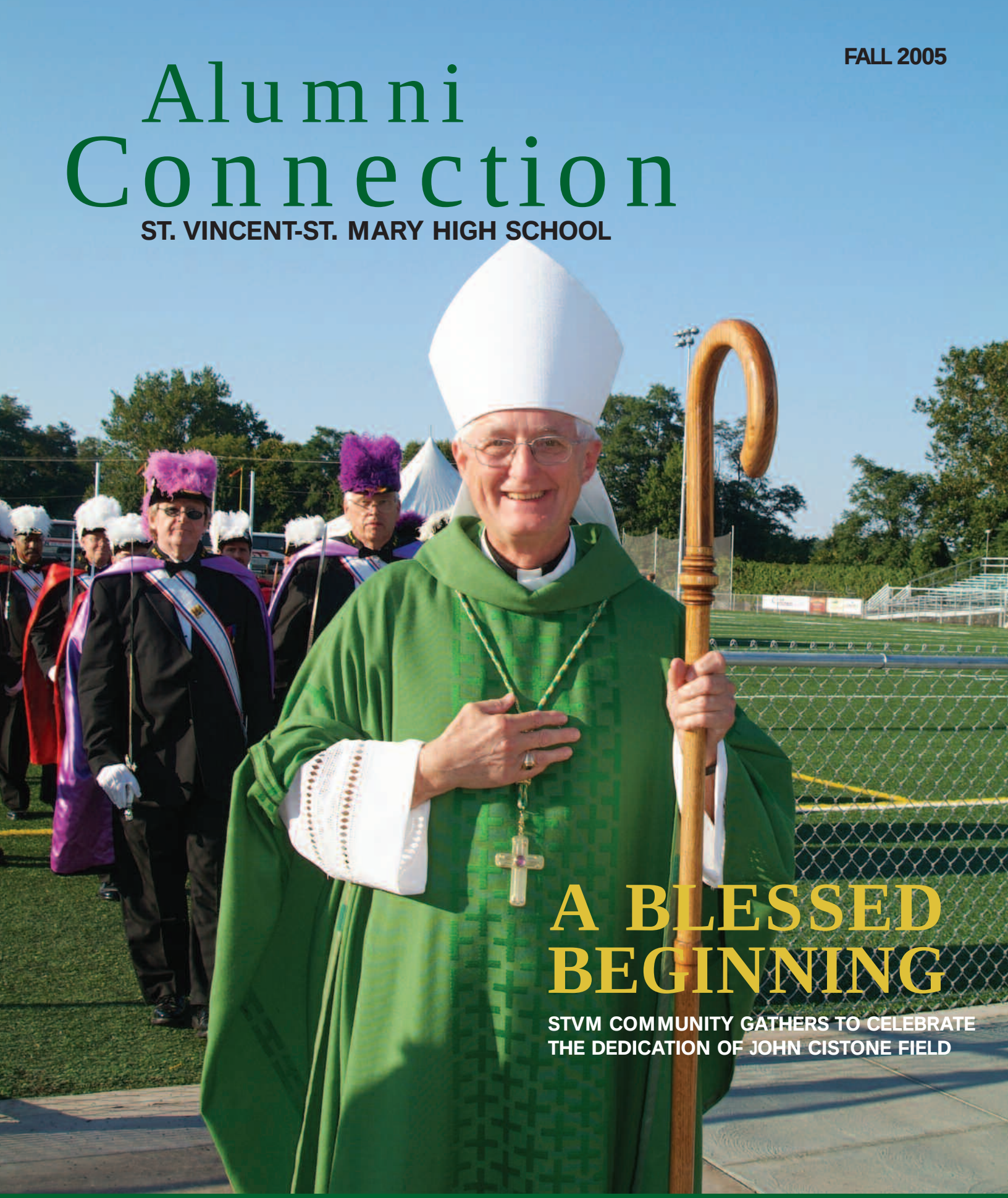
FALL 2005

Alumni Connection

ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL



A BLESSED BEGINNING

STVM COMMUNITY GATHERS TO CELEBRATE THE DEDICATION OF JOHN CISTONE FIELD

CLASS REUNIONS ALUMNI ALLEY SCHOOL EVENTS FALL SPORTS REVIEW

STV CLASS OF '50 REUNITES: DAVE AND ROSE MCMULLEN

SHOWCASE ANNA ROSE SHAFFER, KASEY SHAMMO, AND MARY KATE SHAFFER DANCE AT SHOWCASE.

2005 HOMECOMING COURT

FALL SPORTS ROUND-UP COACH WAKEFIELD IGNITES THE FIGHTING IRISH FOOTBALL TEAM.

IT'S HAPPENING HERE

IN THIS ISSUE

4 MASS AND FIELD BLESSING A host of the STVM community gathered September 10, 2005 to dedicate John Cistone Field.

10 FR. SAM CICCOLINI CELEBRATES 35 YEARS OF TOUGH LOVE Thirty-five years ago, Fr. Sam Ciccolini M60 founded Interval Brotherhood Home, a drug and alcohol treatment facility.

21 THANK YOU WERE MAGIC WORDS Shamrock Society Reception was an opportunity to thank those who support our school in so many different ways.

25 IRISH IN THE NEWS Read about how our students and faculty are making a difference each and every day.

1 FIRST WORD

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

It's time to renew your Alumni Association membership. It's time to become a dues paying member of the Alumni Association. Our fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th. Your dues help defray costs of alumni events, many of which are gratis like the Alumni Winter Night and the Alumni Memorial Mass; dues help fund the Alumni Association Scholarship; dues pay for Alumni Association sponsored events for the school like the Welcome Freshman Night and the Farewell Senior Mass; dues paying members who have provided their e-mail address receive the E-Connection cyber-newsletter. Join us!

Inspiring the Soul…You can be sure that this, the final declaration of our mission statement, represents more than words on our wall. Since the first days of the 2005-2006 school year, our school has been the setting of an outpouring of actions that inspire. The St. Vincent- St. Mary community - our students, faculty and staff, alumni, and friends - brings to life this most important piece of our mission statement: through the instant sacrifice and generosity for victims of the hurricanes; in the celebration of our newly renovated athletic stadium and field; from the buzz created by the upcoming annual canned food drive; by the public display of convictions of our students who participated in Life Chain (for the unborn) on Market Street. There are the many more moments of inspiration that go un-photographed and unpublished. From the expression of compassion given by classmates to students who have experienced family tragedies, to the simple day-to-day routine of the students who study hard all day and go to work after school to earn tuition money, the actions of our school-family inspire the soul.

HELLO, ALUMNI

The accomplishments of our alumni never fail to inspire. On the following pages read how our alumni compete athletically, get published, learn about leadership, and follow God's plan. See how the Alumni Soccer Game, the Alumni & Friends Tailgate Party, the Alumni Marching Band Reunion, and the multitude of class reunions ignited old friendships.

Inspiration comes in many packages. Plan to come back this fall and winter to witness the superb productions presented by the Leprechaun Theatre Guild, the wonderful music made by our talented choir and band, and the skill and sportsmanship put forth on the basketball courts and wrestling mat. You won't be disappointed. You will be inspired.

God Bless,
Jan Henry Bachmann M67
Alumni Coordinator

L-R: FRESHMEN ALYSSE DAMBROT, SAVANNAH NORMAN, CARLY MOLINELLI PUPPY-SIT FOR SHOWCASE

LARRY VUILLEMIN AND JOHN CISTONE

BACK ROW (L-R): PATTI BOUSCHERE MOLINELLI VM79, KAREN MARSHALL KAIM VM85, MERRYLOU WINDHORST, KATHLEEN JORDON HOHL VM85. FRONT ROW (L-R): JUDY GARRITANO WARE VM82, KATH GRAF VM81.

HOLD THE DATE

NOVEMBER 17-20
Leprechaun Theatre Guild presents *Farndale…Macbeth*
DECEMBER 7, 2005
Christmas Choir Concert
DECEMBER 14, 2005
Christmas Band Concert
DECEMBER 16, 2005
Leprechaun Theatre Guild presents Mystery Dinner
JANUARY 3, 2006
Alumni Winter Night after basketball game. Unveiling of Share the Vision Campaign recognition wall before basketball game
JANUARY 7, 2006
Columbus area alumni & friends gathering at Schottenstein Center during Basketball Classic
JANUARY 27, 2006
Mentoring Breakfast of Career Champions
MARCH 13, 2006
Alumni Memorial Mass
MARCH 22, 2006
Back Court Classic
APRIL 3, 2006
Alumni Association General Membership Meeting- Election of Officers
APRIL 26, 2006
Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Awards Dinner
MAY TBA
Senior Farewell Mass

MISSION STATEMENT

In the spirit of the Gospel, we are committed to educate the whole person to lead and to serve: enlightening the mind, developing the body, touching the heart, and inspiring the soul.

BUILDING ON TRADITIONS

WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN

The fall sports season is nearing an end. A successful season was enjoyed by all as we made the most of our home field advantage. Players and visitors alike are duly impressed by our beautiful new Green Street Stadium and John Cistone Field. What a spectacular view we have as we head down the hill approaching the field. The sparkling new bleachers, scoreboard, press box, ticket booth, fencing, landscaping, and pavilion all give our new sports complex a feeling of being in a first-class park. We owe a debt of gratitude to the multitude of men and woman who worked so hard all summer (many of whom are members of our own STVM community) who knew that no detail was too small to address.

The Center for Science & Technology (CST) is hopping! This first semester of CST use has been focused on the teaching of science literacy. Through their science classes, all students are receiving training in the use of various software programs that are used for experimentation, critical thinking and data gathering. All students will have learned and applied this training by November 2005. In the next semester, again through their science classes, students will rotate every three weeks through the technology labs applying the use of this technology in their research and experimentation.

Video conferencing is extending across the curriculum as teachers learn of ways to bring literature, arts and foreign lands into their daily lessons. Some of the video conferences held so far this year for our students include "Simple Machines" for 9th grade Physical Science, "Effects of Gravity on the Human Body" for 10th grade Biology, Comparisons of Volcanoes on Earth and Marsh for 11th grade Earth Science, and "Rocket Technology" for 12th grade Physics. Many more video conferences are already scheduled.

The training of our faculty in the use of Distance Learning Technology is also in progress. Many of our staff members are taking part in a University of Akron course "Ethics for the Professional Scientist" via distance learning classroom.

Clearly, we have a great beginning to the school's wonderful future, but it will take the rest of the St. Vincent-St. Mary High School community to ultimately get us to where the school wants to go. Please give generously, for the future of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School and each student's education truly is at stake.

"BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD" MAHATMA GHANDI

BISHOP AMOS CELEBRATES FIELD BLESSING MASS.
ABOVE RIGHT: THE NEW CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

MAYOR DON PLUSQUELLIC PRESENTS DAVID RATHZ WITH PROCLOMATION RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATION OF JOHN CISTONE FIELD.

MASS AND FIELD DEDICATION

SEPTEMBER 10, 2005

On September 11, 1949, an ambitious vision became a wonderful reality for St. Vincent and the Akron Community. Hundreds of boosters, alumni, family and friends looked on as Msgr. Conry celebrated the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at the newly built Green Street Stadium.

Fifty-six years after that blessing, a commitment to the combined traditions of St. Mary, St. Vincent, and St. Vincent- St. Mary High Schools is restored. The Most Reverend Martin J. Amos, Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland, celebrated mass and blessed the newly renovated stadium in the same fashion as before. A host of the St. Vincent-St. Mary community including faculty and staff members, alumni, and students and their families planned and participated in the special event. A host of the Akron community were on hand to help us celebrate including Donald Plusquellic, Mayor of Akron, representatives from City Council, The University of Akron, the Knights of Columbus and other dignitaries.

A very special thanks to Dave Ochsenhirt V69 and Mike Ochsenhirt V71, Construction Manager of the project and his crew for the countless hours of work and keen eye for planning to make the stadium an object of beauty finished right on time for the first kick off of the soccer season.

"I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ALL THE INDIVIDUALS WHO MADE THE NEW STADIUM A REALITY; ESPECIALLY MIKE OCHSENHIRT WHO WAS THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR. HE HAS TO BE COMMENDED FOR MAKING IT A STADIUM WITH CHARACTER. I HAVE MANY FOND MEMORIES OF THE 'OLD' GREEN STREET STADIUM. THERE WERE MANY GREAT GAMES PLAYED THERE BY MANY ATHLETES. THESE FORMER PLAYERS CREATED THE 'ST. VINCENT- ST. MARY TRADITION'. THEY CREATED FRIDAY NIGHT EXCITEMENT.
NOW THE PLAYERS OF THE NEW ERA HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE IN THE NEW STADIUM AND CONTINUE THE WINNING TRADITION FOR THE FUTURE. THE ECHOES OF THE OLD WILL BE HEARD IN THE NEW."

JOHN CISTONE

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL IS REDEDICATED

As part of the renovation of Green Street Stadium, the Veterans' Memorial, dedicated in 1994 to all those who served our country in the military, was relocated to the south end of the new field. The memorial was rededicated during the singing of the National Anthem prior to the football game on September 10, 2005. A wreath was placed at the memorial by the family of Jim Vinciguerra V67, who gave his life for his country in Viet Nam.

CLASS REUNIONS

THE ALUMNI OFFICE HELPS REUNION PLANNERS BY PROVIDING CLASS LISTS, MAILING LABELS AND OTHER INFORMATION. WE ENCOURAGE ALL REUNION COMMITTEES TO FORWARD ADDRESS UPDATES TO THE ALUMNI OFFICE TO HELP MAINTAIN OUR DATABASE. CONTACT JAN BACHMANN AT 330-253-9113 OR JBACHMANN@STVM.COM. FOR THE VERY LATEST IN REUNION INFORMATION, VISIT THE ALUMNI PAGE OF WWW.STVM.COM

ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1945
The date for the 2006 Mass for the living and deceased members of the St. V Class of 1945 at St. Vincent Church will be announced.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY MINI-REUNION
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1965
ALWAYS DECEMBER 26TH!
Contact Carol Lieb: clieb@kent.edu to be on the mailing list.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY MINI-REUNION
ST. MARY CLASS OF 1965
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2005 7PM at Longhitano's in Cuyahoga Falls

ANNUAL HOLIDAY MINI-REUNION
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1969
ALWAYS DECEMBER 28TH
7PM Rockne's in Fairlawn.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY MINI-REUNION
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1971
ALWAYS DECEMBER 26TH at Rockne's in Fairlawn!

55TH REUNION
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1951
FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2006
WELCOME! Martin Center, The University of Akron; Saturday, August 12, 2006 5:00 Mass at St. Vincent Church; Reunion Dinner at Sheraton Suites; Contact: Tom Hillery 330-836-6116 or Carl Dangel 330-873-1202

53RD REUNION
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1955
TENTATIVE DATE—SEPTEMBER 8 OR 9, 2006
Planning meetings at Papa Joe's in the Valley
For information contact: The Sturmis- 330-923-9212, Jack Kilway- 330-923-3990, Susie Straits- 330-836-8133, The Horvats- 330-882-5000, Joan McKim Kunklier- 330-865-6794

50TH REUNION-PLANNING
ST. MARY CLASS OF 1956
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2006
50's Night at the Sheraton Suites Saturday, September 16, 2006; Golf at Good Park Golf Course; Dinner/Dance at the Sheraton Suites Sunday, September 17, 2006; Mass at St. Mary Church followed by brunch in the school cafeteria. Contact Don Utrup at 330-334-4495 or dardonu@aol.com

50TH REUNION
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1956
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2006
6:00PM Sheraton Suites Cuyahoga Falls Saturday, September 9, 2006 5:00 Mass at St. Vincent Church; 7:00PM Dinner/Dance at Portage Country Club; Sunday, September 10, 2006 (optional); Brunch-Sheraton Suites Cuyahoga Falls; Contact:Carmen Garcia Crawford- 330-929-8881, Yolanda Stalcup Reeves- 330-864-1969

40TH REUNION PLANNING
ST. MARY CLASS OF 1967
It's time to get together in 2007! Please send your updated address and e-mail address to Jan Henry Bachmann in the alumni office.

20TH REUNION
ST. VINCENT- ST. MARY CLASS OF 1985
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2005 8:00 PM Jillian's Downtown; Saturday, November 26, 2005 5:00 Mass at St. Vincent Church; 6:30 PM Fairlawn Country Club; Contact Karen Marshall Kaim at 330-665-1896 or kkaim@babcox.com

Please help us find classmates from the ST. MARY CLASS OF 1956:
Thomas Clark
Janet Dierker Hall
Kathleen Higgins Case
Phillip Hixson
Martha James McEwen
Patricia Kelley
Barbara Kriston
Robert Reynolds
Richard Zimmerman

ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1956
Alma Brandt
Rainalda Beck Dukeman
Morayne Burkhardt
Arlene Elliott
Annette Roman Davis
Theodore Dunay
Lawrence Hohnhorst
Richard Keller
Delores Ruff Kraft
James Labbe
Leo Papineau
Robert Wathen

WE WELCOME PICTURES AND COMMENTS FROM ALL CLASS REUNIONS. A REPRESENTATIVE NUMBER OF PICTURES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE ALUMNI CONNECTION WHERE SPACE IS AVAILABLE. IF IDENTIFICATION OF PEOPLE IN THE PHOTOGRAPHS IS DESIRED BY THE CLASS, IT MUST BE PROVIDED WITH THE PICTURES.

2005-2006 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS
CHRIS DOUGHERTY MARKS V72
PRESIDENT
PATTI BOUSCHERE MOLINELLI VM79
PRES.-ELECT
LYNN ONDECKER HARRELL VM76
SECRETARY
JIM HADLEY V59
TREASURER

COMMITEE CHAIRS
DAVE DAGES VM78
SERVICE COMMITTEE CHAIR
SANTOSH KANAKKANATT VM78
SECONDARY EDUCATIONCOUNCIL CHAIR
MEG WITT LEE VM78
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR
CARLA BOUSCHERE STEINER VM77
MAHAR COMMITTEE CHAIR
MICHELLE ROSSI FREEMAN VM78
SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR
DICK LANG V56
MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR

AT LARGE MEMBERS
BRIAN KLUENDER VM04
MARY HOWARD M68
DAVID HOFACKER VM81

STV CLASS OF 1950

55TH REUNION SEPTEMBER 18, 2005

After Mass at St. Vincent Church, celebrated by classmate, Fr. Thomas McGovern, the class met for a casual brunch at the Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls. Forty-three people attended, twenty-six were classmates. Sue Myers Lynch traveled the farthest coming from Florida. Pat Minkel Mueller also made the trip from Michigan. When Sr. Mary Elizabeth (formerly Sr. Aloysius) stood and said, "Good afternoon everyone", the classmates chimed "Good afternoon, Sr. Aloysius", just like they were taught to do in Catholic school. A good laugh was had by all. Sr. Loretta also attended as did classmate Sr. Martha Leydon. Many thanks to Marlene Poje Dunford and Grace DeLuca Spada for organizing the wonderful gathering.

ROW 1

ROW 2

ROW 3

PICTURED BEGINNING ROW 1 TOP: PAT GANNON AND JOHN FIOLA; FR. THOMAS MCGOVERN AND JIM MCKIM; TONI SCHOOL, SISSIE DUGAN AND JANE VAUGHN.

ROW 2: JOAN AND JIM JOHNSON; MARY GRACE DELUCA SPADA; MARLENE POJE DUMFORD AND DAN DUMFORD; TRUDY AND STEVE KOVAL; SR. LORETTA AND SR. MARY ELIZABETH.

ROW 3: ANGIE LU PENTA RYAN AND RITA RUHMANSECKI LIVERS; PAT SCOTT TAYLOR AND KAY GRESOCK MCCURTY; KATHY AND FRED OST; PAT MICKLE MUELLER AND SR. MARTHA LEYDEN.

ROW 1 (L-R): LARRY SAHL, FRAN MORRISON (STOCK), TED ATTALLA, BETH ROTUNDA, ALICE DOMINIC (FILING), JOAN HENLEY (LAFORGE), MARY MESSNER (FARKAS), JOE PANGBURN, JONI PAULUS (MILLS), MARY T. EAGAN (FORESTER), ROSE MANTE (KAISER), BERNADINE PHALEN (SPRINGFIELD), SHIRLEY STACICK (RUPPEL), CHARLENE (STROTTNER) BROCK. ROW 2 (L-R): ALICE LAWS (DELAGRANGE), RUDY SOPPI, ANNA MARIE GROM (DALZIEL), JOHN HORVATH, BARBARA KLOTZ (KAPPER), MIKE DONAHUE, SHEILA OSTERMAN, DONNA GEISLER (BECHTEL), JOAN MCELHENY (STOLTZ), CAROL VORNDRAN (WOLFF). 3RD ROW (L-R): BUTCH FRANK, BILLBUTKE, DAVE HIBINGER, DAVE ESTEFEN, JOAN CASEHISER (WEIST), BARBARA LYONS (RIBICH), PAT SIWIK (ROMANOVICH), CHARLENE HERMAN (KING), RITA WEBB (LYONS). ROW 4 (L-R): LEO WEAKLAND, JOHN RAINEY, LARRY LOGSDON, JOHN NEFF, CARL HILT, H. MANION (SHIPLETT), WILLIAM MALLARDI, JIM DIETRICH, BOB LUXEDER, JACK STEWART, MARY CARR (WILEY), ROSEMARY DARDEN (NEITZ), NEIL O'DONNELL.

STM CLASS OF 1955

50TH REUNION AUGUST 12-14, 2005

St. Mary Class of 1955 held their Golden class reunion weekend by going casual on Friday, August 12th at the Hibernian Club followed by a dinner/dance at Prestwick Country Club on Saturday, August 13th and culminating with Mass at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, August 14th.

BILL AND PAT BUTKE

BOB LUXEDER, AND MR. AND MRS. LARRY SAAL

ROW 1: BARNEY GANNON, CAROLE LABBE, DICK MCGUCKIN, MARILYN COLLINS, JIM ROBB, PATRICIA BOLES, ED TOTH, JOHN ZAMPINO. ROW 2: FRAN TIMLIN, THERESA SEMAN, CAROL FASSNACHT, JANICE FARRIS, MARILYN RETT, DANIEL FIGLIOLA, GERRI KING, CAROL KRUMMEL, JEANNE SKIDMORE, PATSY MEADOWS, MARY CODISPOTI. ROW 3: DENNIS FAGAN, DAN METZ, JIM DAMERON, RALPH MATSINGER, MIKE FLYNN, ANTOINETTE BENKO, GENEROSE GILL. ROW 4: LENORE ZITO, ROBERT FRIEDL, JOE KORMANIK, CHUCK HOUSE, EDWARD ROLPH, TED ATTALLA, PAT GIST.

STV CLASS OF 1955

GOLDEN REUNION HELD SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2005

Submitted by Dick McGuckin

St. Vincent Class of 1955 held its Golden Anniversary reunion September 9th - 11th. On Friday evening, the class members took great pleasure in returning to the Student Center at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, the scene of the 20th reunion, for a wonderful informal gathering. On Saturday night, the class gathered for 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Vincent Church prior to the formal dinner dance at Fairlawn Country Club which proved to be a resounding success. Sunday morning found some of the classmates meeting for an informal brunch at the Hilton Inn to end a most successful weekend. The 50 years passed much too quickly as did this wonderful weekend.

ROW 1: MIKE ALDRICH, ANNE WALTER, CHARLOTTE SALEM, FRAN VORWERK, JERRY DONNELLY, PAT SHAND, EILEEN MCALEESE, JACKIE MAROON. ROW 2: DENISE DORRAUGH, LINDA LEMBO, MARJORIE SPINDELL, LINDA THOMAS, JUDY BEAR, PEGGY SHERMAN, ZAUNIA BECKER, MARY LOU RICHARDS, NOEL STURMI, PATTY GRIFA. ROW 3: MARGARET MARSHALL, JOSEPH STEFAN, FRANK KRIEGER, PAUL SALEM, TERRY MURPHY, ALICE GERSNA, ROSEMARY MCNELLIS. ROW 4: PAUL DOLENSKY, JERRY BOUDREAUX, PAUL PFEIL, CARL REISH, PAT MCGUCKIN, JANET BECK, MIKE CONWAY, BILL WEIST, JUDY HESIDENCE.

STM CLASS OF 1965

40TH REUNION AUGUST 5-7, 2005

The M65 40th Class Reunion was a resounding success with the largest turnout of classmates since the 10th reunion. Our class was coed for the first two years of high school and then became an all girls" class. Both guys and gals from the class "came home" and enjoyed a celebratory weekend.

During our freshman year St. M won the State Championship in football. This championship was specially remembered with copies of the 1961 St. M Football Banquet program being distributed on Saturday night.

The weekend was launched Friday August 5 with an evening Mass at St. Mary Church that included participation by class members, class prayer intentions, and commemoration of deceased classmates. The mass ended with singing "The Bells of St. Mary" and then everyone toured the school evoking many memories.

An energetic party at Stonehedge followed and numerous classmates and friends dropped in to celebrate by sharing stories and capturing memories with photos.

On Saturday the Crusaders and their guests renewed friendships at a dinner and dance at Todaro's. Memorabilia set the stage by turning back the hands of time. Thanks to the STVM staff, Crusader Football graphics gave focus to the display area.

One of the most cherished memories of St. Mary's was dancing in the gym during lunchtime and the spirit this activity generated. Once again everyone danced the night away with popular songs from our teens and more contemporary ones. The song "He's A Rebel" sparks a special memory of St. Mary's as it was popular tune during lunchtime dancing. Once again we danced and sang to our anthem and it was replayed as a finale. The night was then capped by singing "The Bells of St. Mary."

A class website that launched late in 2004 and the planning of a garden area in honor of our class served to inspire and bring our class together. It was truly a remarkable time and a weekend that will be remembered forever.

Submitted by Trish Ostroski

ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FR. SAM CICCOLINI M60

CELEBRATES 35 YEARS OF TOUGH LOVE

Thirty–five years ago, Fr. Sam Ciccolini M60 gave the Akron area something special. On October 7, 1970, Interval Brotherhood Home (IBH) was founded in a former monastery in Coventry Township by Fr. Sam, as he is known to the residents of the drug and alcohol treatment facility.

When Fr. Sam was a senior at St. Mary High School, he was considering a career in music. He was an accomplished, competition winning organist after all. He also thought about the priesthood. One day, Msgr. Price, pastor of St. Mary Church, pulled Sam out of class and told him that he would make a good priest. Up to that point, Sam didn't think Msgr. Price knew he existed, but his respect for this priest's wisdom tipped the scale and he went on to become Fr. Sam. The decision to help the down and out was inspired by the lives devastated by "drink" that he witnessed in his childhood neighborhood. Since then, Fr. Sam has devoted more than half of his life trying to make a difference to men and women who are recovering drug and alcohol addicts.

Since IBH's beginning, 8,000 addicts have completed the rehabilitation program. Not all who come finish the program, but Fr. Sam is not the type to get discouraged. Those who complete the program leave with the fundamentals to start life clean and sober, with awareness about their addiction, knowledge of the 12-step program of Alcoholics Anonymous, self and community responsibilities, anger management, and basic life skills.

IBH residents arrive with little or nothing. Although IBH receives some county and state funding, all capital improvements, that is everything your touch, feel, and see, come from donations. Fr. Sam is described as a tireless salesman who has the power of persuasion and manages to get what the residents need. It is all a part of what has kept things going for 35 years.

Simply put, Fr. Sam believes that he is doing what God wants him to do. Fr. Sam has no intention of retiring. "This is my life", he says. The people he has helped and the Akron community are eternally grateful that Fr. Sam heeded the call that he did as he continues to be a vital part of the existence of the Interval Brotherhood Home.

STVM'S 1ST ANNUAL "BREAKFAST OF CAREER CHAMPIONS"

STVM's 1st Annual "Breakfast of Career Champions" will be held on Friday, January 27th, 2006 from 7-8:30am in the Student Center.

We are looking for alumni interested in speaking about their career fields: arts/sciences, medicine, business, communications, education, engineering, fine arts. Please contact Sarah Lopienski at slopienski@stvm.com or call 330-253-9113 ext. 37.

ATHLETICS

Sibling Irish alums, Anne McGovern V65 and Bob McDonald V67, joined 10,000 other "geezer jocks" at the 2005 National Senior Games in Pittsburgh.

Anne placed 11th in the 50 yard backstroke. She also competed in the 50, 100, and 200 yard freestyle. Anne is currently the boys and girls diving coach at Western Reserve Academy in Hudson, OH.

Bob placed 10th in the 100 yard backstroke and 11th in the 50 yard backstroke. He also swam the 50 and 100 yard breaststroke.

ANNE MCGOVERN V65 AND BOB MCDONALD V67 COMPETE AT 2005 SENIOR GAMES.

AUTHORS

A book titled *Winning Texas Hold'em* authored by Matt Maroon VM98 was published in October and is available in major bookstores.

COLLEGE STUDIES

As a result of hard work and hard study, Jud Rambaud 04 has been offered a full scholarship from Eastern Michigan University where he is a sophomore with a major in Aviation Flight Science and a minor in Military Science through Army ROTC. Jud has also been helping with the wrestling program at the local high school in Canton, MI where he was offered an assistant coaching position.

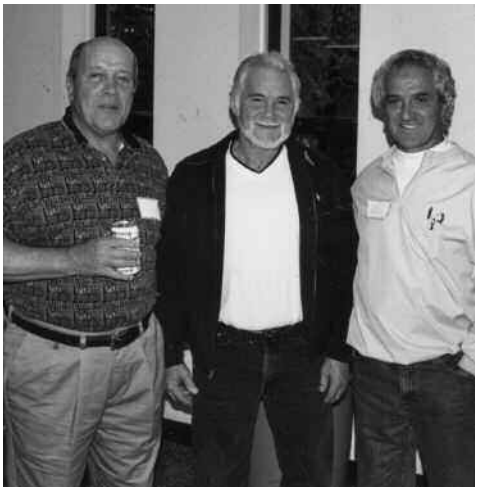
SOCCER REUNION

The 2005 Alumni Soccer Game & Reunion was held on Saturday, August 13, 2005, at the newly renovated Cistone Field. Approximately 50 alumni men and women soccer players attended and played against the current STVM soccer teams. The women were coached by "Big Bad" Bob Bertsch V67 and the men were coached by "SOS" Santosh Kanakkanatt VM78. The alumni teams played admirably against the current students, but lost to the youngsters and Mother Nature when the rain came during the men's game.

WOMEN ALUMNI TEAM MEMBERS INCLUDE: Mary Bertsch VM96, Brittany Bica VM04, Mary Breiding VM83, Anne Morgan Dennee VM89, Angela Dilorio VM05, Patty Gilchrist VM01, Melanie Goss VM99, Katy Bertsch Hartnell VM97, Jessica Healy VM05, Michelle Huff Hemberger VM89, Amanda Miller VM02 Kelly Neumann VM04, Christie Sullivan VM03, Tiffany Sullivan VM01, Melissa Trecaso VM02, Mia Wood VM03, Amy Zarycki VM04, Michelle Zrebiec VM05

MEN ALUMNI TEAM MEMBERS INCLUDE: Andrew Bremer VM00, Dave Gupta VM91, Paul Heaverly VM05, David Hofacker VM81, Ryan Inama VM03, Anthony Jagazinski VM93, Ryan Kennedy VM99, Tim Kirk VM81, Michael Kirk VM83, Mike Klein VM77, Tom Klein VM05, Patrick LeitnerVM00, Bill McDonald VM00, Michael McNeill VM05, ZachNeumann VM05, Thomas Obreza VM01, Andrew Obreza VM97, Ben Olechnowicz VM99, Eric Peterson VM90, Dennis Roberts VM89, John Sabol VM84, Daniel Sheppard VM05, Chris Sivak VM84, Ed Spreitzer VM87, William Sullivan VM03, Jeff Taylor VM91, Mike Taylor VM95, Vincent Tricomi VM97, Cyrus Weigand VM99, Rob Williamson VM99, Joel Wood VM99, Patty Gilchrist VM01, Melanie Goss VM99, Katy Bertsch Hartnell VM97, Jessica Healy VM05, Michelle Huff Hemberger VM89, Amanda Miller VM02, Kelly Neumann VM04, Christie Sullivan VM03, Tiffany Sullivan VM01, Melissa Trecaso VM02, Mia Wood VM03, Amy Zarycki VM04, Michelle Zrebiec VM05

ST. MARY FOOTBALLERS RELIVE PAST GLORIES



Over 70 former St. Mary's football players gathered to relive past glories October 16, 2005. Attendees enjoyed game films and memories of the rich tradion of Crusader football.

PICTURED L-R: RON HICKMAN M61, JOE RICHARDSON M61 AND JIM BRACCIO M61; LOU PERRY M56 AND BOB DANGEL M55; JIM DATA M50 AND BILL DATA M55.

PICTURED IN PHOTO L-R: CHRISTAVUS DOMINIC VM89, TOM LEFEVRE V56, LORETTA POJE LEFEVRE V46, LUANNE ULLE TOTH VM81, BILL BUNGARD V71

ALUMNI MARCHING BAND REUNION 2005

Homecoming brought out the best of Friday night football. The best includes the spirit raised by the Fighting Irish Marching Band. More than twenty alumni band members fell into step with the current band to make beautiful music for the Homecoming court, a victorious football team, and an always enthusiastic crowd of fans.

Prior to the game, a reunion reception for marching band members was held in the school. The attendees included band-mates, Tom LeFevre V45, trumpeter for the band during his high school years and his wife, Loretta Poje LeFevre V46, head majorette for the band in 1946.

If you couldn't make it this year, polish your brass, practice your chords, and plan to come to Homecoming 2006!

AND INTRODUCING THE 2005-06 MARCHING BAND

GIVING

DONATIONS FROM JUNE 16, 2005 THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 2005

Judith Abdallah M65
Roy K. AllenAl J. Amer, Jr. V47
Mary Ellen Amer V48
Anonymous
Nick Antonino V56
Duane Ausetts M60
Mariltn L. Averell
Ted Babiy V57
Jannis Henry Bachmann V67
George W. Bachmann III
Jack Bader V41
Barbara Bader V41
Patricia Heslop-Baker
Marie Raasch Baker V52
Catherine Baltes V46
Friends from the City of Barberton
Sharon Christ Barrett
Matt & Gerry Battista
Raymond Bebb V52
Kathleen Tighe Bedell VM73
Kathleen R. Beer VM80
Frank C. Beer
Carol A. Beiswenger V55
James T. Bennett VM76
Nancy B. Bennett
Ralph L. Bernard
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Bezon
Loreen Biasella
Anne Bickett M67
The Bickett Family
Kay & R.H. Bockbrader
Mary Bouschere
Ann Amer Brennan
David Brennan V49
Mrs. Baird C. Brookhart
Dolores A. Brookover M65
Amy Brown VM00
Edward Brown V65
Maureen J. Brown
Robert B. Brownfield III VM03
Emma Jane & Harold Bujorian
William L. Bungard V71
Barbara J. Bungard
Eileen E. Burg V63
Ken Butler V66
Robin Butler
William R. Campbell V63
Sheila M. Campbell
Loretta Carlisle M58
Robert Carlisle M58
Dave Carlos V50
Eleanor Carlos
Thomas M. Carone VM77
Jim & Cathy Carpenter
Dr. & Mrs. Larry Cervino
Fred & Diane Chopko
Amy Burg Cole VM87
Mary Coletta
Mike & Jean Conroy
Thomas P. Considine V53
Dr. & Mrs. Sidney Corbin
Ted Curtis
Donald Dages VM77
Mary Ellen Dages VM77
C. Carl Dangel V51
Joanie T. Dangel V51
Rita A. Daniels
Barbara A. Dannemiller M54
Vern J. Dannemiller
Thomas E. Dannemiller V48
Joseph & Theresa Darcy
Sharon & Dick Darmstadt
Mr. & Mrs. John A. Darmstadt
Thomas E. Davenport
Bruce DeBarr
Kathy DeBarr V59
Debbie K. Deidrick
Stephanie Deneff V44
John A. Devany, M.D. V47
Thomas J. Dillon M49
Bob Donatelli V62
Connie Donatelli
Donna Marie Dowler M65
Cameron & Karen Elliott
Dr. Carol Engler
Edward M. Engler
Timothy J. Enright V63
Domenic Esposito
Joseph J. Estafen V63
Tom & Sue Fettig
Jack R. Fetzer
Daniel D. Figliola V55
Jane A. Figliola
June Walsh Fitz V61
Thomas Fitz V61
Mr. & Mrs. Charles M. Fletcher
J. Floto, Jr. VM78
Denise Floto
Estate of Mary E. Flynn V38
John Fongheiser
Paul Fongheiser V66
Dorothy L. Schoettlin
John T. Frankfurth
Aris W. Franklin, M.D.
Nicole Frey
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Fulkerson
Helen Gaffney V69
Dennis Gaffney V68
Mary Jean Garrett V40
Steve Garritano VM79
Philip F. George, Jr. VM77
David George V59
Mary J. Gerhart
Geraldine Gill V56
Carol A. Gill M67
Pam Godshalk
Mary Good & Nick Miller
Mary Jo & Wane Goss
Fritz & Rita Graf V40
Don Haddox M59
Lorrie Haddox M64
Jim Hadley V59
J. Michael Halaiko V68
E. Janie Halaiko V70
Barb & Mike Halbrouk
Maureen Harrigal V65
Mr. & Mrs. James S. Hartenstein
Janet Walsh Hascek V57
Lillian Hazlett
Mr. Claud Hendon VM80
Michael J. Herndon
William Hilkert V39
Mary Louise Hilkert V39
Thomas J. Hillery V51
Joellen Hillery V51
Dr. Thomas & Rose Hlivko
Dr. Richard Hofacker VM77
Joseph Hoffmann V58
Mary Howard M68
Paul A. Hummel
Teresa Isaac VM81
John W. Jahant V43
George E. Jakubiak V47
Kathleen Ryan Jones V59
Mary Lou Baker Jones V66
Jeffrey A. Kase M.D. V66
Mary Kase V66
Dr. David Kelly V68
Vinceena Kelly V68
Jerry Kelly
David C. Kline V43
Thelma L. Kline
Thomas A. Kolb V69
Mary Kay Kolb
Terry & Ann Konich
Rev. Joseph H. Kraker
T.J. Kukk
Barbara R. Laughlin V58
Mariwin Linsenmayer VM75
Job & Cathie Lippincott
Dennis & Joyce Lovas
Loretta A. Lyons M26
Louis D. Maglione VM87
Louis A. Maglione V58
Mary Jean Maglione V58
Hank Mancino
Thomas Marks V72
Christine Marks V72
David & Constance Marucco
William J. Mattingly V56
Linda Mattingly V57
Ken McDonald VM76
Peggy McDonald VM73
Jennifer McElhaney
Richard B. McGuckin V55
Janet D. McGuckin
David A. Meeker V57
Anita M. Meeker
J. Howard Mehigan V54
Jennie Mehigan V60
Fr. Edward E. Mehok V49
Helen Mellion
Laureen Mellion VM77
James B. Messmore V43
Mick Metker V56
Ed Metzger V49
Lynn Metzger
James H. & Eva Miller
Michael & Claudette Mion
F. Edward Moore V48
Ivan & Rita Morber
Thomas L. Mosher V71
Mr. & Mrs. T.J. Moyer
Dr. John J. Murphy V45
Cheryl & Joe Murphy
Barbara A. Neman V58
Robert G. Nemer V48
Robert C. Nicol, D.D.S.
Claire Dannemiller Nolan V43
H. Robert & Patricia Oberlin
Michael Ochsenhirt V71
Pola Ochsenhirt V71
James F. O'Neil V40
Mary Helen O'Neil
Patience J. O'Neil V42
Robert O. & Annamae Orr Family Foundation
Fred J. Ost V50
Gilda Pace M48
Joseph Pace
Ruth E. Peters M65
Bill & Kathy Phelps
Carol Dukeman Piacenti M65
Joseph L. Piglia
Pete Piglia V56
Cynthia Clark Porter V68
Jim & Dana Pulk
Julie A. Randall V56
John Randall
David V. Rathz
Marilyn J. Reaman
Pat Reaman
Mike Reaman
Tom & Tammy Reaman
Ed & Linda Reaman
Edna & Paul Reaman
Bob & Joanne Reaman
David & Barbara Reaman
Thomas J. Reese
Kathleen M. Rennie V68
Robert C. Reymann V46
Frank Ricker V68
Bernie Rochford VM76
Rita Rochford
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Rubino
Alice & Steve Samartgedes
Robert H. Schlabig V51
Nancy Sear Sharp V68
John Sharp
Christine Silecchia
Doris Gibson Simonis V48
Michele Smith VM84
St. Mary Class of 1965
Jean Staudt V40
Betty Steel V56
Frank Steel V56
Carla Bouschere Steiner VM77
Dan Steiner
Sean Steiner VM02
John Stephenson V60
Vicki Stephenson
Vincent M. Sullivan VM80
Katherine Testa
Robert & Norma Thoman
Ralph E. Trecaso VM79
Joan E. Trecaso
Tony Tricomi
Ollie Turner
Donald P. Utrup M56
Darlene M. Utrup
Joseph VanDevere V49
Larry & Carolyn Varner
Jeremy Varner VM88
Tracy Varner
St. Vincent Class of 1955
George N. Verlaney
Edward Vielhaber V43
Lola J. Vincent
Jean McGrath Vondemkamp V48
Burton R. Waldorf
Larry Walsh V44
Donald L. Walter V38
Leo G. Walter III VM76
Ted Walter VM77
Richard J. Waltz M54
Beverly A. Waltz M54
Judith A. Watson M65
Frances Arnold Weaver V56
Kathleen Gill Weber M65
Ann Marie Kane Wells VM85
Kathleen Kalaman Welsh V70
Tom Welsh
Ray & Marty Wernig
Mary McGlinchy Williams V56
Gloria Wilson
Bob & Joanne Wiseman V69

Jane L. Wolf
David & Camille Wood
Joanne Zaratsian
Rev. B. Thomas Zeisig M49
Patricia L. Zeno

Boeing Gift Matching Program
Charles Schwab Foundation
Children's Hospital Employee Foundation
Gencorp Foundation
Knight Ridder Matching Gifts Program
The Lubrizol Foundation
Magic City Kiwanis Club
Merck Company Foundation
Omnova Foundation
Ritchie Trust & Memorial Fund

HONOR/ MEMORIAL GIFTS

ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY IS THE RECIPIENT OF GENEROUS GIFTS IN THE MEMORY OF :

Norman Singleton
Sandy Singleton Smith
Dr. Frank Mellion
Vincent Delagrange
Jim Kelly
Florence A. Bernard
O'Dell Daniels
Wendy Hatala Graef
Ray Tricomi
Crucian Riccardi

IN HONOR OF THE WEDDING OF

Ed & Maureen Russell

FOUND

SCRAPBOOK WITH PHOTOS FROM 1981-82

A large brown leather-look photo album containing pictures of school days at STVM in 1981-1982 has been turned into the Alumni Office. Photos include the homecoming court and dance, Halloween party, the trip to New Orleans, prom, and family wedding and holiday pictures. It was found lying on the curb in the vicinity of Immaculate Conception Church in the Kenmore area. If you think it may be yours, call Jan in the Alumni Office.

THE SKY'S NO LIMIT

Results of research recently published by Don Overs V46 of South Park, PA, Dr. Alex Dessler of the University of Arizona, and Bill Appleby of Albany NY are featured in a National Geographic TV Channel special. Their findings correct recently widely held misconceptions regarding the fire which destroyed the airship Hindenburg nearly seven decades ago. Filming was done at Lakehurst NAES and also in Germany and in the UK. The film is one of a series titled *Seconds from Disaster.*

Don also supplied and piloted the balloon in the pioneer large screen IMAX movie, *To Fly*. The film has been exhibited worldwide and, for thirty years, has shown at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington DC, where it continues to set new records daily as the longest run at one location of any pay-per-view film in history. By its 25th anniversary, it had been seen by over a hundred million people and had become the highest grossing documentary film ever. *To Fly* was inducted into the IMAX Hall of fame in 2001. The Library of Congress, in 1996, added *To Fly* to the National Film Registry for preservation, its collection of the most important films of the twentieth century.

PICTUREDTO LEFT: DON OVERS V46, 1920S NAVAL AIRSHIP PIONEER JOHN IANNACONE, AND ALEX DESSLER IN FRONT OF THE HINDENBURG GONDOLA REPLICA AT LAKEHURST NAVAL AIR ENGINEERING STATION, NEW JERSEY, JULY 2005.

ON THE AIR

CHRISTAVUS DOMINIC VM89

Christavus Dominic VM89 was named Account Executive for Clear Channel Broadcasting in Cleveland, Ohio. He will be working with the #1 rated Cleveland/ Akron station 95.6 Kiss FM maintaining current advertising accounts and developing new ones.

A St. Vincent-St. Mary alumnus and a Master's candidate in the Arts Administration/ Management program at the University of Akron, Chris has just recently finished his Master's course work in Arts Administration. A married father of four, Chris participated in the Akron Urban League's job readiness training program and gives credit to them for being there when no one else was.

In addition, Chris was named Distinguished Executive by the Boy Scouts of America in 2000, 2001 and 2002, as well as gold and platinum level achiever within the Region. He is also certified by the National BSA to conduct trainings for part time staff members who work within the inner cities of America.

Chris was one of the youngest people to take the position of Director for the Boy Scouts of America's Urban Scouting Program of the Great Trail Council. One of the goals he wishes to accomplish with the Boy Scouts is to establish a Whitney Young Awards Dinner to honor those who have devoted their time working with the Urban Scouting Program. With the help of Scoutreach Coordinators, he is working to develop a Drum Corps, entertainment recording project, and many other programs that he believes will keep youth attracted to scouting. As he says, "You have to think outside the box."

Chris never denies the real life hard knocks he has taken. He has gone through personal growing pains and recovered full circle into church where he is currently a member of House of the Lord.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

FORMER STVM ART TEACHER CAROLE LEIBOWITZ GIVES THANKS

Dear Alumni and Friends of the Irish,

It's been five years since I retired from teaching Art at STVM. Not a week goes by that I don't run into a former student, parent or friend of our dear Irish community which brings back a wealth of memories. I was especially moved when I read a recent Alumni Connection and saw photos and read names that brought me back to the early years when our present building was brand new and there were no walls separating the classrooms…memories of having two buildings, moving to our present facility, dances in the Social Center and one cannot forget our many senior class trips to the beloved city of New Orleans.

I am compelled to write to thank all of you for giving me the wonderful opportunity to be a part of the Irish community for my entire career. You not only added to my teaching experience, but more importantly, the time spent at STVM gave me the opportunity to get to know so many wonderful people (students, parents, alumni). It allowed me to learn what community / family was all about. I came to STVM in 1971 as a young teacher and left in 2000 with not only a fulfilling career, but a better understanding of life, love, spirituality and God. We all know that our school is rich with ups and downs, but we are destined for survival and success because of the care, devotion, loyalty, and love of strong values and rich traditions accumulated over one hundred years of combined history.

I continue to be a strong advocate of the arts in education. As I volunteer in the Art Room, I still see, feel and am moved by the leadership and love that sustains the Irish community. It amazes me how many students have gone into the field of Art. STVM should be commended for the support and encouragement it gives to students who follow this unique path. I would like to establish some "who, what, and where" data on the school's former art students. I would also like to create a support group for our current Art Department, the department chair of whom is one of my former students, Mrs. Rita Sferra Lancianese VM81. I am including my e-mail address and would love to hear from those of you I had in class or met along the way during my 29 years at STVM. If anyone is interested in volunteering time, talent, and ideas to help start the group, please drop me a note.

In the meantime, the holidays are before us and I wish you all a wonderful year of good health, joy, and peace. Thank you again for allowing me to be a part of the Irish family. My heart will always be filled with green and gold traditions. I offer you my handshake.

May Peace Be With All of You.

Carol A. Leibowitz
STVM Art Teacher 1971-2000
E-Mail Address: molsohana@aol.com
(Please include "STVM" in the subject line of your e-mail so that I know not to delete.)

COMING SOON

THE OLD MR. HANSON TRILOGY

A book written by St. Vincent - St. Mary High School English teacher and published author, Shawn-Paul Allison, is scheduled for release during December 2005. It is an eclectic collection of short stories whose main character, Mr. Hanson, takes you to far away places with mystery, mayhem, and humor packed in his travel baggage. Another section of short stories includes various styles aimed to please. This is a "must read" for former students.

Check Amazon.com for *The Old Mr. Hanson Trilogies* between mid to late December. Approximate cost is $15.95.

NEW DIRECTORY COMING IN 2007

St. Vincent-St. Mary High School has selected University Publishing Company (UPC) to publish a revised and updated directory in 2007. UPC specializes in the publication of high school, college and professional school directories nationwide. Their unique methods will allow us to provide an attractive and accurate directory to all participating alumni at no cost to the school. The program will be funded by your voluntary contributions.

Watch the mail in the new year for more information. Your participation will be simply a matter of completing and returning an information card. You also will receive a request for a contribution specifically to support the directory program. Your enthusiastic response is crucial to the success of the program. Distribution is scheduled for early 2007.

REMEMBERING NEW ORLEANS

There is a special connection between the city of New Orleans and St. Vincent- St. Mary High School. From 1968 to 1993, the seniors of St. Vincent High School and STVM took their class trips to the Big Easy. Hospitality was given to our students and memories were made as these yearbook photos confirm. Therefore, when Hurricane Katrina devastated the city, these classes wanted to help. On behalf of Catholic Charities USA, the school collected money for Katrina Relief. As usual, our alumni rose to the challenge by donating to this fund. In addition, Julianna Leber Finney VM89 organized a benefit Cajun dinner that was held at Immaculate Heart of Mary social hall with proceeds going to Catholic Charities USA. The St. Vincent-St. Mary community can always be counted upon to give a helping hand.

LEBRON JAMES RESPONDS

As a supporter of many local charities for youth, LeBron James VM03 was ready when Hurricane Katrina struck. Coordinating the effort with Roadway Express, the Akron Salvation Army and members of 100 Black Men of America, he bought the supplies that filled four tractor trailer trucks. He also helped load the trucks with items especially for children, women and elderly. Destined for shelters in the south, the trucks were sent to the University of Houston, to port Allen, LA, and to Biloxi, MS. And he didn't stop there. LeBron helped deliver the items and personally visited many of the evacuees. LeBron also donated school supplies to families who found themselves seeking refuge from the storm in the Akron area.

THANK YOU

"I would like to send out my most heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all the alumni who responded to the call for help after hurricanes Katrina and Rita and attended/donated to the Cajun Dinner Benefit. The event, held at IHM Church in September, was a way to give back to New Orleans. The historic city was the background for more than two decades of St. V and STVM seniors getting ready for new adventures in life.

The alumni response showed a true sense of school and class pride, while demonstrating to the STVM student volunteers how to be aware of social responsibility and put it to into action.

Thank you to IHM Church, my family, the Breiding family, all the volunteer friends and neighbors, and especially Anne Morgan Dennee VM89 for all her help, decorating, and mobilizing our class.

Finally, to all the alumni in the hurricane areas, we are thinking about you and praying for you and your families. Stay safe."

JULIANNA LEBER FINNEY VM89

THE BIG DIG

Sponsored by our neighbor, Cascade Locks Park Association and hosted by St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, our state of the art Center for Science & Technology was the site of the premier viewing of "Dig, An Archeological Investigation in Akron's Cascade Locks Park". Filmed, produced, and funded by Jack Gieck (pictured), the event was open to the public and drew a full house. Attendees included Lynn Metzger and Linda Whitman, archeology professors from The University of Akron, Dr. George W. Knepper, Distinguished Professor of History Emeritus, The University of Akron, Akron historian, and prolific author, and many interested members of the Akron community. The video included footage of St. Vincent - St. Mary Earth Science students who participated in the 2003 dig at the Shumacher Mill site conducted by The University of Akron. The video is available for purchase from Mustill Store.

JOSEPH TRECASO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Joseph Flaviano Trecaso was a 1968 graduate of St. Vincent High School. He was the oldest of eight children and started the family's interest in wrestling at St. Vincent and later at St. Vincent- St. Mary High School. He was the first of six boys to wrestle at STVM.

Joseph wrestled at St. Vincent from 1966-1968. He was a state qualifier as a sophomore and went undefeated his senior year. Joseph also participated in the Fighting Irish band.

He was proud of his heritage, family and school. Joseph died from an accident in 1969 at the young age of 19 years. After his death, the school's wrestling program started the Most Dedicated Wrestler award in his honor. The award is given each year to honor Joseph for his dedication and hard work.

The Trecaso family has chosen to remember Joseph with a scholarship established in his name through the St. Vincent- St. Mary High School Foundation endowment fund.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR DEPARTED ALUMNI AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sonja Rickus
Wife of Don Rickus V58
Jerry Rickus V60
Brother of Don V58, Mary Ann Marsh V63
Eleanor C. Waltz
Mother of Richard Waltz M54, Grandmother of Joseph, ThomasVM79, John VM82, Jim VM90, Richard VM92, Paul VM88
Dorothy Schlageter
Grandmother of Jill Johnson VM91, JodyJohnson Jennings VM93,Mike Johnson VM95, Melissa Johnson VM99, Tim Johnson VM02
Melva L. Shaffer
Mother of Mary Ann Beach V70, Michael V72, Martin VM74, Mark, Christopher VM78, Jennifer, Jeffrey VM80, James
William J. Doyle V42
Betty Welch Engler M32
Wife of Jerome Engler M31, Mother of Marianne V61, Ellen Watson V62, Nancy Frient V64, Steve V59, Mike V66, JerryV69, Max VM73
Jeanne Joliet Beaderstadt V64
Wife of Ted,Sister of Suzanne Iken V60, Joseph, Mark, Michael, Stephen, David
Vincent P. Delagrange
Husband of Patricia, Mother of Mary Manuszak V68, Vincent V69, Betty Schnitzler V70, Kevin VM73, Jeanie Fausnight VM79, Julie Janis VM76
Patricia Franks
Wife of Alvin Franks V42
Allene Bufford Hammonds M48
Dwane Johnson
Father of Lon V70, Lana Kennedy V71, Mark VM74, Marty VM77, Greg VM81, Jennifer VM8 Grandfather of J. Patrick Kennedy VM00, David Kennedy VM05
James H. McDermott
Father of James V67, John V69, J." Mick" V71
Lt. Col. Lucy Pinto Bland M68
Aloysius Anthony Jendrisak
Father of Jerome, Martin, Patricia Neidert M67, Carol Winkler M68, Anita, Teresa Hoyt VM78, Grandfather of Lisa Winkler VM94
Warren Grote V67
Brother of Lawrence V68, Paul V71, Diane Harris VM78
Elias Alford
Father of Bradley VM76, Missy Marsh VM77, Todd VM80
David Watts
Husband of Sue Roetzel Watts V69
Wendy Hatala Graef VM73
Sister of Valarie Trevino VM75, Joseph VM76, Andrew, Jr.
Sr. Venard Kline, CSA M32
Sr. Verona Porter, IHM V29
Alfred E. Stork V50
Loretta Dent Licata V44
Mary Ann Joseph Estafen M64
Wife of Victor M60, Mother of Victor II, Tom VM96, Sister of Victor Joseph V65, Charles Joseph
Crucian V. Riccardi V43
Leroy Marucco
Grandfather of Michael Marucco VM95, Megan Marucco VM97
John P. Dennis V49
Husband of Betty Bard Dennis V50
Belle Leibowitz
Mother of retired art teacher, Carol Leibowitz

MAHAR AWARD

THE FATHER THOMAS F. MAHAR OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD honors living graduates of St. Vincent, St. Mary and St. Vincent-St. Mary High Schools who exemplify the spirit and the values of Catholic secondary education in one or more of the five related areas: ministry, youth, service to school, service to community, and professional achievement and, since its inception in 1979, this award has been presented to 75 outstanding alumni of our school as of 2005.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE FR. THOMAS F. MAHAR OUTSTAND-ING ALUMNI AWARD must be made in writing. Nomination form can be obtained online by going to www.stvm.com/ALUMNI/FATHER MAHAR AWARD or by contacting Jan Bachmann in the Alumni Office (330-253-9113 ext.20 or jbachmann@stvm.com). Nominations must include the full name, school, graduation year and contact information of nominee. Information must include why the nominee is deserving of this honor. A resume' of accomplishments, testimonials from other sources, press releases, etc. are desirable sources of information to help the Mahar committee get to know the candidate. Deadline for submitting nominations for the 2006 award is December 31, 2005.

ALUMNI ALLEY

1942

ALVIN FRANKS (V),
Sacramento, CA
Children –John, Linda
Grandchildren-2
Engineering/ Environmental Geology
E-Mail: alfranks@prodigy.net

1955

CAROL LABBE LEIFER (V); Massilon, OH; Spouse- Frank
Grandchildren-5
Retired

1961

JOHN MILLMIER (M); Somerset, KY; Spouse- Linda; Retired
E-Mail: J_Millmier@yahoo.com

1965

PAULA FALB RAND (V); Willowick, OH; Spouse- Michael
Registered Nurse
E-Mail: shoreside@aol.com

1970

JANE NIXON WATERMAN (V)
E-Mail: janeawaterman@aol.com

1971

NANCY ANDERSON BIRD (V); Akron, OH; Child- Christopher VM95; R.C.I. Enterprises, Inc.- lead sales manager
E-Mail: nbird@rcl-enterprises.com

1975

TOM PAOLUCCI; Akron, OH
Spouse- Helen Children- Tommy 10 Joey 8; Elementary school teacher
E-Mail: cmyhonda@msn.com
NANCY SELBY CARSON; Worthington, OH
E-Mail: carsonn326@yahoo.com

1976

MARY BETH BAUMGARDNER FORWARK; Phoenix, AZ
E-Mail: bethf@bfenterprises.us

1980

MIA BURNS LEWIS; Hudson, OH; Children- Matthew, Jennifer, Ryan VM09
E-Mail: LewisFam4@adelphia.net

1981

JULIE ADAMS STEWART AUKER; Belvidere, IL
Spouse- Randy Children- Matt 13, Mike 13
" I attended Akron U and became a registered nurse and then I attended U of I at Chicago and received the Women's Health Nurse Practitioner degree and presently work in Barrington, IL at an OB/GYN/Infertility office where I practice."
E-Mail: Jwls36@aol.com

1986

ELIZABETH PINKERTON: Chicago, IL; E-Mail: bpinkerton@rnco.com

1987

KATIE DANGEL BAME; Akron, OH; Spouse- Christopher
Children- Emily 2, Baby Bame due in December

1988

VICTOR WEIGAND; Pottstown, PA; Spouse- Sarah Marie
Children MacKenzie 10, Jackson 5, Kendall Rae 3; Victory Fire Protection- residential sales & operations manager
E-Mail: diggercpvc@comcast.net

1989

SUZY HADLEY McBRAYER; Mason, OH
Spouse- Bill Children- Molly 8, Billy 5; St. Susanna School-Teacher; Suzy was named in the 2004 and 2005 editions of Who's Who Among American Teachers
E-Mail: suzymcbrayer@aol.com
CHRISTAVUS DOMINIC; Akron, OH; Spouse- Christina Children- Vincent, Lauryn, Christian, Gabrielle

AARON ALTWIES; Alexandria, VA; Spouse- Meighan Children- Anna 4, Alissa 2, Lucy 8 mos.
"Meighan and I welcomed our third daughter, Lucy, in March 2005. We have moved to the Washington, DC area, as I have been assigned to work at Headquarters, United States Air Force. We plan to be in the area for two or more years…Please keep our deployed military members and their families in your prayers. We really appreciate it!"
E-Mail: admka@cox.net

1996

LANE SMERGLIA, Stow, OH
Lane is directing and producing "Night of the Living Dead" at The University of Akron on November 17-20.

1998

ANDI DYER KMAN VM98; Winston-Salem, NC
Spouse- Dr. Nicholas Kman (married in St. Lucia on 9/29/05)
Northside Dialysis Center-Dietician
E-Mail: akman@wfopd.com

HOLLENACKS COMPETE IN PGA TOUR EVENT

Father & son team, Jim Hollenack M57 and Don Hollenack VM82 were national runners-up in the Stewart Cink Flight of the 8th Annual Martin's PGA Tour Superstore National Father & Son Team Classic held in July at Myrtle Beach. More than 1,440 fathers, sons, grandfathers, grandsons, uncles, nephews, step-fathers and step-sons from 44 states and 8 countries teamed up for the classic. In addition to the prestige of winning from such a large pool of players, Jim and Don each won over $300 in merchandise prizes and a trophy vase and picture plaque. They went home winners and look forward to doing it again in 2006. Congratulations Jim and Don!

ST. MARY ELEMENTARY

We all know the importance of a Catholic education. St. Mary Elementary School in Akron is asking for your help in making this a reality for interested families. The St. Mary Elementary School Tuition Fund is in place to assist families who believe in a Catholic education but are in need of funds to secure it.

Your donation would be greatly appreciated and would help provide a Catholic education for elementary school children who might not otherwise be able to receive this.

Checks may be made payable to The St. Mary Tuition Fund and mailed directly to the school at 750 S. Main Street, Akron, OH 44311. Questions may be forwarded to Kathy Allio, Principal of St. Mary (330-253-1233).

LOOK WHO CAME TO VISIT

This summer brought some special visitors from Florida back to school. John Fitzpatrick V44 and his wife Rosemary (bottom right) stopped in to say hello while they were in Akron during July. Dave Brennan V49 (top right with Joanne Zaratsian) stopped in to see the fantastic changes in the STVM campus. And Jerry O'Neil V39 (top left) took a tour of the school and attended the Mass and Field Blessing and the Shamrock Society reception that followed.

6TH ANNUAL MATT KAUFFMAN 5K RUN

The 6th Annual Matt Kauffman 5K Memorial run and the final stage of the 2nd Annual Bill McCormick Cross Country Grand Prix were held on Saturday, August 6th at Goodyear Metro Park. Thanks to all who participated and volunteered in these successful events. Mrs. Kathy McCormick and Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman were present for the race and gave inspirational speeches at the awards ceremony. We thank them for all of their continued support. A special thanks to The Leo Walter family for their generous donation and Mr. Tom Freeman and the boys soccer team for their participation.

AMIGOS

Jessica Healy VM05 (left) spent part of her summer in Paraguay with an international not-for-profit organization called Amigos that provides leadership development opportunities for young people, promotes improved community health for people of Latin America, and facilitates better cross-cultural understanding in the Americas.

She spoke to all of the Spanish classes concerning her experience and presented a power point presentation complete with pictures of her host family, scenery of her location in Paraguay, and introduced her audiences to some native Guarani vocabulary.

Jessica has begun her freshman year at Northwestern University.

MERRYLOU WINDHORST (CENTER) WITH FAMILY (L-R) MARIA HAAS VM81, NIECE, JEN HAAS VM88, NIECE, CAROLYN HUNT HAAS V58, SISTER, KATHLEEN HAAS PAYDO VM83, NIECE.

2005 SUMMIT COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

ED TOTH

Ed Toth V55 was inducted into the 2005 Summit County Hall of Fame in recognition of his talent on the gridiron. Ed excelled as a football player for St. Vincent High School as both a defensive and offensive lineman. He went on to play for The University of Akron. As a Zip, he earned Most Outstanding Freshman, Most Outstanding Junior, and Most Outstanding Lineman award as a senior. He was named first-team All-Ohio Conference. Ed played in the 1958 Gem Bowl All-Star Game and helped the West defeat the East. In addition to induction in the Summit County Sports Hall of Fame, Ed is a University of Akron Hall of Fame inductee.

Merrylou Windhorst, retired STVM Softball Coach and current STVM teacher, was recognized for her role as a pioneer in the development of regional girls' fast pitch. As a religious sister in 1967, Merrylou, then Sr. Bryant, got permission to start a girls' program at Our Lady of the Elms High School. She then came to STVM to begin a similar program. During her 30 year coaching career, Merrylou compiled a 252-101 win-loss record or a slightly less than 70% winning record. In 1985, she was named Coach of the Year by the National Association of Softball Coaches. The OHSAA presented her with an award after her 200th coaching victory. Merrylou has won the Dapper Dan award and was inducted into the STVM Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003. She continues to teach Health, Family Studies, and Religious Studies. Merrylou also oversees the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) program at STVM.

FIRESTONE CHARITY HOMERUN CHALLENGE

STVM participated in and, after three rounds, won the Firestone Charity Home Run Challenge, an event designed to raise money for local charities. The team chose the American Red Cross to benefit from the proceeds. $2,000 was sent in the school's name to the American Red Cross for hurricane relief from hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

As coach and pitcher for the charity home run team, Tony Esola, head coach of the STVM varsity baseball team and Major League Baseball Scout for the Cincinnati Reds, organized his team which included John Williams VM06 (1st Team All-City, 1st Team Cuyahoga River Baseball Conference), Cory Hanawalt VM06 (2nd Team Cuyahoga River Baseball Conference), and Blace Shutsa VM06 (Honorable Mention Cuyahoga River Baseball Conference) as the 2006 Varsity Players with James Oldfield VM07 (1st Team Cuyahoga River Baseball Conference, Rookie of the Year) as the team's Alternate Player. Frank Stams VM84 (High School All-American, College All-American Notre Dame, NFL player for the LA Rams, Cleveland Browns) stepped up to be the Alumnus Player. Linc Hackim III (member of two National Championship baseball teams of Roy Hobbs Baseball) acted as assistant coach and Dan Costill (member of the Greater Akron Baseball Hall of Fame) was the team catcher.

DAN'S BOYS WIN BIG

Congratulations to the All-Star Training Club (ATC) Irish Soccer team. They won the championship match at Hoban stadium by the score of 11 to 10.

The ATC Irish were led by Seniors Nick Harouff and Anthony Haydu each scored three goals. They also played goalie and made 8 saves each. Senior Jared Walker had another great game on defense. The ATC Irish victory was big because it broke a 4 year winning streak of the Vikings.

This special team was organized by Dan Lancianese, Special Ed. Teacher and Track & Cross Country Coach.

THANK YOU WERE MAGIC WORDS AT THE SHAMROCK SOCIETY RECEPTION

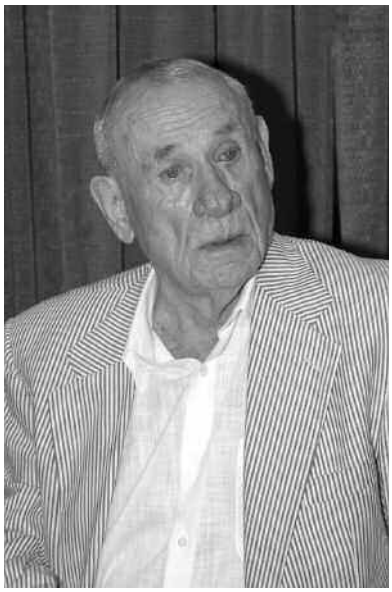
RALPH BERNARD

Saturday, September 10, 2005 was a great day for the Irish! We were extremely blessed to have so many guests witness the momentous occasion when Bishop Martin Amos celebrated Mass and blessed Green Street Stadium's John Cistone Field. Bishop Amos said it best when he addressed the crowd by saying, "This school and its alumni have a great tradition of generosity. St. Vincent - St. Mary High School is destined to stand as a gateway to the City of Akron. Just as others in the past have learned the lessons of the Gospel to reach out, STVM continues to pass on that great tradition." His words resounded and set a profound tone for this special evening.

We were delighted to host more than 150 alumni and friends at the Shamrock Society Reception following Mass. We were honored to recognize Mike Ochsenhirt V71 and Dave Ochsenhirt V69 for the outstanding job they did constructing our new stadium.

A school is about students. Motivated by our traditions, the students provide us with a common goal of creating our future. Headmaster Mr. Rathz wasted no time stressing the fact that 100% of our 2005 graduates will be attending college this fall, having received more than $4,500,000 in scholarship/grant money.

Thanks to all our donors and most especially to the Shamrock Society members. After just 17 months into our capital campaign, we have completed the first phase, The Center for Science & Technology, and the second phase, the new Green Street Stadium. Now we can concentrate on the third and final phase, the Market Street expansion. The fact that we have currently raised $14 million of our $20 million goal is very encouraging. Thanks to you, it IS happening here.



JERRY O'NEIL

ENJOYING THE FESTIVITIES AT SHAMROCK SOCIETY RECEPTION.

MIKE OCHSENHIRT, JIM PIER AND DAVE OCHSENHIRT.

GOAL ACHIEVED... GOAL SURPASSED!

The St. Vincent-St. Mary community thanks Mr. Ralph Bernard for his matching gift donation. We were happy to report our goal of $200,000 has been surpassed, and $330,887 has been raised!

Because matching gifts compel others to give, on September 10th breaking news was reported. On the evening of the Shamrock Society Reception, an alumnus, who wishes to remain anonymous, offered a matching gift of $50,000 effective from September 1st through October 10th (six week challenge). Several people responded by donating over $17,000 towards the match challenge.

We are happy to report once again that the support of our matching program was overwhelming. The total raised was $103,459 and was $53,459 over the target amount.

Obviously, matching gifts are not only an incentive to our supporters, but an inspiration when we see the quick response to our appeal.

Feeling compelled to offer us a challenge? Please call Joanne Zaratsian in the Development Office and watch us hit our mark with your help.

THE PHILLIPS FAMILY ARE FANS OF FOOTBALL FUN

ALUMNI & FRIENDS TAILGATE PARTY

A beautiful September evening set the stage for the 1st Annual Alumni & Friends Tailgate Party. The Alumni Association council decided to have a picnic in the parking lot of Green Street Stadium so that everyone could enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of the new football season in the newly renovated stadium. The Fighting Irish Marching Band made the excitement swell as they stopped to entertain the crowd of 300 "tailgaters" with the fight song as they marched onto the field. The Fighting Irish football team capped off the evening with a win over Notre Dame- Cathedral Latin High School.

STV CLASS OF 43 HAS TAILGATE MINI-REUNION

FAMILY AFFAIR

Lorrie Taylor Haddox M64 and Don Haddox M59 are Irish in more way than one. With Irish heritage in their bloodstreams and as part of the STVM Fighting Irish community as teacher and coach, they celebrated both in traditional Irish fashion, in Ireland and family style. Pictured at a quaint pub in Innis, Ireland are Don Haddox, Jr., Lonnie Yancsurak, Shannon Haddox Yancsurak, Lorrie Haddox, Don Haddox, and Corey Haddox.

Bookstore News

Hoodies, Hoodies, and more Hoodies! We have a huge selection and an array of colors and sizes to choose from. Check us out online for all the updated styles. As always, our "spirit wear" is the talk of the town with our traditional T's as well as our fashion colors. The Fighting Irishman Track Jacket has been hot this fall.

Christmas season is upon us. Don't forget our Irish gear when you are shopping for friends and relatives of St. Vincent- St. Mary. We are open every weekday, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Online shopping is available 24 hours a day. We also accept Visa and Mastercard and arrange shipping to make it easy to shop.

QUESTIONS? CALL CHRIS OR NANCY AT 330-253-9113. WE WILL HELP YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING GO SMOOTHLY!

SOME ENCHANTED EVENING

The STVM gymnasium was transformed into a place of elegance and romance as Showcase 2005 took place on Sweetest Day, October 15th.

Carla Bouschere Steiner VM77 and Dan Steiner were this year's volunteer chaircouple of the school's largest fundraising event. Showcase is a yearlong effort of planning. The Steiners gathered together a host of helpers, including Patti Molinelli VM79 and Meg Lee VM78. Past Showcase chairwomen, Mary Ann Walter and Kathy Serpentini, Chris Marks and Cheryl Murphy, as well as parent, alumni, and student volunteers also worked their creative magic.

This was a special landmark event as it was the 20th year for Showcase and twenty years of good times for all the supporters of Showcase who give generously for the benefit of the students.

CHAIR COUPLE DAN AND CARLA STEINER

LIZ AND MIKE KLEIN WHO WAS SHOWCASE EMCEE

STUDENT SERVERS (L-R): MELISSA BORDEWICK, CAITLIN BENNETT, MOLLY BREIDING, RACHEL WOJTOWICZ, LEAH CISTONE, KELLY SCHAFFER, CHELSEA CIPTAK

KATHY AND BOB SERPENTINI

COACH DRU JOYCE AND WIFE CAROLYN

STUDENT HOSTS (L-R): CORY WALTER, DAN OLSZEWSKI, TANESHA WALKER, SARA KLEIN AND RYAN MOLINELLI.

MR. AND MRS. DAVID RATHZ

NANCY OCHSENHIRT ADMIRES UNIQUE AUCTION ITEM

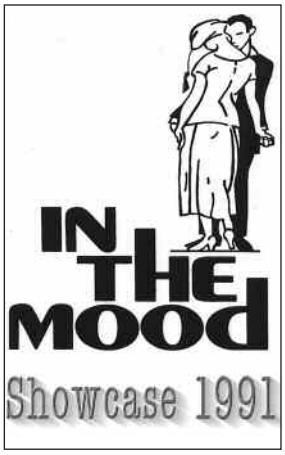
SHOWCASE 1986-2005

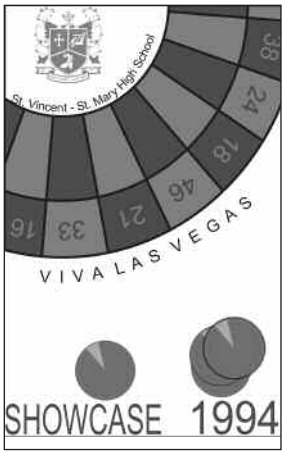
Established as the "Holiday Shopper Showcase", the name was shortened to "Showcase" in 1990 with specific themes for the event. Although the name was changed, the mission has not. Showcase has supported the students of St. Vincent- St. Mary High School since 1986 and will continue to do so for many years to come. We thank those of you who have participated in this fundraiser in any way, for one year or all twenty.

We also thank all of the Showcase Chairpeople who have given their imaginations and sweat equity for the good of the students. It takes a myriad of ingenuity to provide the means to educate students in and operate the private schools. Showcase, the single largest fundraiser of the year, offers a wonderful evening of gourmet food, the fun of a silent and oral auction, and the satisfaction of knowing that you are benefiting the students of St. Vincent- St. Mary.

MANY THANKS GO TO SHOWCASE CHAIRPEOPLE:

1986 Susie & Mike Murphy
1987 Susie & Mike Murphy
1988 Judy & Tom Stecz
1989 Patty & Jim Burdon
1990 Ginny & Vince Lobello
1991 Nancy & John Sharp
1992 Beth & Gary Johnson
1993 Hilda & Dave Walter
1994 Anne & Bob Jorgensen and Judy & Tom Stecz
1995 Beth & Gary Johnson
1996 Maureen & Ed Brown and Lynne & Jim Dougherty
1997 Maryann & Leo G. Walter III
1998 Lynne Dougherty, Linda Henretta, Jerry Kelly, Fred Ost, Nancy Peacock, Patty Post
1999 Pola & Mike Ochsenhirt
2000 Pola & Mike Ochsenhirt and Cheryl & Joe Murphy
2001 Cheryl & Joe Murphy and Chris & Tom Marks and Brenda & Jim Pier
2002 Darla & Tom Carone
2003 Cheryl & Joe Murphy
2004 Maryann & Leo G. Walter III and Kathy & Bob Serpentini
2005 Carla & Dan Steiner





Thanks to the generosity of

Bob Serpentini's Chevy Connection

St. Vincent-St. Mary Kicks off its

4th Annual Irish Family Car Raffle

This year Bob donated

2006-Chevrolet-Cobalt Sedan

valued at over $19,000

Irish Family Car Raffle begins: November 22, 2005 - February 21, 2006.

Our Alumni have played a major part. Please support and you may be a grand prize winner like John Hanlon VM89 who won the 2005 Chevy Aveo last year. Tickets will be mailed November 30, 2005. Good Luck Irish Supporters!

Special thanks to Bob and Kathy Serpentini, Jack and Ann Haag, and Pete and Marylee Piglia!

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION

BACK ROW (L-R): BRYAN BISHOP, MAX SHAUL, CHRIS BOROS, MATT OCHSENHIRT, RYAN KONN. FRONT ROW (L-R): BRIDGET MUNDY, CHRISTINE GLENDON, JANE WALTER, THERESA PIRIE.

More than 1.3 million juniors in nearly 21,000 U.S. high schools entered the 2006 National Merit Program by taking the 2004 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Two students from St. Vincent- St. Mary High School have attained semifinalist status and have the opportunity to continue in the competition for Finalist status. Congratulations to Christine Glendon (St. Joseph) and John Max Shaul (St. Sebastian) for this remarkable accomplishment. In addition, John Maxwell Shaul has scored in the top 100 contenders and Christine scored in the top 600 contenders

The 2006 Commended National Merit Scholars are Bryan Bishop (Annunciation/St. John), Ryan Konn (St. Hilary), Bridget Mundy (St. Hilary), Theresa Pirie (St. Mary), Matthew Ochsenhirt (St. Vincent), and Jane Walter (St. Vincent).

Christopher Boros (St. Patrick) is recognized as a Scholar in the National Hispanic Recognition Program 2005-06.

STVM STUDENTS EXCEL

KATIE MARKOVICH VM08 MAKES HER MARK

Miller South School for the Visual & Performing Arts presented a world premiere of a new play called "The Kingdom That Forgot How To Read," by Katie Markovich. Katie is a graduate of Miller South and is a current sophomore at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. This gifted young playwright began writing plays in 6th grade at Miller South. She has co-written a number of plays for Ingénue Theatre Company in Akron. "The Kingdom That Forgot How to Read" is her first full length solo work.

RUSSIAN CLUB ATTENDS FESTIVAL

For the third year in a row, the Russian Club traveled to St. Nicolas Orthodox Church for the "Something Russian Festival". The festival provides a first hand taste of Russian culture, cuisine, and music. Their experiences included the tastes, sounds and feel of perogies, borsch, poonchki, the balalaika orchestra, matroyshka dolls, and exquisite pysanki eggs. They toured the Orthodox Church, learned about religious icons and traditions. First and foremost, the students practiced their Russian language skills with those using their native tongue.

SUMMER SCHOOL BLUES?

Mrs. Anne Bickett's Irish Literature Class wrapped up the summer session by taking a field trip to the Shaw Festival Theatre in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada. After a day of sightseeing in the Canadian village, the class attended the stage production of the George Bernard Shaw play, You Never Can Tell.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Mr. Jovanny Coronel, Ecuadorian banana farmer, treasurer of the Asociacion de Pequenos Productatores Bananeros "El Guabo", and president of the Association of Artisan Farmersof Pasaje, spoke to the Advance Social Morality Classes regarding the farmers and the Fair Trade Program. Certain governmental decisions regarding how farmers must send their goods to market have a detrimental impact on their ability to earn a living wage. Mr. Coronel challenged the classes to look at the ethics of governments who give little or no choice to people and force them to make unethical decisions for their own survival.

INSPIRING THE SOUL

STVM students turned out in big numbers for Summit County Right to Life's Annual Life Chain. Two hundred twenty-nine St. Vincent- St. Mary High School students participated in the Life Chain that spanned Market Street on Sunday, October 2, 2005. For the third year in a row, St. Vincent- St. Mary High School has won the "High School Challenge" for having the most participants.

FRENCH CLUB'S TRIP MAGNIFIQUE!

This summer, from July 7 to July 13, members of St. Vincent-St. Mary's French Club, along with their families, participated in a trip to French-speaking Canada and enjoyed a fun, educational, and culturally enriching tour of Montréal and Québec City. French Club participants were Andrew Atzinger, Meghan Bachtel, Lauren Epner, Jane Killian, and Jillian Walter. Accompanying adults were Dr. Jeffrey and Mrs. Anne Bachtel, Mrs. Cindy Epner, Mrs. Barbara Walter, Mr. Robert Gorman and teacher/coordinator Mrs. Grace Gorman.

STVM TODAY

Yohann Mauger from Rouen, France, an MBA student currently attending the International Business school at the University of Akron, visited Mrs. Gorman's French 2 and French 3, 4, 5 classes on October 24, 2005. Students interviewed him in French with questions that covered a wide range of topics including: family life, musical preferences, food, cultural differences, French vs. American education, the European Community, future career plans, as well as the University of Akron's undefeated soccer team, of which Yohann is a member. The authentic experience of interacting with a native French speaker was invaluable to our students. Yohann's openness in sharing his culture and his personal experiences in learning English are sure to inspire many of our students to continue their studies in French and/or pursue other languages as a vehicle for advancing their future careers. We were delighted that Yohann could spend some time with us and wish him the very best as he graduates in December.

SPEAKER SERIES

NEXT SPEAKER: CONGRESSMAN TIM RYAN, JANUARY 17, 2006
If you are interested in attending or want more information regarding the speaker series, please contact Joanne Zaratsian at 330-253-9113-ext.12.

Bill Considine, President of Akron Children's Hospital, addressed a large audience including thirteen St. Vincent-St. Mary students for the inaugural program of the 2005-2006 speaker breakfast series. Reflecting on the St. Vincent-St. Mary mission statement, Mr. Considine focused on the words "to lead and to serve". He contributed his own life journey to serving others to the role his parents, his Catholic education at St. Mary Elementary School and Hoban High School, Boy Scout leaders and teachers, and friend, Pete Burg V64, who left a great legacy of service to the Akron community, played in demonstrating that service is the key to it all.

By relating the history of Children's Hospital, Mr. Considine pointed out that it was from the efforts of a few individuals dedicated to serving a critical need that the hospital grew from the Mary Day Nursery, providing day care for children of Akron factory workers, to a hospital that served the medical needs of 450,000 children in 2004.

STUDENT JOURNALISTS REPORT FROM THE HALLS

By Jessica Johnson VM07

CANNED FOOD DRIVE KICKOFF

The Canned Food Drive began on November 8, 2005. After the vast amount of food the school collected last year, we are hoping to collect even more this year. Last year we collected 13,000 cans. That amount was a new record for our school. This year we are hoping to continue the tradition and set a brand new record. Updates will be popping up with the expected, new record.

WELCOME FRESHMAN PICNIC

The Freshmen Picnic was held on September 2, 2005. The Picnic was an immense success. The Freshmen enjoyed an evening of cotton candy, the dunk tank, Slip N' Slide, food of all kinds, pie throwing, and time to just get to know their fellow classmates. The Peer Ministers were in charge of the activities, and in a game of Tug O War, the freshmen dominated the Peer Ministers. All in all, the Picnic was a day for the freshmen to remember, their very own "welcome to STVM".

SOPHOMORE RING CEREMONY

The Sophomore Ring Ceremony was held on November 8, 2005 at St. Vincent Church. Like always, the event was followed with a cake and punch reception in the Student Center. All of the students receiving rings had them blessed by Fr. Kraker and handed out by Mr. Rathz. The class rings are a symbol of our school, and the dedication we all have for it. Congratulations to all of the sophomores who are receiving their rings!

By Alissa O'Neil VM07

FIELD BLESSING & MASS

On Saturday, September 10, 2005, the brand-new Cistone field was dedicated at a mass presided over by Bishop Martin Amos. It was a beautiful sunny day, and the new expanded aluminum stands were almost filled with alumni as well as with current students and staff. The school liturgical choir added beauty to the service and the school was represented through student altar servers, staff Eucharistic ministers, as well as student gift bearers. After the mass and blessing, many of the people attending stayed for the football game against Roger Bacon. The large crowd cheered the team on to win over Roger Bacon 34-14.

HOMECOMING 2005

This year's homecoming dance took place on Saturday, October 22nd at Tangier in downtown Akron. The theme was Oh What a Night, with senior Kevin Hazlett's design of a silhouette of Tangier with the sun setting behind it gracing the cover of the homecoming program. This year's homecoming court, as voted on by the students, included seniors Amy Bisesi, escorted by Larry Sutter, Caitlin Rickus, escorted by Branden King, Sarah McGlinchy, escorted by Anthony Micali, Jane Walter, escorted by Cory Hanawalt, Gina Cavileer, escorted by Ben Bozsik, and Tanesha Walker, escorted by Max Shaul. Juniors on homecoming court include Emily Leslie, escorted by Ricky Fullen, and Kelly Bennett, escorted by Cory Walter, while the sophomore court member was Kelly Schaffer, escorted by Michael Breiding. Caitlin Rickus was announced as homecoming queen at the homecoming game against Columbus St. Charles.

By Kevin Hazlett VM06

JUNIOR STATESMEN OF AMERICA

It turns out that STVM students are much more politically conscious that the stereotypical teenager. With more than 90 members, the school's Junior Statesmen of America chapter is the largest in the Ohio Valley Region. Not only does STVM have the highest membership in the area, but two seniors hold prominent leadership positions, Jane Killian VM06 is Lieutenant Governor of the region and Allison Rochford VM06 is the Vice Mayor. Following a highly successful regional debate at the Summit County Courthouse, the group plans to send 25 members to Cincinnati for the weeklong Ohio Fall State Conference in mid-November.

FALL SPORTS RECAP

GIRLS TENNIS

The team had a record of 16-2 in match play. Senior Kelly Buschko finished an outstanding tennis career with a 16 -4 record for the season. Melissa McCoy and Freshman Tabitha Simpson advanced to district play and Tabitha fell one match short from qualifying for the state tournament. An outstanding year for the girls tennis team.

BOYS SOCCER

The team finished the regular season with 10-2-4 record for first year coach Joe Salem. They now enter into tournament play. Jimmy Oldfield, Larry Sutter, Igor Ilibasic and Ed McShaffery have been the offensive leaders. Pat DeSt.Aubin and Matt Nixon have shared the goalkeeping duties and Ben Bozsik and James Kozlowski have provided all around play and senior leadership. Look for this team to make a run for the regional tournament.

GIRLS SOCCER

The girls finished the regular season at 9-5-2. They won their first tournament game Vs. Manchester 6-0. Mari O'Neill scored 4 goals in the tournament win. Mari O'Neill, Alicia Sovacool, Jessica Conrad, Tami Millmier and a host of others have provided offensive firepower. Team leaders Janna Pearson and Jen Kozlowski have provided leadership and excellent all around play all season. Freshman goalie Amanda Olszewski has been a key component to the success of this years team.

VOLLEYBALL

After a hard fought victory over Hoban in the sectional finals, the girls move on to play Field in the District semi - finals. The girls record currently stands at 20-3. Another outstanding season for the

continued on next page

IRISH IN THE NEWS

continued from previous page

Lady Irish volleyball team. Seniors Chelsea Thayer, Katie Snyder and Setter Jess Nanez have led the team offensively all year. We have been led defensively by Nanez, Senior Jackie Podrasky and Junior Laura Ronk. Jillian Walter, Brittany Dixon, Tanesha Walker, Kristen LeCerf and Freshman Jessie Bridenthal have rounded out a well balanced squad. Coach Mary Howard is now at 551 career coaching victories and counting.

GOLF

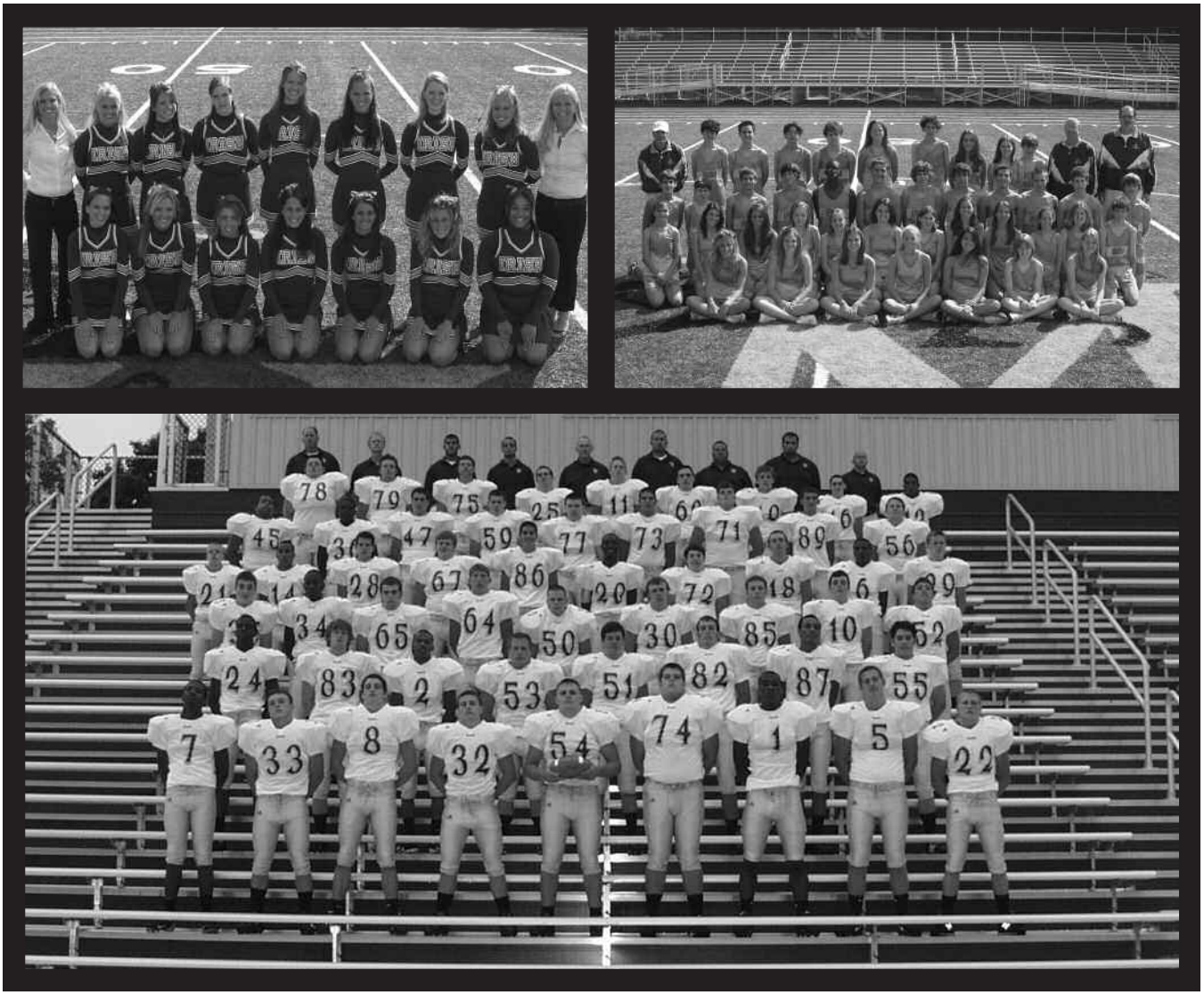
The boys golf team made STVM history this year. They qualified for Districts as a team for the first time since 1995, led by Seniors Pat Nygaard and Steve Kalail. Both golfers finished the year with averages under 40. The team finished 1 stroke from qualifying for the state tournament and Steve Kalail finished 1 stroke back from qualifying for the state tournament as an individual.

CROSS COUNTRY

It has been an outstanding year for both the boys and girls teams. The boys are currently ranked # 1 in the state in Division 2 and the girls are ranked 6th. The boys have won every major event that they have participated, including the McQuaid invitational in Rochester, NY. This event brings some of the top teams from the Northeast United States. Seniors Tim Millmier, Max Kenngott and Brandon King will lead the boys on their way to competing for a state championship and the girls will be led by a host of competitors led by Colleen Conrad, Kelly Kluender, Maria Lancianese and Andrea Jackson.

FOOTBALL

The team is currently 5-3 after a tough loss to a very good Cardinal Mooney team. The team has lost to Steubenville (Ranked #1 in Ohio in Division 3, Cardinal Mooney (Ranked # 2 in Ohio in Division 4) and Hoban. Two of the losses (Hoban & Steubenville) were in OT. Offensively, Junior Diamond Hart has been our leading rusher with 592 yards after 8 games. Senior Josh Rohler is close behind with 493 yards. The team has rushed for over 2,100 yards in the first 8 games. Brian Glasper leads the receiving corps with 16 catches for 331 yards. The offensive line has been led by Seniors Jim Gilchrest, Luke Stafford and Steve Marks. Defensively, the team has given up 100 points in 8 games. They have been led by Seniors Jim Gilchrest, Anthony Oliverio, Brian Glasper, Josh Rohler and Luke Stafford. Wins in our last 2 games would put as back in the playoffs for the first time since the 2002 football season.



JOIN THE FUN!

STUDENTS HABLAN ÉSPANOL

DR. GEORGE NEWKOME V56 CHATS WITH CLASSMATE CARMEN CRAWFORD AT SHOWCASE

TAILGATE PARTY COOKS

STUDENTS BEGIN 2005-06 SCHOOL YEAR

Alumni Connection
St. Vincent-St. Mary High School
15 N. Maple St.
Akron, Ohio 44303
(330) 253-9113

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Anthony S. Manna, M. Teri Lynch, Rev. Joseph Kraker, Jim Pier, Jim Conlon, Fred Ost / ex officio

ENDOWMENT BOARD Donald Utrup / President, Morris Laatsch / Vice President, Geraldine "Jerry" Kelly / Secretary, Thomas Presper / Treasurer, Daniel Figliola, James Conlon,John Haag, Deidre Hanlon, Thomas Hillery, James Leslie, Louis A. Maglione, Louis D. Maglione, Chris Marks, Edward Metzger, George Newkome, Ph.D, Michael Ochsenhirt, Peter Piglia, David Rathz, Jean Staudt, Joe Victor III
Ralph Trecaso Financial Advisor

HEADMASTER David V. Rathz

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION Dan Nichols / Dean of Students, Ken McDonald / Campus Ministry, Carol Gill / Academic Advisor

DEVELOPMENT Cheryl Murphy / Development Director, Joanne Zaratsian / Fiscal Resources, Chris Silecchia / Development Associate, Jan Bachmann / Alumni Coordinator

PUBLIC RELATIONS Patty Burdon

ADMISSIONS Joanne Wiseman

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR Grant Innocenzi

BUSINESS Randi Bostick / Business Manager

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR Jerry Kelly

STUDENT JOURNALISTS Jessica Johnson VM07, Alissa O'Neil VM07, Kevin Hazlett VM06

EDITOR Jan Bachmann

Keep Your Alumni Connection

NAME _____ CLASS YEAR _____SCHOOL: VM V M
First Maiden Last

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE_____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE (_____)_____ FAX (_____)_____

E-MAIL _____

Have you registered for the Alumni E-Mail Directory at www.stvm.com? ___ YES ___ NO ___ PLEASE ADD ME

___ Single ___ Married: Spouse's Name_____ ___Widowed

Occupation_____

___ Priest/Sister/Brother: Order _____

Children's names (and ages if under 18; date of birth if under one year) and number of grandchildren

Other News:

MAIL TO: 15 N. Maple, Akron, OH 44303 PHONE: 330-253-9113 FAX TO: 330-996-0000 (24 hours) EMAIL: alumni@stvm.com

____Address above is a new address. Please update records. ____Additional information and/or photo(s) enclosed
____DO NOT publish any of this information.
____$10 Alumni Dues enclosed. (Alumni Assoc. year is 7/1 through 6/30.)
____Please contact me with information about:_____

Alumni E-Newsletter

The Alumni Association has started an e-mail newsletter available for all dues paying members. To receive a sneak preview of the E-Connection, please send us your current e-mail address. To receive the E-Connection on an ongoing basis, it is time to send in your dues for 2004-2005. Don't forget to include your e-mail address.

ST. VINCENT- ST. MARY ALUMNI CONNECTION
St. Vincent- St. Mary High School
15 North Maple Street
Akron, Ohio 44303
www.stvm.com

Nonprofit Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Akron, Ohio
Permit Number 21

PARENTS: If your son or daughter no longer lives at home, please forward and send new address to St. Vincent - St.Mary High School.