson '39 (top, middle), was the team's manager.

## St. Theresa's Prayer:

*May today there be peace within.  
May you trust God that you are exactly  
where you are meant to be.  
May you not forget the infinite  
possibilities that are born of faith.  
May you use those gifts that you have received,  
and pass on the love that has been given to you.  
May you be content knowing you are a child of God.  
Let this presence settle into your bones,  
and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance,  
praise and love.  
It is there for each and every one of us.*



CATHY WEICHMAN '70  
1956-1971  
Cathy Weichman's mom, Elaine Jackson Weichman '44 shared that Cathy died at the age of 15 from aplastic anemia, which is a condition where bone marrow does not produce sufficient new cells to replenish blood cells. She had over 100 blood transfusions. At the time she was an active teenager at Archbishop Murray Memorial H.S. She was a trojanette and an artist. Cathy lived only 3 months after she contracted the disease.



JOHN WALD '70  
1956 - 1978  
John graduated from Mariner High School in 1974.  
He died in a motorcycle accident in June 1978.

## Alumni experience historic events~



BILL MATSCHKE '62 and SILVIJA KANCANS '69 enjoy a bite to eat at St. Mary's 2009 Oktoberfest-ival of Our Nations. Silviya is dressed in her ethnic Latvian attire. She attended college in Latvia after the fall of the Soviet Union in 1989.



For St. Mary's 2009 Oktoberfest-ival of Our Nations, Beth Ann sent a picture display and an actual piece of the Berlin wall.



BETH ANN MUELLNER '77 attended the U of MN (BA '88) and left for Berlin, Germany to attend the Freie Universtat ('88-'91) where she was privileged to witness the fall of the Berlin Wall and Reunification. She earned her Masters Degree from the University of Maryland, College Park ('95), and is now a professor of German at the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio.



# Class of 1960



Original photo and identification thanks to Patricia Thill Wittkop and Phil Bonin

**Row 1 (front) I-r:** Jean Leahy, Elizabeth Martin, Pat Thill, Kathleen Hall, Mary Jo Prokop\*, Michele LeVasseur, Frances Moore, Mary Jo Ettel, Lorraine Gillitzer, Diane Purcell, Patricia Taylor, Susan Vadnais, Molly Donovan

**Row 2, I-r:** Patricia Morancy\*, Rose Marie Mingo\*, Elizabeth Ness, Jennifer Batroot, Cheryl Wiestenber\*, Patricia Cool, Katie Connors\*, Judy Vincent, Judy Otte, Kathy Foster\*, Christine Flater, Georgia Longtin, Kathy Betz†, Mary Lou Spermbauer, Jean Robinson\*, Sue Green

**Row 3, I-r:** Curt Heinz\*, Phil Bonin, Patrick McCormack\*, Richard Spermbauer, Jim Gadbois, Roger Kohler, Bill Zemke, William Osterbauer\*, Charles Elliot\*, Tom Fournelle

**Row 4, I-r:** Mike Flowers, John O'Gorman, Ray Lenhart†, Bruce Buchan†, Philip Carlson, Charles Dockent†, Dan Brinker, Mike Mullaney†, John Niles†, Jerry LeMire

**Row 5, I-r:** Cliff Dawe, Dan Vandeberg, Jerome Goetz, Jim Tessier, Ken Neeser†, Rocky Wittkop, Rex Engstrom\*

**Back Row, I-r:** Father Bernard Reiser (Assistant Pastor), Father Nicholas Finn† (Pastor), Sister Justin† (8th grade Teacher and Principal)

These students are also remembered as being classmates with the Class of 1960: Barbara Ratté

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The Class of 1960 had the following teachers at St. Mary of the Lake School: Sr. David Mary (1st), Mrs. Rude (2nd) Sr. Virginia Mary (3rd), Sr. Margaret Mary Alacoque (4th), Mrs. Rademacher (5th), Sr. Ellyn (6th and 7th) Sr. Canis (7th) Sr. Justin (8th). Other possible teachers at that time: Sr. Christopher (1st), Sr. Demerise (1st), Sr. Rudolpha (2nd), Sr. Ann Vivia (4th), Sr. Mary Ellen, Sr. Ellyn, Sr. Justin (8th and Principal), Sr. Josephine (piano teacher), Sr. Justine (taught piano lessons in the convent parlor).

## Class of 1960 Updates

JENNIFER BATROOT writes memories of "piano recitals, school picnics, Girl Scouts with Mrs. Westenberg, classmates Susan Vadnais, Mary Jo Ettel, Kathy Hall, Rosie Mingo and Patty Cool." Jennifer received a BA in Community Health and an MA in Health Education. Her employment career included the House of Representatives Health Consultant-MN, State Health Planner-MN, Fundraising Consultant for Mary Bono-CA. Jennifer retired in 2007. She has been a Board Member for the Children's Hospital and the Salvation Army, in both St. Paul, MN and San Diego, CA. Jennifer is a widow with one daughter, Bridget (Mulvihill) (39). Jennifer's special interests are tennis, golf, bridge and traveling. Contact info.: 1271 E. Del Paso Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262, 1-760-327-3881 and jbatroot@yahoo.com. Palm Springs, CA

MARY LOU SPERMBAUER BOCK writes "miss seeing former classmates. It's always great seeing them, whenever St. Mary's has their Anniversary Open Houses. I always look forward to them and always hope I'll be available to attend. 'Wish more classmates would come to them, too.' After high school, Mary Lou worked for the Department of Human Services in Ramsey County for 35+ years and retired in 2002 at age 56 and says she's "Still keeping busy-time sure goes by faster now!" She and her husband, Chester, have been married for over 45 years, and have two children, Andrew and Julie. Mary Lou is "enjoying the company of my 2-year-old granddaughter while her parents are at work. All hobbies are on hold now." Mary Lou's contact info.: 801 - 89th Ave. NE, Blaine, MN 55434-2306, (763) 785-9807. Blaine, MN

SUE VADNAIS CROTHERS writes memories of "our uniforms, the lunch room, LaVasseur's Grocery Store, crossing-guard duty, piano lessons in the convent and piano recitals, the school's skating rink, wonderful nuns as teachers, Fr. Finn giving out report cards." After Sue graduated from Archbishop Murray Memorial High School, she worked for 3M (3 yrs.) in St. Paul. She and her husband, James R. Crothers, now live in LaCrosse, WI, where she has worked at St. Francis Credit Union, Dairyland Power Credit Union, Governmental Employees Credit Union and, currently, works for Riverfront, Inc., a non-profit agency for disabled individuals. Sue and her husband have three children, Dawn Alberts (Mike), Patrick Crothers (Corrie) and Molly Sterenchuk (Matt). Her special interests are gardening, boating on the Mississippi, and being a Grandma to her 7 (almost 8!) beautiful grandchildren Contact info: 1432 S. 27th St., LaCrosse, WI 54601, (608) 788-6908, smcrothers@yahoo.com. LaCrosse, WI



# Class of 1960 Updates (continued)

THOMAS FOURNELLE writes that he has “many happy memories of friends and teachers at St. Mary’s.” Tom attended St. John’s University and earned his PhD at the University of Illinois. He’s a Professor of Mathematics at the University of Wisconsin – Parkside. He and his wife, Katie O’Brien Fournelle, live in Racine, WI where he is the lead guitarist for the New Omega Baptist Church. Racine, WI

KATHLEEN HALL writes that, “Since we lived right next to St. Mary’s, I remember the nuns borrowing our ice skates to go skating on the ice rink – always after dark! We were a large family with lots of skates and sizes. It was awesome to see them skating with their black habits blowing, but my mother wouldn’t let us watch them, telling us to give them their privacy. Obviously, since they went out late at night, they didn’t want to be seen. My, how things have changed over the years! I remember Sister Virginia Mary and how she loved the young kids –1st graders. She was so small herself and was so sweet to the little ones, saving little “treats” for them. It was a “reward” to get out of class to go over to the convent for piano lessons-that was the best part! I also remember helping out with the cleaning of the classrooms over the summer vacation time. It gave me more personal experience of the nuns’ everyday lives. I am truly grateful for the good values and Christian growth I learned at St. Mary’s. Also, for a great start to my education. I am now retired. I have one son, Kevin, and two granddaughters. I’m still pretty active in recreation and also, I’m an artist—watercolor painting is a hobby of mine. Vadnais Heights, MN

ROGER KOHLER writes “On one Fall day, after school had let out, when I was an 8th grader, I went home and started up my two seater go-cart. I drove to St. Mary’s where Sister Justin (school principal and my 8th grade teacher), was outdoors on the school playground. I asked Sr. Justin if she would like to ride on my go-cart with me. She hopped on next to me. I told everyone to move out of the way and then gave Sister a few spins around the bare playground, and kicking up plenty of dust. All of the other kids were cheering, as I gave Sister a ride of her life with the 8 horse power Briggs & Stratton engine at full throttle. She said, “This is really fun!” Roger graduated from Hill High School in 1964 and spent 4 years at Dunwoody Technical College in welding and machinery. He’s been employed as a welder, manufacturing engineer and tool room machinist. Roger spent 2 years in the U.S. Peace Corps in Ethiopia as a welding instructor, 2 years in the Army serving in Germany in the 79th Engineering Battalion as a certified welder. He’s a member of the American Legion, Post #168 in WBL and a member of the Memorial Rifle Squad who goes out to Fort Snelling National Cemetery for burials for veterans and/or their families. Roger is also the American Legion 4th District Historian. He has one son, Luke Robert Kohler. His special hobbies are resorting and building. St. Paul, MN

JEROME ‘JERRY’ LEMIRE writes “I still have fond memories of my 8 years at St. Mary’s. All of my classmates from 1960 are considered to be very special friends even though I don’t see many of them anymore. After graduating college I went directly to work for Mobil Oil Corp. and I retired 37 years later in 2005. My wife and I divide our time between our home in a Chicago suburb and our home in Florida. We have one son and two grand-daughters. Hobbies include our ‘60s and ‘70s show cars, golf, travel and spending time with our families and friends.” Westmont, IL



John O’Gorman with wife, Connie, and grandchildren, Evan, Leo and Ara.

JOHN O’GORMAN emailed this update, “In high school I organized an instrumental quartet, “The Centurys” which enjoyed local success and a hit single, “The Man With The Golden Arm”. The band dispersed after high school when several band members and I joined the US Navy and took an extended vacation in sunny Vietnam. While in the Navy, I qualified for the Naval Music School. Later I studied music through The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Berklee College of Music and, also studied guitar with Howard Roberts. I went on to teach guitar at John Glenn Junior High School and gave private lessons at the studios of Sunrise Music and Torp’s Music Store and School. Some of my musical experiences include touring with USO Shows at military bases in Europe, West Germany, West


Berlin and Iceland; in the US, performing at many Hilton, Radisson, Ramada and Holiday Inns in addition to several Las Vegas show clubs, and I’ve enjoyed performing with Dave Dudley, Buddy Knox, Nick Saint Nicholas from “Steppenwolf” and Nokie Edwards of “The Ventures”. I got into an altercation with cancer several years ago but came out on top. I’m now enjoying retirement and living in South Minneapolis with my wife, Connie. I have one daughter, Amy and three Grandchildren, Leo, Ara and Evan. My email is: johno427@yahoo.com” Minneapolis, MN

DANIEL VANDEBERG writes of “full contact ‘pull-away’ on the field; the day in 8th grade we were having a ‘catechism-down’, I leaned against Johnny Niles’ desk and it collapsed!; playing ‘Scrooge’ in the 7th grade Christmas play opposite Phil Carlson as ‘Bob Cratchit’ and Charlie Docken as ‘Tiny Tim’. Altar boy picnics at Excelsior Amusement Park; 8th grade reunion at Bald Eagle Depot, Christmas 1960, sponsored by Pat Taylor with live music by the Corvettes with Eddy Barkdoll as lead singer and his brother, Norm as drummer. Our 8th grade graduation party was also at Pat Taylor’s home. These were most of my teachers: 1st-Sr. David Mary, 2nd- Mrs. Rude, 3rd-Sr. Virginia Mary, 4th-Sr. Margaret Mary Alacoque, 5th-Mrs. Rademacher, 6th - Sr. ?, 7th-Sr. Canis, 8th-Sr. Justin.” Dan received a B.A. from the College of St. Thomas and worked with the Ramsey County Sheriff’s Dept. for 31 years. He has 26 years active and reserve service with the U.S. Army and retired as a Chief Warrant Officer CW2. Dan has two children Xuan, age 34 and Tien-Dung, age 33. He has traveled to Viet Nam, is a member of the Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association, volunteers at several churches and, also, at the Minnesota Transportation Museum. St. Paul, MN

MICHELE LEVASSEUR WHITAKER remembers “Sister Josephine, music lessons and recitals; breakfast at school; Fridays during Lent; best friends and crushes on the boys; Fr. Finn and permission to use the gym only one time per year.” Mickey has a BA in Behavioral Science and is employed as a Chemical Dependency Counselor at the workhouse in Plymouth, MN. She has two children, Christine, who is married with one son and living in Connecticut, and Steve, who is married with two sons and living in North St. Paul. Mickey enjoys golf, walking, the Senior Citizens Center, and looking forward to retirement. Woodbury, MN

PATRICIA THILL WITTKOP writes that “One of my greatest memories is the Stoltz’s donuts we got every First Friday with our breakfast after we all went to Mass. Another memory was Sr. Justin and her sentence diagramming for English. She was an excellent teacher. I have enjoyed freelance writing and had a few articles published in national magazines. I married my grade school classmate, Rockney Virgil Wittkop. We had 7 children, Pam, Joe, Theresa, Jim, Katherine, Luke and Dan. My email address is rockneywittkop@usfamily.net. Hugo, MN

WILLIAM ‘BILL’ ZEMKE writes memories of “Lik-A-Maide [candy] at LeVasseur’s Store :- ) - Good Times!; having Father Finn or Father Reiser read report cards in front of the class, all the “stickers” in the playground during pom-pom pull away, walking in the convent, the showers in the basement we never got to use, and marching to church on 1st Fridays.” He attended the Dunwoody Institute, Tool & Die. Bill is the Project Manager of Engineering for Plastic Products, Inc. in Lindstrom, MN where he’s worked for 38 years. He was also an air craft mechanic in the Air Force. He and his wife, Lois (Schultz) Zemke, have three children and six grandchildren. Bill’s special interests are the grandchildren, boating, antique snowmobiles and classic cars. Forest Lake, MN



**50TH REUNION FOR THE CLASS OF 1960**  
**Saturday, July 31, 2010**

Plans are set for a reunion of all classmates from the Class of 1960. Classmates are welcome to attend the 5 PM Mass at St. Mary of the Lake Church and then are invited to the School and Parish Life Center for socializing, a catered dinner, and a tour of the new facilities. For more information or to help please contact Pat or Rock Wittkop at 651-426-4825 or rockneywittkop@usfamily.net or Sue Vadnais Crothers at smcrothers@yahoo.com or 608-788-6908. Watch for more information in your mail box. Thanks!

*“In the twilight of life,  
God will not judge us on our  
earthly possessions  
and human successes,  
but on how well we have loved.”*  
– St. John of the Cross



MIKE MULLANEY ‘60  
1944 - 2009

At the age of 64, Mike Mullaney lost his short battle against cancer. His love for family and companion, Debbie, along with his loyalty to friends and work were some of the qualities he will be remembered for.

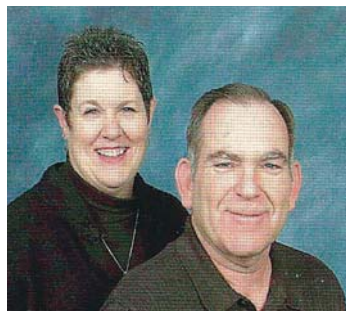
Always living near his hometown of White Bear Lake, he lived a simple life. He was remarkable in his kindness toward animals, thoughtfulness and gentle manner, along with his pure smile and love for the great outdoors, especially on a motorcycle. He was a brother, uncle and friend of true integrity. He will live on in our hearts and continue to be an inspiration to all of us who knew him.

– Written by Kathy Mullaney Hartzel ‘68 and Debbie Mann



# 2010 Alumni Award

## 2010 Alumni Award recipient: Peggy O'Neil Parenteau '64



Peggy and John Parenteau

Each year the Alumni Association, represented by the Alumni Board, honors an alum who exemplifies the fine qualities of a Catholic education-faith, ministry and service. This year our recipient, Peggy O'Neil Parenteau, shares with us a bit of her own story, faith, ministry and service. Congratulations, Peggy!!

"My grandparents, Ellen and Adlore Vadnais, raised their family in White Bear Lake. My Mom, Florence, graduated from St. Mary's in 1931, she received the Alumni Award in 2003. I am in great company with my Mom and many of her siblings and relatives who have also been honored with the Alumni Award.

I graduated in 1964 after moving from St. Jude's and Mahtomedi. I loved all the nuns I had through my 8 years of school. The eighth graders had the high honor of being school patrol and wearing the leather patrol belt and silver badge was VERY cool!

Over the past 30 years I have volunteered and been an employee at St. Mary of the Lake- all with the help and support of my husband, John. I have cleaned the church, taught in faith formation, was a school health aide, 4th grade teacher's aide, chaired the Fall Festival for 2 years, was a member of the choir and member/chair of the parish council, a Lenten Retreat leader, a Eucharistic minister and an R.C.I.A. sponsor.

Currently, I belong to the funeral ministry and health ministry committees. For 6 years John and I have been the St. Mary's coordinators for Loaves and Fishes program the third Wednesday of each month.

I've worn my "nun" costume on many occasions: the Manitou Days parade, selling tickets for "Nunsense", as a tour guide of our convent before its demolition, and giving the \*history of the St. Joseph Sisters in our parish. \*(I



l-r: Good friend Ruth Kirkevold, Peggy, and Peggy's son John, holding his son Jett



Former Alumni Award Recipients with Peggy:  
l-r: Lorraine Peltier, Sheila Kelly, Connie LeTourneau, Peggy Parenteau, Justin Kelly, Diane Smith, Jane Jackson, Cathy Evans

even got a picture taken with Sr. Joan and Sr. Margaret that day. I had my "habit" on and they wore street clothes!)

John and I have been blessed with two great children, John and Jennie, their wonderful spouses, Jennifer and Tony, and four incredible grandkids - Kyle (17), Jaelynn (10), Jack (5) and Jett (3).

I am very humbled to be chosen for this award. I've found this prayer to be inspirational for me:

*"Gracious God, you have blessed me with so many gifts.  
Some I did not even know existed until I discovered them in my life.  
Each day brings new blessings.  
With awe and gratitude today, I sing your praise.  
Help me use all you have given me to serve you and your church. Amen"*

[Ed. note: Peggy is one of those very special people who appreciates everybody for their unique gift of just 'being'. She was a dear, close friend of Fr. Charlie Willis (former associate who passed away in the mid-90s) and helped find new 'homes' for his personal belongings. Peggy is also a very talented crafter and card-maker with weekly classes in her home.]



## Congratulations!

At St. Mary of the Lake Church's High School Graduation Mass on June 6, 2010, some members of St. Mary's Class of 2006 gather for a parting photo. They're all headed to different colleges, near and far.

Back, l-r: Tim Markoe (Hamline Univ.), Cody LeMay (Colorado College), Olivia Taddei (Loyola Univ.), Betsy Smith (Univ. of St. Thomas), Tyler Jones (Iowa State Univ.) and Joe Cullen (Lawrence Univ.)

Front, l-r: Matt Challou (Univ. of MN), Sarah Seifert (Creighton Univ.), and Victoria Nelson (Univ. of Connecticut).

Photo thanks to Caroline Evans Nelson '86

*"We all take different paths in life,  
but no matter where we go,  
we take a little of each other everywhere."*

- Tim McGraw



# Friends' Award

## Sara and Jim Pederson are the 2010 "Friends of St. Mary's" honorees

This February 2nd, as part of our annual Catholic Schools Week celebrations, St. Mary's School was grateful to recognize an extraordinarily generous and dedicated school parent couple for the gifts they have so freely been to the school community. Sara and Jim Pederson received the "Friends of St. Mary's" award, given annually in recognition of exceptional service. Sara and Jim have four children, all of whom are either a St. Mary's alum or current ('09-'10) students: Benjamin, now a junior at Totino-Grace High School; Jacob, in St. Mary's 8th grade; Danielle, in 5th grade and Rachel, in 4th.

Since joining the parish in 1998, Sara and Jim have served tirelessly as needed, both together and as individuals. Their list of service roles includes: Booster Club, Coach, Cub Scout leader, Fall Festival Concession Chair, Silent Auction Chair, Funeral Luncheon Committee, Hot Lunch Volunteer Coordinator, Carnival Volunteer Coordinator, Catholic Schools Committee, and Eucharistic Minister. Whether specifically for the school or for any other parish need, they are always there. They even come if they're not asked to serve, just in case an opportunity to help should arise!

The school/parish community has come to know Sara and Jim as steadfast friends and hardworking soul mates who engage deeply in the faith life and the ministries in which we all share, and we appreciate and thank them for their witness!



**Above: Pastor Fr. Rodger Bauman with Sara and Jim Pederson and Peggy Parenteau**

**Left: The Peterson Family; Front, l-r: Sara, Danielle and Rachel. Back, l-r: Jim, Ben and Jacob**

# "Lunch and Literature"

## Book Clubs by Mrs. Terry Nelson, Media Specialist

This school year 65 students in grades 1-5 participated in "Lunch and Literature". Once a week from January through March, "L and L" students meet with adult leaders in small groups to read and discuss outstanding books. They also do related art activities, play games, eat fun foods, and watch videos based on their books (compare and contrast different media). Students meet during lunch and recess time for the full 40 minutes. Each grade level covers three books in three sessions. Students can participate in one, two or all three sessions and there is no cost for "L and L".

These were this year's "L and L" adult helpers:

Erin DaRosa, Annie Tuttle and Maria Hanggi, Barb Cox and Ann Gabrielli, Kathleen Finn and Michelle Gunderson, Erin Trobec, Michelle Dougherty and Rachel Bonin, Jill Olson and Ann Stelter, Janell Newton and Ellen Schreier, Julie Forbord and Pam Dorr.

### Media Specialist, Terry Nelson, shares some Resource Center tidbits:

- We are computerized and continue to use the Dewey System of Classification.
- We have about 16,000 items catalogued so far.
- We always appreciate donations of books and money!

When asked if there is anything that is especially needed? Terry responded:

"Right now we are trying to create 15 different "Book Club in a Bag" bags for Lunch and Literature. For each title we fill a book bag with 10 paperback books and one teacher idea folder. That way a book club leader can just pick up the bag of books and begin his/her book club."

When asked about volunteers helping in the library (other than L & L)? Terry responded: "We have two regular volunteers (Ann Stelter and Jill Olson) who come on Fridays. They are fantastic and really help make our media program happen. We also have many wonderful volunteers help during our two book fairs every year."

When asked if she had a "dream" for the library? Terry responded:

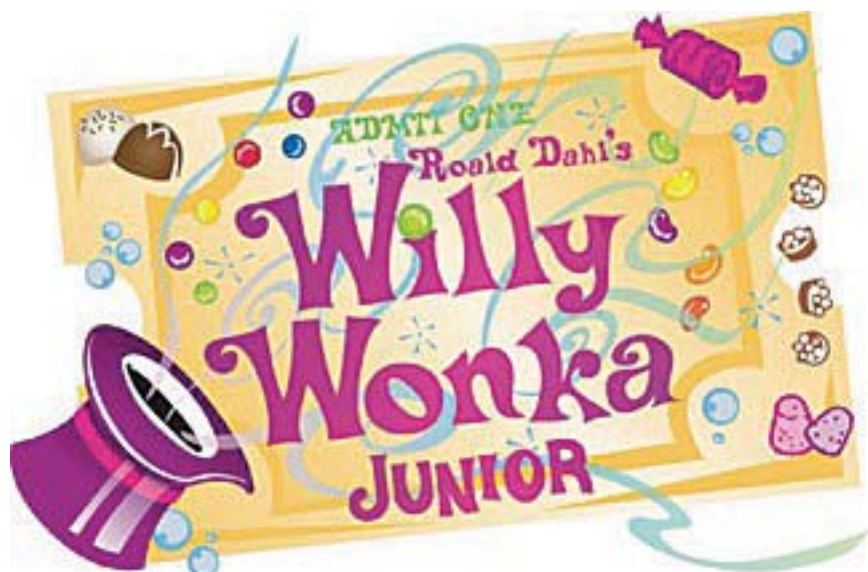
"A dream?! We really need to upgrade our computer system with Follett Destiny. Our present system is a bit dated and limited. Thanks for asking."

Terry Nelson has been St. Mary's School media specialist since January, 1994.



## Grades 5-8 presented Roald Dahl's

## Willy Wonka Junior on April 30 & May 1, 2010



**2010 Willy Wonka Junior Production:  
Another fun theatrical experience at St. Mary's!**



# School Activities

## Largest Simultaneous Four Square Game -- World Record Set!

On March 3, 2009, at 11:00 - 11:15 AM, all of our 5th grade students were in the gym playing games of four square\*. At the exact same time there were over 3000 other students across the United States doing the same thing. Cartoon Network and Hope-Beckham Inc. of Atlanta organized and promoted this event to celebrate National Recess Week by inviting thousands of children across the country to play the four square game and to set the world record for the longest and largest simultaneous four square game.

After many months of going over paper work, videos, and pictures, it was confirmed. St. Mary of the Lake School was part of a new World Record of 3,176 participants. We will be in the Guinness Book of World Records!

\*The simple rules of "four square" call for a single square divided into four. A student in each square hits a ball to an opponent, who must let it bounce once before hitting it to one of the other players



## St. Mary's Students Make 1st in State by Mrs. Sandy Reibel, Phy. Ed. teacher

This year St. Mary of the Lake students were in a National Competition for FUEL UP TO PLAY 60. The National Dairy Council and the National Football League sponsored the competition. Our students worked hard on getting in at least 60 minutes of physical activity everyday, and making sure they ate healthy foods. The students kept a record of their work on the FUEL UP TO PLAY 60 website. About 75% of our students participated. We competed against many different schools, not only in our state but the entire country. St. Mary's ended up taking 41st place in the nation. Better yet, they took first in Minnesota and will be receiving a prize package worth \$1000. I have registered our school for next year's competition. We hope to make it even a bigger event next year with 100% participation to win first in the nation! We have a chance to win a Fuel Up To Win 60 Extreme Make-over. Congratulations to our students, STAY FIT and EAT HEALTHY!!

[Editor's note: Mrs. Sandy (Leibel) Reibel supplied the extensive School Athletic 'Records' documentation in the 2009 Alumni Newsletter. Sandy is another veteran teacher at St. Mary of the Lake. She and her family have lived and breathed St. Mary's for over 30 years. Thank you, Sandy, you've blessed us with your athletic talent, knowledge and dedication!]

Photos thanks to Sandy Reibel

## Lunch Room Fun and more!



8th grade teacher, Mrs. Patsy Bishop, is serenaded by this Barbershop Quartet as a Birthday surprise by her husband during the school lunch break. It was a special treat for all the Middle School students as well.



Parent and parish volunteers put in many hours in the kitchen and lunch room, on the playground and on many committees. I-r: Mary Schneider, Mrs. Johnson, and Sharon Mooney

St. Mary of the Lake School hosted the SMOL Invitational Basketball Tournament January 22-23, 2010. The 6th grade girls' basketball team were the happy winners of the tournament. The 6th grade team included Emily Walsh, Mikayla Gratz, Catie McGauley, Christine Schmidt, Delaney Finn, Hannah Scheffler, Brittany Hutchinson, Nicole Newman, Regan Nelson, and coaches Dean Gratz and Kevin McGauley.

## The Lunchbox by Susan Cohen Field in Caroline Bauer's This Way to Books

I watched my Mommy make my lunch;  
Salami sandwich and berry punch,  
Potato chips and chocolate cake  
With icing that I helped to make.  
She added an apple and napkins, too  
And closed my lunchbox when she was through.

On the way to school, I smelled the food;  
It put me in a hungry mood.  
"What could I eat?  
What could I take?  
I'll only have a bite of cake."

I kept on eating, it was so good  
I walked on through the neighborhood.  
I got to school;  
My lunch was done.  
But walking to school  
Was super-fun!



# School Activities



Fall 2009 the 7th graders just finish planting spring bulbs and perennials.



Spring 2010 the 6th graders are busy planting and amending the soil.

## Middle School Science with Miss Root A Lovely Student Garden

Middle School science teacher, Miss Teresa Root, has encouraged her students to be caretakers of this world God has given us. Together they have planted and cared for a circular area at the southwest portion of St. Mary of the Lake School property which now produces perennial flowers and shrubs. They can be proud of this lovely area that the entire community will enjoy.



Hard work surely pays off beautifully!!



Pictures created by St. Mary's students (2010)

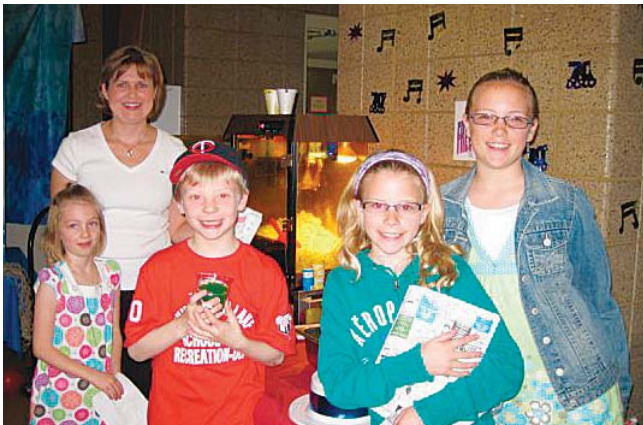
### “St. Mary’s School Song” *by Dorothy Anne Ciernia ‘31*

“Day by day we learn together  
sorting facts and figures aright  
Learning life and how to live it  
with the Spirit’s guiding light.

Lasting values, lasting friendships,  
grow apace with loving care.  
Blessings follow in their footsteps,  
blessings follow all who share.

Through the years we carry with us  
mem’ries of St. Mary days  
Things we learn tho’ deeply hidden  
help to form our present ways.”

St. Mary of the Lake school and alumni families have a long tradition of fully participating in the life of its Church, as well as the school. Current families and students carry on that tradition at the May 2010 Ministry Fair held in Kohler Hall.



Lisa Kelly Meyer ‘86 and her daughter, Hannah (K), along with Andrew Horgan (3rd), Sophie Palma (4th), Abby Palma (6th), enjoy making and serving popcorn to parishioners and friends.



St. Mary of the Lake School participates in the “Ministry Fair” each May. St. Mary’s (front) Tashvi Johnson (age 3), Hannah Meyer (K), (back) Arnav Johnson (1st), Mitchell Kohler (6th) and Kyndra Hansen (3rd) help at the school’s display table.



# 2010 Spring Fling - Dinner and Silent/Live Auction



Talented school parents transformed the school gym into an evening of disco, including disco ball (real) and hanging chandeliers (fake, of course!). The decorations committee was headed by Deb Walczak.

The 2010 Spring Fling was another fabulous and fun success. Congratulations to the many creative and hard-working committee folks under the leadership of Jennifer Schreier Stanley '79. The Spring Fling proceeds will directly benefit each and every student at St. Mary of the Lake School!



Besides having a great community event (the public was welcome), there were hundreds of generous silent and live auction donors from the school, staff, parish and the community-at-large. Beth Pilacinski was in charge of the Silent Auction set up.



School parents Jim Stanley, Melissa Anderson, Peter Anderson, Jennifer Stanley '79 and Beth Pilacinski 'dress up' for the themed '70's Disco' Spring Fling event held April 24, 2010 in the St. Mary of the Lake gym.



More talent abounded when "The Blues Brothers" (a.k.a. Principal Patrick Gallivan and Father Rodger Bauman) hit the stage with a foot-stomping, hand-clapping rendition of 'Soul Man' (it even found its way on to YouTube!). In the background are Darin Pilacinski (sax) and Bill Walsh (trumpet) - both school parents and parishioners.



School parent, Susie Horvath, could really 'belt them out' (6 of the 8 'disco band' members were school parents or parishioners).

Melody Otto Schumacher, 2nd gr.



Besides having superior credentials and dedication, St. Mary's School teachers enjoy a good time.



Mary Maloy, 2nd gr.



Jeanne Bennek, 3rd gr. and Molly Cox, 5th gr.

[Ed. note: Molly is a 1991 St. Mary's Alum and has been teaching at St. Mary's since Fall 2007]



"The Blues Brothers" a.k.a. Principal Patrick Gallivan and Fr. Rodger Bauman get into the '70's Disco' musical fun.



Betsy Smith '06 (and '10 graduate of Hill Murray High School) addressed the hundreds of Spring Fling attendees with an inspiring tribute to her teachers and her experience at St. Mary of the Lake School.

*"Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."*  
- Hebrews 12:1



# Staff and Teacher pictures

*A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell, where his influence stops.*  
- Henry B. Adams



Mr. Patrick Gallivan  
(Principal)



Mrs. Pat Barry  
(Pre/teacher)



Mrs. Karen Black  
(Pre/teacher)



Mrs. Patty Easton  
Clauson (K)



Mrs. Dawn Spannbauer  
Follmer (K)



Ms. Rebecca Nordstrom (1st)



Ms. Anya Yaroch  
(1st)



Mrs. Mary Miller  
Maloy (2nd)



Ms. Melody Otto  
Schumacher (2nd)



Mrs. Jeanne Osberg Bennek  
(3rd)



Mrs. Cathy Olson  
(3rd)



Mrs. Pat Bullis  
(4th)



Ms. Melissa Capocasa (4th)



Ms. Patti Cibuzar (5th)



Miss Molly Cox  
(5th)

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Mrs. Katie Thompson  
Wilfahrt (7th gr.  
homeroom /MS  
Language Arts)



Mr. Mike Langer (7th gr.  
homeroom/MS  
Spanish &  
Religion)



Ms. Patsy Bishop (8th gr.  
homeroom/MS  
Social Studies)



Mrs. Terry Nelson (Media  
Specialist)



Mrs. Sandy Leibel Reibel  
(Phy. Ed.)



Mrs. Barb Iannazzo (K-5  
Spanish/Student  
Resource)



Mr. Carlson, Dave  
(Piano)

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Mrs. LeeAnn Lindgren (Band)



Mrs. Julie Orloske (K-5  
Computer)



Mrs. Nancy Ciernia (Admin.  
Assistant)



Ms. Sharon Sobczak (Food  
Services  
Director)

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Ms. Nikki Olson  
(Extended Day  
Coordinator)



Mrs. Dawn Parranto  
(Extended Day)



Mrs. Carolyn Messbarger  
(Health Aide)



Mrs. Laurie Munns  
(Substitute  
Teacher)



Mrs. Julie Forbord (PreTA)



Ms. Maria Hanggi (PreTA)



Mrs. Kaye Schlager (PreTA)



Mrs. Ann Cooper  
(PreTA)



Mrs. Karen Stanko-Brogan  
(Cafeteria  
Assistant/Piano)



Mrs. Sharon Mooney (PreTA)

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

Pictures from Enstrom Studios



Students participate in all St. Mary of the Lake School liturgies and prayer services. Students read the readings and petitions and made special symbols and decorations for this Catholic Schools Week liturgy on February 2, 2010.



Former St. Mary of the Lake teachers, Kim Goebel Eversman and Jan Fredericks flank custodian, Rick Aker, after the 2009 Christmas Musical Program which was directed by Mrs. Fredericks

## Messages from teachers and staff:

MARGARET CORDS, former teacher (1984-93):

“Congratulations on an outstanding job of producing a quality Alumni Newsletter! Thank you!”

CHRISTY VANOVERBEKE, former teacher (2003-08):

“I moved again! Please keep sending the newsletter - I love to see how everyone is doing.”



# Class of 1950

There was no class picture taken for the Class of 1950. These are the names that are on the Alumni list for this class.

- Ernie Ackerman\*

Betty Beard\*

Marvel Bibeau

Yvonne Campbell†

Louise Cardinal

Joan Cassavant

Henry Cecka

Mary Ann Charpentier

Ann Ciresi

Pat Donnelly\*

Margaret Ettel\*

Mike Forkins

Phyllis Gallivan

Rene Gadbois\*

Richard Goodroad\*

John Haggerty†

Robert Harms\*

Nancy Knapp\*

Ilaine Kohlert†

Leonard Kohlert†

Gerald Kostuch\*

Harold Kostuch\*

Charles Lindorfer

Connie Letourneau†

Mark Lohman\*

Ann Long\*

Margaret Mallon\*

Lawrence Masters

Judith Matschke
- Nancy McCarty\*

Nancy McGinnis\*

Jay McMann\*

Lauren Meyers\*

Richard Moss†

Geraldine Olson

Joyce Olson

Don Opstead†

Richard Otley

John Parenteau

Marcella Parenteau-Sutton

Jerry Perron†

Helen Purcell\*

Deanna Podd

Dave Roberts

Colleen Rogalla†

Robert Schmitzer\*

James Shank\*

Manine Shanklin\*

Gloria Smith

Mary Ann Tessier

Margaret Tessier

David Trettel

John Vinck\*

Rita Vollhaber

Tom Wilt

Susan Woodruff\*

Jayclyn Wordiman\*

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# Class of 1950 Updates

**ANN CIRESI BECHNER** writes about her memories of “celebrating May Days, singing in the Choir, marching to recess and lunch to John Philip Sousa marches.” Having always wanted to be a secretary, after business school, she did just that. Her last 24 years before retirement were spent at Twin Cities Public TV where she was the Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer. Her husband, Mike, has been deceased since 2002. They had two children, Barbara and Jeff. Anna’s interests include volunteering at the Cancer Resource Center, reading and “hanging” out with friends. *Cambridge, MN*

**HENRY M. CECKA** writes he has memories of his “1st Communion in 1945.” Henry graduated from the Vocational Technical School and was employed at Harris Communications. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard. Henry has four children and enjoys fishing and golf. Henry’s contact info.: P.O. Box #9045, North St. Paul, MN 55109, (651) 334-4477. *North St. Paul, MN*

**MICHAEL FORKINS** writes that his memories include “being an altar boy at St. Mary’s for Fr. Finn and Fr. Reiser, Sister Hope in 7th grade and Sister Mary Roberts in 8th.” Mike earned a B.A. in Economics from the University of Minnesota. His career includes 45 years in residential real estate sales in Minneapolis. He also spent 4 years as a Naval Officer aboard a LST (landing ship, tank) in Long Beach and San Diego, and 9 months in Vietnam. He and his wife, Deborah, have four children. Mike enjoys golf, reading and relaxing. *Savage, MN*

**PHYLLIS GALLIVAN KREY** writes memories of “May Day, crowning of the Blessed Virgin and Sister Hope’s music class.” She attended Keypunch School in 1954, worked jobs at Keypunch, CRT, Key to Disk, Part. Dept. Clerk, and prior to retiring, was a receptionist at HealthPartners. Phyllis and her husband, James Krey, have three sons, Shane, Tim and Patrick, eight grandsons and two granddaughters. Her special interests and hobbies are travel, walking, crafts and taking care of grandkids. *Inver Grove Heights, MN*

**PEGGY TESSIER TANSOM** writes of memories “of surprise showers for the Sister/s teaching us. I think they were called “Shiverees”. We brought canned goods for their pantry at the Convent. We didn’t get to have a Class picture when we graduated because Father Finn said it was too expensive. I think we have been the only graduating class that this happened to - 1950.” Peggy married Dick Tansom and they had four children, 3 sons and one daughter. She writes that she has “too many special interests and hobbies to list”! Peggy’s contact info.: 5145 Long Ave., White Bear Lake, MN 55110, (651) 429-5778. *White Bear Lake, MN*

**CONSTANCE LETOURNEAU KLEIDON** ‘50 passed away January 5, 2005. She was preceded by her parents and 8 brothers and 6 sisters. Connie is survived by her 8 children, grandchildren and brother, Richard, and former husband, Butch. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary of the Lake and Connie is buried in St. Mary’s Cemetery.

**YVONNE CAMPBELL SCHLEUSNER** ‘50 passed away peacefully February 3, 2008. She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Gene, three children and her grandchildren; also by her siblings Robert ‘43, Louie, Lillian, and Elaine ‘46 (twin, Ellen ‘46 is deceased). A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Church of St. Michael, Stillwater. Yvonne is buried at St. John the Baptist Cemetery in Hugo.

**JEROME L. “JERRY” PERRON** died peacefully at home on June 23, 2010. Jerry was 74 years old and was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Bill ‘46, Larry ‘48, Roger ‘54 and John ‘58. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years Joyce; children Janice (Don) Stock, Joline (Phil) Caswell, Don (Susan), Ted (Sue), Alan (Lindsey), Dan (Paula), and Jerry (Rachael); 19 grandchildren; brother Jim ‘52 (Carole), sister MaryLue Arvans ‘57, sisters-in-law Judy and Louise and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Mary of the Lake Church and burial at St. Mary’s Cemetery. Memorials preferred to the White Bear Lake Educational Foundation or St. Mary’s. Jerry was a retired White Bear School Teacher, an avid trapshooter (2003 All American Vet), hunter, tractor lover, coach and collector of “stuff”. He was the World’s Greatest Papa.



In 1948 these St. Mary of the Lake School 6th graders were confirmed, l-r: Mary Ann Tessier, Margaret Tessier, Yvonne Campbell, and Phyllis Gallivan



These third grade girls are celebrating their 1st Holy Communion in 1945,l-r: Yvonne Campbell, Margaret Tessier, and Eva Mae Peloquin.

Photos thanks to Margaret Tessier Tansom ‘50

*“To be able to look back upon ones life in satisfaction, is to live twice.”*

*-Kahil Gibran (1883-1931) Lebanese born American novelist and poet*



# Messages and pictures from 1950s students

**WAYNE THEIN '54, writes** "Very impressed with the quality of your publication, the scope and breadth of accomplishments plus good fellowship engendered...God bless and keep the ink flowing."

**KATHIE VANTASSEL WUNDERLICH '59** sent these memories and her update for the 2009 issue but did not arrive in our inbox until after publication. Her memories included: "7th & 8th grades together; singing for Mass choir; traveling on the bus to hear, 'Peter and the Wolf' (Minn. Orchestra??) ; being a crossing guard. Sister Cecilia always smiling and Sister Justin the task master! Movies in the auditorium: I still love Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Still remember 'The Boy With Green Hair'." Kathie went to St. Mary's School of Nursing, Rochester, MN, has a BA from the College of St. Rose, Albany, NY, and a Nurse Practitioner Certification from New Jersey School of Medicine and PP Fed. of America. She's a psychiatric nurse and nurse practitioner. Currently, Kathie is the CEO of Northern Adirondack Planned Parenthood. She's been married to Richard Wunderlich for 43 years. They have two children, Aaron and Stephanie, and one grandson, age 6. Kathie's hobbies are gardening, reading and yoga.



**1953 St. Mary's Classmates at the 2002 WBL HS Reunion**

L-r: Jim Dagnon, Sue Carroll Downs-Solheid, Barb Matschke Casey, Kathy Rivard Flint, Mike Hartzel, Jerry Chamberlain, Gail Harms Mahowald, Swede (Gerald) Roberts, Elaine Lindorfer Steve, and Jerry Vadnais



## St. Mary's Championship Season-1953

Standing, l-r: Tom O'Gorman '54, Wayne Thein '54, Harold Toland, Ted Rude '57, Bob Markoe, Jim Brown '54, and Coach Chuck Hunt

Kneeling, l-r: \_\_\_\_\_, Eugene Flowers '54, Roger Kieffer '55?, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Larry Callahan '54?

Front kneeling: \_\_\_\_\_

St. Mary of the Lake School  
50th ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION  
Class of 1959



Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009



**A great time was had by all at the 50 Year Reunion of the Class of 1959 in Sept. 2009 at the WBL-VFW. The reunion was organized by Sue Fournelle Kerschner, Bill Mample and Cathy Connolly Evans**

**Seated, l-r:** Sue Fournelle Kerschner, Nancy Manship Bettendorf, Linda Tretter Lillyblad, Cathy Connolly Evans

**Middle standing, l-r:** Jim Letourneau, Cheryl Tuma Wettengel, Mary Ellen Hoffman Petrick, Barb Young Wetzel, Bill Mample

**Back standing, l-r:** Nancy Reusch Scanlan, Richard Long, Mickey Moeller Lambert, Shirley Schultz Arcand

**Not pictured:** Peggy Hogan Ramsey



# Class of 1940



**Row 1 (front), l-r:** Donald Tatreau, Thomas Fleming, Jane Vincent, Dorothy Peltier, Evelyn Hausner, Rita Murnane\*, Lorraine Christianson, Louis Auger†, Lloyd LaBore

**Row 2, l-r:** Fr. Francis Byrne† (Assistant Pastor), Lawrence Michaud, Alvera Letourneau†, Winifred Kassekert†, Elaine Brehm, Dona Mae Furey+, Mary Gobely, John O'Connor\*, Richard Murnane, Fr. William Busch† (Pastor)

**Row 3, l-r:** Leo Hohenhauer\*, Richard Kostuch, Donald Gotch†, Geraldine Michaud, Josette Staunfield\*, Marjorie Shea, Ann Cardinal

**Row 4, (back) l-r:** \_\_\_\_\_, Joan Thompson†, Lavonne Hoffman, John (Jack)Vadnais, Gordon Paaske, Gerald Blume

**These students are also remembered as being classmates with the Class of 1940:** Dan Bernish\*, Margaret Gotch, Noreen Kunsman\*, Phyllis LaMotte, Evelyn Markoe\*, Richard Reibel†

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**The Class of 1940 most likely had the following teachers at St. Mary of the Lake School:** Sr. Petra (1st), Sr. Louise Joseph (2nd), Sr. Cordelia, (3rd), Sr. Gudilla (4th), Sr. Cordelia (5th), Sr. James Marie (6th), Sr. Mida (7th), Mother Firmina (8th) Sr. Elaine (5th), Fr. Byrne (Assist. Pastor), Fr. Busch (Pastor)

## Class of 1940 Updates



**Tom Fleming pictured in 1944.**

the Mayor of White Bear [circa 1956]. I don't know if this means anything to anyone, but it does show what a great family the Michauds were and they still live in White Bear. *St. Paul, MN*

**MARJORIE SHEA GUFFEY** writes her memories of "My favorite was Sister Elaine. Father Byrne had us children sing at funeral Masses. I went to piano lessons once a week at the Convent next door." Marjorie attended two years of college-nursing 1963 & 1964. Her employment included the Tele. Co. in Los Angeles from 1944-1950, and then her nursing career as an LVN for 25 years. She then did volunteer work until moving here to Bethel Retirement Community. Marjorie and her husband, Charles, were married for 59 years and had 2 boys and 1 girl. Charles died April 10, 2009. Marjorie's special interests are cards, reading and sewing. *Modesto, CA*

**LLOYD LABORE** writes favorite memories of "...playing marbles at school. I was educated through the 9th grade, went into the Navy and was employed as a cement contractor. My wife, Madonna, and I have nine children with all living in the Twin Cities and two living in northern Minnesota. I also love to play cribbage." Lloyd served many years on the Gem Lake City Council. *Gem Lake, MN*

**JANE VINCENT LAGOON** and **MELVIN LAGOON** emailed (written by Jane), "My husband and I attended the fifth grade together, and we had Sister Elaine. After a while, when we were out of school, we went to see her now and then. It was then that Mel went into the service. One Christmas, Sister Elaine had all of her students make cards for Mel and sent them to him. He was in a fox

hole when he received them. It was so cute of her to do that and Mel kept them all. We remember when she would come out to play ball with us all, too.

I was a small person, so Dorothy Peltier and I were always in the front row of everything we did. John Vadnais sat in front of me in eighth grade (he sure could talk a lot when class was going on!) In all, we loved St. Mary's School.

Mel was a transport driver in MN, he had three trucks of his own. He did good and always had a job. When World War II broke out I went to Seattle to work at Boeing Air Craft (one of those "Rosie the Riveter") until the war ended. Mel was a Paratrooper, Comp. E & D, got out in 1945, and it was then that we were married. This coming Sept. 1st, we will be married 65 years, we are both in good health and hope to go to MN for our Anniversary to celebrate with his sister & brother-in-law. We have four lovely children, Don Lagoon in WA., Diane Clark in Boise, ID, Dan Lagoon in Salt Lake City, UT and Darlene Marushack who for now lives in Australia ... all happily. We also have five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Our contact information is: mellagoon@q.com, 2959 N. Columbine Ave., Boise, ID 83713-5023. *Boise, ID*

**DONALD TATREAU** writes that after White Bear Lake High School, he attended the VoTech in carpentry which he made his career. He spent 2 years peace time in the Army Air Corps. Don and his wife, June Renquist, have five children. Don enjoys fishing. *White Bear Lake, MN*



**Lloyd and Madonna LaBore are surrounded by their nine children:** lower left to right: Carol, Mark, Diane, William, Dale, Sharon, Susan, Debora, Michelle



# Class of 1940 Updates (continued)

**GERALDINE MICHAUD DOYLE** shares two stories in this Newsletter, both personal, both from the heart. The first story is taken from an interview by her grandson, Matt, in March 1999 about her life. These are some of the details she shared with him. "I was born in 1926 weighing 10 lbs. I was the first baby baptized in the newly built St. Mary of the Lake Church. This was prior to the 1929 financial crash but our family was fortunate because my father worked in the office of the Northern Pacific Railroad and they were, generally, able to keep him employed. We lived near the railroad tracks and I remember the "tramps" (homeless people) would knock on our door during the depression (almost like we had an "X" mark on our house that we were ok folks to stop by for help). My Mother always fed them and they were allowed to take a sponge bath and shave at our kitchen sink. I remember Sunday outings, Bloomers Ice Cream cones, lots of swimming in WBL and skating in winter. I attended 8 years at St.

Mary's, 2 years of WBL HS and then graduated from Johnson HS. I started working at Schoch's

Grocery Store in 1942 and later did their bookkeeping as on-the-job-training during high school. After HS I worked at 1st State Bank as a commercial teller taking mortgage payments and sold Gov't. "E" Bonds for the war effort. I married Francis Doyle in 1947 moving out to my present home and we raised 5 children (and now have 13 grandchildren). We were married 46 beautiful years when he died in 1994, and I miss him still. I enjoy playing cards, and visiting with family and friends."

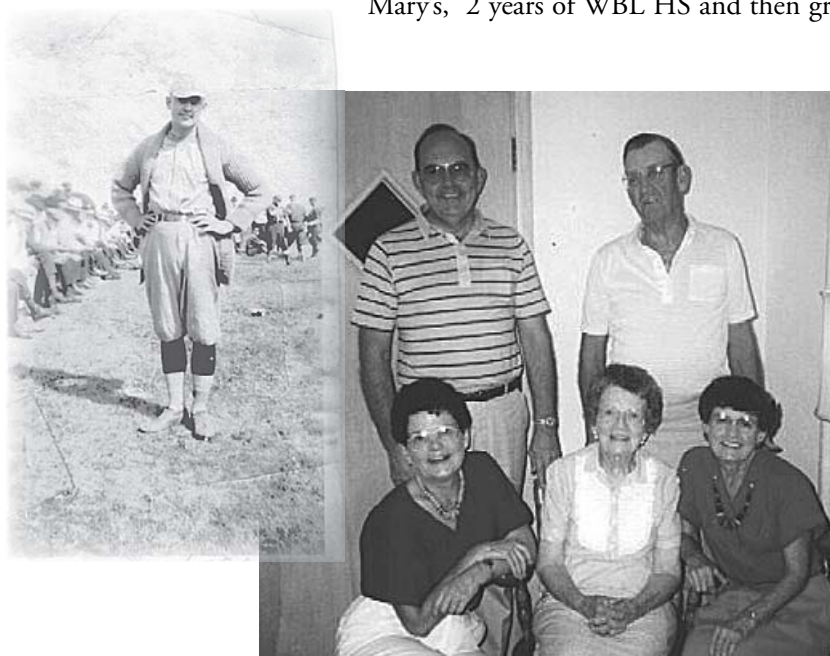
Gerry's second story is about her cousin, Thomas Fleming, who spent 8th grade with her at St. Mary's...." Tom was a city boy who came to White Bear in 1938. After the death of his mother, his father and his five children made their home with the Sidney Michaud family and their four children for two years. I could not believe how popular he was with the girls in our 8th grade class of 1940. I once mentioned this to him and he said jokingly, "I still am!"

Tom went on to become Vice-President of Marketing for Conagra Foods. His brother, Bill, after his discharge from the Navy, became a Municipal Judge and a District Judge. His nephew, Mike Fleming, is a lawyer now in White Bear Lake. Tom still has two sisters in the area and they have also contributed to society. I must add that we, the Michaud family, have always been proud of the Fleming family side of our family. This is how the Fleming side of the family became part of White Bear Lake. *Vadnais Heights, MN*



**During WWII Gerry was in charge of Rationing Points for canned goods, processed foods, canned meats, fresh meats and butter.**

**Photos courtesy of Gerry Michaud Doyle**



**Mae Michaud is surrounded by her children, seated l-r: Gerry '40 and Mary '37, standing l-r: Ed '45 and David '35. Their Dad, Sidney, is pictured here in 1920.**

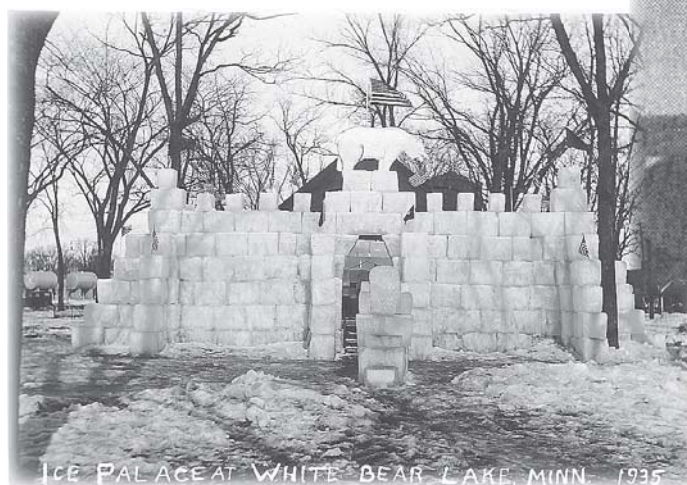
## ~St. Mary of the Lake Winter Carnival Connections~

There are so many connections in life! Doing a little research and using great resources like alumni families, the parish archives, hometown authors/artisans, and the fabulous WBL Historical Society, our "St. Mary's connections" can really help stories "come to life" and be more fully appreciated. Here are a few "St. Mary's Winter Carnival extravaganza connections":



**Photo courtesy of Antoinette Carpentier Nolles**

Antoinette Carpentier '26 (Nolles) was crowned Queen of the White Bear Winter Carnival in 1935. She's pictured here in Railroad Park in downtown White Bear Lake. Antoinette's siblings were Clifford '25, Telesphore, Edward '28, and Willis '29.



**Photos courtesy of the O'Gorman Family**

Thomas O'Gorman '26 pencil designed this 1935 Queen's Ice Palace in downtown White Bear Lake at the Mid-Winter Fair and helped with the actual building of the palace.

[The Thomas O'Gorman Collection is available at The Nest in White Bear Lake. For more information call (763) 476-8230.]

Virginia Houle Resler's (former St. Mary's kindergarten teacher during the 1970s) grandfather, Frank Hebert, along with his sons Jerome and Joe, worked on the 1886 Ice Palace.



**Photo courtesy of Resler Family**

Jack Vadnais '39, along with his wife, Bev, and Ed Michaud '45 spoke at the WBL VFW in January 2010 about the history of the "World's Original Ice Fishing Contest" on White Bear Lake. The contest started in 1947 but ended during the 1980s. The contest resumed again on January 30, 2010 when more than 2,000 anglers dropped a line in hoping to net the heaviest fish winning a prize (\$100,000 worth of prizes including a Dodge truck). Back in 1947 the first place winner took home a trophy and a snowsuit.

### January 19, 1940 [front page WB Press]

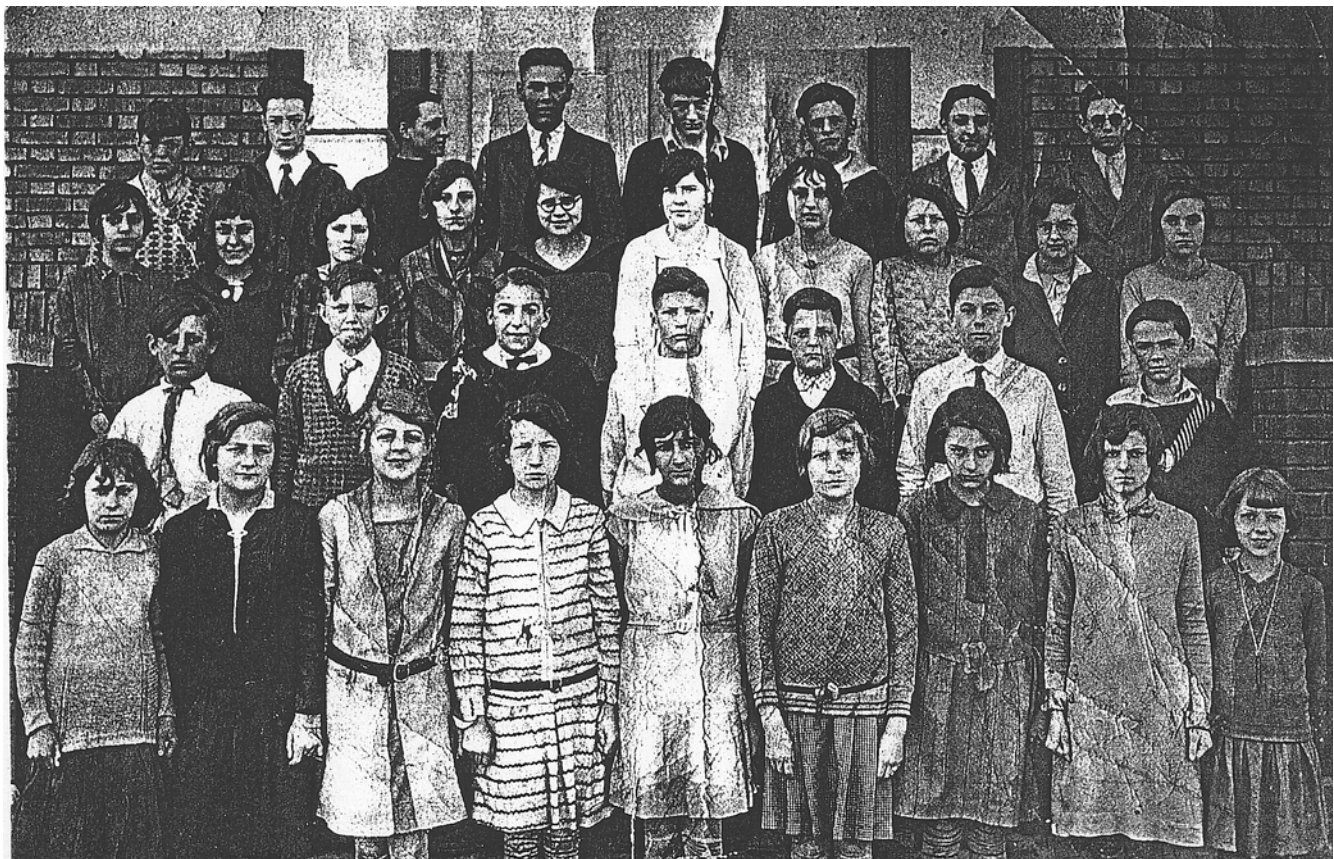
#### *"White Bear's Third Annual Winter Carnival on Tonight*

Three trains, thirty buses to bring the crowds [from St. Paul]; big parade at 7:45 o'clock; Floodlights; prizes for Units; Free dance at Armory; Roaring time for all. The High School Band will be in the parade and will play if they don't freeze up..."

2010 ~ The St. Paul Winter Carnival is the nation's oldest and largest winter festival and is held over a ten-day period in late January-early February each year. King Boreas and his Vulcans reign over the fun. The Landmark Center and Rice Park in downtown St. Paul are home to the elaborate ice sculptures created each year. Special events include parades, a winter playground, a giant snow slide, an ice carving contest, a treasure hunt for the special Winter Carnival medallion, and the ice fishing contest on White Bear Lake.



# Class of 1930



- Row 1 (front), l-r:** Angelina Schmeil†, Melina Paul\*, Loretta Bibeau†, Theresa Brennan†, Adeline Peloquin†, Genevieve Miller†, \_\_\_\_\_, Leona LeVasseur, \_\_\_\_\_
- Row 2, l-r:** Frank Schmeil†, Ronald Hogan†, Daniel or David Arcand†, Donald Bellanger†, Roy Devine\*, Stanton Weber†, James Johnson†
- Row 3, l-r:** Melvina LaBore\*, Jeanette Nickle†, Francis Dennault\*, Bernice Langhorne\*, Dorothy Clark†, Elizabeth “Betty” Arcand†, Caroline Graf\*, Sara Lane†, Rose Gillie\*, Agnes Erdsteen†
- Row 4 (back), l-r:** Wilfred LaBore†, Lester LaBore†, James Hanes†, William Lane†, Marinus DeMaster†, James Devine\*, Eugene Vincent†, Robert Whitaker†

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Loretta Bibeau Murphy ‘30 lent the Alumni Association this picture and listed the names for the 2000 Alumni Newsletter. We have reproduced it here with a few corrections that have since been obtained from other classmates.

## Messages from 1930s students

*Come Holy Spirit  
enlighten our minds,  
show us what you want  
us to do, and give us the  
grace to do it. And, if  
necessary, give us the grace  
to respond to your grace.  
And help us recognize the  
answer when it comes!*

*- adapted by Dorothy  
Lange Ciernia ‘31*

**PATRICIA DALY SALT ‘39** “ The Alumni Newsletter gets better every year! Thanks for all your fine work. (Note: Class of ‘39 teachers- our 7th grade teacher was Sister Mida)”



**Gloria Fuchs**  
Photo courtesy of WCCO

**GLORIA REIBEL FUCHS ‘32** was recently the unfortunate subject of multi-media attention. Around midday on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 she was assaulted and robbed outside her St. Paul home. Gloria (who will be 92 years old in July) had just pulled into her garage after going to the dentist when she saw a man by the door. She thought the man was just trying to make conversation, so she walked towards him. She thought he was a new neighbor, but then he hit her in the face, she fell to her knees, and then he stole her purse and ran. She cried for help but no one came, so she made it back into the house and called 911. St. Paul Police Sgt. Paul Schnell\* said they are hoping someone from the public comes forward with more information.

Gloria and her late husband, Jake, built their Midway area home in 1950; she’s lived there for 60 years. She said nothing bad has ever happened to her in this neighborhood until that Tuesday afternoon. In spite of the trauma and her badly bruised face, Gloria says she’s doing well now, and although she lost quite a bit of money which she had

in her purse to pay her dental bill and has had to replace her driver’s license and other cards, she’s back to her regular routines, although a bit more cautious. Gloria asked how everything was going at St. Mary of the Lake and is looking forward to the next alumni gathering.

\*Sgt. Schnell is a former St. Mary of the Lake Faith Formation staff person during the 1980s. Information for this article was obtained from WCCO, Fox9, KARE11, and KSTP news releases and a phone conversation with Gloria on June 19.

[Ed. note: We have included this update on Gloria because it was felt, due to the broad publicity of the incident, classmates and other alumni would appreciate knowing how Gloria was doing. The St. Mary of the Lake Alumni and Staff surely wish Gloria well and are inspired by her great attitude and spirit!]

**JEANETTE A. NICKLE STEPnitz ‘30**  
1916 - 2008

written by Jeanette’s daughter, Rita J. Stepnitz Bjornsson ‘55, San Diego, California

“As the St. Mary of The Lake School Alumni Association honors the Class of 1930 I would like to submit a few remembrances of my late Mother, Jeanette A. (Nickle) Stepnitz who was one of the graduates.  
My Mom was very artistic and enjoyed music, dancing, arts & crafts as well as gardening. She pursued many interests with great energy to enhance her, and her family’s life. Participation in Church activities was always a priority and continued well into her retirement years, with her husband Werner, in Arizona.  
Jeanette and Werner had many special and loyal friends with whom they enjoyed good times and extensive travel. I was fortunate to travel with Mom and Dad on many foreign and domestic trips over the years.  
Jeanette lost her husband in 1998, but remained very active while her health remained good, until the early 2000s. She passed away in May 2008  
I thank The Lord for giving me such a lovely Mother and pray that she and Dad are enjoying a “heavenly” hereafter.”



**Jeanette doing the splits at the tender age of 85!**



# Class of 1930 in 5th Grade



Photo courtesy of the Parish Archives

**This picture of the Class of 1930 did not have the students names on it. Do you recognize yourself? a classmate? a relative?**

Please help make the Alumni Newsletter accurate, interesting and fun!

- Are any names misspelled, omitted, in the wrong class, etc.?
- Is any other information incorrect?
- Do you have a picture or written memories of your years at St. Mary's that you would like to share in next year's Alumni Newsletter? The classes ending in '1', i.e., '21, '31, '41, '51, etc. will be featured in next year's Newsletter.
- Your articles, poetry and pictures are most welcome! Please don't hesitate to be in contact.
- Would you be willing to contact your classmates, update your class list, or be on the Alumni Board?

Please contact St. Mary of the Lake Alumni News, 4690 Bald Eagle Avenue, White Bear Lake, Minnesota, 55110  
Phone: 651-429-7771 Email: [contactus@stmarys-wbl.org](mailto:contactus@stmarys-wbl.org)

## My father, Robert Whitaker '30

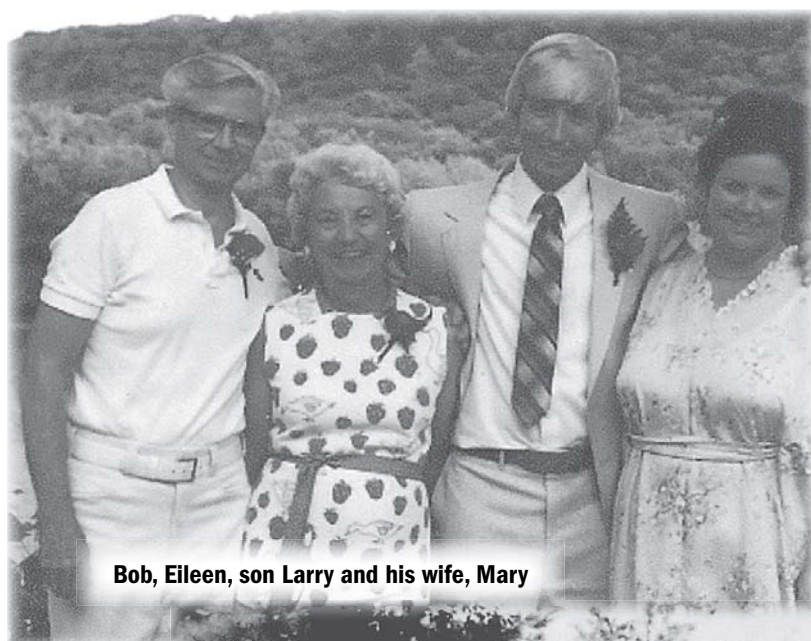
written by his son, Larry Whitaker '57



Lawrence Robert "Bob" Whitaker was born on July 24, 1914 to Fredrick and Louise Hardy Whitaker. One of six children, he had an active childhood, working odd jobs and spent as much time on the lake as possible swimming and fishing. He and Tom Beresford would swim across the lake from Clark Ave. to the Wildwood shore. One would swim while the other paddled the canoe, then switch places for the return trip. Dad had a life-long love for hunting and fishing, and always became excited to see wildlife. During the last year of his life, mom and dad moved to senior housing at St. Andrew's in Mahtomedi. He enjoyed watching the deer from their patio doors. Dad struggled in school (today he would be considered dyslexic) and he suffered with migraines. Despite these issues, he always had a positive attitude, and a willingness to help others. He and mother had a large group of friends and would enjoy neighborhood and family gatherings. They played golf and socialized at the Forest Lake Country Club. In fact, the evening after his first grandchild was born was considered legendary! Oh, how he enjoyed his Grandchildren! During the depression, jobs were not available, so he and friends would hop freight trains. They



would camp, or find lodging at a church, or at the local jail. Dad had many stories to tell. One of which was the time he was sitting in the doorway of a boxcar, legs dangling outside. Suddenly the world "dropped away" as they traveled across the St. Croix River. The ground, which had been about 5 feet below him, had suddenly dropped to 185 feet. He called it a "puckering moment". Dad was dedicated to his family and friends, always willing to help. He worked hard and maintained an easy disposition. He provided well for his family. He was not a strict disciplinarian, but when he had a "heart to heart" with you, you knew what behavior needed correction, you knew why, and you knew what effect that behavior would have on your future. You also knew you were loved. His employment career and civic service included: office clerk at Northern Pacific Rail Road, night cook at 3M, Volunteer Fireman / Rescue Squad member, Safety Inspector - Twin City Arsenal, Electrician's helper, and 20+ years with WBL School District. Dad was also in WWII and the Korean War. Mother (Eileen McDevitt) met Dad in 1934, when she came out to "the country" to visit her sister, Rose. They were married on July 24, 1939. They lost their first child, Robert at birth, Jane ('55) followed a year later, and I came along 18 months later. We lived in eight houses without leaving White Bear. Dad was very handy so he would buy a house, remodel it and move on. In 1953 he built his dream house at 2229 South Shore Blvd. on the lake he loved so much! On Oct. 8, 2001 he slept away after spending a lucid day and evening with family. His sudden passing was a shock to everyone! Religion was a major component of his childhood. His father Fredrick (b; 1873 at the Leip Hotel - where Kowalski's now sits) converted to Catholicism in order to marry Louise Hardy, a French Canadian immigrant. They were both very involved in the early years of St. Mary's Parish. Dad's Catholic upbringing provided him with a solid moral grounding, not in a dogmatic manner, but in the true spirit of Christ's example. Kind, compassionate, creative, are but a few words I could use to further describe Dad. He certainly set a fine example. Our family has been blessed to have had this man in our lives.



Bob, Eileen, son Larry and his wife, Mary



***"One Father is more than a hundred schoolmasters."***

- George Herbert, British poet (1593-1633)



# Class of 1920

These are the students listed as being in the  
St. Mary of the Lake Class of 1920:

Alice Parenteau Bandholtz  
Margaret Dougherty  
Agnes Dorr Draggert  
Cecilia Auger Fournelle  
Susan Kieffer Francis  
Marguerite Bazille Parenteau  
Mary Gallivan Russell

**MARGARET DOUGHERTY**

(information taken from two articles on the Dougherty Family in the 1997 and 2007 Alumni Newsletters)



Margaret was the second of four sisters who all graduated from St. Mary of the Lake School: Grace '17, Margaret '20, Mary '24 and Anne '27. Margaret's professional life was spent as the executive secretary to the Director of Family Services of St. Paul for over 30 years. She was highly respected and loved for her professional skills and great warmth. Margaret, Grace and Anne ( Mary married and raised a family) lived in the family home which was located near the corner of Lake Avenue and Highway 61. The section of land next to Hwy. 61 became a veritable showcase horticultural extravaganza for all to enjoy. Many school children

(during that era) toured the Dougherty gardens and were treated to a plate of homemade cookies at the end of the tour. The three sisters graciously supplied and cared for the church's altar flowers each week for approximately 50 years.

Anne died in 1974. In 1985 because of their devotion and years of outstanding service to the people of St. Mary of the Lake, Grace and Margaret were specially honored. This honor has become an annual tradition of recognizing extraordinary service to St. Mary of the Lake, and is known as the "Dougherty Award". St. Mary of the Lake was privileged to be the Dougherty sisters' faith community. All the sisters are now deceased, Grace and Mary in 1997, and Margaret in 2002, but their legacy lives on.

**SUSAN KIEFFER DECORSEY FRANCIS**

(information taken from 2004 Alumni Newsletter)



Susan was born November 9, 1904 to Nicholas and Margaret Kieffer. She was one of 13 children. They grew up on a produce farm in the area of Hwy. 96 and Otter Lake Rd., WBL. Susan and her sisters, Cecelia and Dorothy, began grade school at Washington School and then transferred to the new St. Mary of the Lake School in September 1914. After graduation from St. Mary's, Susan and her friend, Mary Franzen, traveled to St. Paul to seek employment. Susan started work at the Emporium Department Store the very next day and was employed there for 9 years. Susan married John DeCorsey (a prize fighter) in 1925. They had two sons, John and

Ronald. This marriage ended in divorce. In 1937 Susan married William Francis who worked for the railroad and was a musician performing in many local bands. They added Darlene and Robert to the family. Susan worked in the retail business until retiring in 1970. She then volunteered with the lunch program at the Senior Citizen Center which was located at that time in the Presbyterian Church. Susan was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary of the Lake and an open house for her 100th Birthday was held in the St. Joseph's room in October 2004. Susan was 102 years when she passed away on April 27, 2007. A Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Mary of the Lake Church followed by burial at St. Mary's Cemetery

**MARGUERITE BAZILLE PARENTEAU**

(information taken from an interview by Marilyn Parenteau Sklar '57 with her mother and written for the 2000 Alumni Newsletter)



"Marguerite began her formal education in first grade at Washington School. ...Two years later, in 1914, St. Mary's School was built. Father Fahey went Washington School and invited all the Catholic children to attend the new school-apparently children not of the Catholic faith were also invited! Marguerite walked to and from school each day from her home on Division Avenue. 'Sister Virginia taught us the Irish jig... we danced on the stage for a school program. We studied the Palmer method of handwriting.' (for which she received a special award for good handwriting). Marguerite received the Class of 1920 'Gold Medal Award'

for achieving the highest grade average. Marguerite lived all her life in White Bear Lake. She and her husband, Mitchell, raised four children, Richard '48, John '50, Marilyn '57 and Michael '61." Marguerite died in 2002 at the age of 95 and is buried in St. Mary of the Lake Cemetery.

## A taste of life in White Bear Lake, 1920s-style (all from the White Bear Press)

January 29, 1920

Mr. and Mrs. Eusebe LeVasseur entertained at their home Saturday in honor of their daughter Agnes, it being her eighteenth birthday.

March 4, 1920

The Women's Club of St. Mary of the Lake will give a card party and dance on Easter Monday, April 5, at the school hall. Lunch will be served and beautiful card prizes given. The orchestra will be one that is well known for its excellent dance music. An enjoyable time is promised as the ladies have spared neither time nor expense in an effort to make the affair a success.

From a notice printed in the WB Press, October 7, 1920

A  
BIG MEETING  
at the  
White Bear Auditorium  
Fri. Oct. 8  
at 8 PM

For the discussion of  
Political Issues  
Of the Day

Leave Your Prejudices at Home  
Form Your Own Opinions

Men and Women Are Both  
Urged to Be Present

## Messages from alumni families

**CAROL NELSON**, daughter of **CAROLINE (GRAF) DUPRE ' 29**, "My mother was born 6/11/1915 and died 4/5/2009. She was buried from St. Edward's Church in Longville, MN"

**MARY HELEN PATES**, daughter of **ROBERT TAUTGES '29** "All of the Tautges family enjoyed reading about the Class of '29. Thanks for including our dad, Robert."



# St. Mary of the Lake School’s 100th Anniversary Coming Soon!

*Are you... an alum? former or current staff? an alumni family?  
a St. Mary’s parishioner? a St. Mary’s friend?  
Do you...enjoy seeing classmates? want to ‘reconnect’ with your past?  
enjoy history and genealogy?, like giving/going to parties?  
Then, perhaps, the St. Mary of the Lake School’s 100th Anniversary  
is just the activity for you!!*

There is eager anticipation of this very special celebration! September 7, 2014 will mark the 100th Anniversary of the opening of St. Mary of the Lake School. To celebrate this great event, an historical booklet is being planned to honor all the children who have stepped through those heavy, hallowed doors and all those who taught and supported them. As we “ramp up” toward our Centennial year, a 100th Anniversary Committee is being formed now. Some ideas that have already come forward to ‘bring history to life’ are: a centennial garden, historical and genealogical workshops, walking tours, exhibits, lunch gatherings, a special liturgy and a big party.

If you have ideas on how to recognize this momentous anniversary (and leading up to it) please send your ideas and offers of help by emailing [contactus@stmarys-wbl.org](mailto:contactus@stmarys-wbl.org) or returning the envelope enclosed with this Newsletter. Thank you!

## Your financial gifts are greatly appreciated! Special thanks to:

Constance and T. Joseph Marier ‘33 in memory of Dick Jackson ‘39  
Margaret Dillon Prendergast ‘36  
Rachel Tautges Taney ‘37  
Patricia Daly Salt ‘39  
Geraldine Michaud Doyle ‘40  
Jane Vincent ‘40 and Melvin Lagoon ‘40  
Elaine Brehm Stendahl ‘40  
Anonymous  
Dorothy and Joseph Braun ‘43  
Jerome J. Vinck ‘44  
Marleen Olson Creighton ‘46  
Nancy LeVasseur Chisholm ‘47  
Rosemary Haussner Novotny ‘47  
Anonymous  
Beverly Hodsdon Wald ‘48  
Dick Hall ‘49  
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Anonymous  
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Wayne Thein ‘54  
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Jean Carpentier Olson ‘52  
Edward P. Basch ‘53 in memory of Peter Carpentier ‘53  
David Crete ‘56  
Joe Morancey, ‘56  
Patty Connolly ‘57 and Thomas O’Gorman ‘54 in memory of Berniece and Tom O’Gorman ‘26  
Susan Fournelle Kerschner, ‘59  
Gary Mastel, ‘59  
Jeff Obst, ‘59  
Jerry LeMire ‘60 in memory of Mike Mullaney ‘60  
Lois and Bill Zemke ‘60  
Eileen Twohy Capecci ‘62  
Gerard N. Vandenberg, ‘63  
Sheila McKnight Houle ‘67  
Bridget A. Ryan ‘67  
Mari Arcand Sievers ‘67

Mary ‘68 and Jim Ferrell  
Janice and James Kohler ‘68  
Tom Connolly ‘70  
David Svoboda ‘70  
Patty Evans Saari, ‘82  
Jennifer Evans Bilchick ‘83  
Chris Cincotta ‘85  
Elizabeth and Chad Wilmes ‘90  
Mary Beggin, teacher (1973-1998), alumni parent  
Margaret Cords, teacher (1984-1993)  
Christy VanOverbeke, teacher (2003-2008)  
Mary Helen Pates, daughter of Robert Tautges ‘29  
Bill and Stephanie McNamara, alumni parents  
Shirley Norton, alumni parent  
Mike and Terry Reasoner, alumni parents

A total of \$2445 (as of 12/8/09) of financial gifts was received since the 2009 Alumni Newsletter. (Alumni Association - \$1605, School Endowment Fund - \$170, Tuition - \$465, SMOL Catholic HS - \$125, MS Musical-\$50) Not reflected in these totals are monies that were received after 12/9/09, however, we have included all donors’ names who have contributed through May 2010.

Because of generous donors and the proceeds from the Fall Alumni Rummage Sale at St. Mary’s, during the past year the Alumni Association was able to make a \$4000 donation to the school’s Tuition Assistance Program, the production and mailing costs of this annual Alumni Newsletter, and the operating costs of our Alumni Association.

It is the intent of the Alumni Board to write “Thank You” messages in a timely manner. If a contribution has not been acknowledged here or in writing, please accept our apologies.

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

### Contributions: Envelopes for Correspondence and Gifts

The Alumni Newsletter includes an envelope for communicating back to the Alumni Committee any information you would like to share, i.e., address changes, school memories, Newsletter corrections, etc. If you do not wish your memories to be 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 preservation of our school’s archives, Alumni Award expenses, sponsorship of alumni and school activities and materials, or Alumni gatherings. Monies not needed for these purposes are then gifted to another related school endeavor.

**School Endowment Fund:** Gifts to this fund build our school endowment fund, so that income earned from investments will support the school every year for years to come. The school endowment fund has reached a total of \$31,677 as of 12/31/09.

**Tuition Assistance:** Gifts to this fund allow a child of limited financial means to attend St. Mary of the Lake School. All applicant families fill out the required confidential Tuition Assistance Data Services financial aid assessment forms.

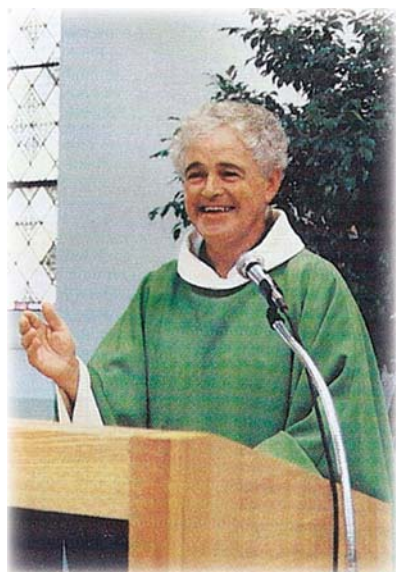
**Other:** You may choose another area you wish to fund with your gift.

*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 Deaths

*Our sympathy and prayers to the families of these alumni and former staff*



## Former Pastor Michael Kennedy has gone home to the Lord

Many alumni will remember Fr. Michael Kennedy, who was our Pastor at St. Mary's from 1978 to 1990. While he was the "architect" of many ministry and organizational accomplishments at St. Mary's, he is most remembered for the vision and energy with which he led the renovation and expansion of our church and adjoining spaces. We also specially remember and appreciate his skills as a storyteller and how engaging his homilies were.

After his time at St. Mary's, Fr. Michael was assigned to St. Patrick's of Cedar Creek, in Oak Grove, MN, where he served until his retirement in 2004. He managed St. Patrick's through a period of very significant growth and

oversaw the building of a church and parish center that are deeply appreciated by parishioners.

Fr. Michael's Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on January 29, 2010, at St. Patrick's. The presider was Archbishop John Nienstedt, who was joined by many priests of the Archdiocese including Frs. Bauman, Pierre and Reiser and many friends/parishioners from St. Mary's and many others who were blessed by Fr. Michael's rich history of ministry. He is survived by two sisters, Mary and Eileen.



MICHAEL 'MIKE' ABBOTT '58, who lived in Houlton, WI, passed away May 23, 2010 at the age of 66. He was retired from 3M. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Blanche and Paul, and his twin brother, John '58. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Carol; sons, Christopher and Joseph (Amber); granddaughter, Addison; brother, Paul '55. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on June 3rd at St. Mary of the Lake Church with burial at St. Mary's Cemetery.



MARY BRIDGID DONNELLY ALVEY, former St. Mary's teacher's aide, art instructor, SPRED program, and mother of alumni died Dec. 20, 2009. She was welcomed into heaven by her husband, Bill, and her son, Bill, Jr. Mary is survived by her daughters Michon Smith (Tom) and Mary Pat Meier '77 (Norm); 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Mary was the oldest of fourteen children and is survived by five siblings.

Mary was proud to receive her B.A. degree in theology in her mid-sixties from the College of St. Catherine. She was an artist until the end of her life, and was involved in any project she knew of that would benefit God's beloved human beings. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary of the Lake Church. Mary is buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

KENNETH DEANS '26 died at the age of 97 in April 2010. He lived in Mahtomedi and was preceded in death by wife of 64 years, Billie, and brother, Norman '36. He is survived by 6 children: Rachel (Bob) Deans-Krute of Montrose, CO; Nancy (Dennis Peterson) Deans of Eagan; Jim (Judy) Deans of Pine Springs; Tom (Suzanne) Deans of New Richmond, WI; Clint (Stacey) Deans of Brooklyn Park and Bob (Robin) Deans of Dellwood, 19 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren, sister in law Jane Deans of CA and brother in law William A. Patterson of Winona. Ken was a Pearl Harbor survivor and retired from both the US Army and Control Data. A Mass of Christian Burial was held April 28 at St. Jude of the Lake Church, Mahtomedi.



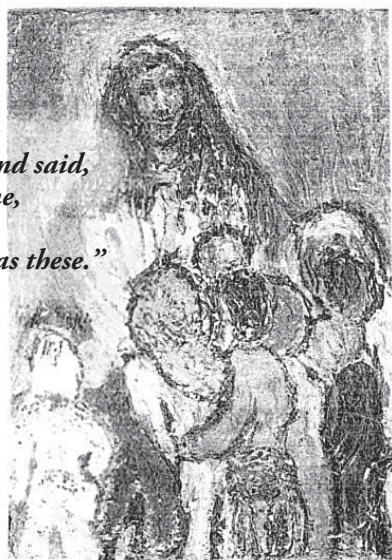
JASON A. DRAXLER '83 of Clear Lake, MN passed died September 17, 2009 at the age of 38. Jason was born January 24, 1971 in New Ulm to William & Karen (Knops) Draxler. He grew up in White Bear Lake and has lived in the St. Cloud/Clear Lake area for many years. Jason loved his dog Sadie and enjoyed fishing, hunting, golf, home repair projects, yard work and being outdoors. He is survived by his wife, Sara, and daughter, Taylor, of Clear Lake; mother and stepfather, Karen and Stanley Smith of Mahtomedi; brother, John and his wife Yvonne Draxler of Sterling, CO. He is preceded in death by his father and grandparents. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on September 22 at St. Marcus Catholic Church, Clear Lake with burial in the parish cemetery.

RICHARD A. "DICK" FLASPETER '43 died at the age of 80 on September 13, 2009 surrounded by his family. Dick was retired from Burlington Northern Railroad; Korean War Veteran, Member of WBL-VFW and Kaiser Frazer Club. Dick was a kind, gentle man, with a great sense of humor - who enjoyed a good argument. He will be dearly missed. Preceded in death by parents, Theodore & Julia; brother, Ted '38; infant son, Tommy, daughter-in-law, Sue; and brothers-in-law, Albert and Paul. Survived by loving wife of 56 years, Eileen, long-time 1st grade teacher at St. Mary's; children: Dick Jr. '69 (Julie), Shelly '72 (Bill) Lonsky, Mike '73 (Christy) and Sherry '76 Flaspeter; grandchildren and great grandchildren; sisters: Sr. Lorraine '36 O.S.B., Jeanne '39, Pat '45 (Julian) and Jewell '48; brothers, Bill '61 and Jerome '55 (LuAnn); and sister-in-law, Marion. Mass of Christian Burial was Sept. 18th at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church with interment the Church Cemetery.



*"But Jesus called the children to him and said,  
"Let the little children come to me,  
and do not hinder them,  
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."  
Luke 18:16*

This sketch by Mary Alvey was used on the cover of her funeral program



JUDITH BASCH CHRISTENSEN '56 in May 2010 at the age of 68. She is survived by 4 children: Mark (Emily) of Woodbury; Brad (Shannon Parsons) of Woodbury; Suzanne (Kevin) Erickson of Hugo and Eric of W. St. Paul and 6 grandchildren and 5 siblings: Margaret Zellmer of Newport; Edward '53 (Ila) Basch of WBL; Ken '55 (Dixie) Basch of Ellsworth, WI; John '61 (Jean) Basch of Shoreview and Joanne '65 (David) Kost of Vadnais Hts.. Preceded in

death by her parents Anton & Frances Basch. Mass of Christian Burial was May 13 at St. Mary of the Lake Church with burial at St. Mary's Cemetery.

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

Rev. 7:17



EUGENIA AUGER FOSHAY '41 (1925-2010) was a lifetime resident of White Bear Lake. Jean was preceded in death by parents, Steven & Isabelle; husband Louis Foshay; brother Andy Auger, sister Doris '42; 2 granddaughters, Tracey and Michele; great granddaughter Elizabeth; and special friend Bill Trudeau. Survived by 4 children, William (Jeanie) Foshay, Linda (Tom) Valento, Patricia (Larry) Bertrand, James Foshay; 11 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. Also survived by 2 sisters Mary (Bill) Woolstencroft and Gen Anderson '44; many nieces, nephews & friends. Funeral Mass was on January 27, 2010 at St. Mary of the Lake Church with burial at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery.

DONALD JOSEPH DELONAI '32 passed away on October 5, 2009 at the age of 91. He was preceded in death by brother, Eugene M. DeLona '29. Donald is survived by his wife of 63 years, Phyllis; and children, Duane (Char), Leo (Mary Lou), Sr. Linda Mary O.P. and Edward (Ninalyn). Don was a WW II Veteran, a member of Company A of the 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Infantry division serving in the African and European campaigns. Don began work for the fledgling Gopher Electronics Co. in March of 1954 and continued in a variety of positions for the next 30 years. He served as treasurer for Boy Scout troop 112 nearly 20 years and was a lifetime member of St. Mary of the Lake Church. Don enjoyed bowling and camping with the family. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on October 8, 2009 at St. Mary's. Interment was at Union Cemetery, White Bear Lake.

GERALDINE LAVAQUE HOLMBERG '45 was born January 24, 1932 and passed away May 13, 2010 in Hinckley, MN. She is survived by her husband of 57 yrs., Fred; children, Linda (Bob), Gerrie (Ron), Artall (Rob), Kimberley, Fred Jr. (Mary). Grandma to 34. Mass of Christian Burial was June 9, 2010 at St. Mary of the Lake Church with burial at St. Mary's Cemetery.

MARIE BIBEAU JOHNSON '21 died at age 103 in November 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore and infant grandson, Jeffrey. Marie is survived by daughter, Phyllis (Clarence "Buzz") Harvey; 2 grandchildren, Cynthia (John) Pougiales and Caroline (Mark) LaRue; 4 great-grandchildren, Adrian & Ali Pougiales and Lauren & Rachel LaRue. Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Jude of the Lake Church, Mahtomedi with burial at St. Mary of the Lake Cemetery.



*We also extend our sympathy and prayers to the Alumni and staff families of:*

**Edwin and Jeanne Batroot**, parents of Jennifer Batroot '60

**Elsie Carpentier**, mother of alumni

**Angeline Cherek**, mother of John (Linda), former St. Mary's Administrator, and grandmother of Kristen '86, Elizabeth '89, Annie '92 and John '94

**Carl Christianson**, husband of Francis Moore Christianson '60

**Evelyn H. Hamner**, mother of Kathleen Hamner Burbach '61

**Gretchen Hofmann**, mother of alumni, Jeff '79, Jody '81 and Judy '81

**Lawrence "Larry" Kaml**, father of alumni

**Viola Kopel**, mother of Bonnie (Eric) Hargesheimer, longtime staff at St. Mary's, and grandmother of Jack '86, Sara, Molly, and Brett '97

**Truly Latchaw**, mother-in-law of George Moore '53 and grandmother of Patrick '75, Timothy '77, Donovan '78, and Corrine '80

**Robert Moehrle**, husband of Mary Podd Moehrle '47

**Gust Mondo**, grandparent of alumni

**Marylois Murnane**, wife of Richard '40

**Elizabeth Ness**, mother Gregory '59, Anthony '61, Elizabeth '60 and Christopher

**Carl Pelzer**, husband of Joan and father of Scott '84

**Cynthia Storelee**, mother of Jeff '89 and Jeremy '93

**Elaine Zemke**, mother of Barbara '58, Bill '60, Harry '64, Bruce '69, Randy '72, Paul and Diane

KATHLEEN BETZ LUCAS '60 passed away on July 31, 2009 at the age of 63. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Lorraine Betz; sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Dennis Seiberlich. Survived by husband, Glenn; daughter, Nicole (Craig) Moore; son, Robert



Lucas, granddaughter Kayanna; siblings, Robert Betz and Darlene Betz; nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Mass of Christian Burial was August 4th at St. Mary of the Lake Church with burial at the Church Cemetery.

PAUL F. "KELLY" LEHMANN '59 of Afton, MN, passed away peacefully at home on August 8, 2009. Paul was preceded in



death by his parents, Paul Sr. and Naomi; and brother, Richard. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Pam, and his siblings, Mary Jo '55 (Bill) Pearson, Eileen '61 (Tom) Mega, Tom '66 (Donna) and Peter. Mass of Christian Burial was held at Bradshaw Celebration of Life Center, Stillwater.

HAROLD H. MACKENHAUSEN '39 died in December 2009. Harold was a member of the WBL-VFW and a retired teacher at Century College. He loved sports, academics and travel. Harold was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Gladys and sister, Norma Dimmerman '42 and ex-wife, Joanne. He is survived by Jane George of Stillwater; children, Janice Slaughter of Afton and David (Rita) of White Bear Lake; a grandchild and a great-grandchild; brother, Gordon "Butch" (Karen) of Cass Lake and nieces & nephews.

DONNA GREWE ROETTGER '83 was 38 years old when she passed away on February 21, 2009 following a short and courageous battle with cancer. She was preceded in death by her brother, Terry '80. Donna is survived by husband, Anthony, her children, Jordan Hengtgen and Zack Hengtgen and parents, Terrence and Diane Grewe and many friends.



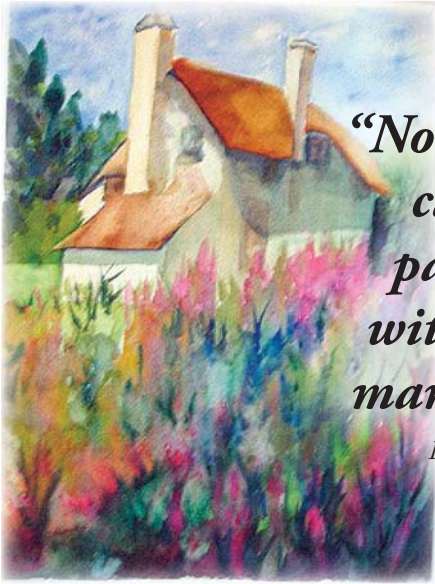
PATRICIA CHERRIER TESSIER '41 passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on February 15, 2010 at the age of 82. She is survived by loving husband, Paul of 63 years; children, Linda '61 (Steve) Arneson, Paula Dellis '64, Barbara (Richard) Knobel and Bart '73 (Janelle '83) Tessier; 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by parents, Oscar & Rose Cherrier; stepmother, Elfreda Cherrier; sister, Dorothy Belland '29; and brother, Melvin Cherrier '33. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on March 13, 2010 at St. Mary of the Lake Church



## Alumni Memorial Mass Sunday, September 26, 2010

Alumni, alumni families, parishioners and friends are warmly invited to attend the 11 AM **Alumni Memorial Mass on Sunday, September 26, 2010** at St. Mary of the Lake Church. Recently deceased alumni, teachers and staff will be specially remembered, as well as all alumni. Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the St. Joseph room. Alumni and students will be the liturgical and hospitality ministers. If you would like to help, please contact the Parish Life Center, 651-429-7771, and an alum will return your call. Thank you!





*“No love, no friendship  
can ever cross the  
path of our destiny  
without leaving some  
mark upon it forever.”*

*Françoise Mauriac (1885-1970)  
French author, poet*

Watercolor by Patricia O’Gorman Callahan ‘70

**Alert to Alumni in the graduating years of ‘21, ‘31, ‘41, ‘51, ‘61, ‘71, ‘81, ‘91 and ‘01:**

For the past several years Patty Connolly O’Gorman ‘57 has sent a questionnaire to everyone we can find in the classes that will be featured in the next Alumni Newsletter edition. Typically, she mails those in February or March. The questionnaires that come back to us are the basis for the special “Class” content of each newsletter. We really depend on your information, memories and pictures to help folks reflect and re-connect. It is also helpful if an email address is included so we can more easily contact you. Also, a huge help is when a classmate offers to follow-up in contacting their classmates and/or locating those for which we have no address. Next year, the featured classes will be the “01” groups—from 1921 to 2001 (plus, of course, the newest alums; the class of 2011). We’d sure love to hear from you, so please be watching for this mailing, and let us know where and how you are and share your memories!!

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St. Mary of the Lake Church's Environment Committee does a wonderful job of inspiring parishioners and visitors to prayer and holiness. These were the 2010 Lenten decorations.

**Interested in getting your class together for a reunion?**

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

**Help needed:** The Alumni Association really needs a few computer-savvy folks to update our alumni data (name and address changes, etc.). All of this information is stored on the St. Mary’s Parish computer system at this time. If you can help, please contact our principal, Patrick Gallivan, 651-429-7771 or email: contactus@stmarys-wbl.org

**More computer help needed:** Several Alumni Board members have met with Julie Orloske, St. Mary’s computer staff person, about developing the Alumni page (which is within the School’s pages) which is on the St. Mary’s website. If you are interested in meeting with Board members and Julie to help develop our page please contact Julie at 651-429-7771 or email: contactus@stmarys-wbl.org

**Thanks for the contributions to the 2009 Alumni Newsletter!**

In order to produce what has now become (modestly speaking) a treasured and informative alumni newsletter, a vehicle that has helped jog many a memory and has provided opportunities to reminisce and connect with friends, alumni and staff, many, many good minds and hearts have helped create the text and images provided within. This 2010 Alumni Newsletter is the result of vast amounts of help from alumni, relatives of alumni, students, staff, parents, friends and parishioners who have come forward with memories, pictures, articles, classmate identification, proofreading, and creativity to make the Newsletter as accurate as possible, interesting and fun. Also, thank you to all who help maintain the addresses of alumni, staff and our “friends” list as current as possible!!

In addition to those who have already been acknowledged, special thanks to Fr. Rodger Bauman, Fr. Roger Pierre, Principal Patrick Gallivan, Patsy Bishop, Sandy Reibel, Teresa Root, Terry Nelson, John Evans, Mary Scherping, Bonnie Hargesheimer, Margie Schumacher, Jeanne Jungbauer, Gerry Michaud Doyle ‘40, C.Jane Jackson ‘41, Joan and Ed Michaud ‘45, Darlene Larson Roehl ‘54, Rita Stepnitz Bjornsson ‘55, Connie Weber LeTourneau ‘55, Patty Connolly O’Gorman ‘57, Larry Whitaker ‘57, Susan Fournelle Kerschner ‘59 Caroline Evans Nelson ‘86, Ben Johnson ‘90, Danielle LaValle Ferrin ‘90, Dick Parenteau ‘48, Pat Wittkop ‘60, Elaine Jackson Weichman ‘44, Gloria Reibel Fuchs ‘32, Sue Carroll Downs-Solheid ‘53, Margaret Tessier Tansom ‘50, Beth Ann Muellner ‘77, Bev ‘48 and Vern Wald, Shirley Norton, Jackie Edberg, Annie Cherek McDonald ‘92, Linda Cherek, Marilyn Muellner, Michele Gratz, Enstrom Studios, St. Paul Pioneer Press, Press Publications, and the White Bear Public Library

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