

## Thanks for the contributions to the 2006 Alumni Newsletter...

Every year people graciously contribute to making this Alumni Newsletter a product that can be enjoyed again and again - looking back and appreciating the past can give us a lot of "warm fuzzies." Reading and seeing what's happening now at our alma mater is also interesting and comforting, knowing the present generation of St. Mary's students is also receiving a fine academic and spiritual foundation for the journey in life.

This Alumni Newsletter is the result of a lot of help from alumni, students, staff, parents, and parishioners who have come forward with pictures, articles, poems, classmate identification, proofreading, and ideas to make the Newsletter accurate, interesting and fun. In addition to those who have already been acknowledged, special thanks to the Thomas O'Gorman, Sr. family; Elizabeth Pelletier Martin, '36, Judith Leick, '64, Dee Linc, John Evans, Caroline Evans Nelson, '86, Nancy Petter, Gloria, Mary Schorping, Elaine Jackson Weichman, '44, Dave Marlowe, '68, Bill Dillon, '55, Kirk Sklar, Sandy Raibel, Joanne

Murphy, the Muscatopis Family, the Cherek Family, Laurie Kilduff, Mark Andersen, and the White Bear Lake Public Library.

A special thank you to Joanne Hingboer, parishioner and alumni parent, C. Jane Jackson, '42 and Connie LeFournier, '55 who work hard during the year keeping our alumni database up-to-date. We have about 3000 alumni, classmates, staff and "visitors" on our database but only about 2200 addresses. SO, PLEASE KEEP THOSE ADDRESS CHANGES AND ADDITIONS COMING!

Another special thank you to Patty Connolly O'Gorman, '57 who sent out update requests to all those (that we had addresses for in our database) who graduated or were classmates in the Classes of 1916, 1926, 1936, 1946, etc. Patty (651-433-5211) would appreciate a person (or more) from each of the Classes of 1917, 1927, 1937, 1947, etc. who would work with her on next year's request for the Alumni Newsletter. Any and all help is greatly appreciated!



The final scene from *Annie Jr.* is captured by a parent's lens. *Annie Jr.* is the 3rd consecutive production hit presented by the students of our restored middle school.

Photo thanks to Taddel family.

## 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Founding of St. Mary of the Lake Church



*Come join the fun.  
All are welcome!  
Information and  
schedule of events  
on page 16.*

## 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 Memorabilia for any class, especially for the classes of '27, '37, '47, '57 etc. for next year's Newsletter?
- Would you be willing to contact your classmates, update your class list, or be on the Alumni Board?
- Do you have any pictures to share?

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# Alumni Newsletter

## 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR

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# Welcome Class of 2006!

From row, 1-4: Victoria Nelson, Samantha Pilacinski, Kathryn Brady, Emily Gaffney, Madeline Monte and Sarah Seifert.

Row 2, 1-4: Mitchell Kunze, Elizabeth Smith, Olivia Taddel, Allison Swenson, Jacob Schuster and Cody LeMay.

Row 3, 1-4: Joseph Cullen, William Leonard, Timothy Marlowe, Gavin Smith and Daniel Grisard.

Back row, 1-4: Fr. Roger Pierre, Senior Associate Pastor, and Fr. Rodger Bauman, Pastor.

The following students are also remembered as being classmates with the Class of 2006: Joanne Auger (K-5), Ricky Caldwell (K-2), Matt Chalou (2-5), Kayla Christensen (K-2), Tanner Dufresne (K-5), Karla Elzondo (K-5), Jeremy Fraser (7), Taylor Hillstead (3-6), Tyler Jones (K-5), Taylor Kope (K-5), Sam Larson (K-7), Chelsea Moggi (5), Jon Moresky (K-5), Tony Olson (K-3), Matthew Palma (K-5), Kylie Robel (K-5), Mackenzie Saad (K-2), Charlie Stehr (K-2), Jordyn Williams (K-3). (Ed. note: The past 4 to 5 years - the middle school years for the Class of 2006 - have been a transitional/building/remodeling period for St. Mary's School, its students and their families during which time St. Mary of the Lake Church committed to a K-8 program.)

The Class of 2006 had the following teachers at St. Mary of the Lake School: Mrs. Clouston (K), Ms. Weber (1st), Mrs. Olson/Long-term sub, Ms. Greene (2nd), Mrs. Bennok (3rd), Mrs. Bulls (4th), Mrs. Fredericks (5th), Mrs. Fredericks (6th), MS team (Ms. Thompson/Mr. Thuesen/Mrs. Van Overbeke (7th and 8th), Mrs. Reibel (phy. ed.), Mrs. Fredericks (music), Mr. Carlson (music), and Mrs. Johnson (band).



Photo thanks to Mike Shearen, school parent.

## Highlights of the Class of 2006

The eighth grade trip to Washington D.C. was definitely the highlight experience for this class of seventeen students, especially for Joe, Timmy, Cody, Samantha, Gavin, Betsy, Bill, Olivia, and Maddy. The students and their chaperone/teachers (Mrs. Van Overbeke, Mr. Thuesen and Ms. Thompson) packed in a huge number of significant historical sites in the very short time of 4 days and 3 nights with the help of their D.C. bus driver, Alex, and their very entertaining and informative tour guide, Patrick.

In Kathryn Brady's Language Arts' paper she sums up the trip by saying, "There was never a boring moment ... We visited the Capitol, Pentagon, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, and the Smithsonian Museums (including Natural History, American History, and Air and Space). We also visited the Holocaust Museum, and the Vietnam, Korean, and World War II Memorials. However, the highlight of our trip would have to be our visit to Ford's Theater. There, we saw the play *Shenandoah*, a musical about the Civil War. It was performed in an excellent manner, and many of us were so overcome with emotion that we began to cry ... It [the D.C. trip] would have never been possible without the guidance and patience of our teachers. Our trip to D.C. will be a memory that we'll carry with us for the rest of our lives."

The students and teachers also visited MN Senator Coleman's office, Arlington National Cemetery, the National Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Thomas Jefferson Memorial, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, National Archives, and Mt. Vernon!

Other school highlights included: the Middle School musicals (Emily); an intense game of pinball in Phys. Ed. (Dun); meeting Mr. Thuesen (Jake); Ski Club (Mitchell); bananas, spiders, and underdogs on the swings with the girls (Sarah); playing Annie in the school musical (Victoria); 5th grade trip to ELC (Environmental Learning Center)(Olivia); having Mrs. Fredericks for 2 years (Allison); *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (musical) (Kathryn).

These students leave St. Mary of the Lake School for six different high schools in the Fall: Emily, Jake and Kathryn to White Bear Lake High School; Joe, Dan, Samantha, Gavin and Allison to Totino Grace High School; Timmy, Betsy, Mitchell, Olivia and Sarah to Hill Murray High School; Cody to St. Thomas Academy; Maddy to Agricultural and Food Sciences Academy; Victoria and Bill to Cretin Desham Hall.

Welcome, Class of 2006, into the St. Mary of the Lake Alumni Association! God bless you on your life's journey, may you bring and receive an abundance of love.

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

-Tim McGraw



The Class of 2006 start on their "great adventure" to Washington, D.C.

Photo thanks to the LeMay family.

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## Greetings from the Principal...



Principal  
Mary Fritz

Dear Alumni and Friends of St. Mary's,

St. Mary of the Lake School students and staff are having a most successful school year. Once again our enrollment has increased in all programs, the Middle School identity and curriculum has been clarified even further and everyone has learned "mucho" in '05-'06.

Thank you so much for your generous response to our Middle School Science and Technology fund drive. Your generosity will allow students to learn in multiple ways and be more fully prepared for the technical world they will know as adults.

Please continue to keep St. Mary of the Lake School in your prayers. Pray that we continue to embrace and pass on our deeply rooted Catholic tradition and belief to today's youngsters.

Blessings and peace,  
*Mary J. Fritz*  
Principal

## Greetings from the Pastor...

Dear St. Mary's School Alumni,

It has been over a year since we dedicated our new Parish Life Center and what a year it's been. I'm trying to imagine how we could possibly do all the things that we have done over the past year in our old building. It would have been impossible. Our new facility has truly enhanced parish life and enabled us to meet more of our educational and pastoral needs. Our school ministry continues to grow and the response from prospective families who tour the building is very positive. We look forward to building on our proud educational tradition here for years to come and I want to thank you for your prayerful and financial support of our efforts. The future looks bright for St. Mary of the Lake School and with God's help, we will continue to effectively serve the needs of our families who seek a value-based educational environment for their children.

Thank you again for your support and may God bless you and your loved ones with the gift of his Peace.



Father  
Rodger Bauman

*Fr. Rodger Bauman*

## Greetings from the Senior Associate Pastor...

Dear Alumni and Friends,

This 2005-06 school year was the first full year for the students in our new and renovated spaces. The Parish Life Center which houses all the school facilities, including the gym and parish offices, has been teeming with activity, seven days a week since its completion in December 2004.

Please continue to pray that our long-standing tradition of a strong education program for our students will develop even further and sustain itself well into the future.

Peace and Blessings,  
*Father Roger Pierre*



Father  
Roger Pierre

## Newsletter Corrections:

The following were errors made in the 2005 Newsletter.

**Page 3 -** The Class of 1995 had **Mr. Amy Anger** in Kindergarten (not **Mrs. Patty Clauson** who was on maternity leave with Baby Collin, '01) *Correction from Terry Reasoner.*

**Page 4 -** The Class of 1985 had **Mrs. Marcia Reardon** in 2nd grade (not **Mrs. Harding**). In the fall of 1985, Mrs. Reardon became principal until Spring 1990 *Correction from Terry Reasoner.*

**Page 5 -** **Tammy Lockbeam** was incorrectly listed as a member of St. Mary of the Lake Class of 1975. *Correction from Shirley Lockbeam.*

**Page 8 -** **John Donahue** is **NOT** deceased as reported in the 1955 class picture. *Correction by Mike Harcel, '33.*

**Page 18 -** Under alumni deaths, **Clemence Belland Tessier** should be **Clemence Gervais Tessier**. Clemence was a sister of Bernice Gervais Tessier LaBore. *Correction from Peggy Tessier Tansum, '30.*

## Attention 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 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, 631-429-7771, to request becoming a "friend of St. Mary of the Lake School Alumni" if you are not an alumni student or staff. Anyone is welcome to be a "friend" of the Alumni Association. If you attend St. Mary of the Lake Church, there are always extra copies in the kiosk in the St. Joe's room. If you stop by the Parish Life Center, there are copies available in the pamphlet rack near the office. Thank you!

# Remembering ... Thomas O'Gorman, '26

At St. Mary's school becoming a better person was a highly prized quality. This philosophy permeated training in religion, and academic subjects. Integrity, strong moral principals, consistency in education and lifetime skills were very important; for anyone this would be a wonderful education. For Thomas O'Gorman, a boy with a condition that later became known as dyslexia, this was a powerful foundation for living, but a major challenge.



Thomas O'Gorman, 1921, pencil on paper, original 14" x 14"  
"The Thomas O'Gorman Collection"

With this foundation and the encouragement of his great uncle and godfather, Bishop O'Gorman and his longtime friend Archbishop John Ireland, Thomas was able to attend White Bear Lake High School, excel in a variety of sports, and work as a lifeguard. While there, he was encouraged by R.P. Bradley, one of his coaches to "never give up" and he went on to attend and graduate from St. Paul Vocational School. With a great deal of effort, he became a tool designer, draftsman, architect and a vocational school teacher.

In keeping with his belief that a good

code of conduct could only be received with a Catholic Education, he made sure that each of his 9 children had a parochial education during the grade school and high school years.

As a longtime resident of White Bear Lake, he was sought after as a custom designer of homes and business establishments. Many of these buildings located in the Gladstone, Birch Lake, Bald Eagle and White Bear areas still bear their classic distinctive look.

To commemorate his work in architecture, his family has reproduced some of his drawings. Reproductions from the "Thomas O'Gorman Collection" are available at The Nest in downtown White Bear Lake.

(The O'Gorman children are: Thomas '54, Janice '56, Paul '57, Kathleen '58, Laurel '61, Mary '63, May '65, Frank and Ruth. The family moved to Thief River Falls, MN in 1961 where Laurel, Mary, May, younger brother, Frank and youngest sister, Ruth continued their Catholic education.)

*Written by Thomas' children*

**"A precious Library disappears forever,  
each time an Elder dies"**

— Old African Saying



Photo circa 1920: Thomas '26 pictured with younger brother, William '28 (center), older brother, Francis '21 (right), parents, Mr. & Mrs. Francis O'Gorman (left) and maternal grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hardy (right). The car is a model 'T' Ford.

# 1st Holy Communion at St. Mary of the Lake - 1916



## Class of 1916

These are the students listed in the Alumni list as being in the Class of 1916: Patricia Cook+, Arthur Dick+, Julia Finn+, Theresa Gilmore+, Ida Hamlin+, Grace Herbert+, Wilfred Houle+, Lucille Kelsey+, Theresa Kieffer+, Adolph LeMire+, Vera Lester+, Christine Perron+, Mabel Ramsey+, (female) Revier+, Patricia Stanton+ and Louise Weber.

## Flashback...

White Bear Press, February 17, 1916

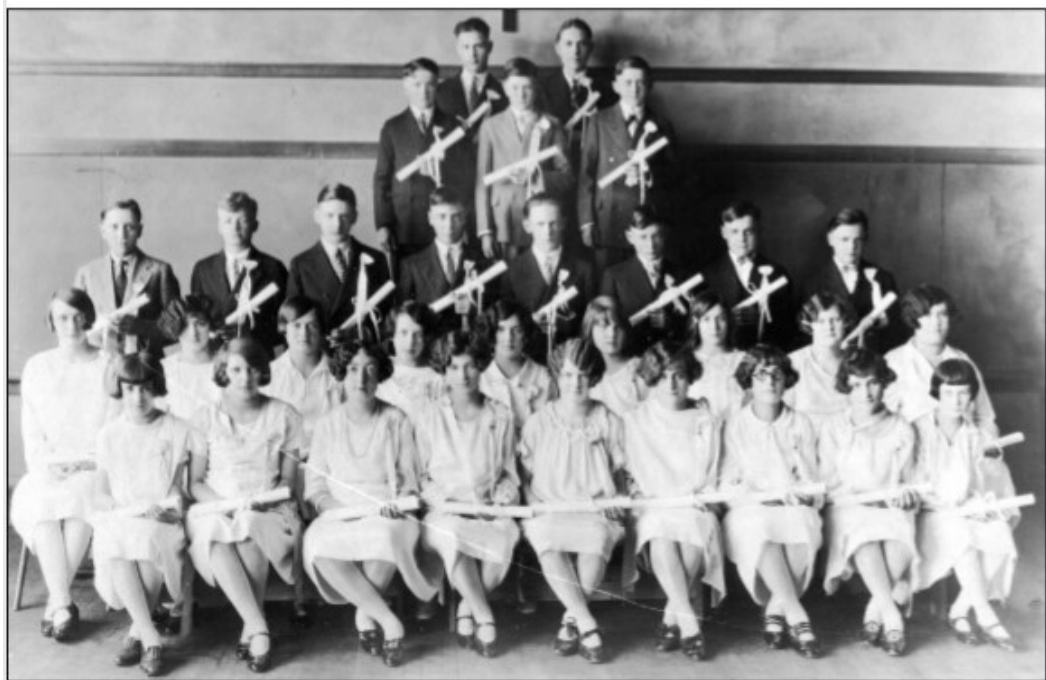
"An entertainment has been prepared by the pupils of St. Mary's School under the direction of the Sisters which promises to be a very interesting program. It will be of a patriotic nature and is called a *Washington-Lincoln* program, comprising recitations, songs and dialogues and with a tableau, *"Liberty"*, by a company of girls. Much work has been done in preparing this program and those who attend will certainly get far more than what they pay for. Saturday, Feb. 19, will be for the children with an admission of 10 cents, beginning at 2 p.m. On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 20, at 3 p.m. the program will be presented for the older people with an admission of 25 cents. Both presentations to take place in St. Mary's Hall [in original school's basement]."

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 1, 2006 8th Grade Graduation	September 5, 2006 First day of 2006-07 school year
June 6, 2006 Last day of school	September 9-10, 2006 St. Mary of the Lake Fall Festival
June 12 - August 18, 2006 St. Mary's Summer Academy (Grades K - 5)	September 24, 2006 Alumni Memorial Mass, 11 AM
Thursdays, June 22 - July 27, 2006 Marketfest in Downtown WBL	October 19-21, 2006 Alumni Rummage Sale
June 23, 2006 Manitou Days Parade	January 28-February 4, 2007 Catholic Schools Week
June 26 - 29, 2006 St. Mary's Basketball Camp	June 4, 2007 St. Mary of the Lake 8th Grade Graduation
August - September 2006 St. Mary of the Lake Church 125th Anniversary Celebrations (Please see page 16 for schedule)	June 2007 Alumni Newsletter published



# Class of 1926



These are the students listed in the Alumni list as being in the Class of 1926: Antoinette Carpenter (Row 1, first from left), Kenneth Deans (Row 3, second from left), (female) Enright (Row 1, third from left), Jean Holmes (Row 2, third from left), Martha LeMire\* (Row 2, fifth from left), Frances McHugh\* (Row 1, fifth from left), Gertrude

Mingo\*, Thomas O'Gorman\* (Row 5, left), Avis Perrault\*, Emma Reibel\*, Marguerite Williams and Hugh Van Avery\*.

We do not have current addresses for those with an asterisk (\*) after their names. A cross (x) after a name indicates the student is deceased.

[Ed. Note: There are many more classmates that have not yet been identified. Please contact the Parish Life Center or the Alumni Association if you or someone you know can help with additional names and contact information. Thank you.]

Photos thanks to the O'Gorman Family and the Parish Archives.

## Class of 1926 updates...

**LT. COL. KENNETH DEANS '26** ... after graduating from St. Mary's, Ken, attended St. Thomas Academy and College, majoring in Engineering and Arts. He served 27 years in the Army. He was a Rocket Battalion Commander and survived Pearl Harbor in 1941! He married and lived in California for a good portion of time, he has six children. He is a widower and presently lives in a home that used to be the "Old Mahomed Hotel." Kenneth Deans and Tom O'Gorman '26 were good friends for many years before the war broke out, he has many happy memories of those days and so does Tom's wife, Berniece O'Gorman who currently lives in Minnetonka...80 years of friendship!



Antoinette Carpenter (Row 1, first from left), Kenneth Deans, (female) Enright (Row 4, seventh from left), Jean Holmes (Row 4, fourth from left), Martha LeMire\* (Row 1, sixth from left), Frances McHugh\* (Row 1, eighth from left), Gertrude Mingo\*, Thomas O'Gorman\* (Row 3, second from left), Avis Perrault\*, Emma Reibel\*, Marguerite Williams (Row 4, sixth from left) and Hugh Van Avery\*.

# Class of 1996



**Row 1 (top) L-r:** Mrs. Fredericks, Sammy Auger, Sasha Brinker, Megan Britz, Grace Brogan, Andrew Clarke

**Row 2 L-r:** Erica Drew-Brandt, Tim Fontana, Ryan Godfrey\*, Mark Gofflon\*, Kristin Gregory\*, Ryan Hensch

**Row 3 L-r:** Jacob Higgins, Katherine Jungbauer, Emilie Kohler, Erin Lorence, David Malek, Angie Mangione

**Row 4 L-r:** Nick Masciopinto\*, Mary McNamara, Matthew Morency\*, Joy Murphy, Dana Olson, Kelly Olson\*

**Row 5 L-r:** Joe Rodrigue, Andrew Solnitzky, Maggie Swanson, Scott Toskey, Emilie Turnbull, Autumn Valentine

**Row 6:** Michael Wilcox

The following student is also remembered as being a classmate with the Class of 1996: Jeanette Jensen\*. Ignacio Ramirez was an exchange student from Mexico during the 1993-96 school year.

Most of the mailing addresses for these classmates are their WBL family home address. Please contact St. Mary's to make address changes. Thank you.

We do not have current addresses for those with an asterisk (\*) after their names. A cross (x) after a name indicates the student is deceased.

The Class of 1996 had the following teachers at St. Mary of the Lake School: Mrs. Clauson (K), Mrs. Coeds (1st), Mrs. Whitehill (2nd), Mrs. Bennek (3rd), Mrs. Beggan (4th), Mrs. Fredericks (5th).



Memory Book photos from Parish Archives.

During the school year 1992-93, front row second graders Andrew Solnitzky, Sammy Auger, Maggie Swanson and Katherine Jungbauer enjoy a field trip with their classmates.

## Nicholas J. Masciopinto 1985 - 2005



After graduating from St. Mary's, Nick Masciopinto spent two years at Holy Family Middle School before transferring to St. Thomas Academy in eighth grade. His interests at STA included being editor of the school newspaper, alpine ski racing, and socializing with his many friends. Nick

was also in Eagle Scout. After graduating from STA, he attended the University of St. Thomas and Century College. He was interested in philosophy and movie production, and intended to transfer to the University of San Diego in 2006 to pursue these interests. Hobbies included wakeboarding, skateboarding, and snowboarding. Nick's keen sense of adventure drew him to Juneau, AK, last June. He was living with relatives, and working as a guide for tourists from cruise ships in a temperate rain forest. While hiking alone to the summit of Thunder Mountain in Juneau, he lost his footing and tragically fell to his death. Nick's positive attitude, enthusiasm, and friendly smile are his legacy to us as he now watches over us from Heaven.

## Class of 1996 updates...

**JOY MURPHY, '96, e-mailed,** "I have so many great memories of my time at St. Mary's. I have taken lessons learned and enjoyable experiences with me throughout all my adventures in life thus far. Looking back, I'd really like to thank all of the teachers who helped the class of 1996 along our journey, because we were not an easy group of students to teach. When I think back to all the trouble we caused, everything from the St. Mary's playground rail estate battle (commonly known as fighting over spots in the snow drifts to make a fire), to missing havoc with substitutes (like when we yelled at a certain substitute to stop turning lights on and off to get our attention because it wasted electricity), it truly makes me appreciate the quality of the teachers who stuck with us daily throughout those years. We were all smart (probably a little too smart mouthed), but they gave direction to our intelligence and made us build character, for that I am grateful. Currently, I am approaching the end of my undergraduate education at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. I will graduate in May 2007 with a B.S.B.A. in finance and with a minor in history. The past three years have been amazing! I've been involved with student government, new student orientation, the business school leadership program, and working at Chili's Grill & Bar. This past spring break I traveled to Ireland, which was fabulous. While I'm sad to be leaving the friends and memories I've made, it's nice to finally see the light at the end of the tunnel! After graduation, I hope to pursue a career in financial planning, hopefully, in the Twin Cities area."

**KATHERINE JUNGBAUER, '96, e-mailed,** "I graduated from Hill-Murray in 2003 and am currently a Junior Accounting Major at St. Mary's University in Winona. Some of my favorite memories from St. Mary's are learning to write cursive with shaving cream in Mrs. Whitehill's class and going to Environmental Learning Center in 5th grade."

**DAVID MALEK '96 e-mailed,** "I'm currently attending Michigan Tech University, studying Mechanical Engineering. I will be entering my 4th year this Sept. and I am enjoying my time up at school. I am working full time for the summer and I spend my free time fishing, boating and playing in a few softball leagues. Good Luck St. Mary's class of '96, wherever life has taken you."

**MEGAN BRITZ, '96, e-mailed,** that she's a senior majoring in Business (Information System Technology) with a minor in Communications. She's living in Lawrence, KS, working at a bank and is also a waitress. And, although she will miss her parents who moved to Austin, TX, in October 2005, she'll be staying in Kansas after graduation. "One of the best memories that I have from St. Mary's is in Mrs. Whitehill's second grade class when Scott Toskey, Angie Mangione and I had to memorize and recite the old women in the shoe. We dressed up in elder clothes and created a huge shoe out of cardboard. We were laughing so hard we forgot most of the poem. To my Class of 1996: In the up coming year some of us will be graduating from college, diving head first into the real world and some of you already got a head start, but never forget that even though we are doing adult things that we are still the same St. Mary's kids at heart and to enjoy life to the very end!"



# Class of 1986



**Row 1 (top), l-r:** Brian Bonin, Angie Burth, Sheila Butler, Kristen Cherek\*, Ryan Conway

**Row 2, l-r:** Keith Effert\*, Caroline Evans, Melissa Fosner, Kristan Foster\*, Laura Goucher

**Row 3, l-r:** Kerrie Haessly, Lisa Kelly, Brian Letourneau\*, John Lowell\*, Ann Marie Lund\*

**Row 4, l-r:** Corinne Nalipinski, Bill Perrin, Jennifer Prokop, Patrick Ruettimann, Kristin Saue\*

**Row 5, l-r:** Christopher Schmelzer, Sean Shearen, Max Sommostrine, Megan Vadnais, Jada Werkhoven

**Row 6, l-r:** Pam Winkop, Peter Zuckerman\*, Mrs. Fredericks (teacher), Mrs. Peltier (teacher aide)

*Memory Book photo thanks to Mrs. Mary Wheeler Beggin, teacher 1973-98.*

The following students are also remembered as being classmates with the Class of 1986: Eric Aschman K-5, Miguel Campbell K-4, Joseph Gavin\* 3-5, Robert Gilde K-5, Gregg Miller\* K-4, Hilary Stewart K-4, Patricia Hart\* K-3, Shea Nelson\* K-3 and Cam Birch\* K-4.

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The Class of 1986 had the following teachers at St. Mary of the Lake School: Miss Easton (K), Mrs. Flaspeter (1st), Mrs. Reardon (2nd), Mrs. Bennek (3rd), Mrs. Wheeler Beggin (4th), Miss Miller (5th), Mrs. Fredericks (6th), Mrs. Ashwood (Piano/Band).

## Kristen Noelle Cherek, 1974 - 1993

Kristen Cherek died September 4, 1993, at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from a sudden cardiac arrest. Kristen collapsed in her dorm room following a prank 3 a.m. fire alarm. St. Mary's School provided her with a solid foundation for life. She learned to reach out to others, accept without judgment and to speak her mind with integrity. She lived her faith and when she died, the memorial money was used to purchase the resurrected body

(corpus) of Jesus on the cross we see every time we enter our worship space [St. Mary of the Lake Church]. After the choice of the corpus was made, we found a picture of Kristen taken shortly before her death, with her arms outstretched in a similar manner, a sign of acceptance and openness. Kristen's spirit will always remain a part of St. Mary's community of faith.



*Written by Kristen's Mother, Linda*

grade, Christmas programs, reading books (Charlotte's Web, Ramona Quibby, and others), being allowed to use "We are the World" as a religious song, no mean clothes or real polish allowed! Reunion, including playing "house" by the trees and "Sleep" on the new equipment, lots of jump rope, moon boots that came off in the snow banks along with our socks, and playing Children's Quiz whenever it was too cold to go out. I live in south Minneapolis with my husband, Joe. We got married two and a half years ago. We recently moved "all the way" from the Lake Harriet area to the Lake Nokomis area. I'm a software developer at a firm in downtown Minneapolis. I keep busy enjoying music, dance, yoga, films, traveling and socializing with friends.

the D.A.R.E. Officer for Lincoln Elementary. The boys and I enjoy spending the summer fishing and collecting frogs (OK, I don't like the frogs).



**Eric Aschman, '94, emailed.** Finally information and this picture taken on his son, Sean's, First Communion Day in May '06. Eric and his wife, Debi, are pictured with their children Sean (8), Nora (5), Peter (2) and not shown is baby 64 who is due in July '06. Eric is attached to VR-58 in Jackson, FL where he flies 737's.

**Angie North Savatka, '86, emailed.** I have continued to be a member of the St. Mary's of the Lake community despite a recent move to Wyoming, MN. I have two sons attending St. Mary's, Nick in Kindergarten and Ben in 2nd grade. Ben even had Patty Easton Clouston as a teacher, just in our class did. I have been a White Bear Lake Police Officer for eleven years now, and am currently assigned as the School Resource Officer at White Bear High School. I am also

**Lisa Kelly Meyer, '86, e-mailed.** "When I think back to my years at St. Mary's school, I remember walking the Marathon with Fr. Charlie. He was always a fun officer with Edna Reilly. Brian and his wife, Rachel, have three sons, Benjamin, Brendon and Jada. Porch (born May 2006). Brian is looking forward to participating in St. Mary's school activities once again when son, Benjamin, starts Kindergarten."

**Carl Nalipinski Farmer, '86, e-mailed.** "I remember going to school and seeing the same friendly people everyday. I remember my 9th grade teacher Ms. Miller, who taught two years at St. Mary's. I also have fond memories of going into the basement for band and having a great time. I enjoyed the time spent at St. Mary's with my classmates."

I am married to Bryan Farmer, with two children, Markees who is 5 and Logan who is 4, and live in White Bear Lake. I have an English degree from Marquette University, a master's degree from the University of St. Mary's and am now on a mission of acquiring my EBD license from the University of St. Thomas. I have recently received my LD license through the U.S. Texas. Currently, I teach Special Education at Woodbury Jr. High. I have taught English, but found my true passion working with students with disabilities. I also teach on two teams and am going to Reno for the National Women's tournament. In the summer I enjoy playing softball with my husband and a lot of other friends on a friendly league."

**Caroline Evans Nelson, '86, e-mailed.** "Some favorite memories of St. Mary's are: walking the Marathon around White Bear Lake (the entire lake); reading in the St. Mary's room; memorizing and performing St. Silvestre poems in Mrs. Fredericks' class. I'm married to Kyle Nelson and we have three children, all at St. Mary's this year: Victoria - 8th grade, Isabella - 2nd grade and Owen - preschool."

**Malissa Fosner Plummer, '86, e-mailed.** "Greetings! Here are some of my memories from St. Mary's: following laminated task cards, making life sized dolls of ourselves, memorizing poems and reciting them for our parents, earning stars for correct spelling bees, playing 7-Up, making a radio play in 5th grade."

**Patricia Pate, '82 ... attended Hill-Murray High School, College of St. Catherine, current profession is Marketing Director & Procurement for Architectural & Design firm (Painters & Sundry Architects). Patty is married.**

**Jennifer Evans Bilchick, '83 ... attended White Bear Lake Sr. High School, Dartmouth College, B.A. in Government, currently is a Middle East analyst for the U.S. Dept. of Defense, (DOD Civilian), Jenny and husband, Ken, have two children, Jessica and Nicole.**

## Something Beautiful for God: Second Graders Honor Blessed Mother Teresa

*Written by Melody Otto,  
Second Grade teacher*



Mother Teresa



Second grader Lily Fitch as Mother Teresa.

On Wednesday, March 22, 2006, both classrooms of second graders at Saint Mary of the Lake School led a prayer service honoring Blessed Mother Teresa. The children planned, prepared and led the service for the school community. The students at Saint Mary's are given the opportunity to pray in a variety of ways, including attending Mass, All-School Liturgies, and prayer services.

The children truly enjoy the experience of leading their peers in prayer. At the March 22 prayer service Lily Fitch played Mother Teresa. "Mother Teresa was really small but she helped a lot of people in the world," Lily said. "It was fun acting!" The Second Graders acted out scenarios of people in need. Mother Teresa helped those people and taught them to do something beautiful for God.

In addition to acting out the story of

Mother Teresa the children also sang and used sign language for the song "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." Mary Maloy, Second Grade teacher, summed up the prayer service by saying "Our students were indeed doing something beautiful for God!"

*[Besides prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the two second grade classes with Mr. Otto and Mrs. Maloy do many activities together including art, science, math and social studies.]*

*God has not called us  
to be successful.  
He has called us  
to be faithful.*

*~Blessed Mother Teresa*

*-John Powell, SJ*

## Alumni Memorial Mass - September 24, 2006

Alumni, alumni families, parishioners and friends are warmly welcomed to attend the 11 AM Alumni Memorial Mass on Sunday, September 24, 2006, at St. Mary of the Lake Church. Alumni, students and parishioners will provide special music. Recently deceased alumni, teachers and staff will be remembered. 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 alumni will return your call.

*Thank you!*

"He will lead them to springs of life-giving water and God will wipe every tear from their eyes." Rev. 7:17

## Alumni Deaths

Our sympathy and prayers to the families of these Alumni:

**Nicholas Masciopinto, '96**, son of Judy and John, brother of Joe.

**Donald Hall, '47**, husband of Donna Jeanne "Peachy", '47, father of Roxxy "Denise", '69, Donald Jr., '71, Mary Jo, '72, Sara, '72, Bonnie, Jackie, Jenny, Peter and Nick, '82.

**Joseph Blumenthal, '45**, husband of JoAnn, '45, father of Jeffrey, '66, Jodelle, '68, James, '69, Janice, John, Jennifer, Janet and Jack.

**Donald Dufresne, '48**, brother of Edward, '46

**Jodelle Blumenthal, '68**, mother of Noah, daughter of Joseph, '45 and JoAnn, '45, sister of Janet, Jack, Jeffrey, '66, James, '69, John, Janice, and Jennifer.

**Lucy Braun, '33**, sister of Willie, Peter, Robert, Simon, Elizabeth, Mary, Anna and Mathias, 35, and Eva, Cecelia and Joseph, '43.

**Dale Pelletier, '46**, husband of Betty, father of Sandy, Mark, Greg, Brad, Brian, Jim, Shari, and Suzann.

**Bernard Dolfay, '36**, husband of Margaret, father of Mike, '62, Tom, Jim, '65, John, Barb, '72, Peggy, and Bob.

**Frances Mary Auger Hogan, '24**, wife of Clarence, '25 mother of Bob, '49, Marilyn, '51, Albert, '53, Kathy, '56, Peggy, '59 and Paaty, '61

**Mary Agnes Lane Schoetz, '43**, sister of Sara Lane Gerber, '30, Bert, Bill, '30, James, and George Lane, and former husband Fred Schoetz, '43.

**Loretta Brehm Larson, '39**

**Jerry Blommer, '59**

**Robert Riley, '59**

**Marilyn Parenteau Sklar, '57**, mother of Matthew and Kirk

**James Hall, '45**, husband of Donna, father of Jim Jr., Sharon, Mike, and Bill

**Joe Stafki, '35**, husband of Lorraine, father of Jack, Barbara, Kathy, '62, Joyce, '65, Robert, '67, Francis, '69, Lori, Wayne, Molly.

**Gordy Vadnais, '43**, husband of Roberta, brother of Mona, '36, Leona, '38, Lawrence, Henry, Charles, George, Florence, '31, Dick, '38, Jack, '39, Marguerite, '41 and Anna Mae, '45.

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

**Jane O'Gorman, spouse of Paul O'Gorman, '57.**

**Deleas Gruber, mother of Mary Dee, mother-in-law of Ron Auger, '49, grandmother of Mark, '76, Amy, '78, Jeffrey, '85.**

**Karen J. Mogren Mangine, spouse of Brian, mother of Angela, '96 and Christina, '00.**

**Gary Hamner, husband of Evelyn, father of Kathleen, '61.**

**Jim Rainer, husband of Johan, father of Mary Jo, '67, Diane, '69, Patricia, '70, Frank, Aileen, '72, James Jr., '73, Marguerite, '74, Joseph, Raymond, Catherine, and Timothy.**

**Armand "Bill" Martin, husband of Betty Pelier Martin, '36, Elizabeth, '60, Dale, '63, Mary, '64, Paul, '66, Michael, '69, Joan, '70 Gary, '71, Peter, '73 and Nancy.**

**Emil Ranallo, father of Patti, father-in-law of Tom Frazer, '62, grandfather of Melissa, '84, Brian, '90, Daniel, '92.**

**Gail Moore, wife of Charlie, '56.**

**Ralph Schmelzer, husband of Carole, father of Christopher, '86.**

**Maxine Oliver, mother of Donald, '61, Sharon, James, Steven, Joseph, Christopher, '81.**

**Duane Storelee, husband of Cindy, father of Jeff, '89 and Jeremy, '93.**

**Pat Wirtkop, wife of Virgil, mother of Larry, '59, Rocky, '60, Dennis, '61, Donald, '66, Kathy, Michael, Wayne, '71, Karen, and Wanda.**

**Mildred Blommer, husband of Ralph "Tally", mother of Gerald, '59, and David.**

**James LaMotte, brother of Roseanne Hesse and Rita Crete, brother-in-law of Will Crete, uncle of Dave Crete, '56 and Ron Crete, '62.**

**Jacob Fuchs, husband of Gloria Reibel Fuchs, '32.**

**Arthur and Lois Gilles, parents of Robert, Ted, Anne Marie, Peter, Janice, '72 and Mary, '73.**

**Luke Taylor, husband of Meg, father of Skip, '57 and Pat, '60.**

Please contact the Alumni Assoc. at the Parish Life Center, 651-429-7771 with any updates and corrections. Thank you.



## Your financial gifts are greatly appreciated!

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

(Matthew 6:21)

### Special thanks to:

John (Jack) Vadnais, '39  
Sue Carroll Downs, '53  
Shirley Blackburn Weber, '48  
Judith Furrer, '52  
Roberta Herbert LaValley, '54  
Gloria A. Reibel Fuchs, '32  
Lt. Col. (Ret.) Ken Deans, '26  
Fred Brass, '42  
Camille Brass, '41  
Mary Daley Bolen, '35  
Sarah Parenteau Berguetski, '62  
Dolores M. Doyle Tangari, '46  
Joseph Morancey, '56  
Mary Beggin, 4th gr. teacher 1973-1998  
Mary Ann Theroux Atkinson, '41

Mary Ann Grundhofer, '50  
Roy Whitehill, spouse of deceased teacher and parent of alumni  
Sue Young Watson, '55  
Jerome Vinck, '44  
Father Joseph Vandenberg, '72  
Cynthia Vadnais, '68  
Elaine Lindorfer Steve, '40  
Elaine Brehme Stendahl, '40  
Mari Arcund Sievers, '67  
Donna Spemhauer Severson, '70  
Mary Lane Schostig, '43  
Patricia Daly Salt, '39  
Tom Purcell, '64  
Laurel O'Gorman, '60  
Rosemary Haussner Novotny, '47  
Lanna (Judy) Mingo, '64  
Bill & Stephanie McNamara, parents of alumni

Gary Mastel, '59  
Marjorie Sheu Guffey, '40  
Joyce M. Kostuch-Jacobs, '54  
-Susan Fournelle Kerschner, '59  
-Dr. Gerald Dittbamer, '55  
-Dolores Doyle Tangari, '46  
-Donna Jeanne LeMay Hall, '47 in memory of her husband, Donald Hall, Sr., '47

A total of \$2580 was received since the 2005 Alumni Newsletter (not counting the Science and Technology Fund).

Alumni Association - \$970, School Endowment - \$650, Cemetery - \$500, Tuition - \$350, PLC and School Expansion - \$110.

Your prayers and support are blessings. Thank you.

## 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.

**Tuition Assistance:** Gifts to this fund allow a child of limited financial means to attend St. Mary of the Lake School.

**Parish Life Center and School Expansion:** Gifts to this fund help pay for the new and renovated Parish Life Center that includes the addition of 10 classrooms, a gym with retractable bleachers, a community space, new kitchen and renovations of the older buildings.

**Other:** 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.

## St. Mary's to Celebrate 125 years on August 15, 2006

It would be fascinating to time-travel back to June, 1881, and become aware of the events and excitement leading up to the official founding of St. Mary of the Lake. The congregation had of course been worshipping together for several years already, welcomed by the Markoe family, at their Lake Avenue and Shady Lake cottage location. We can only imagine parishioners' sense of birth and promise as their informal gatherings were about to become an official parish of the diocesan church.

As the above dates will attest, every parishioner generation has had a major role to play in shaping St. Mary's Parish and School to become the dynamic Catholic and community presence that it is today. We can only imagine what the next 125 years might bring, and the challenges and opportunities to which our descendants will also respond in faith. The 125th celebration of our founding is to give thanks for all that has been, recognizing that every single one of us has a role to play, and a responsibility to set the stage for the faith life experience of those who will follow.

St. Mary's has been richly blessed, and God willing will continue to be blessed. Please be aware of the celebration this August, come and participate in any way you can, and keep the parish, the school and all for whom St. Mary's makes a difference in your prayers.



First St. Mary's: The first church building for St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church was located at the corner of First Street and Bald Eagle Avenue. That site has since been the location of the parish convent and school.

### 125th Anniversary Celebration Schedule of Events:

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| June 23          | Participation in Manitou Days parade (6:30 PM)   |
| August 13        | Sunday afternoon social at church at 12:15 PM  |
| August 15        | Feast of the Assumption of Mary; actual anniversary date; Masses at 8 AM and 7 PM; blessing and dedication of St. Mary's Assumption of Mary icon at 7 PM Mass; cake after 7 PM Mass  |
| August 20        | Cemetery tour at 12:30 PM  |
| August 27        | Special music at all Masses  |
| September 9 & 10 | Fall festival and 125th anniversary celebration; 125th anniversary cookbooks available at old-fashioned general store; outdoor mass on Saturday at 5 PM at the Parish Life Center; spaghetti dinner, silent auction, art annex, jewelry sale and other activities from 6 to 10 PM; Sunday 11 AM Jazz Mass at church; turkey dinner, kids' games, and other activities at the Parish Life Center from 12 to 4 PM. |

Parish Life Center, 651-429-7771  
or the Web site: [www.stmarys-wb.org](http://www.stmarys-wb.org)

## Class of 1976

Row 1 (top) L-r: Deborah Anderson, Eugenia Anthony\*, Mark Anger, Bernadette Bernard, Bruce Campbell, Becky Casper

Row 2, L-r: Teresa Copeland, Anna Marie De Vira, Patrick Dunbar, Sharon Flaspeter, Bill Froger\*, Gary Gillitzer\*

Row 3, L-r: Gregory Hansmann, Julie Ann Kallenmeyer\*, Todd King, Barry Kinneberg\*, Joseph Lemker\*, Sally Leonhart

Row 4, L-r: Jeffrey LeTourneau, Mary Jo McComber\*, Irene McNeely\*, Karen Moga, John Norion\*, Cullen O'Connor

Row 5, L-r: Mike Rohichaud, Roger Schaefer, Gerri Schierman, Ralph Schoeller, Christopher Tessier, Mark Urban

Row 6, L-r: Mrs. McComber, teacher, Mrs. Peltier, teacher aide

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### Church. Thank you!

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The Class of 1976 had the following teachers at St. Mary of the Lake School: (K), St. Mary Fabian (Margaret)(1st), St. Helene (2nd), (3rd), (4th), (5th), (6th)

Further teacher identification is needed by students. Please contact the Alumni Association at 651-429-7771.

Other teachers who were at St. Mary's during the years 1968-1976 are: Sisters Donna, Ann, Kathleen Marie, Marie (Lucy), Donald (Joan), Catherine Marie, Jacob, John Stephanie (Barbara), Anna Margaret (Catherine), Mary, Roseann, Jeanne Michael, and St. Augustine (music/piano).

Memory Book picture thanks to Mrs. Mary Wheeler Beggin, teacher 1973-98.



## From Junior Great Books to extra curricular events to fundraisers – parent and adult involvement have always been very important!

### Junior Great Books

By Terry Nelson, Library Media Specialist



Gail Gaffney and Curt Smith help serve food from the new full-service kitchen at the Lenten fish fry.

At this year's 2006 Lenten Fish Fry, sponsored by the eighth graders to raise funds for their trip to Washington D.C., parents and students enjoy working together.

Pictures thanks to Cathy Connolly Evans, '39



Darin Piacinski enjoys his ice cream dessert given to him by eighth graders Victoria Nelson, Kathryn Brady and Emily Gaffney.

Junior Great Books has been an extra curricular activity at St. Mary of the Lake for over 15 years. Junior Great Books combines interpretive discussion with outstanding literature to help students of all abilities learn to read for meaning, think critically, engage in dynamic discussions and synthesize ideas in writing.

Dedicated adult leaders take an 8 to 10 hour class to help them facilitate group discussions. The "shared inquiry" method used in Junior Great Books uses high-level thinking and is very challenging for both student participants and their leaders.

Questions usually do not have any right or wrong answer. Adults cannot give their own opinions in discussions. Students need to identify sections in the story which support their positions in the discussion.

At St. Mary's, JGB lasts for approximately 45 minutes and occurs during the recess/lunch hour. It is, on the average, 10 weeks long and is held during the winter months.

This is the first year we introduced the Second Graders to Junior Great Books. The response was overwhelming. In fact, this has been a record year for JGB at our school. We had 56 enthusiastic students participate in grades 2-5.

## Class of 1976 updates...

Debbie Anderson Bartlett '76 wrote, "I am married to Dick Bartlett and I have two step-children, Bradford and Katerina. I am a Medical Coder (Inpatient) at UMMC - Fairview."

### Messages from 1970s graduates...

James Norton, '70, writes ... attended White Bear St. High School, Southwest State Univ. (B.A.), University of Massachusetts (M.S.), University of Minnesota (Ph.D.), Officer U.S.N., Aerospace Physiologist, received various Physiology awards, promoted to Capt. May '94, United States Navy, active duty, married to Cynthia Parbey since 1987, with four children: Jason, Natalie, Jimmy and Emily."

Donna Spemhauer Severson, '70, "I needed tuition assistance when I attended years ago and the cost was a lot less then. But I really appreciated it. Thanks much!"

Ed. note: Donna recently contributed to the "mission statement" of a St. Mary's student beginning in the mid-1960s St. Mary's student charging tuition. Tuition for the 2006-07 school year will be \$2287 plus fees. An article in the October 14, 1975 edition of the White Bear Press stated, "The Archbishop [Finland] has lowered the school shall be absolutely free to all, even non-bookish bring supplied gratis to all who cannot easily afford them." There was a "books rental" fee for many years.

Rick Kohler, '72 ... attended White Bear Lake High School and Dunwoody Institute, currently is a Hospital Director of Facilities; Rick and his wife, Mary Kay, have three sons, Ricky, Brandon and Sean.

Scott Tansom, classmate with the Class of '72, writes ... "I only went to St. Mary's for first and second grade '64-'66. Sister Mary Fabian and Sister Helene, I graduated from White Bear Senior High '77, Muskato State, and currently am Facilities Manager I.C. Systems, my wife, Carrie and I have one son, Matthew."



# Class of 1966



**Row 1 (front), l-r:** Bernard Welch\*, Jeffrey VanTassel, William La Bore, Thomas Bobcock\*, Paul Martin\*, Terrence Zellmer\*, Jeffrey Blumenthal, Irv Fontaine, Hubert Berchem

**Row 2, l-r:** Denise Lindbeck, Julia Jacques\*, Kathy Huth, Jean Adrian\*, Ann Wiberg, Mary Tracey\*, Mary Gruse\*, Vicky or Linda Duell, Maureen Frazer, Linda Macalus\*, Anna Karcans, Barb Tessier\*

**Row 3, l-r:** Maureen Twoly\*, Colleen Connors\*, Mary Jane Witwick\*, Michelle Ulrich\*, Linda Ewaldt\*, Denise Dillon, Nancy Shernus, Denise Weber\*, Sandra Long, Patricia Murnane\*, Mary Holbach,

Christine Hingos\*, Dorothea LeClair\*, Joy Ciernia, Lynda Moore\*, Karen Kohler\*, Father Nicholas Finn\*

**Row 4, l-r:** Michael LeMay, Dennis Nelson\*, Thomas DeShane, Timothy Vadnais, Michael Mullin\*, Michael Sheehan\*, Kevin Miller\*, Steven Hunter\*, James Urban\*, Daniel Diltz\*, Joseph Wyland\*, Patrick Ringold\*, Jerry Hall\*, Steven Noonan\*

**Row 5 (back), l-r:** Larry Weichman, Joseph Schneider\*, Patrick Haines, Thomas Lehmann\*, Daniel Miller, Guy Greene\*, Leo DeCorsey, Duffy Flater, Daniel Lundeen, Gary Peterson\*, John Cartier\*, John Flaspeter\*, Donald Winkop\*

*Picture and names thanks to Mary Jane Witwick and Parish Archives.*

The following students are also remembered as being classmates with the Class of 1966: Theresa Bissonette\*, James Bodet\*, Debbie Cusper, Noreen Dawe\*, Daniel Donovan\*, Colleen Connors\*, Mary Jane Southernling\*, Diana Doshahl, John Matschke, Cathy Osterbauer\*, Guy LaBarre, Nancy Michaud, Calvin Atkinson, Sandy Beath, Chuck Vukelich\*,

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The Class of 1966 had the following teachers at St. Mary of the Lake School: (1st), (2nd), (3rd), (4th), (5th), (6th), (7th), St. Donald (8th), (piano).

Other teachers who were at St. Mary's during the years 1958-1966 are: Sisters Andrina\*, Avita\*, Aurelia Josephi (cook/housekeeper), Julie\*, Camie\*, Mary Maxine\*, Joseph Louise\*, Justine\* (piano), Colette\* (music/piano), Antoinette\*, Clare\*, Mary Joet\*, Raphael\*, Rose Francis\*, Laurene\*, Annette, Helene, Mary (Mariella), Terrence, Elizabeth Clare, Paul Anthony.



— Picture from Parish Archives

## St. Mary's Hockey Team- 1966

**Back row, l-r:** Jim Urban, Tim Vadnais, Mike Mullin, Mike Sheehan, Coach Jerry Brown, Steve Hunter, Joe Wyland, Larry Weichman

**Front row, l-r:** Irv Fontaine, Terry Urban, Ray Oczak, Duffy Flater, Danny Diltz, Pat Ringold

## Class of 1966 updates...

**Leo DeCorsey, '66** ... "attended White Bear Lake High School, served in the United States Air Force and currently is a Facility Project Manager, married with two children and three grandchildren."

## Messages from 1960s graduates...

**Sarah Parenteau Berguetzki, '62** ... "Its so much fun to get the Newsletter! I am amazed at how many people in pictures and articles that we know...and miss. I'd like to send greetings to everyone from Phoenix, where we now live with family and two tiny grandsons."

**Patricia Thill Winkop, '60** ... attended Archbishop Murray High School, St. Joe's L.P.N. School, is currently a Teacher's Aide at St. Mary of the Lake Pre-School and has been married 33 years to Rocky. They have six children.

**Eileen Twoby Capecci, '62** ... attended Archbishop Murray High School, graduated from College of St. Benedict with a B.S., is currently a Homemaker, married 35 years, has four children and three grandchildren.

**Sheila McKnight Houle, '67** ... is a 1971 graduate of Archbishop Murray, attended St. Catherine's College in Management and received a her Masters Degree in Healthcare Administration from the University of MN. Currently, she is the Director of Marketing, UH Physicians and has been married 23 years.

**Bridget Ryan, '67** ... graduated from White Bear Lake St. H.S. in 1971 and from the College of St. Benedict's in 1975. She is Assoc. Dir. of Programs, Greater Mpls. Council of Churches. She is the 1995 recipient of the Benedictine Service Award for 20 yrs. of Community Service.

# Class of 1936



**Row 1 (front) l-r:** Father Byrnes, Evelyn LaBore\*, Peggy Herzog, Margaret Dillon, Louella LeVasseur, Margaret Schmidt\*, Katherine DeMaster, Betty Pelletier, Marilyn LeValle\*, Father Fahey+

**Row 2, l-r:** Rene Perron\*, Mary Beth Podvin, Marie Bunken+, Lorraine Flaspeter\*, Mary Ann Johnson\*, Norma LaBore, Muna Vadnais+, Lorraine VanVoorhis

**Row 3, l-r:** Howard Gotch\*, Anthony Reidell, Bernard Dolfay+, Richard Long, Richard Bibeau+, Ray or Ray Vincent, Harry Tatreau+

**Row 4, l-r:** Robert Rattie, Joseph Murnane, Norman Deans, Norbert Beecher+, Richard Frederickson+, Joseph Duffy+, Raymond Leflo or Lifo\*

The following students are also remembered as being classmates with the Class of 1936: Donna Atkinson\*, Robert Barrett\*, Robert Becker\*, Irene Cardinal\*, Mabel Cardinal\*, Marjorie DeGalis\*, Helen Devine\*, Francis Forties\*, Earl Gorten\*, Louis Heckel+, Elaine Kietfert\*, James LaMotte+, Helen Leick\*, Donald Mogen+, Donald Paul+, J. Pernaull\*, James Peters\*, Luella Rogalla\*, P Schmidt\*, John Smith, Sr., Wesley Speckman, Pat Thein+, Leonard Weber+

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in the Church's kiosk. Thank you!

The Class of 1936 had the following teachers at St. Mary of the Lake School: Sr. Petra (1st gr.), Sr. Louise Joseph (2nd), Sr. Cordelia, (3rd), Sr. James Marie (4th gr.), Sr. Cordelia (5th gr.), Sr. James Marie (6th gr.), Sr. Mida (7th gr.), Mother Firmina (8th gr.) Check out these teachers! Those in red are not on the list.

Other teachers who were at St. Mary's during the years 1928-1936 are: Sister Dominic (music/piano), Mauna (principal), Bibiana (music/piano), Placidia Bdephome, Cassilda, Leonora, Consuelita Celestine (principal), St. Alfred (music director of musicals/principal), Almada Gudilla, Patrice, and Adeline.

Picture from the Parish Archives.

## Class of 1936 updates...

**Bernard Dolfay, '36**, his wife, Margaret writes, "My husband, Bernard died June 29th, 2005; we had 58 wonderful years together."

**E. Katherine DeMaster Graves, '36**, writes, "I have so many sweet memories of St. Mary's school, one is the gathering of flowers on May Day to put around the statue of the Blessed Virgin. I remember, the children's choir singing the requiem masses in Latin, directed by Fr. Francis Byrnes. When we got to high school (W.B.L.), Mr. Brown said he could always tell the students from St. Mary's as we stood up to recite.

Sister Firmina, the Mother Superior, had us come a half hour early for grammar lessons and that helped us with writing in high school. The nuns were loving, but strict with rules. Some of the nuns played ball and shot marbles with the boys. Sets of books were passed down from older brothers and sisters; information did not change as fast as it does now.

I received a Liberal Arts degree from Wittenberg University. I served in the Waves during WWII, was a stewardess with Northwest Air Lines, married Bill Graves (now deceased) and moved to Ohio and worked at Wright Patterson AFB before we

started our family. I am retired, a widow, mother of three children and grandmother of eight grandchildren, sadly, all out of town." The values I learned at St. Mary's school have been with me all my life. I'm 84 years old and graduated from St. Mary's class of 1936. I enjoy the yearly newsletter. Best wishes for the future of St. Mary's School. In Christian love, E. Katherine (DeMaster) Graves"

**Margaret Dillon Pendergast, '36**, writes, "My maiden name is Dillon, so my classmates called me 'Dill pickle' or just plain 'pickle' for short. We had wonderful Sisters

of St. Joseph. They were so patient and understanding. My favorite was Sister Marie, she was great!" Margaret lives in Sandwich, Illinois.

**Lorraine Van Voorhis Enneking, '36** writes, "I often think of the wonderful nuns I had in school. I've said that what Sister Firmina taught me in English in the 8th grade carried me through to my junior year in high school before I learned something she hadn't already taught me. I've lived in Southern California since 1941, but have been back for visits over the years. Still keep in touch with some classmates."

## Updates and Messages from 1930s graduates...

**Marion Klostermann, '30** ... attended St. Joseph's Academy and the American Institute of Banking. She is a State of Minnesota and a State of Arizona Retiree. Marion is single; her parents; sister, Harriet, '29; and brother, Robert, '31 are all deceased. "I was born March 12th, 1914, and I am 91 years old and live in Mesa, Arizona."

**Gloria Reibel Fuchs, '32** ... attended White Bear High School. In September 1939 Gloria married Jacob Fuchs who had been raised on a farm in North Dakota and came to the Twin Cities looking for other work. He became a barber, he and Gloria settled in the Midway area of St. Paul. Jacob died last November 2005 and will be greatly missed.

**Violet Furry Giovannini, '35** ... "I graduated from White Bear High School in 1939 and currently am a retired old lady!"

**Lorraine Tenier Pelletier '39** ... attended White Bear High School, is currently retired and a widow.

**Patricia Daly Sale, '39** ... "Thanks for the Alumni Newsletter. You do such a good job!"

**Don Langhorne, '39** (on the occasion of the school's 90th Anniversary Celebration in August, 2005): "Congratulations to a wonderful School of which I have many fond memories. I started St. Mary's in the fifth grade and my teacher was Sister Guidella who also taught my Mother many years before. I was an Altar Boy for many years and my Altar Boy Partner was Harold Ancand. My brother Jack was also an Altar Boy and his partner was Louis Auger. Father Finn asked me to serve Mass after I had graduated from St. Thomas. I was very surprised that he announced the buns of our marriage at that Mass. I married Winifred Arvidson and we have nineteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren. God has been good to our Family and I'm sure that my time at St. Mary's had a lot to do with it. Our best to all of the students and graduates on this 90th Anniversary. God Bless! Don(39) and Wynn Langhorne, Clinton, MO"

## Alumni Rummage Sales Continue to Grow

The 2005 Fall Alumni Rummage Sale was another success in so many ways thanks to the hard work of over 70 fabulous volunteers which included alumni, school families and parishioners! (All the super shoppers were also appreciated!) Also, special thanks to St. Mary's staff, Kowalski's Market and Winkler's Bakery. Everybody's help is always greatly appreciated! This is a fun multi-generational event for workers and shoppers alike! After expenses \$5200\* was raised for the St. Mary of the Lake Alumni Association, which publishes this yearly newsletter, supports a variety of school and alumni activities, and recently contributed \$1000 to the Science and Technology Fund.

Donated rummage sale items also benefited St. Mary's classrooms and a host of charitable organizations.

The 2006 Fall Alumni Rummage Sale will again be during MEA (Minnesota Education Association), October 19 - 21. Please contact St. Mary's for further information.

\*EA Note: The first Alumni Fall Rummage Sale in 1990 raised about \$900.



# Class of 1946

**Row 1 (front) l-r:** Father Nicholas Finn\*, Allen Vater\*, James Auger\*, Elaine Campbell, Ellen Campbell\*, Eileen Rooney, Patricia Billingsley, Marleen Olson, Beatrice Ernewein, Patricia Kassekert, Richard Trice\*, Ronald Rodrique\*

**Row 2, l-r:** Thomas Brisson\*, Mary Lou Vilander, Lenore Lindorfer, Janice Hall, Margaret Collins, Cleo Cassin\*, Doris Thein, Lucille Bibea\*, Laverne LaMotte, Delano Swensen\*

**Row 3, l-r:** Rebecca Lenhart\*, Barbara Wickland\*, Dorothy Valento, Patricia Fournelle, Delores Doyle, Patricia Murphy\*, Jeanne Tessier\*

**Row 4, (back) l-r:** Charles Ackerman\*, David Vinck, Leo Letourneau, William Perron\*, Gerald Miller, Jerome Dimmensen\*, Joseph Long\*, Edward DuFresne, Dale Pelletier\*

The following students are also remembered as being classmates in the **Class of 1946:** Bob Christiansen, Michael Fischer, Kathleen Pratt.

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contact St. Mary's with his/her address and one will be mailed. There are extra copies in the Parish Life Center and also in the Church's kiosk. Thank you!

The Class of 1946 had the following teachers at St. Mary of the Lake School: Sr. Dorothy, Sr. Elaine, Sr. Timothy, Sr.

Alphonsina, Sr. Ida (Adolpha) and Sr. Audrey for piano. The principals during this time were Sr. Dorinda and Sr. Fimima.

Other teachers who were at St. Mary's during the years 1938-1946 are: Sisters Mida, Patrice, Adeline, Anna Clare, Elaine, Timothy, Jean Frances, Georgina, Myra,

Andrina, Alodia, Maureen, Gordia, Amadeus, St. Leo, Alphonsie, Wilfrid, Faustina, Genalda, Dorothy, Anne (Peter Eymond),

Picture from the Parish Archives.

# Class of 1946 updates...

**Beatrice Ernewein Anderson, '46, writes,** "My good friend, Patty Billingsley Mitchell and I were 'Flower Girls' when we were in the 2nd grade for the Holy Thursday and 1st Holy Communion services and received our own 1st Holy Communion in 3rd grade; by the way, whatever happened to 'Flower Girls'?"

**Dorothy Valento Cardarelli, '46, writes,** "I attended St. Mary's for the 7th & 8th grades. I enjoyed saying the rosary in the stairwells of the school. I made a good friend, Lenore Lindorfer, and we are in touch and friends to this day. During White Bear High School years, I have fond memories of religion classes with Father Reiser. We were allowed an hour of class time plus time to walk to and from Church. After graduation, I worked at 1st National Bank and then for fifteen years at Northern Pacific R.R.. I married in 1958, moved to Hudson, Wisconsin and we had a family of four daughters. We also owned a resort in Trego, Wis. and had cabins, camping, canoes and tubes. Vince died fifteen years ago and the resort was sold ten years ago. I'm retired and enjoy travel, volunteer work and grandchildren."

**Edward Dufresne, '46 ....** began his 4th grade at St. Mary's school, after graduation from White Bear High, he joined the Navy and is a Korean Veteran, he received a degree from Metro State University, his wife, Shirley, is a graduate of St. Joe's Academy. He is currently retired.

**Laverne LaMotte Peterson, '46, writes,** "My three years (6th, 7th & 8th) of school at St. Mary's made quite an impact on my life. Coming from Centerville on the White Bear High School bus got us to school very early, and in plenty of time to go to morning mass. The nuns sat in back of us and were very strict disciplinarians. One time, it was because the scarf (to cover my head) was distracting them from praying, and I was ordered to take it off and replace it with a Kleenex - hunky or something! There were a few other embarrassing incidents, but the good out weighs the bad. I have a deep appreciation for my Catholic faith, and am blessed to have been able to go to daily mass for the past 25 (or more) years. For this, my appreciation goes to my parents, but also some to my teachings at St. Mary's"

**Jan Hall Kohler, '46,** shared that she is one of twelve children all of whom graduated from St. Mary's School. Her parents, Sam and Frank Hall, moved from South Dakota to Centerville and in 1945 the family moved to White Bear Lake on 2nd Street next to St. Mary's playground (the house is now gone). Her 8th grade teacher was Sr. Dorothy. She attended White Bear High School, married Cliff Kohler '45 (now deceased) and together they raised eight children all of whom graduated from St. Mary's School.

## Updates and Messages from 1940s graduates...

**Marjorie Shea Guffey, '40 ...** "Dear Alumni, I always enjoy your newsletter. It was nice to see a photo of my nephew, Mike Shea, class of 1955. I had a brother, Pat Shea, who graduated about 1926, and a sister, Delores Shea who graduated about 1928. My husband Charles and I have three children. One lives here in Modesto, one in Albuquerque, N.M. and one in Missoula, MT. Have only been back to Minnesota a few times, once for my 50th reunion. Sincerely, Marjorie Shea Guffey, Class of '40."

**Joan Barroet Kelly, '41 ...** attended Good Counsel Academy in Mankato and is a widow.

**Richard Kraft, '41 ...** attended Washington High School and The Dunwoody Institute, he was in the Navy during WWII, married and currently is a retired Project Manager.

**Hugh Heckel, '42 ...** graduated from White Bear High School, served in the Army in Italy, he is a 15 yr. volunteer at Fort Snelling Memorial Rifle Squad and is the squad leader. He is retired from 3M Company, has been married for 57 years to Gloria and has a daughter, Linda.

**Patricia Collins Bies, '43 ...** graduated from St. Joseph's Academy, was married at St. Mary's Church February 3rd, 1951, by Fr. Nicholas Finn. She is the mother of 8 children, grandmother to 16 grandchildren and to one great grandchild!

**Mary Lane Schostag, '43, writes:** "Thanks for the Newsletter!"

**Joanne Olson Blumensthal, '45 ...** attended White Bear Lake High School (current Central Middle School) and is a recent widow.

**Donald Valento, '47 ...** attended White Bear Lake High School, St. Thomas Academy for 1 yr., University of Minnesota 4 yrs., 5 yrs. Civil Engineer, served in the United States Marine Corps. '52-'55, retired at age 55, currently is an engineer-owner of a Construction Co. and has been married for 48 years as of September 27th, 2006!

**Beverly Hodsdon Wald, '48 ...** attended St. Joseph's Academy, is married and retired.

# Class of 1964



Daniel Adrian  
Maureen Allen  
Sharon Arvand  
Aurelia Baudreau  
Glenn Bennett  
Robert Bernsford  
Linda Blackwelder  
Jeanette Brinker  
Sally Buchan\*  
Sue Buessler  
Ramona Buhl\*  
Charlene Carpenter  
Sandy Cartier\*  
Jake Cassidy  
Roxanne Casper\*  
Karen Ciernia  
Mary Cleary  
Sue DeCoursey  
Cindy Dornfield  
Judith Doyle  
Jim Flater  
Stanley Gadbois  
Tom Galka\*  
Jane Gallivan  
Steve Gavin\*  
Joe Getse  
Joe Goetz  
Denise Griemmann  
Patricia Gruber  
Mike Hayes\*  
Bob Hess  
DeAnn Hesse

Michael Holbush  
Michael Hostliken  
Mary Howard  
Jim Jaques  
Joe Kalisch  
Dan Korolchuk  
Ken Kostuch\*  
Jim Lane  
Judith Leick  
Jane Letourneau  
Janie McKenzie  
Patricia Macaluso\*  
Mary Martin  
Linda Mauritz\*  
Duffy Miller  
Lanna Mingo  
Doug Oaks  
Peggy O'Neil  
Teresa Parenteau  
Vicki Peterson  
Tom Pucell  
Paula Tessier\*  
John Twohy  
Gerald Urban  
Karen Vadrais  
Kathleen Vanderwyst\*  
Mike Vilander\*  
Marion Welser  
Tom Woertle\*  
Mary Kay Wyland  
Harry Zemke\*



About one half of the class of 1964 in the 6th grade.

— Pictures thanks to Judith Leick, '64.

[Ed. note: The Alumni archives had no pictures of the Class of 1964 (except for the Girl Scout Troop photo) to publish in the 2004 Alumni Newsletter. These two pictures became available thanks to classmate Judith Leick. Thank you!]

The 1965-66 faculty were: 1st - Sister Mary Joel, 1st - Sister Mary Fabian, 2nd - Sister Antoinette, 2nd - Sister Helene, 3rd - Sister Joseph Louise, 3rd - Miss Barbara Black, 4th - Mrs. Julia Elliot, 4th - Mrs. Mabel Courmoyer, 5th - Mrs. Catherine Lamson, 5th - Miss Jean Durand, 6th - Sister Annette, 6th - Mrs. Mary Rademacher, 7th - Sister Catherine Marie, 7th - Mr. Leo McAlpine, 8th - Sister Raphael, 8th - Mr. John Casey, 8th - Sister Donald, Principal, Pastor - Father Nicholas Finn, Secretary - Mrs. Raymond Griemmann, Custodian - Mr. William Loisel.

[Ed. note: This information was taken from a 1965-66 Parent handbook.]

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

—Margaret Mead, anthropologist

## Four Sisters For Peace



St. Joseph Sisters Rita, Kate, Jane and Beigrid McDonald in a 1960s photo. Sister Beigrid taught at St. Mary's during the 1960s.

Jesus said,

*Blessed are the peacemakers.*

To read the papal encyclical *Pacem in Terris* go to [www.osjspm.org/cst/pt/htm](http://www.osjspm.org/cst/pt/htm) or the U.S. Catholic Bishop's letter *Challenge Peace* [www.usccb.org/sdnp/peace/peace2.htm](http://www.usccb.org/sdnp/peace/peace2.htm).

In 2003 the McDonald Sisters published a documentary, "Four Sisters For Peace." The four biological sisters, Beigrid, Kate, Rita and Jane are all Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Sister Beigrid taught at St. Mary's during the 1960s. They received the 2003 award of the Vincent L. Hawkins Foundation for Peace and Justice. Complete article in 9/18/03 Pioneer Press.

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet are a very important part of the legacy of St. Mary of the Lake School. Back in 1914 this order of Sisters, led by Mother Seraphim (WB Press 7-23-1914), made the commitment to staff the school. They did this until 1977. Besides education, the Sisters are involved in the ministries of health care, social services and spirituality. For more information, check out the Web site: [www.cjstpaul.org](http://www.cjstpaul.org)

## Class of 1967

Almost 10 Years ago we had our 30th class reunion. We had a great turnout and a lot of fun!! Let's get together for our 40th reunion in 2007.

If anyone is interested in helping plan the reunion, please call Peggy Smith Dramm at St. Mary's Office: 651-429-7771 ext. 224.



# Class of 1956



**Row 1 (front), l-r:** Edward Shabetski\*, Mary Ellen Dultz, Mary Ann Markie, Mary Lou Parnen, Terrence Vidras, Gregory LaRock\*, Kathleen Hoffman, Janice O'Gorman, James Lindorfer\*, Paul Steiner\*, Edward Mueller\*, Diane Kollmar\*, Florence Nicholas\*, Kenneth Hastings\*, Michael Carlson, Nancy Trettel\*, Jacqueline Taylor, Donna Mae Kaste\*, Jack Delahanty\*

Jeanne Moore, Joseph Clancy\*

**Row 3, l-r:** Anthony Schweitzer\*, Kay Franklin\*, James Foster, Richard Wiberg, Patricia Mueller, Sharon Carpenter, David Smith, David Crote\*, Yvonne Goodroad\*, Jeanne Kohler, Lawrence Round, John Manship

**Row 2, l-r:** James Thompson\*, Lynn Gudden\*, Kathryn Anderson, Thomas Mann, Mary Francis Mingo, Margaret Jurek, Sally McCarty, Mary Pat Roberts, Joseph Morancy, Kathleen Hogan,

The following students are also remembered as being classmates with the Class of 1956: Mark Etzel\*, Bernice Zika, Walter Masters, Charles Moore, Kenneth Vincent\*.

The Class of 1956 had the following teachers: Sr. Stella (1st gr.), Sr. Rudolph (2nd gr.), Sr. Peter Eymard (2nd gr.), Sr. Virginia Mary (2nd gr.), Sr. St. Claire (6th gr.), St. Angela Francis (7th gr.), Sr. Francis Regis (8th gr.), Sr. Ann Cecilia, Sr. Lydia, Sr. Felice, Sr. Margaret, Sr. Mary Robert, Sr. Adalia (principal, 1946-52), Sr. St. Barbara (principal, 1952-58), Sr. Justine (piano).

Other teachers who were at St. Mary's during the years 1948-1956 are: Susan Hope, Clara Louise, Lucille, Veronica, St. Henry, Noraine, Catherine, Mary Patrick, Dionysia, Helen Catherine, Andriana, Andry (piano), Marie Gregory, Anthony Marie, Demeise, Mary, and Ann Vivian.

We do not have current addresses for those with an asterisk (\*) after their names. A cross (+) after a name indicates the person is deceased.

Class picture thanks to the O'Gorman family.

was the organist, and the May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary (which girl would be chosen to do that?) Sister Justine will always hold a special place in my heart. She taught me to play the piano. Once a week I had a lesson and her parakeet would always sit on top of my head while I had it. I learned not to be afraid of birds, but was always afraid it would poop on my head! Currently, after 22 years as a receptionist/secretary at St. Paul X Church I retired in 2000. I keep busy with family (husband, one daughter, two sons and five grandchildren), friends, volunteer work at our church and the White Bear Foodbank, working on hobbies, and traveling. The freedom that comes with retirement is terrific!

**David Smith, '56, emails:** "After graduation from St. Mary's and White Bear High School I went into Auto Body Repair and an now retired from our sales at Polar Chevrolet. Dennis Richter, Jim LeMay, Gene McCauley and Dave Crote were classmates and friends back then. I've been married to Judy Crowley '56 for 44 years, we have five sons (three of them married), three grandsons and two granddaughters. RVing is my favorite past time and I enjoy about any kind of racing."

**Jackie Taylor Wandland, '56** — "When I married 41 yrs. ago, I converted to the Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church. We have the same basic beliefs as the Catholic Church, first and foremost that Jesus Christ is our Savior, and that it's through His sacrifice that we will all meet again in heaven. Your friend in Christ, Jackie."

**Gary Williams, '56, writes:** "First grade with Sister Stella, Second with Sister Rudolph. 'Kullid' due Basil Nosal Reinhold Nae/Just kidding, Sister, you were great! Fr. Finn's visits to hand out report cards. Fr. Reiter's visits to hand out report cards. He always had a joke, but wouldn't let anybody tell him one. Classroom, snows, chalk. Sister of St. Joseph helps, Confirmation with Archbishop Murray, and the Four 'W's'. Reading, Riting, Rithratic and Religion. I attended White Bear High School and Lakeside College, studying Customer Service. I'm currently working as a Chef's Restaurant Host and plan to retire in 8 yrs, after 33 years in the restaurant service career. I am single, never married."

**Nancy Tremblé Bégandovich, '56, emails:** "My husband, Lee and I have been married 43 years, we had 6 children. We lost a daughter when she was 27. We have 11 grandchildren. I will always be grateful for any time at St. Mary's School when the Nuns & Priests were not



Janice O'Gorman, '56, and Diane Kollmar, '56, after their first Holy Communion in 1951.

**Janice O'Gorman, '56, writes:** "Third grade was a very special time for me. With Sister Virginia Mary's religion and coaching, we all made our First Holy Communion." Jan and her husband, Ed Fitzgerald, live in San Jose, CA. Their 6 daughters and son all live in California, along with Jan's sister, Mary '61, who also lives in San Jose. Jan fondly remembers her first, third and classmate, Diane Kollmar. Jan enjoys oil painting, quilting and scrap booking and in spite of some major health issues is enjoying retirement in sunny California.

# 2005-2006 Principal, Teachers and Support Staff



Ms. Mary Fritz (Principal)

Mrs. Nancy Gierma (Admin Assistant)

Ms. Sharon Subczak (Food Service Director)

Mrs. Pat Barry (Pre-school Director/Teacher)

Mrs. Karen Black (Pre/teacher)

Ms. Shannon Powell (Pre/teacher)

Mrs. Patty Easton (K)

Mrs. Dawn Spauldier (K)

Mrs. JoAnne Murphy (IA/Technology)

Mrs. Cathy Olson (1st)

Ms. Deanna Steiner (1st)

Mrs. Mary Miller Mahay (2nd)

Ms. Melody Otto (2nd)

Mrs. Joanne Osberg Bennek (3rd)

Mrs. Kim Goebel (3rd)

Mrs. Pat Bullis (4th)

Mrs. Melissa Capocasa (4th)

Ms. Patsy Bishop (5th)

Ms. Patti Chazzer (5th)

Ms. Mark Anderson (6th)

Ms. Katie Thompson (6th gr. home base & science/MS language arts)

Ms. Patrick Thueste (7th gr. home base/MS religion & social studies)

Mrs. Christy VanOverbeke (8th gr. home base/MS math/7th & 8th gr. science)

Ms. Dave Carlson (music)

Mrs. Barb Lussan (Spanish/student resource)

Mrs. Sandy Leibel Reibel (Phys. Ed./Athletic Director)

Mrs. Laurie Kiehlusa (Technology Coord.)

Mrs. Terry Nelson (Media Specialist)

Ms. Nikki Olson (Extended Day Coord.)

Dawn Farnette (Extended Day)

Mrs. Nancy Benek (IA)

Mrs. Karen Stanko-Brogan (IA)

Ms. Julie Forbush (Pre IA)

Mrs. Carolyn Menzinger (IA/Health)

Ms. Cindy Pincey (Pre IA)

Mrs. Ann Steller (IA)

Mrs. Kaye Schlager (IA)

Mrs. Pat Wittkop (Pre IA)

Mrs. Deb Woods (IA)

Mrs. Beth Johnson (Band)

No Photo Available

Mrs. Laurie Mussen (Playground Supervisor)

(IA-teacher aide, Pre-Pre School, MS-Middle School)

## Class of 1956 updates...



The Connolly kids who lived across the street from the church at 3rd and Bald Eagle, gather for a sibling photo in about 1950: front row, l-r: Marilyn, 41, Theresa, 40, Dennis, 45, back row, l-r: Patty, 57 holding Thomas, 70, John, 56 and Cathy, 59.

**John Connolly, '56** — "This note was written by John's sister Mary 72: 'Living right next to St. Mary's church, school was just a hop, skip and a jump away for John and his 6 brothers & sisters. He enjoyed Fr. Reiter's light-hearted sense of humor and being on the other side of his nuptials. Father finally gave him the nickname 'Puggie'." John was a gentle soul with a steady smile and an open, friendly personality. He was very artistic and loved drawing, cars and music, especially singing Dixie tunes while his good friend and neighbor, Ken LaRue '59, accompanied him on guitar. He graduated from Curtis High School in 1961 and left for the highway, Ca. But still to attend Northrup University. The following year as he enjoyed his last weekend home with family and friends before returning to college in California, he was in a fatal car accident. John James Connolly died September 29th, 1962, but lives eternally in the hearts and memories of all who loved him."

**Patricia Dahl Marlar '56 emails,** "I can hardly believe it's been 50 years! My memories are many, all of which are reminiscent of a kinder, gentler time even

though we had rules. They include, First Communion, Confirmation, May Crowning and first Friday Mass with a yummy breakfast afterwards. I remember that I thought it was so nice of the nuns to take turns being with us on the playground during lunch hour. It was years later, I realized they were on work duty. I will be forever grateful to all the fine women who taught me how to read and write, do math problems, taught me history, science, geography and most of all about my faith. What I learned from the sisters, I have carried with me all my life! Thank You to: Sister Stella, Sister Rudolph, Sister Virginia Mary, Sister Adalia, Sister Lydia, Sister Felice (2 years) and Sister Francis Regis. I did so fortunate that I am one of the helms of St. Mary's. I have been married to my husband, Alfred, for 43 years, I am the mother of 4 children and grandfather of 10 with one on the way! Love and Peace to all of my classmates of 1956!"

**Michael Vadezal, '56, writes,** "I will forever be grateful for my education at St. Mary's. I'm presently working in the retail business in MacGregorland area of St. Paul. I frequently have the opportunity to thank the Sisters of St. Joseph who reside at Bethany Convent. In my era it was Mary and Guernsey...many fond memories!"

**Kathleen Hogan Goff, '56, writes,** "When I think of St. Mary's, I remember the nuns. Each grade there was a special nun and I can remember the names of all of them! The 7th grade nun, Sister Angela Francis taught me to appreciate music. I received a wonderful education from them. After living in Michigan for 3 yrs, I returned home (with my husband, Bob Goff, of 45 years) to White Bear Lake to raise a family. We're fortunate to have 2 of our children live nearby so we have family dinner at our house every Sunday. It's great! My husband and I are now retired, enjoying our family and seeing the world!"

**Joanne Kohler Swanson '56, emails:** "I am grateful for the wonderful academic and religious education I received at St. Mary's, to the dedicated staff, nuns, and to Fr. Finn. Fr. Reiter who visited our classrooms every Monday to see if we had been to Sunday Mass and listened to their homily. Some of my fondest memories are the wonderful breakfasts prepared by the Wilson's Club for us after First Friday mass (my mother being one), singing at Sunday mass and funerals (my brother-in-law

afraid to teach as the truth, that right is right & wrong is wrong. No sugar coating. I will never forget Sr. Francis Regis & her famous saying: 'Good, better, best, never let it rest, until your good is better, & your better is best.' Also, dear St. Clara Louise who taught as the true reverer for the Holy Eucharist by saying 'My Lord & My God,' when the priest raised the Host and 'My Jesus, Jesus' when he raised the Chalice. I will, to this day, do that at Mass. God Bless all our old Nuns & Priests.

"What an exciting newsletter. Wonderful to see pictures of the new school [parish life center facility] and the 1st [8th grade] graduating class since 1972! St. Mary's is a great school and I am so happy to see it expand!"

Mary Beggie  
4th gr. teacher 1972-1996

The years fly by with the blink of an eye (makes us think we'd better not blink) Makes us decide to keep our eyes wide To hug each day as it comes our way To bring good cheer to those we hold dear To fill our cup with thanks - up and up!

Deborah Lange Clerve, '31

## St. Mary of the Lake School Athletic Program

The School's Athletic Program, guided by Athletic Director Sandy Reibel, is in full swing enabling our students to participate in a wide range of team sports. In addition, our school's athletic department sponsors a summer basketball camp in June and a volleyball camp in August. Our athletic department also sponsors an Annual Catholic Athletic Association (CAA) Basketball Tournament in January. Our new gymnasium with bleachers is a quality facility, which the White Bear Lake Athletic Department has rented for some of their tournaments also.



Allison Swanson, Cody LeMay, Mitch Kunze and Sarah Seifert at Wild Mountain Ski Resort.

### 2005-2006 Team Standings-

Co-ed (MS) soccer team played in the all-broys A league; 6 wins/2 losses; took 2nd place in their league.

Girls (7th and 8th graders) A league volleyball team- 2 wins/7 losses; took 8th place in their league.

Girls (6th graders) C league volleyball team- 3 wins/6 losses; took 9th place in their league.

Boys (7th and 8th graders) A league basketball team- 6 wins/3 losses; took 2nd place in their league.

Boys (5th and 6th graders) C league basketball team- 5 wins/4 losses; took 5th place in their league.

Boys (6th graders) C league baseball team- 1 win/7 losses; took 8th place in their league.

Girls (MS) A league fastpitch softball team- 1 win/7 losses; took 8th place in their league.

The Ski Club is open to middle school students. They enjoy skiing and/or snowboarding at Wild Mountain in Taylors Falls, MN.

Boys (6th graders) C league baseball team- 1 win/7 losses; took 7th place in their league.



# 2006 GIFTS to Science and Technology Fund

Thank you for your response to the March 2, 2006 letter from Principal Mary Fritz inviting you to support the academic advancement of the science and technology programs at St. Mary of the Lake School. \$6,555 was contributed to the Science and Technology Fund, including \$2000 from the St. Mary's Bridge Club and \$1000 from the Alumni Association. Your financial and prayer support is greatly appreciated.

Lt. Col. Kenneth Deans '66  
 Marion Klostmann '30  
 Gloria Reibel Fuchs '32  
 Mary Daly Bolen '35  
 Violet Ferry Giovannini '35  
 E. Katherine DeMaster Graves '36  
*(In Memory of my parents, Martin & Agnes DeMaster)*  
 Anonymous gift (class of '36)  
 Anonymous gift (class of '38)  
 Lorraine Tessier Peltier '39  
 Anonymous gift (class of '40)  
 Joan Batroot Kelly '41  
 Richard Kraft '41  
 Hugh Heckel '42  
 Patricia Collins Bies '43  
 JoAnn Olson Blumenthal '43  
 Anonymous gift (class of '47)  
 Beverly Hodsdon Wuld '48

David Diltz '51  
 Daniel Downs '51  
 Judith Ann Nelson Furrer '52  
 Robert Haggerty '52  
 Anonymous gift (class of '53)  
 Anonymous gift (class of '54)  
 Dr. Gerald Dittmer '55  
 Jean Kohler Swenson '56  
 Gary Williams '56  
 Paul O'Gorman '57  
 Marilyn Parenteau Sklar '57  
 Dianne Zelnick Biever '59  
 Pat Thill Wittkop '60  
 James Michael '61  
 Anonymous gift (class of '62)  
 Tom Flater '61 & Mary Voss Flater '62  
 Suzanne Valender Donnell '63  
 Sheila McKnight Houle '67

## Visit Me With Happiness

by Marilyn Sklar

Little child, carefree and singing,  
 Oh what pleasure you are bringing  
 To me, who's grown tired and weary.  
 Sing you songs of life so cheery.  
 Make me remember times long gone,  
 When I was carefree, full of song.  
 Such simplicity, such pure delight  
 Springs from the heart of this young sprite.  
 Could I, perhaps, recapture it  
 To sustain me while I sit?  
 My friends have passed. My children - grown.  
 Sing young sprite. I'll not be alone  
 In solitude - in loneliness.  
 Visit me, child, with happiness.  
 Visit me with happiness.

Dedication: Aeli



## Marilyn Parenteau Sklar 1943 - 2006

Marilyn, '57, was a life-long member of St. Mary of the Lake Church. She was active on the Parish Leadership Council, the Communications Committee and the Alumni Board. She shared her writing talents in poetry and short stories in many parish publications and as a freelance writer.

On May 21, 2006 she died peacefully in the home she grew up in with her brothers Dick, '48, John, '50 and Mike, '61. Marilyn is survived by her sons, Matt and Kirk, and their families.

Bridget Ryan '67  
 James Kohler '68  
 Anonymous gift (class of '70)  
 Donna Spennbauer Severson '70  
 David Ahler '72  
 Rick Kohler '72  
 Scott Tansom '72  
 Fr. Joseph Vandenberg '72  
 Anonymous gift (class of '82)  
 Jennifer Evans Bilchick '83  
 Brian Bonin '86  
 Brett Hangesheimer '97  
 Travis Halverson '98  
 Nicholas Halverson '00  
 Kathleen Cox '05  
 Mary Foster (in behalf of The Foster Family)  
 Corrine Kindschy (St. Mary's parishioner)  
 Marcella McLeish (friend of St. Mary's)  
 Wm. & Stephanie McNamara (alumni parents/St. Mary's parishioners)  
 Helen George (former St. Mary's librarian)  
 Anonymous gift (alumni parents/St. Mary's staff)  
 Mary and Jeff Albrecht (school parents)



Left-to-right: Betsy Smith, Olivia Taddel, Kathryn Brady and Allison Swenson. Determining the "Spring Constant" in a Hooke's Law experiment in 8th Grade Physical Science.



Left-to-right: Matt Halverson and Ben Peterson dissecting a clam in 7th grade Life Science class.



Geoff de Chouet dissecting a clam in 7th grade Life Science class.

## Science is...



Left-to-right: Jake Schuster, Timmy Marlowe and Joe Cullen. Determining the "Spring Constant" in a Hooke's Law Experiment in 8th Grade Physical Science.

## Dear St. Mary of the Lake Alumni Association:

I read with great interest the Alumni Newsletter of July 2005. What a surprise it was to see the photo of my parents (Emily and Norbert Dittmer) with the Pope on page 11. My sisters (Patricia Pollock, '58 and Cindy Matson, '65) thank you for showing it.

Looking at the photo of my Class of '55 brought back some memories of the school from the dim past. I remember ice skating. The ice rink was back behind the school (where the parking lot and playground are now), across the street (Murray Ave. continued through what is now parking playground) where we had recess. I never thought about the work someone must have done to put it up and keep it up (the ice rink), but I am grateful for the efforts of those unsung people. At noon hour, we would all go into the furnace room (in the basement) to put on our skates. At the time, the back steps (east side) had a doorway (similar to the one under the front steps) under the main steps that led to the basement hallway. Off to one side (north) was the furnace room where we sat on wooden benches and got on our skates while trying not to get too warm in our heavy coats. Those were good times.

I also remember the lunchroom. In the late '40s and very early '50s the "new" addition had not yet been completed and the lunchroom was in the basement. We would head first for the kitchen to pick up chocolate milk in a little paper carton and then sit at the tables. A Sister would be in the kitchen handing out the milk so we couldn't get more than one. The tables were

made of three or four wooden planks with pipes, like those used for plumbing, holding up each corner. The benches, as I recall, must have been of planks also because they were long and narrow and we would have to slide in. It always seemed to be dark and sometimes chilly in winter, but we didn't notice and we did just fine.

These days, I am still employed, working for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in Washington, D.C. The work is all about weather satellites, the ones that take the data that make the pictures that turn into what we all see every night on TV as movies of clouds. Over time, I have had the privilege of launching four satellites from Cape Canaveral, and conducted numerous studies of new technologies for future satellites.

My organization launched the most recent satellite on May 24, 2006, from Cape Canaveral, Florida. It will make sure there are pictures during the coming hurricane season. St. Mary's must have dreamed something into my head because it led to an Electrical Engineering degree, a Masters in meteorology, and Ph.D. in climatology. St. Mary's always had good math and science teachers and that made me interested in engineering and space science. Let me give a special thank you to all my teachers and classmates.

My sister Pat is a freelance writer and a proud grandmother in Mooresville, North Carolina. My sister Cindy is principal writer in the public relations division of Camichael Lynch, a large Minneapolis advertising agency. Cindy and her



All St. Mary's graduates, the children of N. R. and Emily Dittmer are, L-R: Pat (Pollock), '68, Jerry, '55, and Cindy (Matson) '65 at a June 2005 family event in Santa Barbara, California.

Husband, Rick, have a daughter, Erin, who lives in Minneapolis. In a little while we will end full time employment and then Mary Kay (my wife of 40 years) and I will travel the world.

Sincerely,  
 Gerald J. Dittmer,  
 '55

## Fr. Bernard Reiser:

### A Friend to ALL



Fr. Bernard A. Reiser, was born in Waukegan, MN, ordained by Archbishop John Gregory Murray at St. Paul Cathedral, June 4, 1949 and became Assistant Pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Church, June 11, 1949.

Enriched to 5000 households, a large worship space, school, 55+ residence, cemetery and the Future Shrine. At his farewell Mass from Epiphany to go to St. Nicolas in New Market, MN, Father spoke of "... making a resolve to

practice prayer, penance, fasting, sacrifice, the sacraments and, especially, the Holy Eucharist. Our one purpose in life is to join the Kingdom... and as long as we're all pointed in that direction why don't we have a lot of fun and a good time getting there!"

Due to health problems Father Reiser stayed at St. Nicolas only a year and a half. He has returned to Epiphany Pine residence and ministers to parishes on weekends as needed.

St. Mary's parishioners continue their friendship and love for Father Reiser. He still graciously ministers to many old friends from St. Mary's. Recently a video presentation of his life was produced. The title "Living Life Abundantly: The Life and Times of Father Bernard Reiser," and Fr. Reiser's Homilies can be purchased through the Web site, [www.twineartsmedia.org/fr-reiser.htm](http://www.twineartsmedia.org/fr-reiser.htm). Proceeds will support an outreach program to assist the poorest of the poor in Haiti. In a recent phone conversation with Fr. Reiser, he spoke about this outreach program and other contributions having provided the residents of Cote Soleil (a suburb of Port au Prince) with a facility that now supplies 15,000 gals of fresh water daily. If you would like to send your greetings to Fr. Reiser the address is: Epiphany Pine, 1800-11th Avenue N.W., Apt. #320, Coon Rapids, MN 55433.



Father Reiser visits residents near Port-au-Prince, Haiti.



"Living Life Abundantly: The Life and Times of Fr. Bernard Reiser" CD, DVD or VHS (\$20), and Fr. Reiser's Homilies (audio tapes - \$5) can be purchased through the Web site, [www.twineartsmedia.org/fr-reiser.htm](http://www.twineartsmedia.org/fr-reiser.htm). Proceeds will support an outreach program to help Haiti's population.

## Updates and Messages from 1950s graduates...

Daniel Downs, '51 ... graduated from White Bear High School, attended college, served in the Army, is married and now retired.

Judith Ann Nelson Furrer, '52 ... attended St. Joseph's Academy, University of Minnesota in Marketing & Management, is married and currently retired.

Robert Haggerty, '52 ... attended White Bear Lake North High, St. John's University in Collegeville, MN, served in Army Airfield, was a Marketing Director at Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Co. for 37 years and traveled around the country extensively for the 3M Corp., now retired with wife, Donna, has

seven children and fourteen grandchildren!

Kelise K. Linderfer Stone, '52 "Looking forward to our next reunion. I sincerely enjoy the Alumni Newsletter. Thanks for all you do."

Mike Martini, '52 (Crews '57; C of St. Mary's) emailed the following message before the 90th Anniversary celebration in August '95: "Sorry we can't make it this weekend. We're up there a lot - still have our property in Birchwood - but have other commitments this time. I'm an old Father Film (Photo) and Sister St. Barbara (Principal) guy - class of 1953. Good to get the email and the ALUMNI NEWSLETTER. Want to connect this, that a good friend of mine from the

class of 1955, John Dorek, is NOT deceased as reported in class picture on pg 8 of the July 2005 issue of the alumni newsletter. Very much alive and well, living in the Phoenix area, and still with business ties in the Cities. Just talked to him a few minutes ago, and he seems to be on the mailing list." (Ed. Note: Thanks, Mike, for the correction! Sorry about that, John. Glad to have you still with us! Occasionally, we goof up! Hopefully we get more things right than wrong!! Please feel free to let us know!!)

Sue Young Watson, '55, emailed this message before the 90th Anniversary celebration in August '95: "My brother, Kelly, graduated from St. Mary's in 1957 and I know that his memories are as fresh as mine. We (Sue, Todd, Bill and Kelly) all read them from cover to cover and really enjoy them. Thanks again, Sue

Dianne Zelnick Biever, '59 ... attended Archbishop Murray (now Hill-Murray), Kennedy Western University in Business Administration, a Finalist - Woman of Distinction - Twin West C of C, Executive Bd. Member - Twin West Chamber of Commerce, Hopkins, MN. Currently, Executive Assistant married 31 years with two daughters and 3 grandchildren.

Roberta Harbert LaValley, '54, "Look forward to the Alumni Newsletter. My St. Mary years are full of happy memories."

Paul O'Gorman, '57 ... attended Christa High School and TBE Technical College, served in the Army, is currently Architectural Project Captain for Ryan Companies. Paul is a recent widower.



# 2006 Alumni Award Recipient –

## Elaine Jackson Weichman, '44

Elaine Jackson Weichman grew up on the corner of Morehead and 8th St. near downtown White Bear Lake. Her sister, Jane, who is St. Mary's church and school historian, still lives in that house and organizes much of the archival material there. Elaine is the youngest of seven children who all attended St. Mary's. Her parents were Edward and Catherine Jackson. Her grandmother, Maria Taylor Jackson, received catechism lessons in a wigwam on Lake Avenue and her grandfather, William Jackson, was a local builder who in 1914 was the general contractor for St. Mary of the Lake School.

Elaine graduated from St. Mary's School in 1944. She has special memories of Sister Agnes Patrice in third grade and Sister Dorinda in eighth grade. After graduating from White Bear Lake High School where she started the school's first bowling league, Elaine worked at 3M as a secretary in the Engineering Department. While organizing a bowling tournament at the "Mining," she met her future husband, Sid Weichman. They married in 1950. After their first son, Larry, was born, Elaine quit working for pay and began working the next 50-plus years for love. Son, Mark and daughter, Cathy, who died at age 15, followed Larry. They also attended St. Mary's School. Elaine's husband passed away in 2001.

Besides her family, Elaine's church and community volunteering has definitely kept her very busy!!

Elaine spent lots of those early family years chaperoning, fundraising and being a

leader in her children's activities in the Trojanette's Drill Team and the Boy and Girl Scouts.

For fifteen years she did secretarial work from her home for the associate pastors, and for seven years typed all the accounts payable checks including payroll. Each week she would sort and post collection envelopes by hand!

Elaine managed the Green Tape Program from 1972-79. This program was St. Mary's '70s version of the White Bear Foodshelf Program to feed the hungry. Elaine and another St. Mary's friend, Louise Muehlstedt, packed and delivered 324 food requests during this time period.

She chaired the American Cancer Society Daffodil Days for three years for the City of White Bear Lake. Also, for the Cancer Society, she chaired the Cancer Preventative Survey in White Bear for which she received the WCCO Good Neighbor Award. Elaine received appreciation awards from Archbishop John Roach for having chaired the Opus Sancti Petri campaign to encourage vocations and the Annual Archbishop's Appeal.

For over 20 years of its 50-year-old tradition, Elaine chaired the St. Mary's bridge club where presently 64 ladies play monthly. This club has purchased thousands of dollars worth of vestments, furniture and other equipment for the church and school.

Elaine's gifts of her time and talents go on and on. From working funeral lunches to



Elaine's family picture in 1999: Back, L-R: Kathleen (Larry's wife), Larry '66, Elaine, Sid, Mark, '73, Lisa (Mark's wife). Front, L-R: Ben, Maria and Colleen (Larry and Kathleen's children), Alex and Tina (Mark and Lisa's children)



Ben's daughter, Bryana, b. 8/29/01; Maria's son, Nathaniel, b. 7/7/00; Alex's daughters, Madison, b. 3/11/04, and Sydney, b. 12/1/05

taking care of cemetery flowers, from grocery shopping for the rectory residents to serving donuts and coffee on Memorial Day, and from counting Sunday collections to the American Legion Auxiliary stamp program to benefit veterans.

Elaine has lived a life of service to her family, church and community. St. Mary of

the Lake Church and the White Bear Lake Community have been blessed by Elaine's hard work and generous spirit. The Alumni Association is pleased to honor Elaine Jackson Weichman as a recipient of the 2006 St. Mary of the Lake Alumni Award. Congratulations, Elaine!



Amy Beggin, '99, was honored in May 2006 as one of three "Athletes of the Year" by the St. Paul Downtown Lions Club.

She was also chosen as a starter for the Pioneer Press All-State Softball Team. Amy will be attending the University of New Mexico, where she will play basketball. Congratulations, Amy!



Lucia Marinacel, '99, was the 2006 recipient of Hill-Murray's Benedictine Award. The award is presented annually to a senior girl who best demonstrates the Catholic school's ideals and life of Christian service. Lucia will be attending Macalester College in St. Paul. Congratulations, Lucia!

# The Heifer Hunger Hounds

(aka Ms. Cibazar's 5th grade Class)

By Anne Neuberger

"This is what Yahweh asks of you: to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

The students in grade 5B can tell you that 24,000 people die every single day of hunger related causes, that twelve million American families experience hunger, 380,000 Minnesotans are at risk of hunger, and that people in White Bear need 1,000 pounds of food each day from the local food shelf.

In religion class, the students explored hunger and its causes. As a parent volunteer I was privileged to work with them and their teacher, Patti Cibazar. We recognized food as a basic need, and learned that the Catholic Church teaches that all humans must have their basic needs met which is their right as children of God. We learned

that the Catholic Church teaches that people who have their basic needs have the responsibility to help those who do not. With that understanding, we prayed together and then set out to find a way to take our responsibility.

Recalling the proverb, 'if you give a man a fish, he eats for a day; if you give him a fishing pole, he eats for a lifetime,' we decided that giving food to the food shelf was like giving a fish. This was good and it was 'charity.' We learned about organizations like Heifer International (www.heifer.org), which provide people with tools, skills and livestock. This work is like the fishing pole, and this is 'justice.' We wanted to do both, and we needed others to work with us.

The fifth graders put on a presentation, complete with a skit, hunger statistics, a demonstration on the inequality of food dis-

tribution in the world, and a hunger rap song. They presented it to the rest of their schoolmates, asking them to join in to collect food for the food shelf and money for Heifer International. Each day they collected and weighed canned foods and added up monetary contributions.

At the end of the drive, they could take pride in how well they took their responsibility: they raised \$381 for justice and 353 pounds of food for charity. Most importantly, they had a new awareness of the world and a way to live justly and love tenderly.

Anne Neuberger is the mother of three alumni, Nick, Peter and Lucia Marinacel, and a current student, Elizabeth Marinacel. She is a freelance writer, mainly on subjects of social justice for children. See her work at [www.anne-neuberger.com](http://www.anne-neuberger.com).

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## Recipient of the 2006 Alumni Award and Friends of St. Mary's School Award

### Dave Markoe, '68

Dave Markoe was born into a family with significant St. Mary of the Lake Church history. In 1874, the summer cottage of his great-great-grandparents, William and Maria Markoe, was blessed and became the parish chapel until the first church was built in 1880. Now fast forward to the 1960s and young David Markoe is living next door to this cottage and walking to St. Mary's School with his neighborhood friends.

His siblings, Stephanie, Elizabeth, Peter and Sara all attended St. Mary's School and still live in the area, as do his parents, David, Sr. and Mary Markoe.

Dave graduated from St. Mary of the Lake School in 1968 having had some especially fun times making Esties rockets in science class with a pretty cool lay teacher. Dave also has some special memories of teachers, Mrs. Durand and Mr. Leo McAlpine. Following St. Mary's, Dave attended Saint Thomas Academy, graduating in 1972. He received a B.S. degree in Veterinary Science from the University of Minnesota and an M.B.A. from the University of St. Thomas.

Dave married Judy Johnson in 1979 and they have been parishioners at St. Mary's ever since. They have three children, all St. Mary's alumni: Betsy '94, John '97 and Tim, '06.

Dave currently works at 3M in the Drug Delivery Systems Division, which specializes in formulating new, environmentally friendly drugs for pharmaceutical clients.

At St. Mary's, Dave chaired the Vision 2005 Facilities committee, which led the architects, contractors, engineers and staff in planning and building the new Parish Life Center.

For many years he has been involved in youth activities at St. Mary's. He and daughter, Betsy, participated in several Workcamp adventures together and he also assisted in construction and repair skills training for the Work Campers. He coached baseball for several years for both sons, John's and Tim's teams in the White Bear recreation league (the team was composed entirely of St. Mary's students). When St. Mary's initiated their sports programs with the Middle School expansion, he coached the baseball team in their inaugural season, and has coached the basketball team for the past two seasons. In conjunction with the basketball team duties and with ample support from Athletics Director, Sandy Reibel, Dave instituted the first basketball clinic and basketball tournament at St. Mary's in the fantastic new gymnasium he helped to design. And it was through a common basketball connection that Dave and Judy were able to obtain Hill Murray's donation of two scoreboards we now have in our gymnasium. And thanks as well to an alumni parent, John Cox, who initiated the scoreboard idea and arranged for a McDonald's contribution to cover all the costs for installation.

Because of Dave's dedication, commitment and enthusiasm to making St. Mary of the Lake School and Parish Life Center the best place possible with great, welcoming athletic facilities, equipment and programs which have benefited not only St. Mary's students and parishioners but the community-at-large he was nominated and selected by St. Mary's school staff and also by the Alumni Board for both the Friends to St. Mary's School Award and the St. Mary's Alumni Award. Congratulations, Dave!!



## Congratulations!



At St. Mary of the Lake Church's Graduation Mass on June 4, 2006, parish high school graduates, Eita Langer (Hamline), Leigha Strumet (Carroll), Katie Reibel (Century), Andrea Evans (Augsburg), Caitlyn Thompson (St. Thomas) and Charlie Niemi (all members of St. Mary's school Class of 1999) gather for a parting picture.

