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Alumni Connection

ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI MAGAZINE

2009 Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award

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Meet our Irish Crusader Award Recipients
NEW Student Activity Center
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Students Collect Books for Bahamas
Irish Classmates Answer Call to Help

Special Edition: 2007-08 Annual Report Inside

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MARCH 16 – APRIL 8
Phon-a-Thon

MARCH 26 – 30, 2009
Seussical Spring Musical

MARCH 30, 2009
Annual Alumni Memorial Mass

APRIL 2, 2009
Seventh Grade Visitation

APRIL 23, 2009
Mahar Awards Banquet

APRIL 23, 2009
Speaker Series: David Giffels VM82

MAY 6, 2009
Career Connections

MAY 11, 2009
Annual Family and Memorial Scholarship Reception

MAY 21, 2009
Jim Kelly Memorial Scholarship Reverse Raffle (see page 48 for details)

MAY 21, 2009
Senior Farewell Mass

MAY 28, 2009
Baccalaureate Mass / St. Bernard's Church

MAY 30, 2009
Graduation / EJ Thomas Hall

AUGUST 28, 2009
Shamrock Society Mass & Reception

SEPTEMBER TBA
Speaker Series: Sandra Pianalto V72

SEPTEMBER 11, 2009
Annual Alumni & Friends Tailgate Party

SEPTEMBER 25, 2009
Come Home for Homecoming

For Further Information... Please visit the St. Vincent-St. Mary High School website at www.stvm.com for all of the latest news and schedules of upcoming events. If you require additional information regarding any of the events listed above, please call the Alumni office at 330-253-9113 x120.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. MAHAR OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AND IRISH CRUSADER RECIPIENTS

Dear Alumni,

The spring issue of the Alumni Connection is dedicated to the 2009 Father Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award recipients. Each year, the impressive successes of some of our alumni are spotlighted throughout this special award. Nominated by their peers, friends, family or workmates, the alumni award recipients are selected based upon their accomplishments in ministry, service to youth, service to school, service to community and/or professional achievement.

In addition, the STVM Alumni Council is pleased to present the recipients for the 2009 Irish Crusader Award. This award was established in 2008 and recognizes those individuals who are not graduates from our school(s) but have a longstanding and positive relationship with St. Mary, St. Vincent and/or St. Vincent-St. Mary High School.

Congratulations to our four Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni recipients and our 2009 Irish Crusaders. Our annual dinner honoring the Alumni award winners and the Irish Crusader Award recipients will be held April 23, 2009 at Tangier Restaurant. For more information on this event and this year's recipients turn to page 33. All are invited to attend this event and celebrate the special achievement of our alumni, our friends, our family and our school. Please contact the STVM Alumni Office for more details and an invitation.

Be sure to mark your calendars and attend the fun events that are planned this Spring.

I look forward to seeing you!

Many blessings to you and your family,
Kathy Zehenni Holaday VM77
Alumni Director

CORRECTIONS

We apologize for the following errors in the Alumni Connection Summer 2008 issue:

On page 9, additional information was inadvertently omitted for Teresa Steinmetz VM91's Alumni Alley entry. This has been corrected with the Spring 2009 Alumni Alley article.

On page 23, the city of Findlay, Ohio was misspelled.

On page 32, Stacey Hentosz VM88 is the mother of Michael Humphreys VM12

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Alumni Council Corner

BRIAN KLUENDER VM04, STVM ALUMNI COUNCIL PRESIDENT 2008-2009

Dear Alumni, Family & Friends,
One of the goals for the 2008-2009 STVM Alumni Council is to better acquaint you with the happenings of your Alumni Association. The Alumni Connection magazine is a wonderful vehicle for achieving that goal and features a number of the events sponsored by the Alumni Association and hosted by the STVM Alumni Council.

- Freshman Night at the football game
- Annual Alumni & Friends Tailgate Party
- Annual Winter Alumni & Friends Night
- Annual Memorial Mass
- Annual Mahar Banquet
- Senior Farewell Mass
- Annual Scholarship for Junior STVM students

It is always good to hear from you! We have included a form so that you can update your current address and pay your annual dues. Alumni Dues are still only $10 per year (July 1, 2008–June 30, 2009). Please make your check payable to STVM Alumni Association.

If you are interested in getting involved in the alumni association or becoming an Alumni Council officer/committee member, please contact the STVM Alumni Office (kholaday@stvm.com). Elections will take place in the April/May timeframe for the 2009-2010 Council Officers.

St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Alumni Association Mission Statement:
The purpose of the STVM Alumni Association is to foster a continuing spirit of friendship, tradition and loyalty among the alumni of St. Mary, St. Vincent, and St. Vincent-St. Mary High Schools, and to sponsor and direct activities which will further the interests of its members and St. Vincent-St. Mary High School.

YEARBOOKS WANTED

The STVM Alumni Office is always happy to accept donations of yearbooks and other memorabilia. We are in need of St. Mary High School Yearbooks, especially prior to 1960 and will welcome any additions to our collections and archives!!

Special request - Please contact the STVM Alumni Office if you have a copy of the 1950, or 1951 Shamrock — St. Vincent High School Yearbook. We have alumni interested in acquiring these years since their originals were damaged or lost.

Archives

The STVM Alumni Office is pleased to have on display a portrait by Sister Matilda. Sister Matilda, a local artist, is known for her beautiful landscapes and still-life paintings. This painting by Sr. Matilda portrays Amelia Bidinger, mother of Margaret V33, Bernadine and Victoria V28.

The portrait was donated by family members to STVM in memory of Amelia and her daughters.

A special thank you to Tim Twardowski V71 for his generous donation to St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. The Alumni Office was the recipient of Tim's recent donation of a beautiful piece of furniture and we are pleased to inform our readers that the Alumni Archives & Display has been established. Thank you Tim for providing such a wonderful hutch to house our precious archives.

The STVM Alumni Office invites you to visit STVM and see our new addition and the start of our Alumni Archives and Display area.

What Is Lost Now Is Found— Parts 3&4

VM07 CLASS RING, MISSING FOR ONLY 2 MONTHS IS NOW REUNITED WITH OWNER

(L-R) POLLY FERRIS, JESSICA KEKELIS VM07, AND FIANCÉ BYRON GUICHET

(L-R) KATHY HOLADAY STVM ALUMNI DIRECTOR, ALAN AND WENDY YARMESCH

This article is dubbed "Part 3" and we hope to have more like-articles to report! Just as reported in the Fall 2004 and the Fall 2006 Alumni Connection Magazines and now in the Spring 2009 issue the Alumni Office has once again successfully reunited an alumna, Jessica Kekelis VM07 with her Class Ring.

St. Vincent-St. Mary High School received a visit during the summer months from Polly Ferris. Polly shared that she had found the VM07 Class Ring in an elevator at Cascade Plaza. The STVM Alumni office researched the initials on the ring and located the rightful owner. Jessica Kekelis VM07 readily admitted that she just recently misplaced the ring and that it had not been missing for more than a few months. Jessica met Polly at the STVM Alumni Office and retrieved her missing class ring.

Thank you Polly for taking the time to bring the ring to the High School!

And now for Part 4!

During the early summer of 2008, the Alumni Office was contacted via e-mail by Alan Yarmesch that a St. Vincent Class of 1933 ring with the initials KCA had been found near the Wyoga Lake estates area. After conducting research and consulting the 1933 graduating class lists, it was determined that the alumna – Katherine Ahern Dale was the rightful owner but unfortunately deceased. Kathy Holaday visited with Alan and his wife, Wendy at their home and returned the ring to STVM.

Thank you to Alan for taking the time to contact STVM and return the ring to the High School!

The ring will be on display in the newly dedicated "Alumni Archive Display case."

Alumni Find New Home

Jason (Left) and Nick (Right) Thomas (sons of Jim VM74 and Martha Graf Thomas VM74 and grandsons of Fritz V40 & Rita Botzum Graf V40), have joined coaches Paul Winters VM76 (Center Right) and Jim Meyer VM73 (Center Left) at Wayne State University.

Keeping In Step

Cheryl and Skip have been married for 44 years. They decided they wanted to work together and started a Square Dancing business 20 years ago because a St. Mary classmate made the suggestion to them! Skip began "calling" and shortly thereafter, Cheryl, who has been dancing since she was six years old, began teaching Line Dancing. Cheryl and Skip shared that they have been hired for a number of different venues — Anniversary Parties, Retirement Parties, Scout events, Weddings, etc. According to Cheryl and Skip, square dancing and line dancing can be enjoyed by all ages — young or old, fit or not so fit! To learn more about their company, please visit www.squaredancecalling.com

(L-R) CHERYL BANYAR RUESCHMAN M63 AND HUSBAND, SKIP

CALLING ALL ALUMNI — RETIRED OR ACTIVE

We would like to expand our knowledge and enhance our database by including the ranks of our alumni that have served or are currently serving in the military.

It is easy to forward the information to us!

Simply go on-line to the STVM website and select Alumni and then Update Your Information, or simply fill out the membership form on the back of this magazine and mail it back to us!

Be sure to include: Branch of Service; Rank/NEC/MOS; Dates of Service; Current and/or Former Commands

AL LETTA CELEBRATES HIS DAY WITH WIFE JOANNE AND DAUGHTERS MICHELLE AND STEPHANIE

Al Letta Honored

STVM Faculty, Staff and Students gathered around Al Letta as the 2008 STVM Football team presented him with an autographed football. October 17, 2008 has been officially designated as "AL LETTA DAY!"

Al was recognized in April 2008 as one of the STVM Alumni Association 2008 Irish Crusader Award Recipients. The Irish Crusader Award has been created by the STVM Alumni Association to recognize those living individuals who are not graduates of St. Mary, St. Vincent or St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, but who play an active and important role in the day-to-day running of our school and special events. The STVM Alumni Association recognizes that the efforts of our non-alumni are integral to the success of our school.

Al, his wife Joanne and daughters Michelle and Stephanie were part of the celebration at the school in the morning as well as Jewell Cardwell (Akron Beacon Journal) and an ABJ Photographer were also on-hand to experience the moment! Congratulations Al Letta VM08.

ALUMNI CONNECTION MAGAZINE TRAVELS WELL

LAUREN VM10 AND PATRICK VM11 CONNELL CATCH UP ON STVM NEWS IN THE ALUMNI CONNECTION WHILE ON SKI HOLIDAY IN WHISTLER, B.C.

Alumni Answer Call to Help

SUE LANG V71 RECIPIENT OF CLASSMATES GENEROSITY

L-R: SUE LANG V71 AND BELLE MAGLIONE GALE V71

Akron Beacon Journal writer, Jewell Cardwell, wrote in her November 24, 2008 column about 1971 St. Vincent High School alumna Sue Lang. Sue suffers from MS, but has continued her work as a dispatcher with the Akron Police Department and is known as a dependable and compassionate person by those who work with her.

This article spurred many people into action, among them Sue's V71 classmates! An e-mail went out to a small group of people in the hope that it would go "viral", asking for donations in time to help Sue before the Christmas holiday. In a two week period, $1,025.00 was donated and a check was delivered to Sue by classmates: Isabelle Maglione Gale and Pola Mackey Ochsenhirt on December 20th. We want to thank the following Class of V71 alumni and friends for their generous support: Joe Mellion, Fran Pozuc Booker, Kathy Volkmor Tate, Frank Spinelli, Debbie Henry Helmkamp, Bill Helmkamp, Rose Pianalto Cameron, Judy Sigmund Crater, Charnee Barnes (widow of George Barnes), Pola Mackey Ochsenhirt, Mike Ochsenhirt and Belle Maglione Gale.

Detective Mill Morris of the Akron Police Department has also informed us that Sue's friends in the Safety Forces/ Communications departments have issued a Safety Forces Assistance Challenge to her many co-workers. They have established a "Sue Lang Building Fund," with the goal of raising enough money to do major remodeling on Sue's small home to make it handicap accessible.

The St. Vincent Class of 1971 would like to spread the word about this opportunity to help a fellow classmate and so we encourage your donation, however large or small, to the Sue Lang Building Fund, Account #3555, c/o The Akron Police Credit Union, 217 S. High St. Akron, Ohio 44308. Anyone wishing to donate services should contact Detective Morris at 330-607-0967.

A big Thank You to those who have and will contribute to this effort. It is what the St. Vincent-St. Mary and City of Akron community are all about!

Update received on January 21, 2009

The Safety Forces Challenge kicked off officially on January 12, 2009. So far the Sue Lang Building Fund has raised $5, 217.00 of their $10,000 goal.

Other updates include:

- Channel 5 featured a story on Sue and the Safety Forces Challenge on the Good Morning Cleveland show during the week of January 19, 2009.
- Roof Masters removed all the snow & ice on Sue's roof during the week of January 19, 2009. Once the roof is repaired then the other renovations to the doorways, ceiling and floors will begin.

COME HOME FOR HOMECOMING

Alumni Reunion Night September 25, 2009

SEE PAGE 30 FOR COMPLETE DETAILS

L-R: MIKE FICKES VM76, MATT KALGREEN VM76, DAVE BESKITT VM89, PETE KALGREEN VM73, ELIZABETH (LIBBY) FICKES VM98, MIKE ULLE VM89 AND KEVIN DELAGRANGE VM73. NOT PICTURED: SUE KALGREEN V68

Irish Touch Keeps Company Rolling

AKRON BEARING COMPANY LED BY PETE KALGREEN VM73

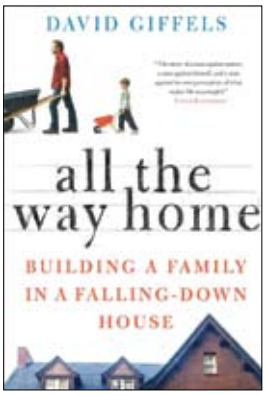
Akron Bearing Company President Pete Kalgreen VM73, learned an important lesson from his grandfather that he remembers to this day. "Grandpa always said, 'You can't do business from an empty cart.' You've got to have inventory," Kalgreen recalls. Akron Bearing stocks an extensive inventory of bearings, power transmission and related products focused on the MRO market. Customers range from farmers to food manufacturing facilities, auto repair to auto manufacturers, and one-man job shops to large manufacturing plants in Northeast Ohio.

Despite changes that have taken place since Ralph Jones founded the company in 1940, Pete steadfastly adheres to many of the same business principles he learned from his elders. While embracing newer technology such as computerization and internet access for all salesmen, he figures old-fashioned notions such as taking care of employees and customers, providing friendly, personalized service, and treating every customer with respect are ideas that will never go out of style.

Akron Bearing employees average more than 15 years of experience. Managers are family members who started at the bottom, grew up in the business and still put in long hours. The family oriented atmosphere and customer service philosophy is highly visible in this Akron based company. In addition, Akron Bearing employs many graduates from St. Vincent and St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, 8 in all. With 21 employees it means that over 1/3 of the work force is Irish. "It is the secret to our success!" Pete says, and adds "We also have one Hoban grad, so naturally he takes a lot of abuse!"

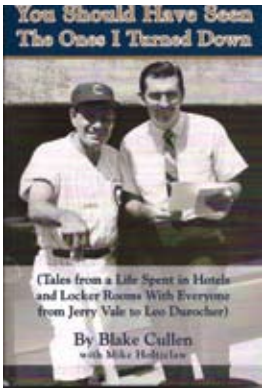
Author, Author!

STVM points with pride to Alumni published books in 2008. Congratulations and Bravo to our alumni on the recent publication of your books!

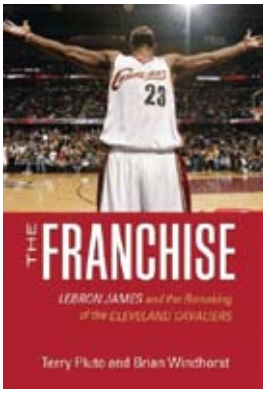


All The Way Home
by David Giffels VM82

Recipes, Relatives & Recollections
by Ann Shaul Garber V70



You Should Have Seen The Ones I Turned Down
by Blake Cullen V53



The Franchise
by Brian Windhorst VM96

GUERRINO RICH V65, AUTHOR OF *A VERY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DELIVERY*, WITH MARCI BISESI V65 AND COLLEEN MOSHER V65 AT BOOKSIGNING. ILLUSTRATIONS BY PAT FRATTURA DeJACIMO V65.

Come Home for Homecoming

ALUMNI REUNION EVENT HUGE SUCCESS

The 2008 Come Home for Homecoming Alumni Reunion event was a huge success! Over 150 alumni, family & friends RSVP'd for the September 26, 2008 evening. Two of our 1938 alumni from St. Vincent High School attended the evening as well as 3 of our religious sisters who either taught or were Principal!

The attendees enjoyed refreshments, tours of the school and entertainment by our very own STVM Marching Band and Cheerleaders.

Be sure to visit the Photo Gallery in the Alumni portion of the www.stvm.com website and view all the wonderful pictures of our alumni and friends!

(L-R) JAN ENRIGHT, GREG ENRIGHT VM91, BETH ENRIGHT NELSON VM88, ALYSSA KATHERINE NELSON, TIM ENRIGHT V63 AND FRANK ENRIGHT V38

(L-R) EILEEN WALTER MOATS VM80, PEGGY O'CONNOR MCDONALD VM73, KATHY AND FRED V50 OST

STVM ALUMNI BAND MEMBERS PLAY ALONGSIDE STVM MARCHING BAND

GENEVIEVE DAVIDSON OBARSKI V38 AND JIM WELSH V38

MARILYN JOST STURMI V53 AND JIM STURMI V53

WINTER ALUMNI & FRIENDS NIGHT

The 2008 STVM Alumni Council invited all alumni, family & friends to attend the December 19, 2008 Winter Alumni & Friends Night for FREE pizza & subs right after the STVM vs. St. Edward basketball game. The event was a "sell-out" success! Be sure to attend next year and enjoy the food, refreshments and camaraderie !

ALUMNI COUNCIL TEAM SERVES UP TAILGATE DINNERS (L-R) ANNE WALTER MORGAN V55, MARY LOU RICHARDS BAKER V55, CHRIS DOUGHERTY MARKS V72 AND EILEEN WALTER MOATS VM80

ALUMNI & FRIENDS ENJOY A DELICIOUS MEAL BEFORE THE STVM FIGHTING IRISH FOOTBALL GAME

VM93 CLASSMATES SPEND TIME VISITING BEFORE THE GAME AND JOIN THE TAILGATE FUN AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 15TH REUNION

Alumni & Friends Tailgate

The STVM Alumni Association hosted the 4th Annual Alumni & Friends Tailgate Party on Friday, October 3, 2008. The evening was delightful with the wonderful fall weather and over 150 alumni, friends, and family gathered for good food and good conversation! Thank you to all that attended. Hope to see you there next year!

Be sure to visit the Photo Gallery in the Alumni portion of the www.stvm.com website and view all the wonderful pictures of our alumni & friends!

ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Our Alumni continue to excel

Dorothy Wilson Rapp V69

The University of Akron Greek Alumni Society hosted their 12th Annual Greek Leadership Service Award presentation on July 16, 2008.

Dorothy "Dot" Wilson Rapp V69 was honored as the 2008 Outstanding Greek Alumni Leadership Service Award recipient.

DOT RAPP ACCEPTING AWARD

John Sabol VM96

John Sabol has been the boys soccer coach at Barberton High School since 1996. John is a 1984 graduate of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, where he was a three-year letterman and two-year starter in soccer. John lettered for four-years in soccer at Walsh University before graduating in 1988 and captained the team that won the Mid-Ohio Conference Championship in 1987 while earning the Best Team Player Award.

After graduating from Walsh University, John taught, and coached soccer at STVM, serving as head coach of the Irish from 1992-96. At STVM, his teams were district champions in 1992 and district runners-up in 1994. John was a finalist for the Clem J. Caraboolad Award in 2001, and was inducted into the St. Vincent-St. Mary Hall of Fame in 2000. His teams, at both STVM and Barberton have won several sportsmanship awards.

John earned his masters degree from The University of Akron in 1999, and lives in Barberton with his wife Denise and their three children. The Hall of Fame banquet was held on November 26, 2008 at Barberton Brookside Country Club.

LeBron James VM03

PHOTO COURTESY NBA BASKETBALL

LeBron brings home the GOLD! Congratulations to LeBron James VM03. James was a member of the United States Olympic Basketball team that won the Gold Medal in the 2008 Summer Games.

STVM is proud of your accomplishments and athleticism.

LeBron visited STVM on September 8, 2008 and invited faculty and staff to join him in a photo shoot with his gold medal.

LEBRON JAMES CELEBRATES U.S. MEN'S BASKETBALL OLYMPIC VICTORY.

Mike McDonald VM97

MIKE AND WIFE DEIDRE

The STVM Alumni Community points with pride to Mike McDonald VM97 and his recent award. Mike was chosen to be a part of the first Summit County All-County Teaching Team. Mike, the youngest recipient in terms of actual years teaching, is the representative for the parochial schools of Akron. Mike was the recipient of this award due to his efforts and excellence in the teaching field based on parents and students nominations.

Mike graduated from STVM in 1997 and earned his B.A. in Elementary Education from Mount Union. He has been teaching 6th Grade at St. Sebastian Elementary School in Akron for 8 years and was selected as the Teacher of The Year during his second year at the school. Mike resides in Kent, Ohio with his wife, Deidre.

Mike remembers the relationships made and the beliefs and values learned during his days as a student at STVM. Coach Dan Lancianese would stress academics in order to build a stronger student athlete; Mrs. Anne Bickett, Coach Trout, and even Coach Sabol left a lasting impression on Mike. During Mike's junior year, Coach Sabol would preach "God, Family, Friends, School, Soccer." This award means so much to Mike and he stated, "I am doing the right thing. As teachers it is hard to look at everything good that you have done. This is verification that I am doing a good job. Something like this award makes your day!"

Mike received his award at the Summit County Education Celebration Banquet on October 13, 2008 and is quoted in the banquet program as stating that he is following the best advice he has ever heard.... "Do what you love and love what you do." Congratulations Mike on this very well-deserved recognition and award.

BIG APPLE CONNECTION

LeBron James VM03 and Curtis Wilson VM83 get a chance to connect at the LeBron James Family Foundation fundraiser in Partnership with "Polo" Ralph Lauren in New York City. This private fundraising event was held at the Ralph Lauren Flagship store in New York City on Wednesday, September 10, 2008.

The participants raised a significant contribution amount for the LeBron James Family Foundation, which seeks to empower children to be physically fit, academically focused and environmentally aware, additionally empowering single parent families to succeed.

For more information about the Foundation go to www.Lebronjamesf.org. You can support the foundation by purchasing "LeBron James" autographed "POLO" Ralph Lauren Black Label Basketballs/Limited Editions at www.polo.com or ralphlauren.com.

Alumni Alley

VISIT STVM.COM TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

1959
Steve Berish V

Living in Jamestown, NC and recently sent this note to the STVM Alumni Office..."Thanks to Coach John Cistone — track and field techniques he taught over 50 years ago are still being used today. These same skills helped me win seven gold and three silver medals at the 2008 NC Triad Senior Games." Steve further remarked, "I would like to recognize Coach Cistone and his ability to help young people. If it were not for him, I would not have a family, children and grandchildren as well as a successful life. He really helped me when I needed it most. I can never thank him enough. God Bless him and his family." Steve has won many events while competing in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Germany. Thank You Coach Cistone!

1946
DONALD OVERS V
Married and living in South Park, Pennsylvania.
E-mail: deovers@comcast.net

1953
MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN V
Mike writes, "There are 2 scholarship funds sponsored by me as of 2008. Your help is appreciated."
FRANCIS "FRANK" DUVE V
Living in Dayton, Maryland with wife Merlyn. Currently President/C.E.O. Hair Technology Council of America, Inc.
E-mail: frankduve@msn.com

1954
PAUL HAYDEN V
CATHERINE PITTENGER HAYDEN V
Paul & Cathy Pittenger Hayden celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July 2008.

1956
CAROL COLLINS V
Living in Banning, California and enjoying my 5 grandchildren and one great-grandson.
E-mail: carolanncollins4@peoplepc.com

1957
JOAN LUTZ GARRETT V
Joan and John Garrett, Jr. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 31, 2008

1958
PATRICIA HOLLADAY MARTINUZZI V
Retired and living in San Rafael, California.
E-mail: patti22740@yahoo.com

1961
JANET ILIJEVICH LARSON V
E-mail: flyingchef579@yahoo.com

1966
RALPH COLETTA V
Ralph was featured in the Akron City Magazine October-December 2008 issue. Ralph is Akron's new City Engineer.
JANICE KIPP SWEAT V
Living in California with husband, Mike.
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1968
THOMAS BOYER V
Living in Bloomfield, Michigan with wife, Susan. Father of 3 children.
E-Mail: t.boyer@kkue.com or ndesq@comcast.net
LARRY DUKERICH V
Living in Phoenix, Arizona with wife Rita Simon. We have two married daughters (one in grad school in CA, the other teaching Special Ed in NY) and a son attending U of A in Tucson. Now working on a grant at Arizona State University coaching math and science teachers after dedicating 34 years as a High School chemistry and physics teacher.
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MARY RUSSO YOST V
Married to Jim and living in Hartville.
E-mail: diffyq316@aol.com.
JONNE VAN MEER V
Living in Belmont, California and working as a psychologist.
E-mail: jpmjvm@earthlink.net

1969
DOROTHY "DOT" WILSON RAPP V
Congratulations to Dot Wilson Rapp V69 on being named the 2008 University of Akron Outstanding Greek Alumni Leadership Service Award Recipient. Dot was recognized at The University of Akron Greek Alumni Society's 12th Annual Greek Leadership Service Award presentation on July 16, 2008.
RONALD GREENE V
Living in French Camp, California and working as a Juvenile Detention Officer.
E-mail: ronaldgreene22@yahoo.com
R. PATRICK DENTE V
Living in Wadsworth with wife, Sheri. We have 3 children and one grandchild with another on the way. Working as Director of Transportation.
E-mail: patdente@rptsexpress.com

1974
JERRILYN A. HUTSON VM
Jerrilynn Hutson VM74 is living in Scottsdale, Arizona where she works as a Licensed Private Investigator. Her son, Rafe, entered high school this year only to learn his counselor is none other than Ralph Vallecorsa, the Latin Teacher and Golf Team Coach at St. Vincent High School in the early 1970's. Jerri reports that Ralph hasn't changed a bit and not surprisingly, is a real favorite of the students.

1976
MARGUERITE GEBHART COFFIELD VM
Living in Cuyahoga Falls, mother of 3 children and blessed with new granddaughter Alexandra Rose.
E-mail: mcoffield@neo.rr.com

1977
AVA HUMPHREY VM
Living in Arlington, Texas and working in the real estate marketplace.
E-mail: ava_the_realtor@yahoo.com
RANDY MALICK VM
Congratulations to Randy VM77 - According to an article published in the Universe Bulletin "Inside our Parishes," Randy is the President of "The Rock That Rules Ministries, Inc." Randy utilizes his talent as a ventriloquist and his knowledge of Scripture to bring the readings of the Bible to life for children of all ages. Randy currently serves as the Director of Religious Education (DRE) at St. Hilary School.

1978
SANDRA TAPP GRIFFITHS VM
Sandra Tapp VM78 married Ronald Griffiths on September 5, 2008. The couple resides in Cuyahoga Falls and are active at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.

1979
MIKE FARMER VM
Living in Milford, New Hampshire with wife, Tish and three children Samantha, Chelsea and Michael.
E-mail: michaeljfarmer@comcast.net

1982

DAVID GIFFELS VM

Congratulations to Dave Giffels VM82, — according to the Akron Beacon Journal as reported on June 30, 2008, David Giffels was recognized by the National Society of Newspaper Columnists as the 2nd best in the nation based on a collection of David's work in 2007.

1984

LINDA SCHERMAN LUNA VM

Living in San Diego with husband Frank and daughter, Nicole.
E-Mail: linda.luna@hdsupply.com

1985

THOMAS BROWN VM

Living in Cincinnati and currently Director of Marketing, Xanodyne Pharmaceutical, Inc.
E-mail: thomasbrown24@earthlink.net

1986

RICHARD BIRD VM

Living in Seville, OH with wife, Tiffany and 4 children.
E-mail: rtdbird@aol.com

JOHN R. MARCONI VM

Living in Denver, PA and was recently promoted to Manager of Corporate Claims for First Energy.

1987

KATIE DANGEL BAME VM

Living in Akron, Ohio with husband Chris and two daughters, Emily (5) and Annie (3). Working at The University of Akron, Director of Development, Center for Gift and Estate Planning at The University of Akron.
E-mail: kbame@uakron,edu

DAVID DUVE VM

Living in Medina (Granger Twp.) with wife, Heather and two boys, Sebastian (10) and Dominic (8). Working at King Pharmaceuticals as District Sales Manager in the Hospital/Surgical Products Division.
E-mail: david.duve@kingpharm.com

1988

JOSEPH DiROCCO VM

Living in Cleveland with my wife Nelda and our four children.
E-Mail: joseph.d.dirocco@bankofamerica.com

KATHLEEN SCHUMACHER BRANCH VM

Living in Arlington, Virginia with husband Dan.
E-mail: kbranch@nsba.org

1989

JENNIFER BUCKEY TEFFNER VM

Living in Akron with husband Martin and 3 children: Justin, Samantha and Jordan.
E-mail: teffnerjennifer@yahoo.com

1990

TATJANA "TANJA" VULJIC VM

Tatjana "Tanja" Vuljic VM90 was featured in the September 2008 Better Homes and Garden Magazine as a winner of "It's the heart of our house" for the extensive kitchen remodel performed at their home in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

1991

TERESA CASALINUOVO STEINMETZ VM

Living in Medina, Ohio with husband, Mark and 2 children.
E-mail: tsteimmie@yahoo.com

1993

KEVIN FRATTURA VM

Living in Hudson, Ohio with wife, Lindsay and 2 children. Currently working as Vice President of sales for Giants Stadium, LLC.

KARI VASSALOTTI JOHNSON VM

Living in Clinton with husband, Brian and expecting our 3rd child in November 2008.
E-mail: kari.johnson7@hotmail.com

MIKE KALBACH VM

Living in Akron with wife, Maribeth and daughter, Ivy.
E-mail: mikekalbach@hotmail.com

1995

ERICA LUPICA HOLVEY VM

Married to Sean and living in Akron with daughter, Annica. Working as a Product Specialist for OEConnection.

DANIELLE STAEGER ALLISON VM

Living in Akron and working in the health care field.
E-mail: daniellealllison77@yahoo.com

1997

EMILY A. D'AURELIO CLARK VM

Living in Kent, Ohio with husband, Jason. Emily writes.... "I will be graduating in December 2008 with my Masters Degree in Theatre History and Criticism from Kent State University."
E-mail: aredhil@msn.com

JESSICA COUCH LAWRENCE VM

Living in Atlanta, Georgia with husband, Sheppard.
E-mail: jessicabcouch@gmail.com

DAVID POTTER VM

Living in North Carolina with wife Danielle and 2 children. Serving active duty in the military.
E-mail: davidm2003@yahoo.com

TIMOTHY GINGOLD VM

E-mail: timothygingo@att.net

1999

MELISSA DYE CONNOR VM

Living in Akron with husband, Nathan and 2 children. Expecting twins in May 2009.
E-mail: melissaconnor08@yahoo.com

ERICKA BUFFORD LESSEARS VM

Living in Wichita Falls, Texas with husband, Andre and 5 children.
E-mail: ebuff22@hotmail.com

2001

ALY SAMABALY VM

Living in Akron with wife Holiday. Aly writes, "I have the desire to help people and give back because I learned so much while I was a student and basketball player at STVM. I just introduced a brand new line of clothing. Visit my website at www.alymali.com ."

2002

AMY CLARK VM

Living in Cincinnati and working as a Music Teacher at St. Vivian School.
E-mail: clarkat11@gmail.com

TERRANCE PORTIS VM

Living in North Canton, Ohio and working at Walsh University as Manager of Academic Support.
E-mail: terranceportis@walsh.edu

MICHAEL MURPHY

Living in Akron with wife, Sade and daughter Savanna. Working for the Akron Police Department – Police Officer.
E-mail: mmurphy@tmo.blackberry.net

2003

SCOTT NELSON VM

Single and living in Leetsdale, PA. Scott writes..."I graduated in 2007 from Marietta College with a Degree in Radio, Television Broadcasting as well as Communications. While in school, I started LimeLite Productions, a video production and large event planning company with fellow college classmate and friend, Joshua Walker. The company is located in Pittsburgh, PA and provides video production services and event planning for many companies located in the Tri-State area.
E-mail: Scott@LimeLitepro.com

2004

JUDSON RAMBAUD VM

Attending Eastern Michigan University—Criminal Justice major and Military Science minor. EMU Eagles Football team—Defensive Back .
E-mail: jrambaud@emich.edu

2008

MICHAEL BREIDING VM

E-mail: mrb66@uakron.edu

KELLY WOLFF VM

Freshman at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio. On October 2, 2008, Kelly was crowned this year's Jacket Princess (Freshman Class representative for the Homecoming Court) for Baldwin-Wallace College and took part in the Homecoming Festivities during the Baldwin -Wallace vs. Mount Union Football game.

Log onto www.stvm.com and go to the Alumni section and update your info so that you can be featured in the next Alumni Alley.

Plan Ahead

FOR THE VERY LATEST IN REUNION INFORMATION, VISIT THE ALUMNI PAGE OF WWW.STVM.COM

Monthly Lunch M51
St. Mary Class of 1951
Join your M51 classmates on the 2nd Monday of each month at 11:00 a.m. for lunch. Location: Frontier Restaurant, 418 E. Maple, Hartville, Ohio

Monthly Lunch M53
St. Mary Class of 1953
Join your M53 classmates each month when we meet at 11:00 a.m. for lunch at Dontino's (Cuyahoga Falls Avenue). Call Dick Linn 330-825-7733 for more details.

Monthly Dinner V63
St. Vincent Class of 1963
Join your V63 classmates each month for dinner. Contact Bill Price 330-923-4312 to find out the restaurant location, date and time for this month's dinner.

St. Mary Class of 1967
Stay in Touch!
Calling all M67 classmates! Please forward your e-mail address to Ann Rutan so that we can keep in touch more easily and plan casual get-togethers before our next reunion. Contact arutan@neo.rr.com

STVM Class of 1977
Monthly Girl's Night Out!
Join the VM77 classmates for a monthly girl's night out. A new location is determined each month and if interested in attending, please contact Carla.
Contact: Carla Bouschere Steiner at MVCB@aol.com.

65th Reunion
St. Vincent Class of 1944
Saturday, July 18, 2009 Mass at St. Vincent Church at 5:00 p.m. Join us for dinner at Papa Joe's Restaurant in the Valley after Mass. Contact Marilyn Sturmi McDonald at 330-836-3754 for more details.

60th Reunion
St. Vincent Class of 1949
September 11, 2009
Join the St. Vincent Class of 1949 for their 60th Reunion on Friday, September 11, 2009 beginning with Mass at the STVM School Theater, followed by dinner in the STVM Learning Resource Center (LRC – school library), and reserved Green Street stadium seats (if desired) for the STVM football game against Garfield. Mailing will follow. For questions, call Connie Marucco in David Brennan's office 330-996-0202

50th Reunion
St. Mary Class of 1959
September 18 – 20, 2009
Friday night mixer at Papa Joe's from 7pm – 11pm
Saturday night dinner at Stow Youth Baseball Hall on Steele's Corner from 6pm-11pm.
Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary followed by a brunch in the elementary school cafeteria. For more details, contact Jerry Rotunda at: suzannerotunda@att.net
Please contact Jerry Rotunda if you have a current address for these missing classmates: Barbara Hausmen Akins, Carol Jennings Garman, Kathy Lastocy DiMascio, Pat Lewis Bedell, Mary Ann Manning Caruthers, Carol Nichols Gurkaynak, Maureen O'Reilly Reynolds, Pam Seaman Chisholm, Barbara Vaudrin Stefanov

St. Mary Class of 1959
Monthly Breakfast
Also, join us for our monthly breakfast on the 2nd Monday of each month at Amber Restaurant on Canton Road at 9:00 a.m.

50th Reunion
St. Vincent Class of 1959
September 11-13, 2009
The schedule of weekend events for the 50th year reunion for the St. Vincent Class of 1959 is as follows:
Friday, September 11, 2009 Pre-game Tailgate Party, Football Game and Friday Night Mixer.
Saturday. September 12, 2009 Guy/Gal Golf Outing or Tour of Stan Hywet both with lunch.
Saturday Evening, Gala 50th Reunion Gathering at the Portage Country Club
Sunday, September 13, 2009 Farewell Brunch.
For additional details or to be on the reunion team, please contact Mike Filing via e-mail: michaelfiling@earthlink.net

45th Reunion Planning
St. Mary Class of 1964
St. Mary's Class of 1964 is getting organized to plan our 45th reunion in 2009.
If we can get started now we could have a lot of fun during the planning stages!
Contact Lorrie Haddox at: 330-923-8874 or lhaddox@stvm.com or donlorh@att.net
If you have any updated information on these classmates, please contact: Donna Kandes Faber at 330.928.0730 or Lorrie Taylor Haddox at 330.923.8874 or donlorh@att.net
Missing Classmates from M64:
Mary Ann Schmidt Beeson, Margaret Smith Bilandzia, Sr. Sharon Mare Blank, Carol Henley Carter, Rebeca Deger, Judith Smrekar Desio, Julie Rueschman Foran, Linda Haut Harris, June Burgy Hummel, Mary Ann Leading Kelley, Elaine Smith Klein, Anita Schiavone Kopek, Susan Vegson Korycan, Elaine Doyle Kulchar, Lora Kusy, Kathleen Zink Logan, Patricia McFarland, Marilyn D. Pickett, Barbara Sabo, Jo Ann Bauer Schon, Carolyn Gruber Singer, Elizabeth Sondles Slavinskas, Terrance Smith, Susan Belica Stefan, Katherine Bright Weinkam, Eva Lunder Wilkins

45th Reunion Planning
St. Vincent Class of 1964
The St. Vincent Class of 1964 will be celebrating their 45th reunion during the weekend of Sept. 25-26, 2009. Details and venue yet to be determined. Please contact Jan Karl Royer at royerjan@sbcglobal.net for more details or to get involved in the planning process.

45th Reunion Planning
St. Vincent Class of 1965
The St. Vincent Class of 1965 is planning our BIG 45th Reunion in 2010 the weekend of July 17, 2010. We are just having a casual gathering. If anyone from the class would like to help or have ideas for this, please e-mail Carol Lieb at clieb@kent.edu or call 330-289-1193.

V65 Annual Mini Reunion
Mark your calendars now for our annual Mini-reunion on December 26, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. Tentatively planned at the Firehouse Grill and Pub on West Avenue, in Tallmadge, by the circle.

40th Reunion
St. Vincent Class of 1969
Saturday, July 18, 2009
4:30 Mass at St. Bernard followed by a 5:30 Cookout dinner at Menches Brothers at Canal Park. Cost will be $25 per person and a cash bar. Please visit www.saintvincent1969reunion.com for more info, or contact Karen Krause Jessie Becker: kkjessie@roadrunner.com

40th Reunion Planning
St. Mary Class of 1969
St. Mary Class of 1969 is getting organized to plan our 40th reunion in 2009. If interested in joining the reunion team or to update your mailing information, please contact the STVM Alumni Office 330-253-9113 x120 or e-mail: kholaday@stvm.com

50th Birthday Celebration
STVM Class of 1977
Happy 50th Birthday to the Class of 1977!
A birthday party will be held for all classmates during the summer. Keep an eye out for further information on the website, emails, and in your mailbox. If you are interested in helping contact Carla Bouschere Steiner at: MVCB@roadrunner.com

30th Year Reunion Planning
St. Vincent-St. Mary Class of 1979
The classmates of VM79 are planning our 30th class reunion for 2009. For information or to help plan the event, please contact Patti Bouschere Molinelli at sismagoo417@aim.com or call 330-666-6789, Andy Dangel at e-mail PALSdang42493@aol.com or call 903-520-5799, Tom Mace at e-mail tmace@hvfinance.com or call 330-351-3264 or Steve Garritano at 330-836-0190.

25th Year Reunion Planning
St. Vincent-St. Mary Class of 1984
The STVM Class of 1984 is starting to plan our 25th reunion. For more details, please contact Gia Sunday D'Andrea (e-mail: gia.sunday@spcorp.com)

20th Year Reunion
St. Vincent-St. Mary Class of 1989
September 26, 2009
Save the date for the VM89 20th reunion celebration! More information will follow. Be sure to log onto the Facebook site listed below to learn any new reunion information.
If interested in being a part of the planning team, please contact: Susan Willoughby Randolph via e-mail suerandolph@neo.rr.com.
Website: http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=65375300900
Facebook Group Name: St. Vincent-St. Mary Highschool Class of 1989 20 year reunion

20th Year Reunion Planning
St. Vincent-St. Mary Class of 1990
The STVM Class of 1990 is starting to plan our 20th reunion. If interested in being a part of the planning team, please contact: Karen McEvoy Stepic via e-mail mstepic@neo.rr.com

10th Year Reunion Planning
St. Vincent-St. Mary Class of 1999
The STVM Class of 1999 is starting to plan our 10th reunion. If interested in being a part of the planning team, please contact Monique Harris via e-mail: moniquecharris@qmail.com

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 the alumni office at 330-253-9113 ext. 120. Deadline for Summer 2009 issue is June 15, 2009.

Coming Together

A RECAP OF THE MOST RECENT CLASS REUNIONS

St. Vincent 1943

St. Vincent Class of 1943 celebrated our 65th Reunion with Mass at St. Vincent Church on Saturday, September 6, 2008 followed by a dinner at Tangier Restaurant. V43 enjoyed the Class Picnic on Sunday, September 7, 2008 at classmate Jackie Farrar McDonnell Vielhaber's home in Portage Lakes.

Not featured in the photo but attended dinner at Tangier on September 6th: Mary Beck Goepfert, Jean Nunninger Sear, Richard Wynne, Betty Walter Maligie, Jim Dies, John Farr, and Lucille Kline Bungard.

FRONT ROW: GEORGE BACHMANN, JOHN JAHANT, JANE WALZER ZACHARDY, MARY ANN MARIOLA COOK, PATRICIA DOYLE DELAGRANGE. MIDDLE ROW: ED GAMIND, ED SPEIGHT, THERESE BEDELL LONG. TOP ROW: PATRICIA MILLER LENIHAN, JACKIE FARRAR MCDONNELL VIELHABER, EILEEN GENTNER YASOSKY, HELEN MCDOWELL GENTNER, WILLIAM BREEN, AND JIM MESSMORE

St. Mary 1944

FEATURED CLOCKWISE: ANN AND TOM JEFFERS, EILEEN SEMONIN, SONNY CONSIDINE, TOM AND IRENE DUNN, JIM RITTY, RITA MCFARLAND AND DOT MYERS IN CENTER.

Lively, energetic conversation was heard as these class members enjoyed an afternoon together at the home of Sister Eileen Semonin's nephew in Munroe Falls, Ohio. Present were Tom and Ann Jeffers, Tom and Irene Ulrich Dunn, Dorothy Myers Huebner who flew in from Chicago, Jim Ritty, Paul (Sonny) Considine, Sister Rita McFarland IHM and Sister Eileen Semonin IHM. Shared memories along with some special Son of a Dunn wine flowed throughout the afternoon. Tom Dunn and Tom Jeffers described their experience of an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. to see the monument commemorating World War II.

St. Vincent 1948

1ST ROW: JEAN MCGRATH VONDEMKAMP, MARGARET O'NEIL FREER, PAT KARG CHAMPE, TOM DANNEMILLER, NANCY SPORER HEATON, IRENE LABRIOLA MESSINA, FRANCES DARDEN ALBANESE, PAT KIRK HAAS, JOHN HAAS, ROSALIE KOVAL GALLAGHER. 2ND ROW: HELEN MARKEL BACHMAN, NORMA CASEY YOUNGBLOOD, EMMA LINS DECKER, BETTY REIDY STITZEL, PATRICIA ROHNER HOLMES, JOANNE BURNS SCHULZ, BETTY MILLS DECHANT, PEG MYERS SAUER. 3RD ROW: BILL MCGRATH, MARY ELLEN DELAGRANGE AMER, DORIS GIBSON SIMONIS, MARILYN MCGUIGAN CUNIN, JOSEPH EDMINISTER, NANCY E. SCHLEGEL, BILL SHIELDS. 4TH ROW: ED MOORE, ROSALIE KIRBY DURAY, JEANNE PETIT CARTER, LOUIS ROMESTANT, FRANK MORSE, CHUCK BRADY

John Haas V48 writes....
The St. Vincent Class of 1948 met for our 60th reunion on September 6, 2008. We celebrated Mass together at St. Vincent Church and then went to STVM for an overview of the High School events and happenings. The reunion was a wonderful time and 31 classmates and spouses attended the dinner at Fairlawn Country Club.

St. Vincent 1953

V53 Celebrated their 55th Reunion during the weekend of September 5, 2008 at Guy's Party Centre.

(L-R) JEAN IACOMINI CRAIG AND MARY MARCELLA SALEM

(L-R) TOM MARSHALL, KATHLEEN "TORCHIE" DORAN WHATELY, MARY JO MARSHALL

St. Mary 1956

Don Utrup M56 reports...
St. Mary Class of 1956 had a Mini-reunion, "70th Birthday Dinner" on September 6, 2008 at Papa Joe's Restaurant. Twenty-three classmates and twelve spouses were in attendance. Everyone had a great time and expressed the desire to have our "55th" Reunion at Papa Joe's. Mark your calendar now for September 20, 2011.

BIRTHDAY CAKE WAS ENJOYED BY M56 CLASSMATES IN CELEBRATION OF THEIR 70TH BIRTHDAYS.

St. Mary 1958

(L-R) BOTTOM TO TOP: DANIEL HYNES, KATHY PFROMM LAMBACHER, NANCY BREZA CORMIER, GAIL MEYER BEARER, FR. JIM KRAMER, ROGER FILLMORE, MARY ANN HENLEY BISESI, PAT MARTELL FELTON, ANN HEISER LYMAN, DAVID CRISLIP, ROSALIE FEISTER FARNWORTH, JANET JORDON KARSON, KATHY PAYNE ATWELL, ALICE INGERSOLL BACHTELL, MARY GAULT REDER, ROSE GARGANO PIERCE, RITA FICHTNER LAMBACHER, HARRIETTE HONE HERRON, JANET OSER ULRICH, MARY ANN HUCTWITH MUELLER, FRANCES BOCKO BOMBACK, JEANNETTE FRANK DRAHUSCHAK, MARIE FIEDLER, ROSE CAETTA PERKINS, ROBERT CARLISLE, NANCY ROSSI, ANTHONY MICOZZI, JOHN HORNACEK, CHARLOTTE OTT HILL, EILEEN HEGARTY, JOAN DANNEMILLER CIARDELLA, ROSE FITZGERALD LOVELL, MARY JANE NOVITSKY, DAN KEENAN, DICK ULRICH, FR. JOHN WEIGAND, MARY LIGAS FERRARO, KEN BUTKE, ROSE PAPP HERDON, CAROLYN KEENAN, PATRICIA KEENAN PORTA, LORETTA MOLLICA CARLISLE, MERCEDES "SUE" KENNA WHATMOUGH, BOB SHORDER, MARTY FRANCK, ELMER NEITZ, NOREEN FOX, BILL COX, JOE SPEAKS, DONNA POSEY KARAM, DONNA HUART LOUKOTAR, GERRY LOGSDON, DICK JURKIEWICZ, RITA URBAN BLINE, MARY DREXLER OTT

Loretta Mollica Carlisle M58 writes.....
St. Mary Class of 1958 celebrated their 50 year reunion with a weekend of fun on September 5-7, 2008. On Friday evening, we gathered at Stonehedge and classmates were greeted with smiles

and stares as their peers played "name that face" game. They were surrounded by memorabilia and enjoyed music, pizza, and prizes along with continual laughter.

On Saturday afternoon there was a tour of St. Mary Church and School providing a recollection of great memories for the class. Father Burba, pastor of St. Mary Church with gracious hospitality granted a leisurely tour of the school and church and reminded them of the history related to both.

The classmates climbed the same three flights of stairs, roamed the same old hallways, checked out the same old classrooms, sat on the same old bleachers, peeked out the same old third floor windows, stood on the same old stage while remembering the "Mikado" and recalling wonderful stories that had them laughing and some with a few noticeable nostalgic tears.

Another source of delight was having Father Schleicher as our guest on Saturday evening during dinner at the Sheraton Suites. Afterward a special treat was the entertainment provided by a few of the classmates. Sunday morning brought mass at Guardian Angels concelebrated by class members: Father Kramer (pastor of Guardian Angels) and Father Weigand (pastor of St. James Lakewood). Following mass there was a lovely brunch where good-byes were said with many wishing their memorable September weekend could have lasted a few more days! All are looking forward to seeing everyone in 2013!

St. Vincent 1958

(L-R) GARY HOBAN, SR. DIANA AND JOE GEORGES

Joe Georges V58 reports.....
The St. Vincent Class of 1958 held their 50th reunion on the weekend of October 10-12. The reunion weekend began with an informal gathering Friday evening at the Hilton Akron/ Fairlawn Hotel.

Saturday's celebration started with a 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Vincent Church. That was followed by a dinner buffet at the Hilton. Sister Diana Culbertson, O.P., was a guest at the dinner. 1958 was her last year at St. Vincent. Sister Diana went on to teach at Our Lady of the Elms, and later at Kent State University.

Carol Louise Reymann Recker served as master of ceremonies for the dinner and for the activities that followed. Mary Jean LaRocca Maglione gave the pre-dinner blessing and led a rousing cheer for the "I" "R" "I" "S" "H"! Pat Milo sang a song from *Fiddler on the Roof*. Carole Case King and Joe Georges had prepared a PowerPoint presentation honoring more than 20 deceased classmates and our class president, Pat Neman, led reunion participants in remembering those classmates. We had the opportunity to share stories about our lives and to ask about others in the class and former teachers. On Sunday morning there was another informal gathering for breakfast at the Hilton. More than 50 classmates participated in the reunion, many with spouses, and some from as far away as South Carolina, Florida and California. The reunion planning committee included Anne Steinmetz Berrodin, Mary Jean LaRocca Maglione, Carol Louise Reymann Recker, Joe Georges and Carole Case King.

Thank you to Kathleen Holaday, St. Vincent-St. Mary Alumni Director, and John Cullen of Reunion Planning for their assistance.

St. Vincent 1963

Dave Case V63 reports...
The V63 Classmates celebrated their 45th reunion by taking a trip in August 2008 to Las Vegas. DaveV63 and Kathy Balchak Case V63 organized the trip. Side trips, disappointing casino visits, theatrical productions as well as group meals were enjoyed by all. Those V63 classmates that attended celebrated their 45th reunion in style and appreciated Marlene Thomas Carr V63 for being the ice breaker! Be on the lookout for future trips being planned by this class.

FRONT ROW (L-R): MARY KAY FROST GAINER, JAN ENRIGHT, BECKY RICH ROSS. NEXT ROW (L-R): DAVID FINCH, SANDY SCOTT FINCH, KATHY BALCHAK CASE, MARLENE THOMAS CARR, MARY HART THOMPSON, MARLENE THOMAS CARR.
BACK ROW (L-R): TIM ENRIGHT, GARY MOSS, DAVE CASE, TED THOMPSON
IN LAS VEGAS, BUT NOT PICTURED: PHIL DEROSA

St. Vincent 1965

The St. Vincent High School Class of 1965 met on December 26th for another successful turnout for the annual Mini-reunion. In all, 19 classmates met at KC's 3rd Base, some with spouses and friends. In attendance was Guerrino and Maribeth Rich, Larry Kus, Tom Stecz, Steve and Henny Johnson, Bernie Kress, Jean Dixon Watts, John Seikel, Elaine (Keith) and Bob Nay, Jim Coletti, Frank Jessie and Jill Gardner, Chuck and Alice Altwies, Alice Devany Christie, Barb Trotter, Ed Fogarty, Larry Dolenski, Victor Joseph, Rich Slovisky and friend Anna Marshall (Class of '64), and Carol Lieb. For the first time since its beginning, Denny Graf was NOT in attendance. Several other regulars were missing and much missed. To see all the pictures, go to www.facebook.com under Carol Lieb.

We are planning a 45th Reunion in July 2010. It will be a casual gathering. Please contact Carol Lieb with updated addresses and email addresses so that you can be informed when a definite day and time is determined. We are hoping to see ALL are classmates in 2010.

In the meantime, please plan on joining us next December 26th for the next mini-reunion. It would be great to see you!
Carol Lieb, clieb@kent.edu

St. Vincent 1968

Janet Ede Zwisler V68 writes....
The St. Vincent Class of 1968 celebrated our 40th reunion with a weekend filled with two fun evenings spent together at Tangier Restaurant. Friday was a casual cocktails and appetizers event and Saturday we joined together for Mass at St. Vincent Church followed by a return to Tangier's for dinner and dancing.

We had close to 50 classmates attend and several came from California and a couple from Florida as well. We think that the Thanksgiving holiday weekend both helped and hurt attendance, so we are considering a Summer date for our 45th reunion!

PICTURED ABOVE RIGHT: FRONT ROW (L-R) CYNTHIA CLARK PORTER, MONICA WHELAN, JUDI GRAF PIEKARSKI, EVELYN OLSON LAMDEN, WILLIE ZWISLER, LEONARD BERTSCH. SECOND ROW (L-R) PATTY SHAHEEN PHILLIPS, KATHY RENNIE, PAUL LAVERY. 3RD ROW (L-R) MARK REAMAN, COLLEEN DEAGAN REAMAN, PEGGY DUNLAVY, MICHELLE SMITH VASSEL, MARIBETH KLEIN RICH, DIANE DUNN COCHRAN, CHERI GODAL CHRIST, AL "MOOSE" SUTTER, MARY RUSSO YOST, BARB DURKEE SALAMONE, JEANNIE FLYNN SATTLER, JERRY SKINNER, TOM BOYER, JIM WILHITE, TOM BARR, RON COLEMAN, VINCEENA PIANALTO KELLY, DAVE KELLY. TOP ROW (L-R) MARCIA MCDERMOTT TALKOVICH, NANCY SEAR SHARP, JANET EDE ZWISLER, CAROL PAULUS KEITH, LYNN CRUMRINE

St. Vincent-St. Mary 1973

THESE VM73 GRADUATES ALL GRADUATED FROM ST. SEBASTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. FRONT ROW: JIM AND KYLE FREEMAN, PATTY HILKERT MANCINO, TERRY MCDONALD, RICHARD BENDER, MAUREEN AYLWARD BARCIC. SECOND ROW: BOB OAKES, MARCI SMITH NEAL, JIM DOBBERTIN, KATHY MESSMORE MEYER. THIRD ROW: CHRIS STUHLDREHER, JIM MEYER. FOURTH ROW: TOM MANCINO, BOB HEFFELMAN

Georgine Clark Lawson VM73 writes....
On July 19th, 2008 the FIRST graduating class of St. Vincent-St. Mary's High School held their 35th class reunion. A good time was had by all. It was a tough year back in 1972-1973. Although the boys won the football championship, it was a year of raw emotions trying to combine two schools without actually having the single new school built. Attending certain schools for classes on certain days, having different loyalties to different teams. The reunion just reinforced that the class of 1973 was proud and loyal. People stood by their convictions, but yet we all emerged as one, with new friendships, new beginnings. We've all aged, all been through our share of happiness and sorrows, but our foundation built from that year has made us into what we all are today. Can't wait to see what the next 35 brings!

Since our reunion one of our classmates has passed away. His name was Greg Thurman. The class extends our thoughts and prayers to his family at this difficult time. We also want to acknowledge his fiancée, another classmate, Maureen Aylward Barcic to let her know she is also in our thoughts and prayers.

St. Vincent-St. Mary 1978

The STVM Class of 1978 met August 9, 2008 at Menches restaurant at Canal Park to celebrate their 30th reunion.

(L-R) JEFF PODA, MICHELLE ROSSI FREEMAN, MICHELLE SULLIVAN SAUNDERS, DEBBIE KAPPER DOTSON, SANDY KAISER SANTEE AND CHRIS

(L-R) THERESA CAMPBELL, SUSIE SEIKEL AHBE, BETH MUNKA VASS, KATHY BARNES CONRAD AND MARILYNN HOHAS MCCOY

St. Vincent-St. Mary 1987

Members of the Class of 1987 gathered recently in Las Vegas and shared memories of their days at STVM.

(L-R) ANN FLYNN REED, MICHELLE NAGY VARGO, KATIE DANGEL BAME, CHRIS DETWILER WEYERICH, MEGAN DANGEL CRADDOCK, AND KRISSY HUMMEL MURRAY

Please submit Reunion reports to Kathy Holaday, Alumni Director, via email to kholaday@stvm.com or by mail to 15 N. Maple St., Akron, Ohio 44303. If you would like submission guidelines for content and photos, please call Kathy Holaday at 330-253-9113 x120.

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They Are In Our Prayers

JUNE 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008

Please remember our departed alumni and friends in your prayers.
Thank you to all who inform the Alumni Office of departed classmates.

Ronald D. Karam
Husband of Cynthia. Father of Michael, Joseph VM78, Sandra Haines, and Phillip

Larry Semelsberger
Husband of Jean Vatalaro Semelsberger V62. Father of Tom, Tim, Todd, Troy, Tricia Guinter, and Bob Madden

Judith Rainey Baughman M63
Mother of Sarah Sanford VM92, Margaret Baughman VM90 and Bridget Sengos VM87. Sister of John Rainey M55 and Tim Rainey M60

Michael Vassel M51
Husband of Mary Tubbs Vassel M51. Father of Susan Vassel, Ann Vulyak, Mark, Paul, Matthew and Joseph Vassel, and step-children, David, Daniel and Douglas Etnire, Diane Shapiro, Donna Regalado and Denise Anderson

Rudolph F. Piekarski
Husband of Mary (deceased). Father of Rudy M59, Bob V64 and Ron V67

Larry Smith V64
Husband of Barbara. Father of Brea Kaser. Brother of Tim V65, Don V69 and Steve V72

Jeanne Nelson
Mother of Jeff, Debbie, David, Julie, Jill Dede and Drew. Sister of Elizabeth Dalton M68

Dorothy Major
Wife of Donald (deceased). Mother of Darlene Fresh M64, Debbie Obreza, Diedra, Donald, Dory and Dan

Josephine M. Machek
Wife of Steve (deceased). Mother of Stephen, Rose Marie Lucas M69 and Marlene Blind

William J. Schnee, Sr. V37
Husband of Betty. Father of William V61, Patricia Bauer, Edward V67 and Thomas

Frank Mesek
Husband of Barbara. Father of Michael V69, David, Laura Hunt V72, Joel, Tim VM77, Nancy VM78, and Todd VM86

Norman Jesser
Husband of Lisa. Father of Megan, Norman and Nicole. Son of Yvonne and Thomas V53. Brother of Tom, John, Elizabeth Shaffer and Jennifer Ringer

John Abell M51
Husband of Nancy (deceased)

Margaret Grible
Wife of Andrew (deceased). Mother of Linda Kean V64, Barbara Edgerly V67, Andrea Coffman V71, Andrew VM75 and Beverly Bedell VM79

Robert T. Whitford
Husband of Mary (deceased). Father of Mary Best M65 and Martha Kline

John M. Sylvester V39
Husband of Roberta (deceased) and Rosemarie. Father of John (deceased), Phyllis, Kathy, and Ed Riley

Michael Gerrior V65
Brother of Kathleen Gerrior V66, Patricia Wheatcraft V67 and Carol Gerrior V68

Charles "Nick" Bolanz M56
Husband of Jane. Father of Brenda Friess, Beth Birkner, David and Steven. Brother of Mary Lou M55 and Bill

Frances J. Pudloski
Wife of Roman "Doley" (deceased). Mother of Frank V59, Joseph, Richard, and Janis Malone

Edward L. Kovalchin M55
Husband of Ramona. Father of Debbie Leach, Chris Kungle, Michelle Buettell, and Anthony. Brother of John M54

Dorothy Mishler
Wife of Ralph. Mother of Robert, John, Deborah Petroski and Patrice Satterfield. Sister of George Seigman, Joan Minkel Everett V54

Jeffrey C. Burrell
Brother of Jean Craig M61 (deceased), Jim (deceased), Dan (deceased), Mary Dolis, Tim, Pat, Mike and David VM74

John N. Carris
Husband of Patricia (deceased). Father of J.G., Paul, Michael and Judith Andante VM73

Lawrence "Larry" J. Morris, Jr. V58
Husband of Claudia. Father of Kenny, Jolene Colant, Steven and Larry

Charles T. Crangle V55
Father of Patty, Ann, Tom, Daniel and Susan Farretta VM83

Kathleen DeOrio
Wife of Theodore (deceased). Mother of Stephanie Freeman V69, Mark, Michael, Becky Mauer and Matt

Agnes S. Mills M30
Wife of Ted (deceased). Mother of James, and Cheryl Vetter. Sister of Albert M31 (deceased), Irene Seaman and Jenny Wright-Ashley

Martin Testa V54
Husband of Julia. Father of Michael, Mark, Andrew and Rachel

Larry Zerr V53 (passed away in 2007)
Husband of Esther

Emil "Bud" Totura M56
Husband of Sharon. Father of Mark and Laura Thacker. Sister of Judy Ketterer M61

Robert "Bob" J. Kolp V41 (January 12, 2008)
Husband of Dorothy "Ivy" Iverson Kolp. Father of Hal, Rob, Lisa, and Tim. Brother of Hal V33 (deceased). In 1995, Bob was inducted into the Composition/Composite Materials Hall of Fame by Washington State University which annually recognizes internationally known pioneers in the board industry.

Francis P. Baumgardner
Brother of Richard (deceased) and Florence V53

Ann Marie Oziomek
Daughter of Robert M56 and Mary Oziomek. Sister of Joan Knight and Bob

Wilberta Lackey Botzman M44
Wife of George. Mother of Virginia Johnson, Mary Dabrowski, Regina, Marlene (deceased), George J., Andrew, Bert, Chris, Lawrence, Thomas, John, Paul and Michael

Harold Stelman Carr
Husband of Mary Ethel. Father of Jeanette M70, Ruthann VM73, Susan M66 (deceased), Andrew, Gary (deceased), and Larry (deceased)

Barbara Drexler McNeill M49
Wife of Gerald "Jerry" M48 (deceased). Mother of Tom, Janet Jebber, Pat, Marty, Kathy Derby, Mary Huggins, Karen, Paula Stump, and Dan. Sister of Al M48 (deceased), Mike (deceased), Sr. Mary Albert Drexler, O.P. (deceased), Donna Ott M56, Mary Ott M58, Betty Geig, Cathy Ruhe M63, and Chuck Drexler V61

Patricia Carlson Saal M54
Mother of Mary Kay Sly VM81, Suzie Wagoner VM84, Andrew VM83 and Matthew. Sister of Mary Poland M62, Helen "Virginia" Williams M46 (deceased), and Gus M47 (deceased)

William "Bill" Blanco V48
Husband of Marian. Father of Joe V72, Bill VM74, and Gary VM81. Brother of Vincent V44 (deceased), Nancy Lowther, and Donna Bauer

Robert Fields Goodin
Husband of Trish. Father of Tyler VM98

Catherine Markovich Collett V33
Wife of Edward (deceased). Mother of Judith Tyrell V58 (deceased) and Michael

Steve F. Nemeth
Husband of Emily. Father of Steve, Vince, and Lisa Hofacker. Brother of Joe M56, John, and Vince
Mary H. Tucker
Wife of William (deceased). Mother of Theresa (deceased), Kathy, Mary Anne Anderson M67, Patty M69, and Mike
Barbara Basile Huber M60
Wife of Lee. Mother of Pam Smerk, Denise Minocchi, Kristine Caldwell, and Thomas
Antoinette M. Leone
Wife of Orlando (deceased). Mother of Alexis Winter V72, Annette Nemchev VM74, Mary Mondozzi VM76, and Rita Ann Kariotis VM78
Theresa Lynch Wilson V37
Wife of Ralph (deceased). Mother of Ralph Jr. (deceased), Jerry V62, Terry V65, Paul V67, Dot Rapp V69, Loretta Robinson V72, Martha Mosher VM73, and Susie Cordle VM77. Sister of Dorothy Lynch Pretot V33 (deceased) and Alvin Lynch V34 (deceased)
Viola Devany
Wife of Tom V35 (deceased). Mother of Dr. Alice Christie V65, Rose Huxtable V66, Grace Hodges V69, Thomas Jr., Dr. Viola Devany VM73, Carolyn Weigand VM75, and Julie Blumenthaler VM79
Elizabeth Doria V27
Sister of Joseph (deceased), Rose Ciraco (deceased), and Phyllis Harvey
James F. Hamad
Father of Michael Rohm, Benjamin, Travis, Julie, Jennifer Montisano VM93, Jimmy Jr. VM95, and Jaclyn Waterman VM98

CAROL GILL M67

Where does one start to celebrate the life of Carol Gill? Each one of us here today is here for a different reason – because we knew Carol in so many different ways – as teacher, fellow administrator, mentor, co-worker, classmate, friend, aunt, sister, and daughter.

And yet we all knew the same dedicated, unassuming, funny Carol. Somewhere right now Carol is wondering why anyone would want to sit and listen to a eulogy about her. That's because she always worked behind the scenes, always letting the spotlight shine on someone else, never herself.

Fifty-three years ago, Carol and I (Anne Bickett) entered first grade together at St. Martha School on North Hill to be educated by the blue nuns. Academic intervention back then meant a good slap on the wrist with a ruler and a phone call to your parents to make sure you were disciplined again at home. Her dearest friend and co-worker, Pam Godshalk, joined us in the fifth grade. Little did we know that we would all end up many years later teaching together at St. Vincent-St. Mary. I remember working on a geography project with her and being so happy that Sister Catherine had paired me with Carol because I knew then that she was a no-nonsense sort of person. Even at eleven, she was a master of efficiency and organization, and our finished product made of paper mache was top notch.

But my favorite memory of Carol was at our eighth grade graduation dance. Her dad was a chaperone and felt the need to teach us all to dance – the right way – before the dance even began. I thought he was rather charming; however, Carol wanted to melt into the gym floor and disappear. Her dry wit and sarcasm only made that situation more enjoyable. We graduated from St. Martha's and went on to St. Mary's where blue plaid skirts, saddle shoes, record hops, the beginning of some life-long friendships and some more blue nuns became a part of our lives for the next four years. At this time she also worked at the North Branch Library where the seeds for her skills as an administrator were planted. Not only was she a meticulous librarian, but she also kept the troublemakers in line.

On to Hilltop High School – as we liked to call Akron University back then – Carol and I were Theta Phi Alpha sorority sisters and graduated in 1971, both with degrees in education. To no one's surprise, Carol returned to her alma mater to teach, and our paths separated – at least for a time. In the 70s and 80s Carol successfully steered the Business/Computer Department and the rest of the school through the ever-changing field of technological application to education. Once again, her organizational skills and ability to see "the big picture" in education led to her appointment to the administration, first as an Intervention Specialist and later as an Academic Advisor. What a misleading title! But, of course, there was no title for all that Carol did – developing the master schedule and then working with every student to get every class they wanted; coordinating all student testing programs; making sure that none of our students fell through the cracks academically; and instituting cutting edge programs like Homework Hero and Edline – patiently leading teachers, parents, and students through the "thicket" of technology.

Anyone who ever formed a committee wanted Carol on it, and anyone who ever served on a committee benefited from Carol's sensible, down-to earth appraisal of a situation and common sense approach to solving the problem at hand.

Although Carol hated to speak to groups, no one did it better. Her presentations were always clear, concise and served up with a generous dollop of straight-faced dry wit. She actually made faculty meetings not only bearable but also often good for a hearty laugh. As dedicated as she was to St. Vincent-St. Mary, Carol had a life outside of those four walls – whether it be Friday night pizza runs to Parassons or gambling in Las Vegas, sensible gambling, of course.

In 2006, I nominated Carol for the prestigious Mahar Alumni Award because she so completely exemplified the characteristics that the Mahar Award embodies — ministry to youth, service to school, and professional achievement. I remember telling Jan Bachmann that Carol would accept this nomination kicking and screaming because she would not want to speak or be in the limelight. So the rules were changed for Carol – no speech.

She was a supportive friend and a traveling companion of Pam's, a doting aunt, a loving sister to Kathy, Barb, and Robin, as well as a devoted daughter to Jean. She always put family first--always there to enjoy the good times and the one to lean on in not so good times. And so, Carol, as you left us, we humbly wrapped you in a fleece blanket covered with prayers and good wishes, draped a paper prayer chain around your room, and prayed with sadness because of the void you leave in each one of our lives and gratitude for being there for us these past 59 years. Eventually, wonderful memories of our co-worker, friend, classmate, aunt, sister, and daughter, will start to fill that void. Thank you, Carol, for everything. And that pin you always wore – turn it so it's "Thumbs up."

Eulogy Written by Anne Wise Bickett M67 and Luanne Jenkins Richardson V59

Rosemary McHadden
Sister of Dick Lang V56, Jean Lioudice V57 and Paul Lang V61

William R. "Bill" Cornelius V71
Husband of Donna. Brother of Ernie V69, Kathi Whiteman, and Karen Caston

Thomas M. Large
Son of Dorothy Glasgow Large V40 and Leroy C. Large V40 (deceased). Brother of Barbara Ramin, Jim, Patti Cleary, Betsy Hansen, Joe VM77, Jackie Savage VM81 and Steve VM80

Eva Salem
Wife of Tony VM77. Mother of Jennifer, Anthony VM03, Phillip VM05 and Julia

Dominic Fortunato
Husband of Carmella Aquino Fortunato V38 (deceased). Father of Sharon Bentz, and William

Robert "Bob" D. Crossland V43
Husband of Joanne Marie Welsh Crossland V45. Father of Robert Daniel II (deceased), Daniel V69, Timothy V70, Terrence VM74, Robert VM80 and Cynthia Crossland-Henry VM77. Brother of Eileen Milne V46 (deceased) and Mary Jean Gemind V44 (deceased)

Alice Dannemiller Henry V46
Wife of Newton "Newt" V47 (deceased). Mother of Newton V72 (deceased), Denise Duffy V70, Debra Helmkamp V71, Diedre Bartemes VM74, Andy VM76 and Dan VM78. Sister of Janice Thacker (deceased), Elizabeth Carpenter V42 (deceased), James Dannemiller V44 (deceased), Joseph Dannemiller (deceased), Jeanne Rost V39 and Barbara Soltis V47

Walter Hermanowski M56
Husband of Bonnie (deceased). Father of Karen McGuire, Konnie Twiddy, Michael, Chris James, and Jennifer Ruffin. Brother of Fred V60 and Ingrid Loeffler V63

Gregory Zolton
Husband of Helen. Father of Terry Kence V65, Gregg V68 and Gary V70

Dolores Maischaider Simmons
Wife of George Maischaider (deceased) and Robert Simmons (deceased).
Mother of Ann McClure V57, Mary, Paul V67, Rita Proffitt V68, and Susan Gentry. Stepmother to Pamela Hoynes M60, Bridget Babb M63, Rebecca O'Conner M65, Robert Simmons and Charles Simmons

A. David Klein
Husband of Marilyn. Father of Lisa Weber and Mike Klein VM77

Gerald Petit, Sr. V54
Husband of Regina Kovalcik Petit V56. Father of Jeanne Bigelow, Jacqueline Kinsley, Jerry Jr., Jane Rhodes and Mark Petit VM86. Brother of Jim, John V57, Chuck V59, Peter, Agnes, Celina, Mary Jane (deceased), Rita Pierce V69 (deceased) and Mary Williams (deceased)

Thomas W. Clark, Sr.
Husband of Rita (deceased). Father of Christine VM85 (deceased), Joanne Korec, Tom Jr., Eddie VM76, Patty Conway, Dan VM82, and Nancy Thome VM83. Brother of Catherine Hickman V37, Theresa Knauer, Rita Clark, Johanna Clark (deceased), Dorothy Clark V39 (deceased), Francis V34 (deceased), Marie Roshak (deceased), George (deceased), Bernie V43 (deceased), Ray (deceased)

Robert N. Gesquiere
Husband of Monique. Father of Sue Phillips VM77, Fred, and Robert

James J. Gill V42
Husband of Loretta (deceased). Father of Jim V68, Michael V71 and Terry V72. Son of Aelred (deceased) and Mary Jane McGinnis Gill M14 (deceased). Brother of Aelred V41, Bruce V44 and Generose Marks V55

Larry Kalgreen
Husband of Mary. Father of Kathy Cook, Susan V68, Andrew V71, Peter VM73 and Matthew VM76

Dennis B. Miller
Husband of Patricia Breen Miller M62. Father of Daniel, David and Michael

Stephan N. Edocs
Husband of Anna. Father of Kathleen Flessner VM80, Barbara Strayer VM81 and Maryanna Rooney

Joseph Dierker V44
Husband of Bernadette Marthey Dierker M46. Father of Elizabeth Rhoades VM81, Karl VM82 and Lisa Smith VM86. Brother of James V51, George (deceased) and Howard V51 (deceased)

Dick Landefeld
Husband of Joan Slivka Landefeld V51. Father of Susan and Allan

Rita Marie Burtscher
Wife of George (deceased).
Mother of Robert, Michael, Barbara Vassel and Michelle Young. Sister of Bernadette Stalter V69 and Robert Trares, Jr. M49

Rod W. Nemchev
Husband of Annette Leone Nemchev VM74. Father of Martin and Angela

Roy "Bud" Minns
Husband of Carol Galati Minns M60 (deceased). Father of Mark, Anthony (deceased), Lauri Walker and David (deceased)

Margaret "Peggy" Wheeler Kane V52
Wife of David. Mother of Meg Lee, David, Paul, Robert and Nancy Asmus

Judith Marie Hanna
Mother of David VM82, Jim VM78 and Mike VM86. Sister of Jeannie Starkey, Edward Farr V56 (deceased) and William Farr (deceased)

Robert F. Hunt
Husband of Wanda (deceased) and Ruth. Father of Robert and step-father of Kathleen Drozin, Lori Weiss and Karen Lucas. Brother of Richard (deceased), Frank (deceased), Joan Stampfli V47 and Nancy Durkin M54

Vincent "Jim" Marotta
Husband of Helen. Father of Robert, Vincetta Croft James VM74 and Mark VM76

Catherine "Evelyn" Hager
Wife of Fred (deceased). Mother of Judy Christine M63, Joanne Underwood, Betty Robinson, Dee Masiella, and Fred Hager, Jr.

Raymond Lambert
Husband of Mary. Father of Mary Kay Balas V65 (deceased), Linda Yeager, Raymond, John and Bob

Tawia Modibo Ocran
Husband of Adelaide. Father of Araba, Yoofi, Ato, Kojo VM02 and Ama VM05

K. Leone Krupp Frank M31
Wife of Allan (deceased).
Sister of Malcolm M28 (deceased), Carroll M35 (deceased), John M38 (deceased), Sr. Susanne Krupp M29 (deceased), Rita Harris M37 (deceased) and Kitty Zawistowki M46

Florence Beckman Sereno Lutz M30
Wife of Peter Sereno (deceased) and Raymond Lutz (deceased). Mother of Joseph Sereno

Marie B. Moleskey
Wife of John (deceased). Mother of Barbara Bongiovanni, Mary Speaks M66, Catherine Mungo M70 and John

Martha Case Hicks V58
Wife of Richard. Mother of Steven (deceased), Jeffrey, Craig, and Julie Patrick. Sister of Mary Ann Lengi V53 (deceased), Margaret Bell V54 (deceased), Charles Case (deceased), David V63, Joseph, Frank, and Sally Kohut V71

Damaris "Dee" Ratay Chickos M61
Wife of Tom. Mother of Kathleen McCormick, Thomas, Frank, Kris and Rosemary Ramoso

Andrew A. Hammer VM88
Son of Ralph and Beverly Hammer. Brother of Margaret (deceased), Mark, John, Timothy, and Scott

Harriet J. Volkmor
Wife of Tom (deceased). Mother of Carolyn "Jeanne" Falanga V60, Jan Hennequin V62, Kathryn Tate V71, and James

Eva Geiser
Wife of Josef (deceased). Mother of Heide, Joseph, and Barbara Tonhaeuser M57

John "Jack" Adams
Husband of Patricia Harrison Adams M43 (deceased). Father of Matthew and Peter

Paul Seikel
Husband of Louise Bertsch Seikel V54. Father of Terry, Mimi Berghoff, Mike, and Cindy

A. Josie Doyle Pepperney
Mother of Amy VM73, Bonnie V69, Peg Horan, Dick, Mary V68 and Julie Harris VM77

Russell R. Bauer
Husband of Joan. Father of James, Patricia, Mary, Philip, Charles, Eric and Robert. Brother of Ellen Bauer Seelye V49 (deceased) and Chas. Franklin Bauer V46

Onofrio "Jack" DiMascio M61
Brother of Philip M59 (deceased), Joe and Alberta Gahera

Rita M. Lindisch
Wife of Vincent M42 (deceased). Mother of Mary Rita Moore, Carol Krancic, David, Lawrence, Jean Rihm, and Eileen Cervantes

Elizabeth Rand
Wife of Stuart (deceased).
Mother of Bruce V71 and Paula Rand V65

Carol A. Gill M67
Daughter of Roy (deceased) and Jean Gill. Sister of Kathleen Weber M65, Barbara Kee M69 and Robin Gill VM79

Rosemary Soppi McCausland M50
Wife of John M50 (deceased). Father of John, Gerald, Jeffrey, Kathleen Hays, Patrice Nicholas, Michael and Joseph. Sister of Eddie M53 (deceased), Julie Howard M53 and Rudy M55

Dolores Tartaglia
Wife of Frank (deceased).
Mother of Matthew, and Roseann Lane.
Sister of Mary Salem V53, Norma Ober V56, and Anita Schmidt

Nellie Morris
Wife of Edward (deceased). Mother of Paula Witwer V65, and Donald V68

G. Douglas Huth
Husband of Jolene Rabb Huth V59. Father of John, and Jim

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Wife of Ted (deceased). Mother of Carolyn Teberian M54, Edward M57 and Ted M62

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Sister of Yolanda Derrig V41 (deceased), Edith Wassity V33 (deceased), Joseph (deceased), and John (deceased)

Paul Schlabig
Husband of Ruth. Father of Lorie Shockey, Jill Williams, and Michael. Brother of Pat St. George V53, Bob V51 and Gary

Helen Herhold Doerler M32
Wife of Bill (deceased)

Mary E. Pelliteri
Wife of Frank (deceased). Mother of Marian Renicker V54, Joan Graff V58, Cathy Earnest, and Tom

Audrey Seib Wehner V53
Wife of William. Mother of William, Anne Williams, Lisa Forgie-Lowden and Susan

Maureen White-Novisky
Wife of Thomas. Mother of Jason, Meghan, Brendan and Nicholas VM09

Michael Beskitt
Husband of Kathleen. Father of Margaret Pankey, Mary Daniel, Kathleen Herbert V67, Denise Gerber, and Terina Behrend V66

Charles V. "Chuck" Kelly
Husband of Patricia Foley Kelly M57. Father of Brian, Sean and Michael

Theresa V. Mancini
Wife of Albert (deceased). Mother of Donna Sorvillo, Nancy M72 and Larry

Donna Satiroff Starling M69
Wife of Richard. Mother of Kevin. Sister of Mary Ann Frantz M72 and Ann Marie Hadden VM79

William "Bill" Thomas M44
Husband of Sylvia. Father of Marguerite, Craig, Dennis and Mary

Ruth Darlington
Wife of Charles (deceased). Mother of Paul V57 (deceased), Donald V54 and Margie Trettel V59

James W. Kinney M55
Husband of Kathleen Weirick Kinney M59. Father of Colleen McClenaghan, and Patty Priesel

Traci Ann Korec
Daughter to Ken and Joanne Korec. Sister of Brian and Jeff

JUDITH RAINEY BAUGHMANN M63

Sarah Baughman Sanford VM92 writes...
Judith Rainey Baughman M63, former STVM Director of Development and Director of Alumni, passed away peacefully at her home on June 12, 2008. She lived in Akron her whole life.
Her true joys in life were her daughters and their families, Bridget Sengos VM87, Margaret Baughman VM90 and Sarah Sanford VM92. She is survived by her two brothers, John A. Rainey M55 and Timothy G. Rainey M60.
She was grateful for the formative influences that molded her, St. Mary Parish, Elementary and High School grades 1-12 and her classmates, CYO coaches, Mary Kidder and Nancy Manion, The University of Akron, The Buchtelite, and the women of Theta Phi Alpha. She was employed by organizations whose mission she took into her heart: St. Sebastian Elementary School, PBS Channels 45-49, St. Vincent-St. Mary High School (Development Director and Alumni Director), Goodwill Industries, Cuyahoga Falls General Hospital, East High School, Litchfield Middle School, and Buchtel High School.
For many years, she volunteered her time with numerous philanthropic and community organizations and was recognized for her continued efforts. She found a positive reason to enjoy each day despite health problems and through a quick wit and caring thought, she brought happiness to many.

Ruth J. Breen
Wife of Donald (deceased). Mother of Patricia Miller M62, Marianne Baker M66, Kathleen Harig and Carolyn Roach

Luigi Iacobucci
Husband of Carmel (deceased). Father of Christina Hippely V63, Rick, Dom V58, and Paul

Henry "Hank" Palombo
Husband of Louise. Father of Gina Andio, Trish Schlosser VM80, and Tom

Agnes Ruth
Wife of Charles. Mother of Rebecca Swearingen M68, and Carolyn Justice M70

Betty Jane Dzuris
Wife of George "Eddie" (deceased). Mother of Jody Daniels V64, Judy Anello V67, Joseph V69, James, John VM79, Jamie Lindholm VM79 and Jan Rodusky VM85

Betty J. King
Wife of Charles (deceased). Mother of Kathy VM79 and David V65

Sandra Rosa VM79
Mother of Lauren Frohnapfel and David Frohnapfel. Daughter of Sam (deceased) and Della Rosa. Sister of Sam Rosa

Michael Connell
Husband of Heather. Father of Patrick VM11, Austin, Lauren VM10 and Madison

Cosimo Scalia
Husband of Nancy V58. Father of Judith Fain, Jim, John, Thomas and Tim

Mary Ethel Carr
Wife of Harold (deceased). Mother of Gary (deceased), Susan M66 (deceased), Larry (deceased), Jeanette M70, Ruthann VM73 and Andrew

Kenneth D. Messner V50
Husband of Joanne. Father of Kathleen Orr

Marsha Horning Williams M66
Mother of Amy Hickey VM91, Megan Dyser VM94 and Sean. Daughter of Vincent and Marilyn Hinchberger Horning V44. Sister of Marlene Dennison M70 and Gary Horning

Sister Patricia Ann Kidder IHM M47
Daughter of Frances and Anna Seib Kidder M22

Susan Andrews Franklin V58
Wife of John M52 (deceased). Mother of Michael (deceased), John, and Christine Cook

Jeanne Jurgens Thomas M52
Wife of James (deceased). Mother of James, John, Jeanne Blake, Janet, Jeralyn Darnell and Joanne Bojo

Marilyn J. Roth V51
Daughter of Norbert M. Roth (deceased) and Dorothy E. Pfromm Roth (deceased).
Sister of Rosalia Baum (deceased), Albert (deceased), Robert (deceased), Beatrice Kauffman, Betty Jane LeClaire, Elaine Blong, Mary Ellen Patterson and Dorothy

Kathleen Lotze Colligan M29
Mother of James and Timothy

Viola Warner Wise V28
Wife of Ray (deceased). Mother of R. Lynn (deceased)

Elizabeth Falb
Wife of Stuart (deceased). Mother of Bruce V71 and Paula Rand V65

Margaret Antonino
Wife of Thomas (deceased). Mother of Nick V56 and Bernadine V61

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Wife of Joseph (deceased). Mother of John V58, Joe, Anthony V60, Bob and Tom

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Wife of Carroll M35 (deceased). Mother of Susan Petro V62, Janet McCune V64, Mary Jane DiFiore, Alice Ott and Kathleen Whitman

Charlotte Perfetto
Wife of Guisseppe. Mother of Lia Edsall, Tony, and Francesca Yanik VM98

David Swejk
Husband of Susan McLuskie Swejk V54. Father of Mary Beth, Michael, Rick and Eddie

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Marie Walter M42
Sister of Irene Berger M43, Barbara Walter, Fran Walter, Victor M41 (deceased), James M46 (deceased), Norman (deceased) and Sr. Jeannette Walter IHM M47 (deceased)
Ruth Venarge Zepnack DeGeorge M43
Wife of Robert Zepnak (deceased) and Anthony DeGeorge M42 (deceased)
Mother of Robert DeGeorge, Deborah Wilke M68, Diane Davis M72 and Renee Fetterman. Sister of Tudy (deceased), Louie (deceased), Leroy M37 (deceased), Millie DeCastro M46, Geraldine Jurgens M51 and David
Julie Soppi Howard M53
Wife of Wayne. Mother of Rick, Debbie Lukens, Mark, Cynthia Mollohan, Dennis, and Connie Long. Sister of Eddie Soppi M53 (deceased), Rosemary McCausland M50 (deceased), and Rudy Soppi M55
Grace Murray Babb V33
Wife of Harold (deceased). Mother of Richard, and Carole
George Blower V37
Husband of Delores Agnes Blower. Father of George, Paul, Sandy, Greg, Timothy, Kevin, Shannon, Judy, Jeanne, and Sharon Gregory. Brother of Charles (deceased), Frank V42 (deceased), John (deceased), Mary LoVoie (deceased), and Basil V35
Frances S. Mittiga
Wife of Dominic (deceased). Mother of Patricia Dougherty, P. David V65, Albert and Donald
Margaret Mary Gemind Mosher V34
Wife of Charles (deceased). Mother of Kathleen VanDevere, Mary Ellen Ahern, Timothy V65, Michael, Rev. Thomas V71, Daniel V72, Joseph VM79. Sister of Helen McCann V31 (deceased), Dorothy Hyland V39 and Edward V43
Carol Raines
Mother of William VM77, Daniel, Mary Thompson VM79, Elizabeth VM80 and Joan VM83. Sister to Thomas, William, Betty Jane McShane, Grace Spado V50, Frances Gedraitis M56, Kathleen Backer M57 and Victoria Bravo M66
Mary Catherine Roland
Wife of Richard M40 (deceased). Mother of Patrick, and Mary Margaret. Sister of Donna Shanks Thursby M53 and Richard (deceased)
William T. Scott
Husband of Dolores M50 (deceased). Father of Michael (deceased), Michelle VM73, Mark, Mary Ann Heaton VM78 and Mitchell
Stefano Sferra
Husband of Elvira. Father of Rita Lancianese VM81, and Guido
Graydon T. Kouri V52 (February 13, 2008)
Husband of Betty. Father of Christine Kouri, Rene Sams, John VM83, and Mary Stuffelbeam VM84
Frank X. Yurick
Husband of Catherine. Father of Michael, Gregory McCrossin and Terry McCrossin. Brother of Mary Lurner (deceased), Katherine Yurick (deceased), John (deceased), Michael (deceased) and Francis M51
George R. Zimmerman V53
Husband of Rhae Metcalfe Zimmerman V53. Father of Michael, Cindy Baglia, Dale, Frank and Randall. Brother of Henry (deceased), Edward (deceased), Charles (deceased), Joseph V45 (deceased), Doris Edwards V47 and Frank
Joanne Hamric Young M58
Wife of James. Mother of Melanie Lautenschlager, Daniel Carter, Steven Carter, and Janet James
Irene Elmauer DeHaven V51
Passed away March 30, 2008
Wife of Robert. Mother of Katherine, and Denese. Sister of Anna (deceased), Julia, Mary and Margaret Horvat V53

GREG THURMAN VM73

St. Vincent-St. Mary High School mourns the loss of former alum and faculty member Greg Thurman. Greg Thurman was a dedicated Math teacher and coach during his time at St. Vincent-St. Mary and touched the hearts of many co-workers and students. As a student at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, Thurman was a stand-out, three-sport athlete and part of the first football state championship team. In June of 2008, Thurman respectfully left his alma mater for Canton Central Catholic High School to pursue his dream of being a head varsity basketball coach.
The St. Vincent-St. Mary community sends out its condolences to Greg Thurman's family, siblings: Charmaine Thurman VM76 and Rodney VM79, and friends. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Honor & Memorial Gifts

In Honor of:

Antonino Family Scholarship
Mary Jo Chionchio
Jim Conlon
Jim Conlon Family
Msgr. Conry Memorial Scholarship
Mike Dangel
Fongheiser Family Scholarship
David R. and Rita George
David Giffels
In Honor of Jack and Mary Ann Haag's Marriage
Hanlon Family Scholarship
Edward Longville Family
Paul Longville Family
Leo B. Mills Family Memorial Scholarship
Julie Censky Randall V56
Kevin F. Randall VM83
Beth Randall-Dodd VM81
Marcy Smith's Birthday
St. Vincent Alumni Grant
St. Vincent dePaul Elementary School Scholarship
Michael Sullivan V53 Scholarship

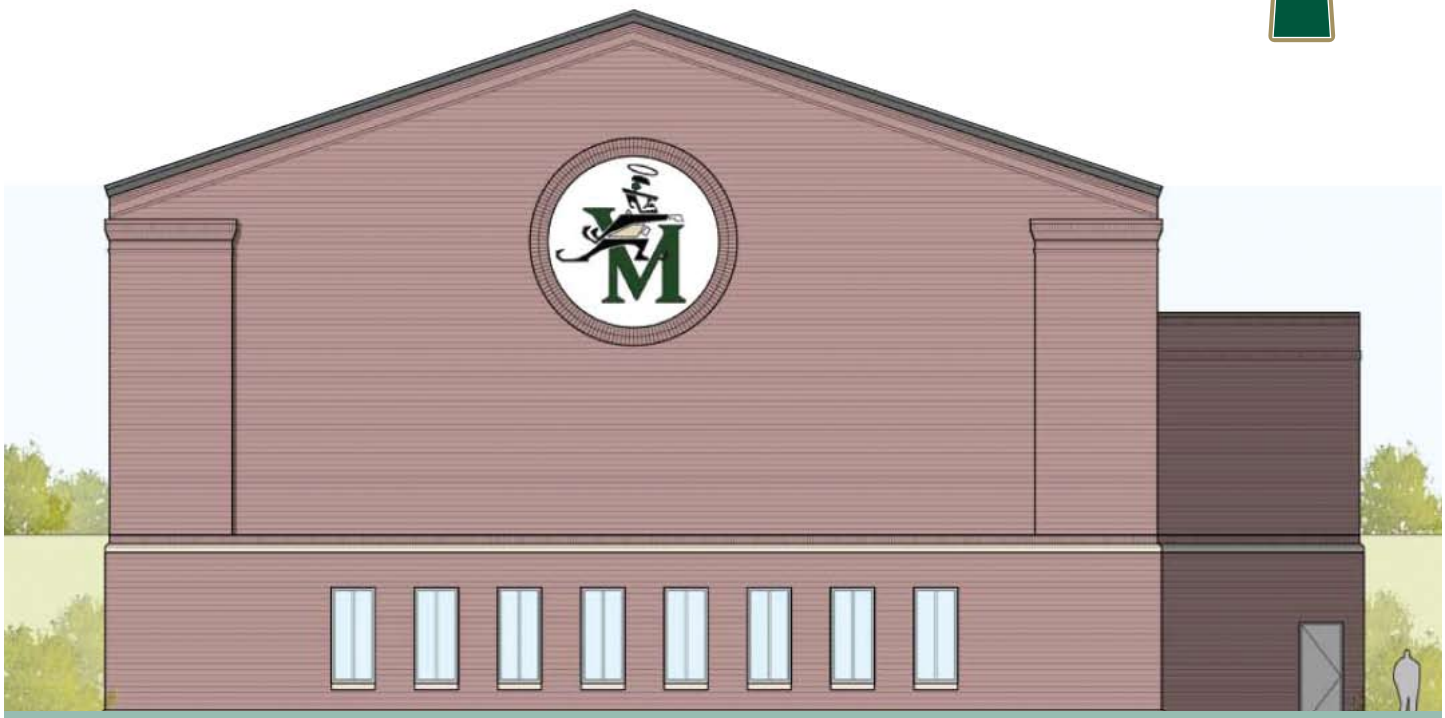
In Memory of:

Margaret Antonino
Florence A. Bernard
Judith Rainey Baughman
Erlen "Burr" Brown
Christine Clark
Thomas W. Clark, Sr.
Mike Connell
Michael J. Cummins
Marie Stephenson Daily
Thomas Devany
Joseph Dierker
John Fiala
Eileen Fisher
Carol A. Gill
James and Elizabeth Hart
Alice Henry
Brian Heslop
Mr. Dan Houston
Leonard Jamison
Mr. Jesser
Jim Kelly
M. Teri Lynch
Dr. Frank Mellion
Frank Mesek
Margaret Mosher
Patricia Murphy V46
Charlotte O'Connor
Tim "Buck" O'Connor
Mrs. Mary Oyler

35 YEARS IN THE MAKING! BE A PART OF HISTORY!

Student Activity Center

St. Vincent-St. Mary High School



Student Activity Center
Naming Opportunity
YOUR NAME HERE!

St. Vincent-St. Mary High School
Student Activity Center

Highlights of the New Student Activity Center:

Basketball courts / Wrestling room / Athletic offices
Fitness center / Locker rooms / Cheer Room

Once completed, the final phase of our Share the Vision Campaign will:

- ✔ Benefit each and every student who attends St. Vincent-St. Mary High School.
- ✔ Ensure we remain competitive in attracting the best and brightest students.
- ✔ Enable us to accommodate our growing student body with a first-class facility.
- ✔ Allocate our resources where they can provide the greatest benefit for our students and faculty.

Invest in the future of St. Vincent-St. Mary by taking advantage of one of many naming opportunities.

Chapel

Bookstore

Gymnasium

AVAILABLE NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Student Activity Center

Student Activity Center	$3,000,000
Court One	$250,000
Court Two	$250,000
Wrestling Room	$150,000
Fitness Center	$100,000
Boys Locker Room	$50,000
Girls Locker Room SOLD! The Patrick O'Neill Family	$50,000
Cheer Room	$50,000
Main Entrance Garden (two available @ $50,000 each)	$50,000
Side Garden (five available @ $25,000 each)	$25,000
Side Garden SOLD! The Ralph Trecaso Family	$25,000
Walk of Champions (100 pavers available @ $1,500 each)	$1,500

INDICATES NAMING OPPORTUNITY HAS SOLD

Renovations of Existing Facilities

Endowed Building Fund	$1,000,000
Rededicated Varsity Gymnasium	$1,000,000
Art Center	$100,000
Chapel SOLD! The Lehner Family Foundation	$100,000
Student Center	$100,000
Board Room SOLD! Jack & Barbara Bader	$50,000
Bookstore	$50,000
Classroom (four available @ $50,000 each)	$50,000
Development Office	$50,000
Maple Street Garden (four available @ $25,000 each)	$25,000
Relocation of St. Mary Statue	$50,000
Welcome Center SOLD! IMO Robert & Anna Mae Orr	$50,000
Science Lab (three available @ $50,000 each)	$50,000

Contact Joanne Zaratsian, Director of Major Gifts, 330-253-9113 x112, or jzaratsian@stvm.com

Court 1
Naming Opportunity
$250,000
Court 2
Naming Opportunity
$250,000
Boys Locker Room
Naming Opportunity
$50,000
Cheer Room
Naming Opportunity
$50,000
Wrestling Room
Naming Opportunity
$150,000
Fitness Center
Naming Opportunity
$100,000
OPENING FALL 2009

New Student Activity Center

CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN. OPENING SET FOR FALL 2009.

Summit Construction Co. of Akron has been chosen as the builder, with John Griffiths as construction manager. The architect is Westlake Reed Leskosky of Cleveland.

The Student Activity Center is being constructed between the school and the football field to unify the campus and integrate the new facility with the existing one. It is slated to be completed by August 1, 2009, for the 2009-2010 school year. It will provide more space for a wide range of student activities and co-curriculars, while freeing up space in the main building for the school's academic programs.

THE NEW STUDENT ACTIVITY CENTER WILL FEATURE:
> Basketball courts > Wrestling room
> Athletic offices > Fitness center
> Locker rooms > Parking > Landscaping

SEE ENCLOSED BROCHURE FOR NAMING OPPORTUNITIES!

"We are excited to be able to provide this first-class facility for our students, as well as future generations"
Tim Castrigano, CFO and Director of Development

Annual Car Raffle

WINNERS GARY AND LAURA CONLEY WITH DAUGHTER BRIDGET CONLEY.

(L-R): BRIAN KLUENDER VM04, SR. LORETTA, AND KATHY OST

The 7th Annual Irish Family Car Raffle Raises $87,475.00!

Congratulations to this year's winners! A 2009 Chevrolet Malibu was awarded to lucky winners Gary and Laura Conley! Sophomore Bridget Conley sold the winning tickets to her parents. Winners of the LCD TV were David and Shari McGrew. Their son Alex is a freshman. Winner of the $500 Circle K Gas Cards was Christine Horak. She purchased her tickets from the alumni & friends mailing.

For the seventh year, we are grateful to Bob Serpentini's Chevy Connection for donating the grand prize car for the Annual Irish Family Car Raffle. We are also grateful to Jack Haag V50 and Mary Lou VM74 and John Ballard. Their donations make it possible to purchase the second and third place prizes and cash incentives.

"Thanks to the incredible generosity of the Serpentini, Haag and Ballard families, the school profited from every ticket that was sold. Proceeds directly help defray the actual cost of tuition vs. tuition charged. STVM alumni and friends helped out in a big way accounting for $20,265.00 of the total profit," said Joanne Zaratsian, Director of Major Gifts.

Go to www.stvm.com for additional photos.

TOP: FR. KRAKER BLESSES PERMANENT SIGN.
BOTTOM: (L-R) MIKE SULLIVAN, JERRY KELLY, DAN BOARMAN AND FR. BERARDI

Boarman Backers Sign Unveiled

SUPPORTERS RECOGNIZED WITH PERMANENT SIGN

The Boarman Backer Club was established in the Spring of 2007 to support the efforts of all Irish athletic programs.

Naming opportunities were established and offered at John Cistone Field/Green Street Stadium and the Field House. "It has been a joy to see who wanted to remember their loved ones here at the stadium. If you look around, many people will remember Jim Kelly, Pete Burg, Jim Pier, just to name a few. And now, their names will be remembered and recognized for generations to come. That's the spirit of the Irish tradition," said Joanne Zaratsian, Director of Major Gifts.

Boarman Backers were invited to many socials that were held in the Eddie Wentz Room over the course of the past two years. They enjoyed refreshments, viewed highlight films and had a chance to meet and greet the coaches. One final "exclusive" Boarman Backer Social was held prior to the unveiling and Father Kraker blessed the permanent sign. The Fighting Irish Band was on hand for the unveiling, which was held in the stadium plaza entranceway on November 12, 2008.

Naming rights will continue to be sold for pennants in the concourse area for $5,000 and bleachers for $2,000. For more information, contact Joanne Zaratsian (330) 253-9113 x112.

BOARMAN BACKERS

As of October 22, 2008 /

$135,000 Raised plus over $10,000 in-kind donations

Champion Club
Press Box – Jerry Kelly
Varsity Locker Room – 1981 Football State Champions
Ticket Booth – Tom and Patty Mancino, Bob and Debbie Mancino, Jim and Barb Petruccio
Concession Stand – Ed Sutter Family
Goal Post – In memory of Pete Burg V64
Goal Post – Jim and Maureen Van Tiem Family
Trainer's Room – Friends of STVM
Pavilion – Jim Pier & Family

Varsity Club
Jerry and Janis Costigan
Bill and Peggy Maltarich
Saunders Family – Sully's Rent All
Friends of STVM

Legends Circle
Paul and Carol David Foundation

Quarterback Club
Nick and Eileen Antonino
Robert J. and Sylvia J. Berdis
In Memory of Carl L. Bouschere V42
Jim and Arlene Bowen
In Memory of Erlen "Burr" Brown
Jim and Patty Burdon
Dean, Nick, and Mary Catherine Corpas
Pat Dunlavy
Al and Mary Frattura
Jim Pier and Family
Tom and Judy Stecz
In Memory of Bernie Rickus V56
Jim Vinciguerra V67 in Tribute From His Teammates
Dick and Bev Waltz
Elizabeth Bender and William Zavarello

Touchdown Club
Father James Berardi
Thomas J. Dillon
Tim and Aleta Killian
Dick and Shirley Lang
John and Meg Noethen
In memory of Tim 'Buck' O'Connor VM81
Darryl and Melissa Piglia
Mike and Beth Piglia
Gary and Michele Pitman
Joe and Becky Ruby
Dan, Carla, and Sean Steiner
Mike Sullivan
Rob Sunday
Taggart Family
Leo and Mary Ann Walter
Tom and Kim Wilcox

First Down Club
Michael and Kathleen Bowen
Ed and Maureen Brown
Joe Colant
Bill and Barb Costigan
Rita A. Daniels
Paul Graf
Bob and Ann (Rickus) Landgraf
Tim and Teresa Rickus
Terence Walsh

Special Teams Club
Mark and Terrie Adams
Charles and Lisa Ausperk
Tom and Christy Breiding
Pete Carroll
Tim and Renee Castrigano
John and Sally Cistone
The Gerard Colant Family
Jim Corrigall
Gino and Gia D'Andrea
Fred and Pennie Donovan
Tom and Kathy Edwards
Michael Flynn, Jr. M.D.
Tom and Michelle Freeman
Fred Friedl
Tony Galati
Van and Ann Garber
The Giles Family
Fritz Graf
Jim and Jill Hadley
Patrick A. Hammer
Barbara Hardy Hunsicker
Tim Jones
Family of Mike Kagafas
Mike and Carol Kuzmik
Stu and Joan Langenbeck
Al Letta
Louis D. Maglione
Frank Mancini
Tom Maximovich
Pat Meadows
Bob and Mary Meeker
Denis and Judith Mehigan
Tony Miletti
STVM Cheerleaders
STVM Class of 1978
The Sustersic Family
Albert C. Sutter
Martha and Jim Thomas
Lou and Sue Vassalotti
Deric and Susie Wallace
Tim Wallace
Bob and Joanne Wiseman
Joanne and G.I. Zaratsian

Make This Year A Success

GREEN & GOLD ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Each year we are truly blessed by the contributions of our alumni, past parents, and friends! Help us make the Green & Gold Annual Appeal 2008-2009 the most successful yet.

Our Green & Gold Annual Appeal commenced in August with the Shamrock Society Mass and then gained further momentum with the alumni Green & Gold Annual Appeal Phon-a-thon being held from March 16th to April 8, 2009.

If we missed you during the Phon-a-thon, there is still time to donate through June 30, 2009 when our fiscal year closes. Green & Gold Annual Appeal gifts demonstrate your gratitude for the Catholic education you received at St. Mary, St. Vincent, and St. Vincent–St. Mary High Schools.

Annual Appeal gifts are a vital means of support for the general operating budget, tuition assistance, and academic scholarships. You do make the difference! While tuition, which must remain affordable for our families, is the main source for our current academic programs, Green & Gold Annual Appeal gifts help cover the actual cost to educate our students which exceeds tuition by approximately $1,500.00 per student per year.

If you are interested in supporting our mission through a gift to the Green & Gold Annual Appeal, contributions may be mailed to: STVM Green & Gold Annual Appeal, 15 N. Maple Street, Akron, Ohio 44303. Questions? Call Tim Castrigano at 330-253-9113, ext. 142.

CLASSMATE CHALLENGE

Members of the 2008-2009 STVM Alumni Council supported the Annual Appeal mailing by creating a "classmate challenge!" A note was attached to encourage classmates to support the Annual Appeal. Classmates were informed that any donation counts! The percentage of giving by classes will be included in the next annual report and each of these council members wants their class to have the largest percentage of participation!

Also participating but not featured in photo: Marcy Smith VM86, Anne Walter Morgan V55, Carla Bouschere Steiner VM77, Brian Kluender VM04 and Kathy Zehenni Holaday VM77.

LEFT SIDE OF TABLE: DAVE DAGES VM78, MARILYNN HOHAS MCCOY VM78, EILEEN WALTER MOATS VM80. RIGHT SIDE OF TABLE: MARY HOWARD M68, DICK LANG V56, MICHELLE ROSSI FREEMAN VM78 AND JIM HADLEY V59

Speaker Series

STVM BAND DIRECTOR BRIAN CAMPBELL WITH MAESTRO CHRISTOPHER WILKINS

DR. PAT WALSH V56

Due to the popularity of the Speaker Series Breakfast meetings, many times there were standing room only crowds at the offices of Brennan, Manna & Diamond. In an effort to provide more people and students the opportunity to attend these meetings, the program is being continued at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. The format remains the same beginning with breakfast at 7:30 a.m., followed by the speaker presentation.

Maestro Christopher Wilkins, Music Director of the Akron Symphony Orchestra and Orlando Philharmonic, was the guest speaker on January 15th. In addition to members of the business community, Maestro Wilkins addressed many of our students involved in the band, theater, and show choir.

Patrick Walsh, M.D., urologist, professor and director of the Brady Urological Institute at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md., was the featured speaker at the February 19th Speaker Series meeting. Dr. Walsh spoke to honors science students, friends and alumni of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, including several of his classmates from the St. Vincent Class of 1956.

The next Speaker Series Meeting will be April 23, 2009, with David Giffels VM82, Author and Former Columnist for the Akron Beacon Journal. Sandra Pianalto V72, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, will be the featured speaker in the fall (date to be determined).

RSVP with Joanne Zaratsian at (330) 253-9113 x112 or jzarasian@stvm.com.

STVM Night With Cavaliers

STUDENTS AND FACULTY WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS YEAR'S CONTEST

The St. Vincent-St. Mary community visited the Quicken Loans Arena on Friday, January 30, 2009, to watch the annual shoot-out between the STVM Faculty/Staff vs. students. LeBron James VM03 made an appearance during the faculty game.

More than 150 St. Vincent-St. Mary students, teachers, alumni and friends attended the game and stayed to witness LeBron and the Cleveland Cavaliers defeat the LA Clippers.

Stay tuned for next year's date soon to be announced. Come witness the fun yourself!

The Yellow Rose of Texas
Showcase 2008

GROSS RECEIPTS OF MORE THAN $295,900

Showcase 2008 – "The Yellow Rose of Texas" — raised over $295,900 after expenses. Showcase chairmen, Jerry Kelly and Jennifer Ringer were thrilled. "With today's economy being what it is, we are so excited with the results! We, once again, are especially happy to have been able to help our students and the school that much. Our volunteers are the absolute best – we couldn't have done it without their help," Jerry and Jennifer agreed.

Jerry and Jennifer were delighted to announce next year's Showcase chairmen – Beth and Mike Piglia and Debbie and Sam Chiarappa. The date is October 17, 2009. Much help will be needed! Contact Beth or Debbie in the Showcase Office at 330.253.9113, ext. 143. Thank you!

STVM STUDENTS SERVE AS RANCH HANDS AT SHOWCASE 2008

RAISING PADDLES TO SUPPORT SHOWCASE 2008

JERRY KELLY VM08, ED KAISER AND JOYCE GAFFNEY KAISER VM82

MIKE KLEIN VM77, JENNIFER RINGER AND TIM RICKUS VM81

PADDLES WERE RAISED HIGH AT SHOWCASE 2008

JOANNE ZARATSIAN WITH RALPH BERNARD

Ralph Bernard offers $50,000 Matching Gift

"We were thrilled and humbled when Mr. Bernard offered a $50,000 matching gift for the second consecutive year," said Joanne Zaratsian, Director of Major Gifts.

Mr. Bernard's gift was presented in honor of his beloved wife, the late Florence O'Neil Bernard V33. Mrs. Bernard loved her alma mater and, like her husband, believed in Catholic education. This donation is a beautiful symbol of their love and the spirit of generosity they shared.

Mr. Bernard's auction item #15 raised a total of $137,000 for Irish Opportunity Scholarships. Leading the way was Bill Henkel with a bid of $25,000, Nick and Eileen Antonino with a bid of $20,000, and Jerry and Jean O'Neil with a bid of $20,000. A bid of $5,000 was received from Lou and Joan Perry, and Ralph and Joan Trecaso bid $2,500. An additional $25,300 was received by many alumni and friends. We gratefully acknowledge the donors who contributed to Mr. Bernard's matching gift!

Showcase 2009

SHOWCASE 2009 CHAIR COUPLES: (L-R) SAM AND BETH CHIARAPPA WITH BETH AND MIKE PIGLIA.

It's official! Showcase 2009, "New Orleans Jazz" will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at Tangier Restaurant!

Giving time for the dust to settle due to the wonderful additions and construction at our school led us just down the street! Once again, we will charm you with our elegant dinner and auction while our students will greet you with valet parking and show off their skills as they serve you hors d'oeuvres and dinner.

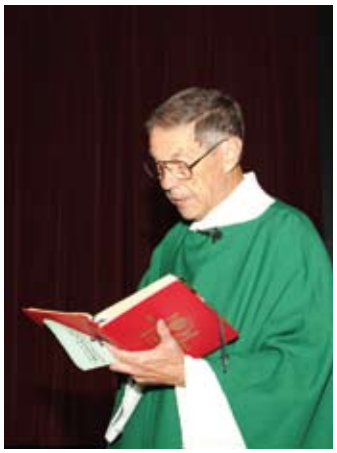
Join Jennifer Ringer with her new Chair Couples Deb and Sam Chiarappa and Beth and Mike Piglia for another fabulous live and silent auction! We need your help to once again break all Showcase records. Call the Showcase office at 330-253-9113 X143 or email at jringer@stvm.com

Shamrock Society Celebrate

A TIME TO HONOR OUR DEDICATED SUPPORTERS

SHAMROCK SOCIETY MEMBERS CELEBRATE MASS TOGETHER

LOWELL KNIGHT AND JAN KNIGHT



FATHER KRAKER

On September 5, 2008, members of our Shamrock Society came together to celebrate Mass and the start of another school year at St. Vincent-St. Mary.

Reverend Joseph Kraker, pastor of St. Vincent Church and member of the STVM Executive Committee, was the celebrant. Before heading to John Cistone Field/Green Street Stadium for the first home football game, Shamrock Society members were our guests of honor at a reception in the Student Center.

The 2009 Shamrock Society Mass and Reception is scheduled for August 28, 2009. If you join the Shamrock Society or renew your membership with an annual gift of $1,000 by June 30, 2009, you will be invited to the Annual Shamrock Society Mass. You will receive an official donor recognition key that will admit you and one guest to all STVM sporting events and musical and theatrical productions during the 2009-2010 school year. It is a wonderful way to see how your generosity impacts the lives of our students.

It Is Time To Renew!

Dear Shamrock Society Members,
It is indeed an exciting time for the Irish community. Since the Share the Vision Capital Campaign was launched in April 2003, we are proud of the success we have achieved. The construction of the Student Activity Center marks the final phase of the campaign, and we look forward to its completion this summer.

Thank you for being a key part of our past and present and for sharing the vision for our future. We encourage you to renew your Shamrock Society membership. It has been a remarkable journey these past five years and we are excited to see the culmination of such wonderful vision being realized today. And you, our loyal benefactors, have been there every step of the way. Thank you for your continued support.

God bless you.
Joanne Zaratsian
Director of Major Gifts
330-253-9113 x112

SHAMROCK SOCIETY

New and renewed members as of January 31, 2009

Lifetime Members
Mr. and Mrs. David Brennan
Mr. Jack Haag

Trustees $50,000 Or More
Mr. Ralph Bernard
Estate of M. Teri Lynch
Anthony and Karen Manna
Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Piglia

Benefactors $25,000-$49,999
Mr. and Mrs. Nick Antonino
Mrs. Barbara Bader & Family
Mr. William J. Henkel, Jr.
Mrs. Jerry Kelly
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Serpentini
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Trecaso

Investors $10,000-$24,999
Miss Bernadine M. Antonino
Brennan, Manna & Diamond LLC
Mr. and Mrs. Lou Ciraldo
Mr. and Mrs. William T. Fitzgerald
The House of LaRose
National Machine Company
Jean and Jerry O'Neil
The Richard M. & Yvonne Hamlin Foundation
Summit Construction Co., Inc.
The Tricomi Family:
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tricomi
Mr. and Mrs. James Tricomi
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Tricomi
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Tricomi
Jim and Maureen Van Tiem
Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Waltz

Patrons $7,500-$9,999
Wilson Plumbing and Heating, Inc.
Jim and Renee Conlon

Sponsors $5,000-$7,499
Bruce and Martha Campbell
Carfagna Family Foundation
The Charles F. & Mabel M Ritchie Foundation
Hanlon Family Scholarship
The H.E. Graves, Jr. Family Foundation, Inc.
Mr. and Mrs. William Hilkert
Thomas and Judy Kelly in memory of Jane Kelly Eikleberry V48
LaRose Family
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Neill
Louis Perry & Associates, Inc. - Joan and Louis Perry
Mrs. Brenda Pier
Rick and Michelle Saunders
Mr. and Mrs. John Staudt
Sully's Rent All Inc.
Dave and Ann Towell
Leo G. and Mary Ann Walter III

Irish Associates $2,500-$4,999
Akron Concrete Corporation, Mike and Pola Ochsenhirt
Mary Lou and John Ballard
Mr. and Mrs. James Bowen, Sr.

Brennan Management Group
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chopko
Patrick and Daryl Dunlavy
Mr. Brendan Ford
Mr. and Mrs. Philip George, Jr.
Pat and Linda Hart
Home Team Marketing, LLC
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Jahant
JPMorgan Chase
Maura A. McEnaney and Kenneth J. Krause
Ms. Deborah S. Martin
Merrill Lynch & Co. Foundation
Qualiform, Inc. Custom Rubber Molding
The R.C. Musson and Katharine M. Musson Charitable Fdn.
Robert and Lisa Reffner
Tim and Teresa Rickus
St. Vincent Church
Rob Sunday
Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Thoman
Mr. and Mrs. John A. Trecaso
Williams Hardwood Flooring

Members $1,000-$2,499
Mr. Richard J. Baker
Mrs. Patricia Heslop Baker
Bell Music Company
Jim and Nancy Bennett
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Bennett
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berdis
B/C Machine Company - Bilinovich Family
Bober, Markey, Fedorovich & Company
Jim and Denise Bowen
Ed and Maureen Brown
Debbie and Amy Brown
Timothy and Lorri Campbell
Dr. and Mrs. Theodore J. Castele
Charles Schwab Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Chiarappa
Michael and Mary Colarik
Heather Connell
Mrs. Mary O'Connor Cullen
Carl and Joan Dangel
Estate of John H. Dewitt
Mr. Thomas J. Dillon
Bob and Connie Donatelli
Fifth Third Bank
Mr. Joseph Finocchio and Ms. Susan Ray
Margaruitte V. Foisie Trust
Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Gaebel
Gilbert D. Gingold in memory of Kirk Gingold VM81
Fritz and Rita Graf
Mr. and Mrs. Don Haddox
Pat and Theresa Hammer
John Hart
James M. Hart
R. Claude and Kathleen Hendon
Tom and Rose Hlivko
Mary E. Howard
Mary Ann Isaac
Jay and Marilyn Stitz Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kalgreen
Jean and Kevin Kessinger
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy J. Killian
Lowell and Jan Knight
Fr. Joseph Kraker
Leo and Sally Longville
Lou and Mary Jean Maglione
Main Street P.A.C.
Mr. Charles J. Maurer
Fr. Edward E. Mehok
Mrs. Laureen Mellion
Merck Company Foundation
The Ed Metzger Family
Anne Morgan
Msgr. Conry Memorial Trust
Dr. George R. Newkome
Kurt and Cindy Nygaard
Mr. William 'Bucky' O'Connor
Mr. James O'Neil
Nancy and Tim Ochsenhirt
Omnova Solutions
Fred and Kathy Ost
Mark and Teresa Kelly Pastor
Pat and Chuck Perrin
Pier Associates
Public Design Company
Raymond R. & Martha G. Wernig Foundation, Inc.
Red Letter Events Group
James V. Robb
Ms. Tracy Shephard
Mr. and Mrs. Barry Smith
Smith Barney Wells Trecaso Financial Group
Michael and Kelly Staudt
Mrs. Jean Staudt
Carla, Dan, and Sean Steiner
John and Vicki Stephenson
Ed and Chris Taggart
Robert and Christine Thomas
Mr. Timothy E. Twardowski
Jerry and Stephanie VanDevere
The Vana Family Foundation
Mr. Frank Walter
Joseph and Candi Weber
Thomas and Becky Willis
Bob and Joanne Wiseman
George Michael Woloch in honor of Mary Jo Chionchio

The individuals above have generously contributed to St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. We have made every attempt to ensure the accuracy of this list. If your gift was omitted or improperly noted, please accept our sincere apology. If you have noticed such an error, please notify our Development Office, so we can correct our records.

There is still time to add your name!

Deadline is June 30, 2009

COME HOME FOR HOMECOMING

Alumni Reunion Night

September 25, 2009

1904	1909	1914	1919	1924	1929
1934	1939	1944	1949	1954	1959
1964	1969	1974	1979	1984	1989
1994	1999	2004	2009		

All alumni and the classes listed above – plan to join us!

All St. Mary, St. Vincent and St. Vincent-St. Mary graduates are invited to attend the annual

Come Home for Homecoming 2009!

Special invitations will be sent to those graduating classes that end with a '4 or an '9.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the STVM Come Home for Homecoming 2009 on **Friday, September 25, 2009.**

The activities for the evening will include:
- Complimentary light Refreshments in the STVM Student Center
- Tour of STVM High School
- Entertainment by STVM Marching Band, Cheerleaders and Irish Dancers
- "Will Call" ticket reservations
- Reserved Alumni seating at the John Cistone Field/Green Street Stadium where the STVM Fighting Irish Football Team will play against Napoleon (Varsity – 7:30 p.m.)

Plan to attend!

Call the STVM Alumni Office to make a reservation: 330-253-9113 x120 or e-mail Kathy Holaday, Alumni Director: kholaday@stvm.com

Donors Provide Valuable Support

GAR FOUNDATION GRANT PROVES TO BE VALUABLE RESOURCE

Our community is blessed to have so many donors who generously support STVM students through the Family & Memorial Scholarship Program, a vital component of tuition assistance. Without our major annual donors many of whom are Shamrock Society members, we would not be able to offer the excellent Catholic education that we do to those with financial need. STVM students benefit directly from these scholarships and come to learn first hand what it means to give back – or pay it forward - depending on your perspective! Our students have the opportunity upon graduation to further share in this legacy and support future students through their own donations to scholarships.

In early 2008, STVM was awarded a GAR Foundation Grant. $170,000 was awarded for our financial assistance Endowment Fund as well as a $40,000 GAR Foundation Challenge Grant. These grant monies further strengthen the STVM Endowment Fund which was valued at $6.7 million per December 31, 2008. The Endowment Fund is a vital source of tuition assistance and scholarships.

In early March, 2009, the GAR Foundation Challenge Grant period came to a close, but not before the STVM Development Office worked with established and new scholarship donors to raise $148,000 outright and $40,000 in matching funds. Through the challenge grant, families donated $1,000 to an established scholarship or donated $10,000 to create a new endowed scholarship. The GAR match was worth $1,000 and was limited to one per scholarship fund. We are thrilled to report that 12 new scholarships have been established thus far!

Establishing a scholarship is a wonderful way to share the opportunity of a Catholic education. The process of establishing a new scholarship is very donor-oriented and focused on meeting your needs. The donor(s) draft their unique requirements and criteria for their scholarship and are involved in the recipient selection process. For more details about establishing an endowed scholarship at STVM please contact Mrs. Joanne Zaratsian, Director of Major Gifts, at 330-253-9113 x 112.

FAMILY & MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

*Names in bold have made a donation through the **GAR Foundation Challenge Grant***

Nick & Eileen Antonino Family Scholarship
Bader Family Scholarship
Freshman Marching Band Scholarship
Florence A. Bernard Memorial Scholarship
Paul and Marianne Bertsch Family Scholarship
Breiding Family Scholarship
Christine Clark Memorial Scholarship
Msgr. Conry Scholarship
Jack Fitzpatrick V44 Scholarship
Fongheiser Family Memorial Scholarship
Frattura-Waltz Family Scholarship
Bernard Gallagher Memorial Scholarship
David and Rita George Social Justice Scholarship
Van L. Garber Scholarship Fund
Graf Family Scholarship
Thomas Gulka Memorial Scholarship
Ann Noonan Haag V49 Memorial Scholarship
Hanlon Family Scholarship
James and Elizabeth Hart Memorial Scholarship
Henkel Family Scholarship
Newt Henry Memorial Scholarship
Brian Heslop Memorial Scholarship
Matt Kauffman Memorial Scholarship
Jim Kelly Memorial Scholarship
Harry Kidder Memorial Scholarship
Lynch Family Scholarship
Ed Lynch Memorial Scholarship
Dr. Frank Mellion Memorial Scholarship
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Leo B. Mills Family Memorial Scholarship
Patrick Sansonetti Memorial Scholarship
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Anne Marie Stephenson Special Education Scholarship
St. Vincent de Paul Elementary Scholarship
Mike Sullivan V53 Scholarship
Joseph Trecaso Memorial Scholarship
Ray Tricomi Memorial Scholarship
VanDevere & Right to Life Scholarship

GAR Grant Testimonials

Van L. Garber Scholarship
Pictured above is Van and Ann Garber

Frattura-Waltz Scholarship
Pictured above is Dick and Bev Waltz

Thomas and Margaret Antonino Memorial Scholarship
Bernie Antonino (pictured above right, with Joanne Zaratsian) wishes to honor the memory of her parents through this scholarship and to provide the opportunity for a deserving student from St. Anthony de Padua School to benefit from the excellent education offered at STVM.

JIM KELLY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP EVENT

The Jim Kelly Memorial Scholarship Reverse Raffle and Mini-Silent Auction is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at Guy's Party Centre. You won't want to miss this gala event which brings together both old and new friends of our Irish community. This popular fundraiser, for the benefit of our Endowment Fund, is always a sell-out so plan now for an evening of delicious food and spirited bidding of unique gifts. Tickets are $100 each for a chance to win the $3,000 grand prize.This cost includes two dinners, if needed.

This reverse raffle has become known as a "reunion" of many of our longtime, as well as new, supporters. Mark your calendars! The Jim Kelly Memorial Scholarship of the STVM Endowment Fund has helped eased the tuition burden for over 80 STVM students since 1989. For more information, call Jerry Kelly at 330-253-9113.

Heslop Golf Outing

The Brian Heslop Golf Outing was held on Friday, August 29, 2008 at Brandywine Country Club in Peninsula. Thirty friends, family, and alumni enjoyed the event on a beautiful sunny day; many others joined the group for dinner and prizes at Scorchers in the Valley. Proceeds from this fundraiser provided tuition assistance to recipients of the Brian Heslop VM95 Scholarship. Mike Johnson VM95 and James Horak VM95 were chairmen of this successful event.

(L-R) GARY JOHNSON, MIKE JOHNSON VM95, MIKE TAYLOR VM95, RYAN STECZ VM95, AND BILLY HELMKAMP VM95.

Matt Kauffman 5K Run

On Saturday, August 2, 2008 the 9th Annual Matt Kauffman 5K Open Memorial Run was held at Goodyear Heights Metro Park. Mrs. Kauffman, joined by many alumni and friends, was on hand to kick-off the 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run. Over 80 participants took part in the 5K run which serves as a friendly warm-up for the Fighting Irish cross-country season. The Cross Country parents graciously hosted a picnic lunch during the awards ceremony.

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS GATHER TO SUPPORT THE MATT KAUFFMAN 5K MEMORIAL RUN

2009 MAHAR
OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD

The Father Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award honors graduates of St. Mary, St. Vincent 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, service to youth, service to school, service to community, and professional achievement and, since its inception in 1979, this award has been presented to 97 outstanding alumni of our school.

JOHN "JACK" **DEVANY**, M.D.

ST. VINCENT HIGH SCHOOL 1947

John "Jack" Devany was born on March 5, 1929, the eighth and youngest child of the late Dr. Andrew and Beatrice (Healy) Devany. Dr. Andrew had emigrated from Ireland, graduated from Notre Dame and Northwestern, trained in Chicago and then settled in Akron's North Hill area. Jack's Irish upbringing and the location of his father's office near St. Mary High School and St. Vincent High School hold many fond memories for him. Some of which are the fond and special memories of family friends: Monsignor O'Keefe, Father Price, Father Sullivan and Father Hilkert.

Like two of his brothers before him (Tom V35 and Frank V37), Jack graduated from St. Vincent High School in 1947. He went on to the University of Akron, where he became a member of Lone Star fraternity, and then attended Ohio State Medical School, graduating in 1955. After interning at Akron City Hospital and serving as a medical officer in the Air Force, he began his residency in Detroit, Michigan, and started his practice in Toledo, Ohio primarily at St. Vincent Hospital. He has resided in Toledo, Ohio ever since. His brothers often kidded him that he was an inordinately lucky guy. Jack can not dispute this especially since he can not remember a day that he did not want to go to work – and during all the many years of his career, felt that his profession was not "work" at all (though it could occasionally be exhausting!).

Jack knew at an early age that he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps and become a physician. Jack recalls his father including the many sick patients' names during evening family prayers. This may have been what started Jack's love of medicine and patient care – realizing what those men of medicine (prior to the antibiotic era that we live in today) were able to accomplish with knowledge of anatomy and physical diagnosis and lots of prayer.

Jack recalls his days spent at St. Vincent High School and marvels that his class was small enough that you knew almost everyone. The Class of 1947 class was noted for its Spirit. And even though Sr. Berniece had a temper, her lessons were hard to forget! The feeling of the V47 class was that she could teach algebra to a well behaved horse! There were many very smart kids in the V47 class and Jack remembers that most were willing and eager to help one another.

Jack will be the first to admit that he has often told his children that their mother was the smarter of the two of them. It was even published in the Akron Beacon Journal! Jeanne Mueller scored #1 in the placement test she took as an 8th Grader at St. Paul Elementary School. Jack scored #17th or #18th. Jeanne received a scholarship to attend Our Lady of the Elms High School since she was considering convent life. Jack stated, "Luckily I changed her mind - unluckily, her life was cut short too soon." Jack married Jeanne and they had five children and two grandchildren.

Though he has lived in Toledo, Jack has kept close ties to Akron through his extended family, visiting often over the years and hosting numerous family reunions. He also never forgot his alma mater and continues to be a loyal benefactor.

In his professional career, Jack worked as an ENT (ear, nose and throat) specialist, retiring at the age of 75. In his work at St. Vincent Hospital (now Mercy Health System), he served as teacher and mentor to countless medical students and resident physicians. He was elected president of the Ohio State Medical Association in 1990. He has been an active delegate for the past sixteen years and continues to serve in good standing, even in retirement.

Jack grew up during the Depression and his parents taught him and his siblings the lessons of charity and obligation to those

less fortunate. His long list of charities demonstrates that he learned those lessons well. His favorite charities include: The Little Sisters of the Poor, Catholic Diocese of Toledo, Catholic Charities, the Notre Dame nuns, and the Passionist Order of Priests (his brother Joe, now Father John Devany, CP, has served as a Passionist for more than 60 years).

Jack considers the following quote one of his favorites.... "To whom much is given – much is expected; so you must give back to the Lord and your Community." He feels that one of the major reasons for the success of St. Vincent-St. Mary and other Catholic Schools is simply the fact that parents are willing to sacrifice so their children can have as good an educational experience as they had. Recipients of his philanthropic support for education include: Gesu School, Heifer International, St. Ursula Academy (all three daughters are alumnae), Notre Dame Academy (two granddaughters are alumnae), St. Francis High School (one son is an alumnus) and Central Catholic High School (one son is an alumnus), all of Toledo. And, of course, St. Vincent-St. Mary High School of Akron.

Jack survived a near fatal car accident in the summer of 2006. After many months in the intensive care unit and more at a rehabilitation center, he is thankfully (and miraculously) nearly fully recuperated and living on his own. And he is back to living a life of service. His daughter Anne proudly tells how he helps many of his retired friends and their families "through the health care maze by driving them to doctor's visits, as far away as the Cleveland clinic, and helping them to understand their diagnoses and treatment plans."

In closing, Jack would like to extend a message to the current STVM students. "For the present day carriers of the banner for STVM, I say "Keep it up." You've a grand tradition! When I was there the Alma Mater had the line "the pride of every Akronite" – that's still true – keep it up."

MIKE **STOCK**

ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL 1957

Mike stock was born to Mathias and Anne Stock in Barberton, Ohio. He is the oldest of five – brother to Mary Jane Gardner M59, Barbara Weigand M63, Linda Sykes M69 and Jim. He attended St. Augustine Grade School and was active in scouting, CYO sports, choir and served as an altar boy. Sister Gabriel, Father Robert Bonnell, Monsignor Balmat and Coach Larry Sutter were important role models for him. Their lessons became a strong foundation for how he would try to properly conduct himself through life.

His move to St. Mary High School proved to be a cornerstone for his continuing development – academically, religiously, socially and athletically. Structure and discipline were values students lived by at St. Mary High School. The nuns were relentless and steadfast in their diligence to keep teenagers on the straight and narrow, in spite of the advent of rock and roll. Among the many enjoyable and worthwhile experiences Mike had in high school was meeting Lou Perry. They were classmates, close teammates in football and baseball, football co-captains and have remained life-long friends. Adult mentors who helped direct and guide Mike through those formidable years were Farther James Schleicker, Sister Domatilla, Coaches Harry Kidder, John Murphy, Chuck Kelly and Ned Endress.

Mike always dreamed of playing football in the Big Ten Conference. He had one opportunity and it was a huge gamble. He was very fortunate to receive a scholarship to Northwestern University. It did not have a strong football history, but was in the Big Ten and had just hired a young, dynamic and promising football coach. He happened to be an Akron native by the name of Ara Parseghian. That and the fact that Northwestern's academic reputation was excellent made his choice an easy one. It all came about through the influence of Mr. Eddie Niam, owner of a local eatery in Akron. He and coach attended South High School in the Rubber City and remained close friends through the years. Eddie was a scout of local talent for Coach. He and Harry Kidder talked Ara into taking a chance on this undersized and marginal speed kid from St. Mary High School. This association with Coach Parseghian would prove to be the most important in Mike's future professional endeavors.

Key to the successes Mike enjoyed while at Northwestern was Dr. Walter Gregg, Professor John Edwards and Father McGilicuddy of the Campus Newman Center. These dedicated people helped Mike fight through the difficult adjustments during his freshman year as well as directed him through the ensuing three years. Mike was blessed with accomplishments in the classroom as well as on the football and baseball fields during that period of time. Various honors were earned at this time: 2-time Captain of the football team, All-Big Ten Junior and Senior years, All-Big Ten and All-America All-Scholastic, UPI and Kodak Coaches All-America,

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Thomas Coyne Award recipient for Academics and Athletics, inducted in the DERU Honorary Society of Northwestern for Academics, and All-Big Ten in baseball. In a book, "50 years of College Football" – a modern history of America's most colorful sport – Mike was listed as one of Northwestern's 54 greatest players since 1963.

Upon completing his studies and earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1961, Mike played in two All-Star games and moved on to Canada to play for the Saskatchewan Roughriders in the CFL. A knee injury in the pre-season ended those dreams. Mike returned to N.U. to help coach the freshman team. Soon after the end of that season, he was summoned by Uncle Sam to enter the service. With his knee healed, he passed their physical. Eventually he applied for and was accepted into Officer Candidate School at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. He graduated as a Second Lieutenant in the Artillery and was promptly sent to Orleans, France where he served for two years. It was there that Mike met Peggy Marie Rawlins. Peggy's father was a career man stationed in Orleans. She had accompanied her parents to Europe and was employed as an accountant. Mike and Peggy met in church at a noon Mass one glorious Sunday afternoon.

When they returned to the States in 1965, Mike and Peggy were married at St. Phillip's Church in Crafton, PA. New goals and aspirations were formulated as Mike began a coaching and teaching career at Akron South High School. After one year, Mike and Peggy moved to the University of Buffalo. They spent two years there and were blessed with the birth of Michael William in 1967. Moving on after one year at the U.S. Naval Academy, the Stock family landed in South Bend, Indiana at The University of Notre Dame where Mike was reunited with Coach Parseghian. During those six years at the Golden Dome, Patrick and Cynthia were added to the Stock family. Notre Dame won lots of football games, played in and won big bowl games and won a National Championship.

When Coach Parseghian retired, the Stock family moved on and spent three years at the University of Wisconsin and five years at Eastern Michigan where Mike was the Head Football Coach. Subsequently, Mike became the backfield coach with the New Jersey Generals of the new professional United States Football League. He was hired by Chuck Fairbanks to coach the running backs and had the good fortune to work with Herschel Walker and Maurice Carthon.

Returning to Notre Dame for the next four years, Mike worked for Gerry Faust and Lou Holtz before moving on to the Cincinnati Bengals in 1987. He was hired by Paul Brown and San Wyche to coach the Special Teams. Their 1988 team finished with a 14-4 record and played against the San Francisco 49ers in the Super Bowl XXIII. The Bengals lost in the last 34 seconds of the game, 20-16. The Cincinnati Special Teams scored all the points in that game with three field goals, a kick-off return for a TD and an extra point.

After five years with the Bengals, Mike returned to college to coach the Receivers at Ohio State University for Coach John Cooper. While there, he was fortunate to coach some very gifted players – Joey Galloway, Terry Glenn, Chris Sanders and Brian Stablein.

Mike went back to the NFL in 1995 to work for Marty Schottenheimer as the Special Teams coach with the Kansas City Chiefs. In 1977 he was voted Special Teams Coach of the Year by his peers. Stops at the Washington Redskins (2001-2003) and St. Louis Rams (2004) were next on the coaching carousel. Those would be followed by the extraordinary experience of coaching three years for the storied franchise Green Bay Packers. In 2007 Mike was voted 1st Runner Up Special Teams Coach of the Year by his peers.

There have been successes and failures, good times and bad and lots of sacrifices. But through it all, the most rewarding times have been spent with his family. During the last 45 years those occasions have been few and far between. His decision to retire will finally give Mike some time to catch up with his wife, grown children and five grandchildren- Madeline, Christopher, Brendan, Ryan and Abigail. So with every end, there's a beginning. St. Augustine, St. Mary and Northwestern were great institutions of learning for Mike but it was family, classmates, teammates and coaches alike who helped him become the man he is. He has been blessed by these many associations and opportunities God has given him.

ABOUT **FR. MAHAR**

In 1887, Reverend Dr. Thomas F. Mahar was commissioned by the Cleveland Diocese to establish a Mission in South Akron to be known as St. Mary Church. The parish was formally established in 1896 and in the fall of 1897, the first Catholic high school opened its doors to students. The first class to graduate from St. Mary High School was in 1901.

St. Vincent High School opened in September of 1907 and was also founded by Reverend Dr. Thomas F. Mahar who had been the pastor of St. Vincent Church since 1880. The first class to graduate from St. Vincent High School was in 1910.

RON **PIEKARSKI**

ST. VINCENT HIGH SCHOOL 1967

Ronald Piekarski was born and raised in Akron, Ohio. Ron attended St. Mary Elementary School and St. Vincent High School, graduating in 1967. Ron had a wonderful time at St. Vincent where he met many life long friends that he still pals along with today. His greatest "treasure" was meeting his future wife, Judi Graf V68. They are celebrating their 37th wedding anniversary on May 5, 2009.

Ron won 7 Athletic Letters in Basketball and Football in addition to being All-City in his senior year. Ron was awarded a football scholarship to Purdue University and played all four years for the Boilermakers. This was called the Golden Era in sports at Purdue, as the football team was rated #1 in the nation during each season at some time for three of his four years. Ron graduated from Purdue in 1971. After college, he joined the Army Reserves, returning home in the spring of 1972.

Ron and Judi were married on May 5, 1972. Judi has been a kindergarten teacher for over 29 years with the last 22 years at St. Hilary School. They have two daughters, Rachael VM95 who recently married Dan Austen and Emily VM98 who married Tom Brown on Judi and Ron's 35th wedding anniversary. Rachael (a graduate of Ohio University and DePaul University) is working for HSBC Banking in Chicago and has traveled around the world twice giving IT lectures. Emily (a graduate of Loyola of Maryland) is living in Bethesda, Maryland and works for Beach Street Consulting Company which is currently working in the White House.

In the fall of 1972, Ron joined the St. Vincent Athletic Booster Club. He became an officer shortly after and President in 1980. He was instrumental in starting the Booster bingo game at the school and ran it for many years. He served on the Board of Directors for the Booster Club for numerous years and is still a current member of the club. In 1980, he was asked by John Cistone to announce the Fighting Irish football games at Green Street Stadium and still volunteers for that job 29 years later. He remembers the long hours every year that he and Chuck House would put into preparing and readying the press box (converted truck trailer) just to get it ready for the year.

Ron took over his father's business C& P Sales Company in 1974. At the time, sales were about $200,000 a year. By 1981, the company reached sales of $4 million dollars and had over 250 drug stores that it serviced with a variety of merchandise. He created a website to sell "Made in the USA" toys to many service organizations. This was a great success and had Unions from Texas to Maine buying toys.

Ron was voted into the Greater Akron Baseball Hall of Fame in 1997 and is still pitching for the Roy Hobbs League in 48's and older. Along with yearly Boys of Summer games, Ron sponsored many successful teams in the community. The C& P Sales Company team won numerous Greater Akron AA baseball titles. He was voted into the St. Vincent-St. Mary Sports Hall of Fame in 2002.

Ron has enjoyed all the years that he has been active at St. Vincent–St. Mary High School. He calls the 28 years announcing "with the best seat in the house" very enjoyable because of the camaraderie of the coaches, people and families that are involved. Mostly he does it for the kids because of the effort that they display and the manner in which their Irish Spirit is always felt. It is his way to "give back" to a school that gave him so much.

The St. Vincent-St. Mary High School award to honor outstanding alumni was established in 1979 in honor of Fr. Thomas F. Mahar who was the singular person involved in the beginnings of the two high schools that merged into one in 1972.

ANNUAL MAHAR BANQUET RECOGNIZING OUR 2009 OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AND IRISH CRUSADER RECIPIENTS

Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Awards Banquet will be held April 23, 2009 at Tangier Restaurant beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a cash bar, with a dinner and the awards ceremony to follow at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are $30.00 per person. Please RSVP by April 13, 2009. For further details, please contact: STVM Alumni Office 330-253-9113 x120

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JOANNE COLETTA **WISEMAN**

ST. VINCENT HIGH SCHOOL 1969

Joanne was the second of three children born to John and Mary Coletta. Joanne's family resided in Akron's "North Hill" with other Italian-American families but then moved to Portage Trail "in the valley" where Joanne, her brother, Ralph V66, and her sister, Mary Jo, attended Immaculate Heart of Mary School. Thinking back on the many years since high school, Joanne proudly remembers those "formative" years when she began volunteering after school to help the nuns who were her teachers and mentors. "Volunteering was a part of everyone's life back then and my mom would spend much of her time driving the nuns all over town and running errands for them as well. My dad coached CYO sports and belonged to the Holy Name Society. My parents were great role models as they always volunteered their time in various capacities at IHM Church and School and were instrumental in showing my brother, sister, and me that giving back to others was important and was a way of life."

When it came to choosing a high school the only choice was St. Vincent! Joanne's brother, Ralph, had been accepted three years prior and it was a natural for Joanne to follow in his footsteps. (Joanne's sister, Mary Jo, attended Woodridge High School). Those years went by quickly and it was there that Joanne met a classmate and her future husband, Bob Wiseman V69. They dated throughout college and Joanne pledged Delta Gamma Sorority and Bob pledged Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity at The University of Akron...how convenient that the Phi Tau house was right next door to the DG house!

It was during those college years that Joanne was able to pursue her passion for volunteering and became actively involved in her sorority holding many offices including Chapter President and Vice-President. She was also a member of Student Government at The University of Akron, was an officer for Panhellenic, and played on a women's intramural volleyball team for Delta Gamma. (No comparison to today's "power volleyball" that our high school students engage in). College went by quickly and Joanne graduated from The University of Akron with a B.S. in Elementary Education. Bob Wiseman and Joanne married after graduation from college. She began teaching fifth grade in Tallmadge while Bob worked full-time as an Accountant and attended The U of A School of Law in the evenings.

While Bob was in Law school, Joanne taught school and continued to volunteer her time for Delta Gamma Sorority and became an Advisor to the chapter. She also became a stay-at-home mom after teaching three years and enjoyed raising her two sons, Bob and Joe, which gave her the greatest satisfaction of all! She became a room mother at Holy Family in Stow for her sons' classrooms and volunteered at school on a regular basis. Five years later she became a substitute teacher and then accepted a full time teaching position at Holy Family School. This job was satisfying, kept her close to her sons during the school year, and also offered the time off during the summers, which was important to her and Bob when raising their sons.

When the boys went on to high school at Walsh Jesuit (sorry, not STVM) Joanne and Bob volunteered their time overseeing the sale of concessions for the football and basketball home games. Joanne also became a Walsh Jesuit Booster Club Board member. She continued to teach math, reading, and Religion, to her junior high students and also chaired many committees at Holy Family. In 1995 she became the recipient of The Cable Award of Delta Gamma – a national award "for personal devotion and continued service to the Fraternity" and has continued to serve Delta Gamma since becoming an alumna in 1973. She has held many positions including Alumnae Chapter President for two terms, Recording Secretary, Rush Advisor, and House Corporation Board Recording Secretary for twenty-one years. ("I think my term is up this March") In addition, Joanne was Akron Panhellenic President representing the alumnae sorority groups at The University of Akron, and was recommended by her former students for the honor of Who's Who Among America's Teachers in 2002 and 2004.

Joanne remained teaching at Holy Family School through 1999, took one year off from working full-time, then volunteered daily at Akron General Medical Center, became a lector/commentator at Holy Family Church and joined the choir as well. She enjoyed the "free time" to spend with her family but now her sons were in college and another opportunity presented itself. She took a part-time position for two years with PSI Affiliates, Inc. and became a facilitator of prevention/intervention programs for students in grades two through nine. This was a satisfying job but Joanne wanted to spend more time with students so it was timely that the position of Director of Admissions became available at her Alma Mater.

In 2002 Joanne was hired as Director of Admissions at St. Vincent–St. Mary High School. Joanne has found her niche at STVM. "This is my dream job, the best job that a former teacher could have, and I love coming to school every day! My colleagues are wonderful and I love being around the kids!"

Joanne is fortunate to work with a wonderful Admissions team: Anne Wise Bickett M67 is STVM Assistant Admissions Director and AP English teacher and Pat Kokoczka is the Admissions Department's Administrative Assistant. "These two women help to make my job so enjoyable! We accomplish so much together, we think alike, and we are here for the same reasons...to promote Catholic high school education at STVM! We enjoy working together, laughing together, and being together. I couldn't do my job without them!"

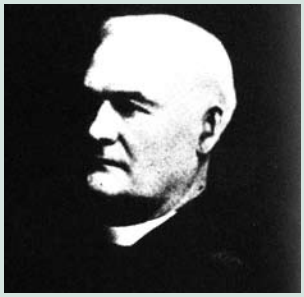
The last seven years have been Joanne's most enjoyable years as she loves the school and makes it a point to attend as many school events as possible. She has a passion for making sure that all of "her" incoming freshmen feel welcome and tries to learn each of their names prior to Registration Night.

At lunchtime you will find Joanne in the Student Center trying to make sure that the freshmen all find a friend or group to sit with so that they feel a part of our family. She will also greet the shadows and their parents as they arrive in the morning, will check on the shadows at lunch and make sure they find their parents as they leave our school at the end of the day.

She works with her team to coordinate Seventh Grade Visitation, our largest recruiting effort, when seventh grade teachers, parents, and students are invited to visit our school for an exciting station by station, floor by floor, guided "hands-on" tour of our school that involves all of our administrators, faculty, staff, and half of our student body. Joanne also works to organize and prepare for parish gatherings (at the homes of STVM parents who have eighth graders in the Catholic elementary schools), Open Houses, scholarship/placement tests, and STVM CYO Nights.

In addition, as a member of ACAD (Association of Catholic Admissions Directors), Joanne currently organizes the Catholic High School Directory that is distributed to all sixth, seventh, and eighth graders who attend Catholic high schools or PSR classes within the Diocese of Cleveland.

"I have been blessed with and am surrounded by a wonderful family; my husband, Bob, who is there for me always and has supported me, my son, Joe, and his wife, Cindy, and my son, Bob, and his soon-to-be bride, Mandy, (April 25, 2009) have made me proud. My extended family and friends mean the world to me as well. Family has always been important to me and that is why STVM is such a huge part of my life. We are all about family at STVM! I am proud to work at my Alma Mater and to also be included with a group of dedicated men and women who have dedicated their time and talents for the good of St. Mary, St. Vincent, and/or St. Vincent–St. Mary. Thank you for honoring me as a 2009 Mahar Award recipient!"



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The Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award honors living graduates of St. Mary, St. Vincent, and St. Vincent-St. Mary High Schools who exemplify the spirit and values of Catholic secondary education in one or more of five related areas: ministry, service to youth, service to school, service to community and professional achievement. Since its inception in 1979, this award has been presented to ninety-seven outstanding alumni of our school.

The Alumni Office welcomes the nominations of living alumni for the Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award. Nominations MUST BE MADE IN WRITING and can be sent to the Alumni Office via U.S. mail, e-mail to alumni@stvm.com, or fax at 330-996-0000. The application is available on-line at the stvm.com website (alumni section).

Nominations must include the full name, school, graduation year, and contact information of the nominee. Information must include why the nominee is deserving of this honor. A resume of accomplishments should be included. Testimonials from others, media/press and other pertinent forms of information are welcome.

Deadline for nominations is December 31, 2009.

IRISH CRUSADER

2009 AWARD

The Irish Crusader Award recognizes those individuals who are not graduates of St. Mary, St. Vincent or St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, but who play an active and important role in the day-to-day running of our school and special events. The Irish Crusader Award Recipients have a longstanding and positive relationship with St. Mary, St. Vincent or St. Vincent-St. Mary High School and will be presented with honorary alumni status and become honorary members of the STVM Alumni Association.

2008 Recipients:
Mrs. Jerry Kelly
Mr. Al Letta
Mr. Hank Mancino

RALPH L. **BERNARD**

"(Mr. Bernard) was **inspired** by the fact that Florence's **friends** at St. Vincent High School **remained** life-long friends."

Ralph L. Bernard was born in Barberton on August 5, 1915, to William and Eugenia Yeck Bernard. Ralph graduated from Barberton High School and The University of Notre Dame, with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

Except for three and one-half years service as a construction officer for the United States Coast Guard in World War II, Ralph has been associated with the Bernard Companies as employee officer and owner for seventy years. Ralph has been a registered professional engineer in the state of Ohio for over 50 years and has achieved Life Member status in the National Society of Professional Engineers and the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers. For many years Ralph was a Board Member of First National Bank of Akron, which is now First Merit Bank NA, as well as a Board Member of Archbishop Hoban High School.

Ralph and his wife Florence O'Neil Bernard (V 1933) established The R.L. and F.A. Bernard Scholarship Fund of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, inspired by the fact that Florence's friends at St. Vincent High School remained life-long friends. Also established by the Bernards are the Ralph and Florence Bernard Foundation, The R.L. and F.A. Bernard Scholarship Fund of Archbishop Hoban High School and The R.L. and F.A Bernard Scholarship Fund of Our Lady of the Elms High School.

Ralph is a member of St. Hilary parish and Fairlawn Country Club.

NED R. **ENDRESS I**

"The **spirit** and **family-friendly** atmosphere was what **endeared** Ned to St. Vincent."

Ned Endress is a life long resident of the Akron area. He graduated from Akron South High School in 1936 as an All City Athlete. He then attended Akron University, where he graduated in 1940 as a 3-sport athlete, having played basketball, football and track. During his Akron U career he was team captain in basketball and an All Ohio Conference selection. After graduating from Akron U, Ned played 4 years in the National Basketball League, the precursor to the NBA.

During this time Ned married Eileen Fryberger and they started a family which eventually grew to 4 children, Ned II V61, Terry V66, Patrick V69 and Susan V70. Also, during this time, Ned coached, taught and found time to graduate

from Akron University Law School in 1954. Ned coached basketball and taught at Twinsburg High School, St. Mary High School and St. Vincent High School. In addition to the aforementioned honors, Ned has been elected to the Summit County Sports Hall of Fame, inducted into the St. Vincent-St. Mary Athletic Booster Hall of Fame and the Akron University Sports Hall of Fame, and has been recognized as the William Schlemmer Meritorious Service Award Winner by the Dapper Dan Club of Akron. He was nicknamed "coach" by former players and friends alike. He is a well respected family man, coach and lawyer. He has been a member of St. Eugene Parish for many years.

During Ned's stint as St. Vincent High School Basketball Coach he learned of the exceptional educational and athletic benefits available at St. Vincent High School and decided to send his children to the high school.

The spirit and family-friendly atmosphere was what endeared Ned to St. Vincent. His heritage at St. Vincent includes 4 children and 2 grandchildren graduating from the Fighting Irish High School. In addition to his coaching and teaching, he also served on the Board of Directors from 1991-1998, and served on the committee that created the STVM Mission Statement and has been a constant contributor to the school.

Ned also founded the Endress Title Company in 1972, a family business that prospered and employed many of the Endress clan. Ned was the CEO of the company which at one time employed sons, Ned II, Terry, Pat and grandsons Ned III, Jason, Eric and Scott.

Ned belonged to many organizations including, the Akron and Ohio Bar Associations, where he was recognized for 50 years in the practice of law, the American and Ohio Land Title Associations and is past President of the Summit County Land Title Association. He was followed in this office by his sons, Terry, Ned II and grandson Ned III. He is also a member of the Retired Players Association of the NBA and receives a pension from the organization.

Ned loves STVM and wants to thank the STVM Alumni Council and the Alumni Association for recognizing him as an Irish Crusader Award winner for 2009.

HAROLD **JENKINS**

"Harold is very **proud** of his **involvement** with STVM and the strong **traditions** found at the high school."

Harold Jenkins was born in 1923 in New Castle, PA and grew up in Alliance, Ohio. The family (Harold is the youngest of 4 sons) moved to Alliance Ohio because his father was a Boiler Maker and Diesel Mechanic working for the Pennsylvania Railroad. Harold graduated from Alliance High School in 1937. He met and married Gladys Brown in 1943. After they were married, Harold served in the military from 1944-1947. During those years, Harold was stationed at Camp Randall in Madison, Wisconsin and studied labor relations at the Labor Education School for Workers. Harold graduated with a Degree in Labor Relations. Harold's thirst for knowledge sent him on a quest to many college campuses reinforcing and growing his knowledge base in labor relations. After his military obligation ended, Harold and Gladys moved to Akron, Ohio where they still reside. Harold began working at Firestone Tire & Rubber Company where he became very active in union politics. There was a strong desire to succeed and there was no stopping his advancement. In 1962, he attended UCLA School for Workers and was a part of a team that organized a campaign for the Farm Workers Union which resulted in the farm workers becoming members of the AFL-CIO. In 1963, Harold worked with the Southern Christian Leadership Council (SCLC) on Voter Registration in Vicksburg and Jackson, MS, as well as Birmingham, AL and Greensboro, NC. At that time, Harold also worked in Memphis assisting the sanitation workers with their strike. He left Memphis the day before Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. Harold returned to Atlanta to join the more than 25,000 marchers for King's funeral procession, a day he will never forget.

In 1965, Harold attended the University of Tennessee to continue to enhance his skill in labor relations and was a guest instructor for labor relation courses. During the 1978-1979 school year, Harold received recognition from the Kent State University, College of Business Administration for his "contribution to our students' understanding of the American Business System." In 1979, Harold became a member of the Labor Extension Research Service Board of Ohio State University. He was honored with the Black Applause Award in 1979, from the Delta Rho Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. Harold served as the Director of Education for the United Rubber Workers International Union of the AFL-CIO from 1964-1980. In 1980, one of Harold's last assignments included attending a conference in Lisbon, Portugal and Madrid, Spain for the ICFTU (International Conference of Federal Trade Unions). Harold has had an illustrious history of education, organizing and volunteerism.

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Not content to rest on past accomplishments, and aware that more must be done to continue his quest for education and volunteerism, Harold became a volunteer at his children's schools. He and Gladys raised two daughters, Theresse Wade M67 (living in Akron with her husband James and 2 sons: Justin Wade VM98 and a Xavier University graduate and Joshua Wade VM01 and a Dayton University graduate and as well as Master's Degree from Savanna College of Art & Design) and Christi Cornette VM73 (living in Cincinnati with her husband Joel and 3 sons: Joel Cornette a Butler University graduate, Jordan Cornette a Notre Dame graduate, and Jonathan Cornette a University of Cincinnati graduate).

Harold has always been an active supporter of the Catholic school programs. When his daughters attended St. Anthony's, he served as President of the PTA. When his daughters attended St. Mary's, he volunteered as a fund raiser for various school activities. Harold became an active volunteer at STVM in 1996 when his grandchildren attended STVM.

As a member of the STVM Booster Club, Harold volunteered for the Boosters at the Bingo nights at Cheton's. Harold also volunteered during the STVM boys basketball team study halls. He attended all soccer games, basketball games and most track meets. Harold has been very active in the STVM Booster Club over the past 13 years. Currently, Harold volunteers to take tickets at football games, soccer games (girls & boys), and basketball games (girls & boys). Harold is a true Irish fan, a notable leader and volunteer. He would like nothing more than to know that he has touched one student in some small way by being there when they needed someone to talk to or be listened to. Harold is very proud of his involvement with STVM and the strong traditions found at the high school. Harold's strong belief in Catholic education has been exemplified here at STVM. He believes in the kids, the teachers and the long-standing Fighting Irish traditions of STVM.

MARY ANN **WALTER**

"(I) **loved** substituting because it allowed me the **opportunity** to experience the **great students** at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School."

Mary Ann O'Brien Walter, the oldest of twelve children, was born in Barberton Ohio to William and Patricia McCafferty O'Brien(V53). Mary Ann has seven brothers and four sisters. As a little girl, Mary Ann attended church at St. Vincent Church with her grandparents Pauline and Walter McCafferty. Walt was a true Booster Club member, building bleachers at Green Street, taking bus rides to football games and always cheering for the Irish.

Mary Ann attended St. Augustine Grade School, Barberton High School and The University of Akron. She met her husband, Leo VM76, at The University of Akron and became familiar with St. Vincent-St. Mary through Leo, his friends from high school and her sorority sisters who went to school with Leo. Leo and Mary Ann are still close friends with all of those alumni. Mary Ann was a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority where she held the office of Treasurer and participated in several fund raisers to benefit the Ronald McDonald House.

Mary Ann and Leo have four wonderful children: Julie VM99, Colleen VM01, Leo VM05 and Cory VM07. Throughout their school years, Mary Ann has been very involved in their activities: room mother, soccer coach, Parents' Club Officer (including president). In addition, Mary Ann has chaired and worked on many committees and fund raisers for St. Vincent Elementary School. In 1993, Mary Ann was instrumental in setting up and opening the certified preschool at St. Vincent Elementary School.

As soon as their oldest daughter, Julie, started at STVM, Mary Ann became involved in Showcase. Her Showcase career began in 1995 and continued for fifteen years. She was Showcase Chairman in 1997 and 2004. Plus, Mary Ann had been the Showcase Office Manager for most of her career, implementing the auction software and organizing many of the day-to-day office duties.

In addition to her Showcase involvement, Mary Ann has also volunteered at St. Vincent-St. Mary answering phones in the front office, working in the bookstore, athletic office, Shillelagh Shack and as a substitute teacher. Mary Ann stated that she "loved substituting because it allowed me the opportunity to experience the great students at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School." Mary Ann was also on the SEC (Secondary Education Commission) Board as well as a class representative for Parents' Club.

Mary Ann currently sits on a citizen review board for Juvenile Court. The Citizen Review Board, reviews cases of children who are in the custody of Children Services and help to ensure that their needs are being met.

NHS Collects Books for Bahamas

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY COLLECTS BOOKS FOR ISLAND SCHOOLS

MEMBERS OF NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY DISPLAY BOOKS TO BE SENT TO BAHAMAS

In October the National Honor Society sponsored a "Books for the Bahamas" project throughout the school. Working in collaboration with a few other high schools and groups in Ohio, NHS members asked students and staff to donate new or gently used children's books to be sent to Andros Island in the Bahamas. Elementary schools on this impoverished island do not have libraries, so these books will help the schools to build library collections.

Casey Kuhajda, NHS vice-president, was in charge of the project, assisted by fellow officers Colleen Demboski, Kelsey Lecerf, and Nancy Klee and advisor Ms. Pam Godshalk. NHS members promoted the book drive through a homeroom competition, and during the three-week drive, STVM students and staff donated a record-shattering 3850 books (the goal had been 1500 books!). One hundred of the books were actually brand new, donated by Half Price Books of Mentor in a transaction arranged by Headmaster David Rathz. NHS members sorted, labeled and boxed the books for shipping and then delivered them to Mr. Paul Wagner, STVM math tutor. He is a member of a group that organizes the Andros Island Library Project; his group will see that the books are delivered to the Bahamas. The National Honor Society is very grateful to the STVM community for their generosity.

Career Connections

St. Vincent-St. Mary High School will be hosting a Career Connections Breakfast on Wednesday May 6th from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Career Connections is a chance for our Junior and Senior students to learn more about their fields of interest from alumni and friends of the school. Alumni will be providing our students with first hand knowledge and insight into the careers they hope to pursue.

Please visit our website **www.stvm.com** for the Career Connections mentoring form if you are interested in mentoring a student or contact Joanne Zaratsian 330-253-9113 x112 or e-mailjzaratsian@stvm.com for more details.

Happy Returns

Sister Loretta Petit attended the February 24th Boys Basketball Game at STVM. Sister Loretta worked at the high school from 1941 - 1964 (taught Government and American History) and was Principal for 5 of those years. She is now 91 years old and lives at the Our Lady of the Elms Convent.

(L-R) FRED OST V50, JERRY KELLY VM08, SISTER LORETTA PETIT O.P., KATHY OST AND FRITZ GRAF V40

LECERF AND BENNETT RECEIVE "SILVER RACQUET AWARD"

Congratulations to Kelsey Lecerf (VM09) and Caroline Bennett (VM10) on their recent awards from the Ohio Tennis Coaches Association. Kelsey received the "Golden Racquet Award" and Caroline received the "Silver Racquet Award" which is the Association's equivalent to the Academic All Ohio Tennis Team.

International Thespian Society Does Murder and Mystery

"MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940!" STAGED THIS PAST FALL, "THE PAJAMA PARTY" SCHEDULED FOR WINTER AND "SEUSSICAL" THIS SPRING

A SCENE FROM "MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940"

The STVM International Thespian Society (ITS) delighted the audience in November with the production of "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940."

Director Gerard Neary produced the show with the assistance of Peggy Murphy technical, scenic and lighting designer; Mike Murphy master carpenter; and Rae Presz costume designer who is the parent of two STVM alums (Jessica Presz Beal VM97 and Amanda Presz VM02) still helping after all of these years!!!

The STVM traditions of excellence and entertainment continued in every aspect of the production which highlighted the talents of our student performers, drama team, stage crew and the entire STVM ITS membership.

"Suessical," the spring musical was performed on March 26-29, 2009.

Students Travel to Spain

Off to Barcelona and Madrid, Spain in July, 2009 STVM Spanish Students, Parents and Teachers are spending a week in sunny Spain.

In Barcelona, we will visit the Sagrada Familia, The Picasso Art Museum, sunbathe on the Mediterranean and attend Mass at a 600 year-old Gothic Cathedral.

The highlights in Madrid will include eating churros and chocolate, as well as The Prado and Queen Sofia Art Museums, a Flamenco Dinner/Dance Presentation, Shopping (of course!), and the Retiro Park.

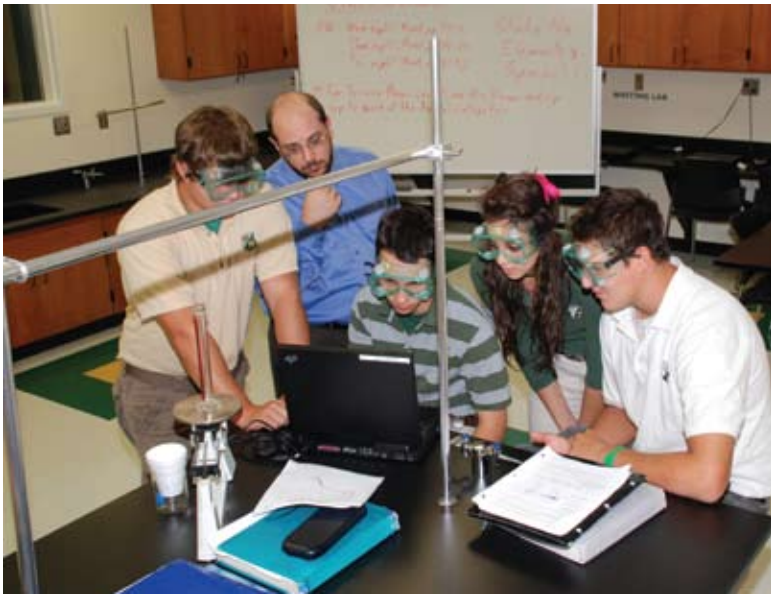
There will be a side trip to Toledo where we will see the ancient city immortalized by the painter, El Greco and where the Christians, Jews and Muslims lived together. Buen viaje!

"CASA MILLA" DESIGNED BY ANTONI GAUDI AND LOCATED IN BARCELONA, SPAIN

STUDENTS ATTEND RUSSIAN FESTIVAL

Chelsea Abraham VM09 reports...

On October 7th 55 Russian students from STVM attended the Something Russian Festival at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Mogadore. The annual festival is an event to which the students eagerly look forward. The students get to enjoy the great food, such as chicken kiev, borscht, blini, and the ever popular Russian-style donuts called poonchki. They also get a little taste of Russian culture by purchasing Russian souvenirs like matroshka dolls, religious icons, t-shirts, books, or decorated Easter eggs called pysanky. The experience includes speaking with native Russians while drinking tea in the tea room and visiting the church to learn about the Russian Orthodox religion from a member of the congregation. Overall, the field trip is fun as well as informative and allows the students to experience the Russian culture and language first hand outside the classroom.



STVM SCIENCE STUDENTS PREPARE FOR SCIENCE FAIR

Science Fair

TOP SCIENCE STUDENTS TAKE PART IN CONTEST

The Science Department is pleased to announce that the first ever STVM Science Fair was held Thursday, February 12th in our gym and theatre. Top science students entered their Science Inquiry Projects in one of 12 categories of science, modeling the Ohio Academy of Science format.

Projects were judged and those with a "superior" rating will advance to The University of Akron District 5 competition held in March. District winners will then advance to State Science Day held at Ohio State University in May.

SCIENCE VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS

Beginning in November 2008 and throughout the second semester 39 videoconferences were delivered from our Center for Science and Technology to our students in their Science and Social Studies classes.

Students visited these "live time" destinations:
Life Science Education Center at Marian College
Ontario Science Centre
NASA's Digital Learning Network (Ames Research Center)
Cranbrook Institute of Science
Smithsonian American Art Museum
National Science Center
Michigan State University Museum

Videoconference programs included:
Cloning and Stem Cells
Epidemiology
Nitrogen: Earth's Most Abundant Gas
Lure of the West
Ice Ages
Galapagos Finches: Evolution in a Nutshell

Ski Club Hits the Slopes

The newly establish STVM Ski Club is in its second season! We ski or board each Wednesday, right after school. We are so lucky to have had such an overwhelming response to this new club! Last year we had 40 members and this year, we doubled in size and have an impressive 80 members! We planned a trip to Peek'n Peak in New York on Monday, February 16 (school was closed due to President's Day) and took the opportunity to venture out to some bigger slopes. Mrs. Joanne Zaratsian from the Development Department heads up the Ski Club and is looking forward to Ski Club 2010 with even more students!

SKI CLUB HAS DOUBLED IN SIZE IN JUST ONE YEAR

Five Teachers Honored

(L-R) FIRST ROW: BETH HARMON, BARB HILOVSKY.
BACK ROW: ANGELA SANOR, MEGAN CONLEY AND MARYANNE ANDERSON

The following educators from St. Vincent-St. Mary High School have been selected for recognition in Ohio Magazine's 2009 Excellence in Education – Private High Schools feature: English teacher, MaryAnne Anderson, M.A. of Akron; science and religion teacher, Megan Conley, M.A. of Lyndhurst; English teacher, Beth Harmon, M.A. of Bainbridge Township; Spanish teacher, Barbara Hilovsky, M.A. of Stow; and mathematics teacher Angela Sanor, M.A. of Cuyahoga Falls. Recipients are nominated by faculty members or administrators from their schools. They will be featured in March 2009 in a special section of Ohio Magazine.

Athletics

YEAR IN REVIEW

Football: The 2008 football team finished 7-3. Despite missing the playoffs, the team had a successful campaign in a tough region. For the second straight year the team defeated both rivals Walsh Jesuit and Archbishop Hoban. The victory over Hoban took place at the University of Akron's Rubber Bowl in front of an estimated 6,600 in attendance. The victory over Walsh was in front of a record crowd of over 5,300 people at John Cistone Field/Green Street Stadium.

Cross Country: The cross country team finished an outstanding 2008 season by qualifying the entire girls team and an individual member of the boys team to the state championship in Columbus. Tyler Tomazic, lone boys qualifier finished in 36th place of 156 runners. The girls team was made up of junior Emily Tomei, freshman Annie Davis, junior Courtney Kovach, freshman Tessa Weigand, sophmores Marie Arnone, Anna Mion and junior Molly Miloscia.

Boys Soccer: The boys soccer team led by seniors Andrew Over, Jimmy Rosen, and Antonio D'Abrosca finished their 2008 season in the regional semi-finals. The team's season was highlighted by a trip to St. Louis in October to play in the prestigious Gateway Classic tournament. The team finished as runner-up in their bracket.

Girls Soccer: The girls soccer team led by Nancy Klee, Jill Brownfield, Alysse Dambrot, and Amanda Olzewski, finished in second place in the tri-county soccer league. The team advanced to the district semi-final game.

Girls Tennis: The girl's tennis team won 12 of 17 matches in 2008. The team advanced one individual, sophomore Taylor Wedlake, and one doubles team made up of senior's Alex Ballard and Kelsey LeCerf to the district tournament.

Boys Golf: The boys golf team welcomed STVM alum Dante D'Andrea as the new head coach this season. The team finished one stroke off from advancing to the regional tournament. Junior Jack Uecker advanced as an individual. Other contributors to this year's successful team were senior James Lloyd, sophomores Jay Dean and Hakmat Herro.

Girls Golf: The girls golf team finished up their second year of competition as a varsity sport at STVM. The team was very competitive and is looking to build on this year's experience. The team was led by senior Elizabeth Tristano who made the all-district team.

Volleyball: During the course of the 2008 season, STVM volleyball Coach Mary Howard earned her 600th career win. The team led by a strong senior class made up of Kristin Berzonsky, Leah Cistone, Elizabeth Conlon, Beth Hoffman, Kelly Schaffer, and Rachel Wojtowicz. The team finished their season as a district semi-finalist. Senior Jessie Bridenthal was awarded the best offensive player and Leah Cistone was named the team MVP.

Girls Basketball: The girls basketball team was a district finalist this past year with a record of 11-12. In the 2008-2009 campaign there will be few changes as the team graduated only one senior. The team will compete against one of the toughest schedules made up of area powerhouses. Leading the Lady Fighting Irish this year will be seniors Jessica Bridenthal, Jill Brownfield, Amanda Olszewski, and Emily Wilde.

Boys Basketball: The boys basketball team also finished as a District Finalist last year. This year's schedule is highlighted with trips to Chicago, IL, Wheeling, WV, and Toledo, OH. There are high expectations for this year's squad.

Wrestling: The wrestling program welcomes back Anthony Gary to STVM for his second stint as varsity wrestling coach. This year's squad will be led by senior Darren Tate.

Boys and Girls Bowling: The Boys Bowling team led by Coach Lowell Knight will be looking to defend their first place finish in last year's conference. The girls team thanks Tom Carone VM77 for his dedication to the program as he has decided to step down as the coach. Tom will be replaced this season with Ron Winer.

Baseball: STVM faced extremely tough competition in both league and non-league competition. Eventually, six teams from their schedule reached the state semi-finals in the four divisions. Of those six teams, three teams ended up winning the state championship. These individuals received awards for their accomplishments during the 2007-2008 baseball season: Sam Trecaso (Outstanding Hitter); Andrew Destefano (MVP & Captains Award); Ryan Serpentini (Coach's Award & Captains Award); Oliver Hildebrandt (Rookie of the Year);
Receiving the Freshman of the Year award from the Cuyahoga River Baseball Conference was Oliver Hildebrandt.

Softball: STVM softball had a good 07-08 season. The team was lead by 7 Seniors, who helped lead the team to many great victories. The girls played their toughest game against Tallmadge in the Sectional Finals. The game went 10 innings, pitched by Katie Killian, but ended with STVM coming up with a loss in the bottom of the 10th with two outs. During the season, STVM beat Oberlin in the bottom of the 7th inning, with a walk off grand slam by Olivia Mathews to win the game.

Track and Field: Freshman Doran Grant and Junior Kyle Hammer both qualified for the state meet in Columbus. Doran finished fifth in the 110 meter hurdles and was named all-Ohio.

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Add information on a separate piece of paper that you might like included in the Alumni Connection Magazine. Also, please list your "Family Tree" information — the family members that attended St. Mary High School, St. Vincent High School or St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. Thank you.

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