THE CONNECTION

THE MAGAZINE OF ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL

SPRING 2012

REMEMBERING JACK HAAG

ST. VINCENT HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1950

1932-2012

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 24, 2012
Senior Farewell Mass & Alumni Pin Ceremony

MAY 31, 2012
Baccalaureate Mass / St. Bernard-St. Mary Church

JUNE 2, 2012
VM12 Graduation / EJ Thomas Hall

AUGUST 20, 2012
School resumes – First day for Freshmen (VM16)

AUGUST 21, 2012
ALL STUDENTS BEGIN 2012-2013 school year

AUGUST 22, 2012
Headmaster's Cocktail Party

AUGUST 31, 2012
STVM vs. Walsh @ 7:00 p.m. John Cistone Field/Green Street Stadium
And...
Recognition of STVM 1972 Football State Champs
PLUS....
8th Annual Alumni & Friends Tailgate Party

SEPTEMBER 21, 2012
STVM vs. Hoban at Summa/InfoCision Stadium
(Irish are the HOME TEAM!)

OCTOBER 5, 2012
STVM CYO Fall Sports Night
STVM vs. Marion Harding.

OCTOBER 27, 2012
STVM celebrates 40th Anniversary! All are welcome.

NOVEMBER 1, 2012
Deadline for the 2013 Mahar & Irish Crusader Nominations

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LETTER FROM **THE DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUENT RELATIONS**

Dear Alumni and Friends,

We will soon welcome the newest alumni members into the Alumni Association with the graduation of the St. Vincent-St. Mary Class of 2012 on June 2, 2012. The STVM Alumni Association will officially welcome the VM12 Class, which consists of 154 members, during the Senior Farewell Mass on May 24th. This class of 154 students has 43 parents that are alumni of St. Mary, St. Vincent or St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. It will be interesting to discover the VM16 incoming freshmen connection with alumni parents and siblings. More to come on that topic in our next magazine —Fall 2012!

In this issue of The Connection Magazine, I hope you will enjoy reading about the achievements, successes and future endeavors of our alumni, students and our high school. Be sure to turn to the inside cover and update your calendar with the many events that I am sure will prove to be fun and enjoyable gatherings of our community. For instance, don't forget to mark your calendars for August 31st and plan to attend the 8th Annual Alumni & Friends Tailgate Party. Then on October 27th we hope you will be able to join us for a party – our 40th Anniversary Party!

We have quite a bit to celebrate – just imagine! It was just a short 40 years ago when our 2 schools merged and became St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. We will celebrate 40 years of STVM with the start of the 2012-2013 school year. We hope you will join us as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary on October 27, 2012 – All are Welcome!

Please RSVP by October 15th so that we can better prepare for the number of guests that will attend.

The Connection Magazine Spring 2012 issue points with pride to the 2012 recipients of the Father Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award. 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 service to church/ministry, service to youth, service to school, service to community and/or professional achievement. Congratulations to our six Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni recipients and our 2012 Irish Crusader. Our annual dinner honoring the Alumni award winners and the Irish Crusader Award recipient was held on March 29, 2012 and is featured on page 13.

The 2012 Spring issue of The Connection Magazine is dedicated to Jack Haag, alumnus of St. Vincent High School, Class of 1950. In addition to being a dedicated and loyal alumnus, Jack was also a recipient of the Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award in 1996. Many might think that after receiving the award, an individual would just quietly fade away. Not so with Jack! His affection for his alma mater was a constant and visible factor in our community. Jack truly was a shining example of the spirit of the Mahar Award and his talents and accomplishments far surpass any one award criteria category! He was not only successful professionally and played an active and important role at STVM, he was also supportive of his church, his community and of Catholic education. Thank you Jack!

Please visit the STVM Alumni Office! Don't forget to give yourself some extra time to spend looking through the wonderful archives, yearbooks, newspaper, and photographs. Thank you to the many alumni who have donated such incredible memorabilia and archive items (p. 3). The STVM Alumni Office is proud to be the archive location for many of the memories, photographs and treasured scrapbooks of St. Mary High School, St. Vincent High School and STVM.

Congratulations VM12 and to our newest Irish Crusader ... welcome to the Alumni Association!

Many blessings to you and your family,
Kathy Zehenni Holaday VM77
Director of Constituent Relations

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ALUMNI SHARE THEIR **MEMORIES, MEMORABILIA**

THANK YOU TO JOHN MCDERMOTT V69. John remembers his St. Vincent High School days fondly and made a donation to STVM of his Bowling shirt and Band Jacket!

THANK YOU TO CRAIG GILBRIDE V69 for donating the items from his uncle: Tom Gilbride V38. There were many wonderful archives included in the large box that Craig brought to the STVM Alumni Office. Delightful archives (yearbooks, school newspapers, Akron Beacon Journal dating back to 1988, sports programs, etc.) spanning over 60 years!!

THANK YOU ANN LOFTUS M59 AND MARY LOFTUS V57 for sharing the wonderful stories about their parents (William Loftus V20 and Mildred McGraw Loftus V25). William attended "Green Street High School" before it was renamed St. Vincent High School and Mildred was instrumental in creating the first-ever yearbook for St. Vincent High School in 1924. A copy of the 1924 yearbook is available for viewing in the STVM Alumni Office. It was so enjoyable visiting with Ann and Mary and hearing about the memories of their high school days. One memory was interesting – Ann remembers the "new gym" being built and the spring musical performance that spring in the "new gym." That gym is the present day STVM gym.

THANK YOU TO SISTER CHRISTINE MENDIOLA, a faculty member from 1969-1983 — English Teacher, Drama Club Director, Yearbook Advisor — for taking the time to come in and visit with the Alumni Office! Sister Christine brought in four yearbooks – three were from her days of being the Yearbook Advisor! It was a delightful time looking over the books especially the 1973 Phoenix – the first yearbook for the merged school...STVM! Sr. Christine Mendiola has been visiting STVM and volunteering in the school on Thursdays.

LOST AND FOUND **PART IV**

JOE CORNECELLI V69 WRITES....

This is a story of two rings. One lost and then found, and one always intact but unknown until it revealed itself in a most wonderful way.

THE RING, LOST AND FOUND

As a junior at St. Vincent High School in 1968, I had purchased my class ring and wore it faithfully each day. At some point I realized that I had lost or misplaced the ring. After searching extensively I gave up on finding it and ordered a replacement. I wore the replacement every day through my graduation in June of 1969 and then put it away as a keepsake from my years at St. Vincent High School.

Fast forward 43 years to the year 2012. While going through files of past St. Vincent High School graduating classes, volunteers working in the office alongside Kathy Holaday (Director of Constituent Relations), came across a "bulky envelope" and inside was a class ring from the graduating Class of St. Vincent 1969. Kathy contacted me as the owner based on the engraved initials inside the ring. The envelope also contained a note from Mike Dobbertin, the gentleman who found the ring:

"I found this ring buried in dirt on a golf course. I cleaned and polished it. I sincerely hope its' return brings the owner some joy. Please tell them that they owe a favor to some stranger in the future."

Many thanks to Mike and Kathy for your thoughtful efforts finding, cleaning and returning the ring to me. I now have the ring and it is as good as new. Receiving the call from Kathy, thinking about how the ring that was found after being lost for 40 plus years and now having it returned is an endless fascination, and nothing short of a miracle. Having it back does bring me much joy. Both Mike and Kathy demonstrated the true indication of the everlasting Irish Spirit of kindness and caring in finding and returning the ring. Many, many thanks to Mike, Kathy and the Alumni Office volunteers. And Yes, Mike, I owe you one!

THE RING NEVER LOST

Two years ago I experienced serious health problems. Somehow the news of my condition made it into the Alumni section of an alumni newsletter. From that mentioning I received countless cards, notes and well wishes from class members of the St. Vincent Class of 1969.

I am happy to report that I have had no recurrences and my quarterly medical visits & updates have indicated positive signs in each visit.

So to speak of the "ring never lost," it is that ring, the circle of friendships, memories, shared backgrounds, experiences and caring that persists, some 43 plus years later, between and among those of us in the Class of 1969. Many thanks to all who sent a thought, prayer or card with well-wishes. You will never know how your simple acts of kindness and caring lifted my spirits, and still do.

This ring of friendship is one that may not shine quite as brightly as my V69 Class Ring, but it is a ring that is always intact, is always present, and it bonds those of us in the Class of '69 in the most wonderful ways.

Warm regards to all Irish men and women, and especially to the members of the Class of St. Vincent 1969. May the Irish spirit that I have experienced in each of these events endure always.

YEARBOOK AMONG TREASURES **1924 MEMORABILIA**

Pat Thompson V62 visited the STVM Alumni Office in March and brought wonderful 1924 memorabilia including the 1924 yearbook, the 1923 Commencement Exercises and other delightful St. Vincent High School treasures from his father, Howard V23.

Pat is retired and works as a Consultant for SCORE (Service Core of Retired Executives). He lives in Akron with his wife, Jacqueline Whitlinger Thompson V63 – they are the proud parents of two adult children and two grandchildren.

PHOTOGRAPH **SEARCH**

In honor of our 40th Anniversary, we hope to fill the halls and the walls of STVM with our senior class composite photographs. Considering the number of years we have been in existence and the number of graduating classes (dating back to 1901), it is not surprising to note that we are missing a few years!

The amazing fact is that we have uncovered a number of St. Mary High School and St. Vincent High School class photos from the various Crusader and Vincentian newspapers located in our archive files.

Evidently a "class photo" was not common in the early years of STVM. The tradition was resumed in the 1990s.

Please call the STVM Alumni Office (x120) if you have a class photo for any of the years listed below.

The "senior class photograph" search includes these years:

- St. Mary High School senior class photograph for the graduating classes of 1901–1928, 1930-1935, 1937-1947, 1950, 1952, 1966, and 1970
- St. Vincent High School senior class photograph for the graduating classes of 1910-1916, 1918, 1919, 1921-1924, 1939, 1949-1953, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1962, 1863, 1965-1967, 1969-1972
- STVM senior class photograph for the graduating classes of 1973-1989

Please note: The plan is to make use of modern technology which allows the photo to be "scanned" and then the original returned to the owner. The intention is to scan the photo from whatever source is available (yearbook, newspaper, etc.) and then, frame the photo and place it on display in the high school.

If you are interested in assisting with this project, please contact the STVM Alumni Office 330-253-9113 x120.

STVM ESTABLISHES **PARTNERSHIP**

Patty Burdon, STVM Public Relations reports....

During the 2011 Boys State Basketball Championship game in Columbus a STVM staff member received a text from 1992 alumnus Ron "Bosco" Pearson VM92 who resides in Arizona. He had ordered the sports channel telecasting the game so he could watch his alma mater in action. His text wasn't about ball handling or awesome dunks on the court. It simply read "sweet uniforms."

Pearson was, of course, referring to the team's Nike uniforms. His view of the generosity the program has received from 2003 STVM graduate LeBron James was limited to the TV viewing screen. Thanks to James, the Irish are accustomed to being the best-dressed team in the State of Ohio. Each year since James graduated, he has arranged for his favorite high school team to receive new Nike uniforms, warm-ups and shoes. Coach Dru Joyce expresses his appreciation often and acknowledges that his players are wearing the world's number one brand in sports apparel. Joyce reminds his team each year of their good fortune and to whom they should be grateful. Coach Joyce commented, "LeBron James hasn't forgotten his high school. The boys basketball team annually gets apparel equivalent to a major university, which saves the school and the families' money every year. We are truly grateful to LeBron for his generous gift to our program."

During the spring of 2011, LeBron's company, LRMR Innovative Marketing and Branding, arranged for Todd Northrop of BSN Sports — a Nike distributor — to work with St. Vincent–St. Mary High School to begin the process of making it possible for more Irish teams to wear America's favorite brand of athletic wear. The STVM Athletic Director, Andy Jalwan, explains, "Although this is an exciting opportunity for STVM, it will be a slow process to bring the desired changes to our program. Anyone responsible for purchasing apparel or gear for a program — athletic and nonathletic — is aware of the timetable and financial considerations necessary when working with the number of students involved."

STVM athletes and parents are excited about getting the new look and realize it is because of STVM's 2003 graduate that Nike is making the partnership with the school possible. James has frequently been on the STVM campus and athletic fields during this school year. He played basketball with young members of Joe Jakubick's camp this summer and worked out with the varsity football team early in October. He is often seen on the sidelines of football games when he's in town — usually bringing his sons, LeBron Jr. VM23 and Bryce VM26.

When James entered the NBA in 2003 his world expanded far beyond Akron, Ohio. He travels the globe making appearances as one of the NBA's most talented and celebrated players. Along with his LRMR partners — including Maverick Carter VM00 — James continually works with business associates around the world broadening his company's marketing and branding capabilities. Yet it is Akron where he settles in during the little down time he enjoys. LeBron James may travel to places of grandeur and glitz, but he has not forgotten his hometown neighborhood and his alma mater.

As the athletic seasons progress throughout the coming school years, more teams will experience the benefits of this partnership.

MICHAEL HURLEY VM02 AND RYAN HURLEY VM03

MICHAEL HURLEY VM02 **LAUNCHES CLOTHING LINE**

Michael Hurley VM02 reports....

Blessed Label was started in 2005 by Michael Hurley VM02 and his brother Ryan Hurley VM03 while they were sophomores at Cleveland State University. Michael and Ryan had attended Catholic schools from kindergarten through high school and were used to an "enforced" dress code. It wasn't until they graduated from STVM that they had the freedom to experiment with different personal styles in their clothing, hair, etc.

Michael commented, "While in college, everyone was always stopping us and asking where they could buy what we were wearing. We thought ...let's try and do our own thing and see what kind of response we get. Blessed Label was then formed. We started off small — just printing up some shirts and hats and soon sold out of everything. Blessed Label can now be found in specialty boutiques across the country.

In addition to Blessed Label, I have had the honor of partnering with LeBron James VM03, Frankie Walker, Jaron Kanfer, and Chris Julian in a new lifestyle retail space — Unknwn. Unknwn is based in Miami, Florida and brings a lot of different goods under one roof including clothing, shoes, novelty items, music, and more.

Plus, recently I have been working as Creative Director for NEX+ located in Highland Square in Akron, Ohio. Through NEX+ I have plans to bring a new outlook on fashion to Akron. NEX+ will be a great addition to Akron and will also provide opportunities for local artists, designers, musicians to display their talents."

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT
www.mrmichaelhurley.com
www.blessedlabelclothing.com
www.unknwn.com

FEATURING THE FRESH BY FORTUNE LINE OF CLOTHING ARE (LEFT TO RIGHT): HEATHER CARONE VM06, BLAISE MEEKER VM06 AND CALVIN TAYLOR VM06

TWO VM06 CLASSMATES INTRODUCE **"FRESH BY FORTUNE" CLOTHING LINE**

According to the article that appeared in Kentwired.com ..."What began as four friends screen-printing a few T-shirts for an entrepreneurship class project two years ago has transformed into a passion for designing and selling clothes for their own clothing company: Fresh By Fortune."

The four friends and founders of the company are Blaise Meeker VM06, Calvin Taylor VM06, Willie Dies and Josh Dies. Fresh by Fortune is located at 19 North High Street in Akron, Ohio.

In an article that appears on WordPress.com, Fresh by Fortune is described as "a unique concept." The founders of the company describe it as "a clothing company based out of Akron, Ohio consisting of two separate lines including Fresh Label's 'Urban Casual Wear' and Fortune Label's 'Formal Classy Attire'."

Best wishes to Blaise and Calvin and congratulations on your recent award and being named the 2011 OHIO HIP HOP AWARDS: BEST CLOTHING DESIGNER!

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FRESH BY FORTUNE, PLEASE VISIT
www.FreshByFortune.com

SOCCER TEAMMATES OF FRANK HORN **RUN 5K IN HIS HONOR**

Soccer teammates of Frank Horn ran in the 5k Race on March 31st sponsored by St. Vincent Elementary School's parent association in memory of Frank Horn (father of Renee VM10 and Will VM15). Frank passed away on December 10, 2011. Left to right: Glenn Griffin (STVM Religion Teacher), Tom Stecz V65, and Eric Stecz VM89.

Photo taken by Dan Stecz VM88 (goalie on the team).

ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

TRISH OSTROSKI M65 (2011 Fr. Thomas Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award Recipient) and Debbie Reynolds at the 8th Annual 2011 Los Angeles Women in Theatre Red Carpet Awards. Debbie received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Trish was the recipient of the 100th Award ever given. Congratulations Trish!
E-mail: trishostroski@sbcglobal.net

CHRISTOPHER GALLAGHER VM81
Christopher writes...
We will soon move from Baltimore to Lititz, Pennsylvania with my wife, Karen and two children, to be closer to family. Career in product development led me to launch a new product innovation called ScrunchieWrap into the 9 billion dollar a year gift-wrap market. Hoping to automate the 100% hand-made production soon.

ScrunchieWrap is an expandable, reusable, fabric cinch-pouch that allows consumers to wrap their gifts in just seconds without scissors, tape, or long rolls of wrapping paper. This product is environmentally conscientious as it will help to reduce the tons of discarded wrapping paper that are kicked to the curb in the United States each year. To learn more about ScrunchieWrap, please visit www.NoWrappingPaper.com. E-mail: myfriendchrisg@gmail.com

PATRICK DUKEMAN VM84
Patrick Dukeman VM84 worked professionally as an actor in San Francisco for twenty years and has relocated back to Ohio. Before leaving San Francisco, Patrick portrayed "Jerry Springer" in JERRY SPRINGER – THE OPERA. Since he has been back in Ohio, he has been "Ugly" in "HONK," "Lawrence" in "DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS", and is performing in April 2012 as "Roger" in "THE PRODUCERS" before he takes the lead in "THE DROWSY CHAPERONE" at Weathervane Playhouse in Akron, Ohio from June 15 – July 8th.
Visit www.weathervaneplayhouse.com for more details.
E-mail: wendydukeman@yahoo.com

REBECCA GORMAN O'NEILL VM92
Rebecca visited the STVM campus while she was in town for the spring break. Rebecca is an English Teacher at Metropolitan State University in Denver, Colorado. Rebecca spoke with Gerard Neary's class, Technical Theater and Advanced Acting on the topic of "making a living in theater!" After visiting with the classes, Rebecca met with Kathy Holaday in the STVM Alumni Office and shared some fond memories of her high school days. Rebecca was delighted to see Mrs. Haddox, Miss Godshalk, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Valle and Mr. Rathz while she was on campus! E-mail: rgorman2@mscd.edu

IAN CLARK VM99
Ian writes... Living in West Akron with my wife, Elizabeth. I graduated from The University of Akron with a Bachelor of Arts with emphasis on Photography. I am currently a Navy Recruiter - I have been in the Navy for 8 years (since 2003) and just re-upped for an additional 4 years.
Photo Caption: (left to right) Ian Clark VM99 is featured with Justin VanLeer (Navy Recruiter) during a recruiting visit to STVM.
E-mail: ian.clark@navy.mil

FRANK FREEMAN VM03
Congratulations to Frank Freeman VM03! Frank has been admitted to the Technology, Innovation, and Education master's program at Harvard University where he will develop educational software and iPad apps. Frank will be moving to Cambridge, Massachusetts in August.
Frank is a Bass Player and one of the founders of The Strange Familiar, a pop rock band that started up in 2006 in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Frank's plans include a visit back to Akron for the band's CD release event at Musica on April 27, 2012. E-mail: frankfreeman23@gmail.com

AUTHOR! **AUTHOR!**

Chuck Myers V65 shared this information.....

Chuck was born in the Akron Highland Square area, graduated from St Vincent High School in 1965 and then attended Malone College. Marty, his wife of 38 years, was born and raised in Barberton. They have lived in Canal Fulton for 35 years, where they raised their three children.

He graduated from Malone University with a Bachelor of Arts degree, a major in Business Management and a 3.9 GPA.

Chuck heads the Charles W. Myers Investment Group, (401(k) Rollover Headquarters). He also is part of a small independent boutique Registered Investment Advisor (RIA) firm called True Wealth Design. They specialize in providing financial coaching to individual investors at all levels. He loves his work and plans never to retire.

Chuck and his wife are very involved in their local community. Chuck is a member of the Canal Fulton Income Tax Review Board and the T.A.P. Committee. He serves as Treasurer of the Canal Fulton Friends of the Library where Marty serves as a Trustee. Chuck was also Chairperson of the Northwest Stark Senior Citizens Center. Chuck and Marty serve the community as officers of their local AARP Chapter and are members of the Canal Fulton Chamber of Commerce. Both Chuck and Marty have a special place in their hearts for the Alzheimer's Association.

They have three favorite vacation spots. Disney World is their favorite place on earth, having visited over 35 times. They also love to visit Myrtle Beach, believing that there is a law stating that if you live in Ohio, you must vacation at Myrtle. Lastly, they love cruising... anywhere... anytime. Their favorite cruise destinations have been Hawaii, the Southern Caribbean and the Mediterranean.

Chuck is the author of the following books: "3 Words That Spell Investment Success," and "Peace of Mind Retirement Workbooks."

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Four Years For a Lifetime

We are proud of the accomplishments and successes our Alumni have experienced as they became citizens of the world. Read on to learn what your classmates have been up to...

PAUL V38 AND **JANE COURTNEY STONE** V41

Kathy Holaday, Director of Constituent Relations, had the opportunity to meet with Paul V38 and Jane Courtney Stone V41 after receiving an email from Paul! Paul had expressed interest in getting in touch with his V38 classmates and Kathy scheduled a meeting with Paul and Jane at their home.

Kathy Holaday writes, "It was so enjoyable visiting with Paul and Jane. Listening to their stories and memories of their St. Vincent High School days was delightful! Paul and Jane shared memories of favorite teachers (like Sr. Jane Edwards, Sr. Bernard, Sr. Paul, Sr. Loretta Cecil and Sr. Inocencia), going to the school dances in the afternoons and being in the orchestra (Paul played the E Flat Alto and Jane played the Violin). Paul reviewed the V38 class list with Kathy and then presented the STVM Alumni office with a beautiful panoramic black & white photo of the St. Vincent High School students of 1935.

Paul and Jane have been married since 1946 and have three sons, two daughters, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. One of their daughters, Paula Stone Tucker attended St. Mary High School and is a graduate of the class of 1965.

Kathy had the opportunity to spend some more time with Paul on a different visit when she visited Windsong where he was recuperating from an extended hospital stay. They discussed the V38 class list and Paul expressed interest to assist a reunion gathering for the V38 classmates and spouses when his strength was restored.

At the time of this publication's printing (April 2012), we express our heartfelt sympathy to Paul Stone and his family on the loss of his wife, Jane Courtney Stone V41 on March 17, 2012.

AL FRANKS V42

In the Spring of 2012, Al Franks V42 and Kathy Holaday (Director of Constituent Relations) had a telephone conversation and Al shared the following information....

Al moved to California after returning from active duty in WWII. While in California, Al met a doctor from Alaska who suggested this daily therapy to cure his circulation and mobility issues...every day and every night for one hour Al would soak his feet in melted para-wax and then he would plunge them into a bucket of ice. Within one year, Al was walking and changed his major from Chemical Engineering to Engineering and Geology because of his successful recovery and new found mobility. Al took an early retirement in 1980 after being the Chief Geologist for the State of California WRCB. He even opened his own Engineering Geology business! Al earned his Master's Degree in Civil Engineering and Soil Science and his PhD in Geology.

He is currently living in Sacramento, California and would like to send greetings to his St. Vincent Class of 1942 classmates!
Al writes...

Dear Class of V42 - let's plan to get together this summer so that we can celebrate our 70th Reunion!

Send me an email alfranks@prodigy.net or contact the STVM Alumni Office (330-253-9113 x120) if you are interested in meeting and having our reunion!

1940s

LEO J. SCALIA V47
Living in Spring Hill, Florida with my wife, Peggy. Enjoyed a celebration dinner at La Bella Napoli in honor of my mother, Mary's 100th birthday on December 2, 2011.

1950s

DENNIS FAGAN V55
Retired and living in Fort Myers, Florida with my wife, Lucy.
E-mail: dennyfagan@aol.com

SR. PATRICIA L. GIST CPPS V55
Retired and living in Findlay, Ohio. Sister of the Precious Blood.
E-mail: pgist@bright.net

SUSANNE FALARDEAU HAYES V57
Retired and living in Raleigh, North Carolina with my husband, Richard. We are the proud parents of three adult children and three grandchildren.
E-mail: Susanne112139@yahoo.com

1960s

DAVID MORRIS M61
E-mail: dandrmorris@gmail.com

CAROL HATTON DIES V62
Living in Akron, Ohio with my husband, Ken. We are the proud parents of 6 adult children and 11 grandchildren.
E-mail: carol@dieselectric.com

EILEEN DEAGAN BURG V63
According to the Summer 2011 issue of the *Akron Magazine*... Congratulations to Eileen Burg V63 who received her Associate of Arts Degree with distinction, from The University of Akron at a surprise ceremony in August 2011.

ANN REGAN AZEVEDO V65
Working as a Medical Receptionist and living in Canyon Country, California.
E-mail: azevedann@yahoo.com

ALBERT FRATTURA V66
Albert Frattura V66 is the new publisher of the Traverse City Record-Eagle according to an article printed on October 6, 2011 by Bill O'Brien of the Record-Eagle. Albert has been in the newpaper industry for 40 years and started his career at the Akron Beacon Journal! For more details, please visit: http://record-eagle.com/local/x1756376783/Frattura-takes-over-as-R-E-publisher

PATRICK DUNLAVY V67
Thank you to the STVM community for your support! Please visit the new website for my book: www.nowplayingagain.com

KATHLEEN MEAGHER CARR M68
Retired and living in Uniontown, Ohio with my husband, Terry. We have four adult children and eight grandchildren.
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BARBARA BORAK LILLEY M69
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1970s

ANNETTE WOJANOWSKI MILICEVIC M71
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PAMELA HUNSICKER PIHLBLAD M72
Living in Akron, Ohio and working as an executive assistant - just completed my 22nd year at the Sheraton Suites Akron/Cuyahoga Falls. Proud mother of an adult son and 4 beautiful grandchildren.
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JEAN EVANS STINNETT VM74
Living in Copley, Ohio with my husband, Bill. We are parents to 2 adult children. I am working as an Early Childhood Intervention Specialist.
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LAURA MUSARRA VM76
Living in West Akron with my family and working at Summa Health System in Marketing Strategy.
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CAMILLE HAMAD BARBUTO VM79
Living in Norton, Ohio with husband, Bari.

MARY BETH KUNKLIER DIRGO VM79
Mary Beth Kunklier Dirgo VM79, husband, Bob and two daughters were featured in an article by Jewel Cardwell. The following excerpt appeared in an Akron Beacon Journal article on November 21, 2011. "Gennesaret puts best foot forward with runners' help." Gennesaret, owned and operated by Bob and Mary Beth is a non profit organization that serves weekly hot meals as well as raises funds in order to provide transitional housing to families.

1980s

BECKA KASAPIS VM82
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ANN PIERCE NERVO VM82
Living in Norton, Ohio with my husband, Michael. I am working as a secretary at Lannings Restaurant and also self-employed with my company, Simple Gatherings Catering. We are the parents of 3 adult children.
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MARY BREIDING VM84
Congratulations to Mary Breiding VM84 on being name the 2011-2012 McEbright CLC Teacher of the Year!

ELIZABETH THORPE TAVOLIER VM86
Working as an Office Manager and living in Akron with my husband, Barry and our three children.
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THOMAS JACKSON VM87
Moved to Lake Oswego, Oregon in 2010 with my wife, Kelly and our 4 children to take on the Chief Executive position at The Greenbrier Companies (railcar manufacturer). Before our move, the family spent a portion of the summer visiting family in Sweden and Ireland.
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JENNIFER BESSEMER MARANDO VM88
Living in Copley, Ohio with my husband and 10 children. Proud to be sending our daughter, Morgan to STVM this coming Fall! Recently entered into a business venture with my sister, Crissy Bessemer Kolarik VM89. We purchased The Fast Lane Bowling and Party Center in Barberton, Ohio (previously known as Magic City Lanes).
If any alumni are interested in planning an event – reunions, parties, etc. – the bowling alley features not only bowling but also karaoke, corn-hole, a two-story slide, arcade, food and drinks! We would be happy to host your event! Discounts to STVM alumni! Please contact me via email at jennifer_333@live.com or cell phone 330-819-0204
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VANCE SANFORD VM88
Working as a sales consultant and living in Akron, Ohio with my wife, Sarah and our two children.
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1990s

GREG ENRIGHT VM91
Living in Akron, Ohio with my wife, Morgan and our new baby boy. Working as an Akron Public School Teacher.
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JACLYN SAWYER SORENSEN VM97
Living in Auburn, Alabama with my husband, Randy and our two children.
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JUSTIN WALTER VM98
Living in Macedonia, Ohio with my wife, Laura and our 3 children. Working as an IT Audit Manager
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ALEX MARCONI VM96
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2000s

JOHN BUGNER VM04
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LAUREN WALTER VM04
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JOHN FRITSCH VM05
Living in Warren, Ohio and working as an architect intern.
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DANE SCHAFFER VM05
Living in Clearwater, Florida and working as an Associate for Boston Finance Group (an asset backed lending company).
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JAMES GILCHRIST VM06
Working at Merrill Lynch as a Financial Advisor and living in Akron, Ohio.
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NICOLE MUSGRAVE VM06
Living in Medina, Ohio and working as a City Planner. Pursuing 2nd Master's in Public Administration at The Ohio State University.
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JEFF SPECK VM06
Living in Evans Mills, New York with my wife, Ashlee. Currently serving in the U.S. Army as a PFC/11B Infantryman.
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KARA MURPHY VM07
Kara Murphy VM07 played in Sweden for the UMEA Comets. In her first game, she scored 28 points, 14 rebounds, 3 assists and 3 steals...and the team won! Congrats to Kara Murphy.

JESSICA JOHNSON VM07
Living in Norwood, Ohio.

ALLISON DAIN VM08
Congratulations to Allison Dain on receiving a most prestigious award! On Sunday, March 25th Allison received the Outstanding Student and Tower of Excellence Award. Walsh University awards this to the graduating senior with a very high cumulative grade point average.

CORY DAVISSON VM08
Living in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio and working in marketing and multi-media. More exciting news to come in the near future including filming a documentary in Texas with Oprah!

JESSICA BRIDENTHAL 2009
Jessica competed in the NCAA Division II National Indoor Track and Field track meet held in Mankato, Minnesota on March 9th-10th. Jessica earned her All-American status in the weight throw with a 4th place finish, She threw 62'6". Jess also placed 9th in the shot put.

2010s

JACOB JONES VM10
Living in San Francisco, California and attending Academy of Art University and studying film production.
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MARK MURPHY VM11
Congratulations to Mark Murphy for being featured in an article for the Bloomington Herald on Tuesday, September 20th - "Murphy not your usual freshman" by Dustin Dopirak. Please follow the link to read more about Mark and his Indiana University football journey. http://www.heraldtimesonline.com/stories/2011/09/20/iusports.qp-2635107.sto

ALUMNI **GET THE BALL ROLLING**

Basil Galati V71 writes... "Once again over $1000 was raised for the STVM Boys and Girls Bowling Team uniform shirts. Thank you goes to so many people and especially John McDermott V69 who in addition to making a cash donation also donated to STVM his original bowling shirt and band jacket.

Plus I would like to say a very special thank you to the people at "Talk of the Town" Sports. They were so helpful again in ordering and printing up the bowling shirts. In my opinion, after attending a few matches this season, STVM's Bowling Teams have some of the nicest shirts in comparison to other teams!"

Alumni Council Corner

Dear Alumni, Family & Friends,

One of the goals for the 2011-2012 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. The newest event is the "Alumni Night at the Theater!"

GET INVOLVED

- Annual Alumni & Friends Tailgate Party
- Annual Winter Alumni & Friends Night
- Annual Memorial Mass
- Annual Mahar Banquet
- Annual 3 on 3 Tournament
- Alumni Night at the Theater (May 3, 2012)
- Senior Farewell Mass

In addition to the programs and events listed above, we have started an Alumni E-mail Newsletter. Typically, we will send the newsletter 2 times per year. If you would like to be added to our distribution list, please e-mail the STVM Alumni office (kholaday@stvm.com).

The STVM Alumni Council Officers and members have made a commitment to become more involved and more active in the STVM High School philanthropic projects. So far this school year, we have participated in the monthly Market Day pickups and have once again adopted a family as part of the STVM Adopt-a-Family project during the Christmas season. In addition, the STVM Alumni Council has "adopted" the planters that border the Learning Resource Center (LRC) and are accepting donations of household (indoor) plants to complete the "project planter" effort!

Please stay connected with us. 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 for the coming fiscal year (2012-2013). Alumni Dues are still only $10 per year (July 1, 2012–June 30, 2013). Please make your check payable to: STVM Alumni Association.

If you are interested in getting involved in the STVM Alumni Association or becoming an officer/committee member on the STVM Alumni Council, please contact the STVM Alumni Office (kholaday@stvm.com). Elections will take place in the May/June timeframe for the 2012-2013 Council Officers.

Sincerely,
Al Graf VM76, President, STVM Alumni Council

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

DECEMBER 28, 2011 Winter Alumni & Friends Night – Canned Food Drive
JANUARY 9, 2012 General Meeting – STVM Conference Room–7:00 p.m.
MARCH 29, 2012 Annual Mahar Banquet – Tangier Restaurant
APRIL 20, 2012 3 on 3 Tournament
APRIL 23, 2012 Annual Memorial Mass – STVM LRC
MAY 3, 2012 Alumni Night at Theater
MAY 24, 2012 Senior Farewell Mass & Alumni Pin Ceremony
AUGUST 31, 2012 - 8th Annual Alumni & Friends Tailgate Party
VM16 Freshmen Night at the Tailgate Party

ALUMNI COUNCIL 2011-2012

OFFICERS:
President: Al Graf VM76
President-Elect: Barb Lombardi Horning VM74
Secretary: Kyle Hillery Freeman VM73
Treasurer: Tom Marks V72
Past-President: Marcy Smith VM86

STANDING COMMITTEES:
Alumni Awards: Marcy Smith VM86
Membership: Marilynn Hohas McCoy VM78
Parents' Club Liaison: Nareene Wong Beck VM74
Service: Heather Carone VM06
Social: Eileen Walter Moats VM80

AT LARGE MEMBERS:
Dick Lang V56, Anne Walter Morgan V55, Mary Howard M68, and Chris Dougherty Marks V72

MARILYN HOHAS MCCOY VM78 AND PAST PRESIDENT OF THE STVM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SERVES UP PIZZA AND SUBS TO JIM HADLEY V59, MARTY SHAFFER VM74 AND ANDREA DEBONA HILLERY VM85 DURING THE WINTER ALUMNI & FRIENDS NIGHT IN THE STVM STUDENT CENTER.

WINTER **ALUMNI & FRIENDS NIGHT**

The 2011-2012 STVM Alumni Council hosted the Annual Alumni & Friends Winter Night on December 28th after the Fighting Irish vs. Marion Franklin basketball game. Many alumni gathered together and enjoyed the light refreshments in the LRC during half-time. This was followed by the gathering of alumni, family, friends and fans in the Student Center after the varsity basketball game. Thank you for attending and we hope to see you at the 2012 Winter Night!

In addition, the STVM Alumni Association extends its appreciation to each of you that donated items for our Canned Food Drive! We were able to deliver a large amount of canned and boxed food items to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and they were so appreciative of our efforts. Thank you again for your support and generosity!

Visit the Photo Gallery to view all the photos from this event and others! www.stvm.com – Alumni – Photo Gallery – Winter Alumni & Friends 12/28/12

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.

STANDING LEFT TO RIGHT: MARCY SMITH VM86, RB BROWNFIELD VM03, KATHY ZEHENNI HOLADAY VM77, KYLE HILLERY FREEMAN VM73, TOM MARKS V72, BARB LOMBARDI HORNING VM74, HEATHER CARONE VM06, ANNE WALTER MORGAN V55, JANE ALLEN, AL GRAF VM76, MARY HOWARD M68. SEATED LEFT TO RIGHT: MEG WITT LEE VM78, CHRIS DOUGHERTY MARKS V72, EILEEN WALTER MOATS VM80, SARA RADCLIFFE AND NAREENE WONG BECK VM74

ALUMNI COUNCIL SUPPORTS STVM STUDENTS — **ADOPT-A-FAMILY**

Once again in 2011, The Alumni Council and the team of Alumni Association members were excited to participate in the STVM Adopt-a-Family project sponsored by the STVM Campus Ministry.

Alumni Council officers and members had a wonderful time shopping and collecting items for the Adopt-a-Family project. During the first week in December, the Council collected and donated items for the 8 member family!

"We were so fortunate to once again have Christ Child support our event – we asked and they agreed to provide hats, coats and gloves for each member of this family enabling us to concentrate on not only helping to make Christmas a little warmer but also a little brighter for this family," commented Al Graf (STVM Alumni Association President). Al added, "The STVM Alumni Council members enjoyed a "white elephant" exchange party at the end of our December meeting – this will definitely become an annual event!"

Please visit the Photo Gallery on the STVM website to view the most recent pictures! Visit www.stvm.com – Alumni – Photo Gallery – Adopt a Family 2011

ANNUAL **3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

Alumni and friends gathered together for the Annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament sponsored by the STVM Alumni Association and hosted by the STVM Alumni Council on Friday, April 20th. The 3 on 3 Alumni Tournament has been an enjoyable and well-attended event since it's inception in 1993!

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOSTS ANNUAL **ALUMNI MEMORIAL MASS**

The Alumni Association hosted the Annual Alumni Memorial Mass on Monday, April 23, 2012 in the STVM Learning Resource Center (LRC).

Father John Valencheck (pastor of St. Sebastian Parish) celebrated the Memorial Mass and the Peace Together Choir provided the accompaniment as we remembered the St. Mary, St. Vincent, and St. Vincent-St. Mary alumni and family members that passed away during the 2011 calendar year. Family and friends enjoyed a brief reception right after the Mass.

2012 FATHER THOMAS F, MAHAR **OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AND IRISH CRUSADER AWARDS**

The STVM Alumni Association hosted the 33rd Annual Father Thomas Mahar Outstanding Alumni Awards Banquet on March 29, 2012 at Tangier Restaurant. The 2012 Mahar Awards Banquet was a celebration and a reflection of the dedication and the talents of our alumni and dedicated friends.

Many alumni, family & loyal friends attended the March 29th Awards Banquet at Tangier's Restaurant to recognize the six well-deserving alumni honored with this prestigious award.

We invite our readers to learn more about our recipients on the following pages. Biographical information has been included for your information and reading pleasure!

2012 Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni recipients:
John "Jack" Kunklier V51, Joan McKim Kunklier V53,
Joseph "Joe" May V54, Barbara "Barb" Brewer Wood V65,
Judith "Judy" Dalaski Stecz M67, Carla Bouschere Steiner VM77
2012 Irish Crusader recipient:
Patricia "Patti" Valle

OF NOTE: JOSEPH MAY V54 was just named Holy Family School's 2012 Distinguished Alumni for all of his charitable work.

L-R: JUDITH "JUDY" DALASKI STECZ M67, JOSEPH "JOE" MAY V54, JOAN MCKIM KUNKLIER V53, JOHN "JACK" KUNKLIER V51, CARLA BOUSCHERE STEINER VM77, BARBARA "BARB" BREWER WOOD V65

L-R: AL GRAF, PATTI VALLE, DAVID RATHZ

At the Mahar Banquet, the STVM Alumni Association was also pleased to present the recipient of the Irish Crusader Award.

The St. Vincent-St. Mary Alumni Association Irish Crusader Award was created in 2008 to honor and recognize those individuals who have a longstanding and positive relationship with St. Mary, St. Vincent or STVM High School. Even though these individuals are not graduates of St. Mary, St. Vincent or St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, they play an active and important role in the day-to-day running of our school and special events which is integral to the success of our school. During the 2012 Mahar Banquet, the Irish Crusader Award Recipient was presented with honorary alumni status and became an honorary member of the STVM Alumni Association.

Congratulations to the 2012 Irish Crusader Award Recipient: Patti Valle.

ALUMNI COUNCIL ANNOUNCES **2012 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

The STVM Alumni Council is pleased to announce five (5) scholarship recipients for the 2012-2013 school year.

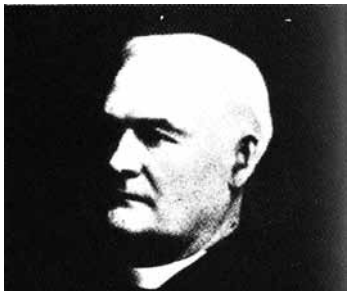
These junior students will be awarded a scholarship of $500.00 to be applied to their senior year tuition.

The recipients received a certificate at the 2012 Mahar Awards Banquet on March 29, 2012 at Tangier Restaurant: Meredith Cabe, Madeline Garritano, Hannah Green, Katelyn Holaday, and Thomas Paolucci.

L-R: KATELYN HOLADAY, HANNAH GREEN, TOM PAOLUCCI, MEREDITH CABE, AND MADELINE GARRITANO

NOMINATE NOW **FOR THE 2013 FR. THOMAS F. MAHAR OUTSTANDING ALUMNI & IRISH CRUSADER AWARDS**

GO TO WWW.STVM.COM ALUMNI AWARDS



The Alumni Association 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 or e-mailed to alumni@stvm.com. 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.

Nominate Now for the 2013 Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni and Irish Crusader Awards. Go to www.stvm.com and visit the Alumni section. The latest revision to the nomination form can be found in the Awards & Scholarship part of the STVM Alumni website section.

PLEASE NOTE: November 1, 2012 is the deadline for nominations.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION **DUES AND MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Please complete the form and return to: Alumni Office, St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, 15 North Maple Street, Akron, Ohio 44303 or go to www.stvm.com/alumni to update your information

2012-2013 MEMBERSHIP YEAR
7/1/12-6/30/13

1. Contact Information (PLEASE PRINT)

LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | "NICKNAME" | MAIDEN NAME

_____ SCHOOL: ❍ M ❍ V ❍ VM
CLASS YEAR

STREET ADDRESS | CITY | STATE | ZIP CODE

HOME PHONE | CELL PHONE | E-MAIL

2. Marital Status/Children

❍ MARRIED: SPOUSE'S NAME_____
❍ SINGLE ❍ DIVORCED ❍ WIDOWED

PLEASE LIST YOUR CHILDREN (NAMES & AGES) AND INCLUDE IF THEY ARE CURRENT STUDENTS AT STVM OR ALUMNI:

3. Occupational/Professional Information

OCCUPATION

❍ PRIEST ❍ SISTER ❍ BROTHER ORDER _____

❍ MILITARY _____
BRANCH OF SERVICE | RANK/NEC/MOS

DATES OF SERVICE | CURRENT AND/OR FORMER COMMANDS

4. Membership/Dues/Etc. (make checks payable to: STVM Alumni Association)

❍ $10 ALUMNI DUES ENCLOSED. Membership runs from July 1-June 30.

❍ DONATION TO THE STVM ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP: Over the years, the STVM Alumni Association has had the privilege of awarding annual scholarships to members of the STVM Junior Class which is then applied toward their senior year tuition. The scholarship is funded by association dues as well as contributions made to the scholarship fund through the Father Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Awards program. To be eligible to apply, students must have one or both parents who are a graduate of St. Mary, St. Vincent, or St. Vincent-St. Mary High Schools as well as additional criteria.

❍ ADDRESS ABOVE IS A NEW ADDRESS. PLEASE UPDATE RECORDS

❍ I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE E-MAIL UPDATES ON MEETINGS & EVENTS

❍ PLEASE CONTACT ME — I WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE ALUMNI

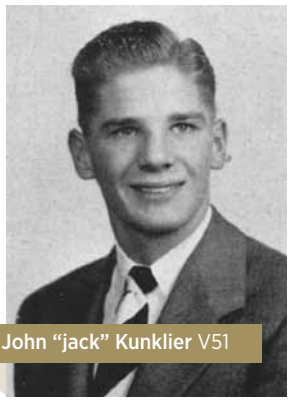
5. News

Include a separate sheet with information you might like included in the next The Connection Magazine.
Also, on a separate sheet of paper, 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 and their relationship to you. Thank you.

33rd Anniversary

FR. 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 113 outstanding alumni of our school.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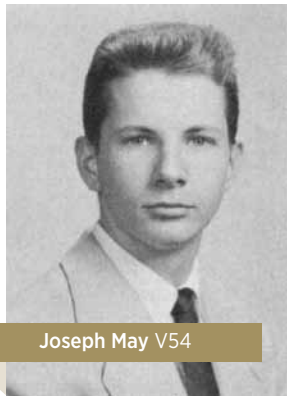
Joan McKim Kunklier V53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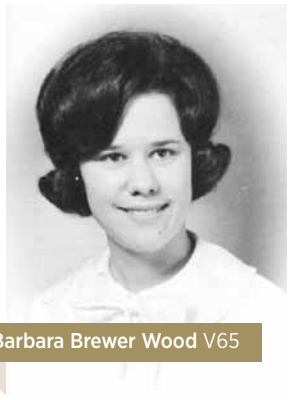
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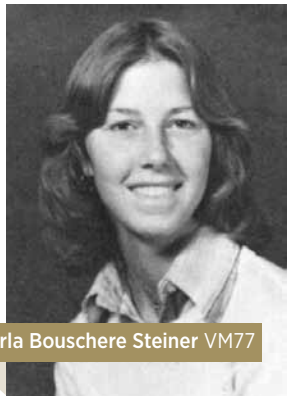
Judith Dalaski Stecz M67


Carla Bouschere Steiner VM77

JOHN "JACK" KUNKLIER ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1951
JOAN MCKIM KUNKLIER ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1953

Jack Kunklier attended St. Joseph Grade School in Cuyahoga Falls, where he served Mass, sang in the choir and played on the baseball team. Jack continued his Christian education – wanting to be taught by sisters – at St. Vincent High School and then furthered his education in a religious environment by graduating from John Carroll University (JCU). While at JCU, he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business and a Minor in Philosophy, while working a myriad of jobs from pumping gas to selling men's fine clothing. He also completed post-graduate studies at The University of Akron. In addition, Jack was also accomplished with a hot third-baseman's glove in baseball and softball.

When Joan McKim Kunklier was in second grade and her brother, Jim, was in fifth grade, his teacher, Sister Eugenia at St. Joseph Grade School, had every student create a picture of the Elevation of the Holy Eucharist at Mass and these were placed on display throughout the classroom. It took Joan's breath away and she could not wait to receive Holy Communion and someday be in Sister Eugenia's class.

When Joan was in fifth grade, Sister Eugenia spent the school year explaining the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to the children. Every student attended daily Mass. She caused the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Holy Eucharist to be the center of their lives. They witnessed the transforming power of Christ's love for us in the Mass and the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This continued at St. Vincent High School, where in Joan's senior year, she was a winner of a Mother Evarista Scholarship to Notre Dame College, Cleveland.

The week after Jack's graduation from John Carroll, he and Joan were married on the Feast of Corpus Christi complete with a Solemn High Mass and a Papal blessing.

The Holy Eucharist has always been the center of their family life. Their four children were taken to Mass every day. If a child was sick, Joan and Jack attended separate Masses so one parent was home with the sick child – in doing so, they have never missed receiving Holy Communion daily.

Joan's involvement with her alma mater did not end upon graduation. Joan organized in the 1950s and 1960s, for the first time in St. Vincent High School's history, an annual all-alumni dance, and remained the event chairperson for eight years. She was involved in all planning aspects of the events, including advertising, a demographic study of all graduates, formal invitations, two orchestras, and coordination with The University Club of Akron and Silver Lake Country Club.

From 1955 to 1972, Jack worked for Vaughn Machinery Company in Cuyahoga Falls. His job responsibilities included being assistant to the president; manager of manufacturing; manager of sales administration; data processing manager; and sales engineer. The company designed, manufactured, sold and serviced wire-drawing machines world-wide with 450 employees. Jack designed all company systems and operating procedures; oversaw advertising and sales promotion; analyzed financial

statements; and reviewed legal documents. Jack's next position was with General Tire in Akron as manager of Warehousing and Distribution. Jack managed all warehousing activities; distribution of products; inventory planning and forecasting.

In the 1970s, at The University of Akron, Joan originated and taught courses covering all phases of business etiquette and fashion in cooperation with M. O'Neil Department Stores and represented The University at area seminars and organization meetings as a featured guest speaker. She also did the voice-over for a Christmas TV commercial for a 35-store shopping center and did tasteful modeling in print ads and marketing materials.

While Joan stayed home to raise their children, love for God propelled her to serve in the Legion of Mary for many years. In the 1980s and 1990s, she attended Ursuline College studying interior design. She also studied interior design privately with one of the top designers in the United States – Joe Scala of Holzheimer's Interiors. She was about to take the A.S.I.D. test for certification when their son, Pat, took her to a Catholic Charities Hunger and Shelter Fund meeting. She immediately changed her major to public relations and advertising to raise money for the poor – which she has done for more than 20 years for Gennesaret Inc., an all-volunteer non-profit organization in Akron. Someone once said, "When we leave this earth, the only things that we shall take with us are those which we have given away." This is Joan and Jack's motto.

Presently, Jack and Joan are the Volunteer Treasurer and Fundraising Director respectively for Gennesaret, Inc. which serves about 600 hot meals weekly to poor families. Gennesaret's first building was opened by their son-in-law, Bob Dirgo (Penn State University, Case Western University) and their daughter, Mary Beth Kunklier Dirgo VM79 (Ursuline College and The University of Akron) in Akron in the early 1990s. Bob researched the demographic information at the City of Akron for the Akron area with the greatest need -- and this is where Gennesaret is located. Mary Beth and Bob are professed Lay Missionaries of Charity of Mother Teresa. Gennesaret's success is fueled by God's grace and the hard work of many. Jack and Joan have been involved since the planning stages of Gennesaret.

In 1996, when Jack and Joan were transferred by Continental General Tire to Charlotte, North Carolina, Joan continued her fundraising for Gennesaret from their apartment. In addition, she was asked to volunteer with Blessed Mother Teresa's nuns in tutoring poor children in Charlotte. They and two other families were given the privilege of a private meeting with Blessed Mother Teresa in Washington, D.C.

Gennesaret serves children and families, the hungry and homeless, the elderly and people with disabilities. The need is growing. Gennesaret creates a fountain of kindness and hope for a world afflicted with so much pain and suffering. For their guests, Gennesaret fills a large hole in their lives not only for the physical nourishment but also social enrichment.

Guests are treated as family – with respect and kindness. As the Kunklier and Dirgo families have said, "They are our brothers and sisters of the same loving God. And they enrich us with their presence." Gennesaret remains unique in that all donations go to benefiting the poor because it is an ALL-VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION.

Jack designed, developed and maintains an extensive accounting system in Microsoft Excel and prepares annual budgets and various other reports as required to monitor all aspects of the organization for board review and to support grant requests. Joan has been Gennesaret's emissary with funders and writes grants and proposals that have generated hundreds of thousands of dollars for food purchases, utilities, building maintenance and equipment replacement and repair.

The tremendous press coverage that Gennesaret has received for more than 20 years is primarily a result of Gennesaret's Volunteer Director of Public Relations -- their son, Patrick Kunklier VM74 (John Carroll University). Their son and daughter-in-law, Greg Kunklier (Walsh Jesuit High School and The University of Akron) and Joan Renée Cervino Kunklier VM91 (Kent State University) operate annual fundraising raffles that have been a vital addition to Gennesaret's "Home Run for the Homeless" fundraiser held annually on Thanksgiving morning. In 2011, there were over 4,000 registered runners and walkers, including many families. Their son, Mark Kunklier VM77 (John Carroll University) and his lovely wife, Pam (Wadsworth High School and The University of Akron) are not involved with Gennesaret.

In addition to her focus on her faith, her family, and Gennesaret, Joan was corporate assistant to the president and VP of Arhaus (contemporary furniture stores throughout the United States) and developed demographic rationales for new store locations; negotiated foreign government complimentary air fare and accommodations for international buying trips; and initiated and completed special projects for the president and vice president.

Today, Jack sings in the Derbytown Chorus of the Akron Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, through which he loves singing the National Anthem at home plate at Cleveland Indians and Akron Aeros games.

JOSEPH MAY ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1954

Joseph H. May was born October 2, 1936 in Akron, Ohio to Judge Dean F. and Dorothy May, the last of eight children (each one a graduate of St. Vincent High School). Joe's early education was in the Hudson public school system. Tragedy struck Joe's family when he was twelve years old. His father died in 1949 and his mother scrambled to secure the children's futures, beginning with their educational needs. Joe was enrolled in the eighth-grade class at Holy Family grade school the year it opened in 1950. Father Simon was the pastor and Sister Ernestine (Sisters of Charity) was the principal. Both provided a spiritual foundation to ease the transition of the loss of his father, and the hardships of a disrupted family setting.

Joe feels that the following four years at St. Vincent High School were perhaps the most important developmental years of his life. He cherishes the fond memories: the spiritual direction provided by Fathers Cosgrove and Corrigan; the high standards in education and faith set by the Dominican sisters; the wonderful lasting friendships of classmates. Joe served for three years as Head Cheerleader, and retains the spirit of the Green and White.

Joe graduated from St. Vincent High School in 1954 and attended Kent State University. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. He then served two years active duty and four years in the United States Navy Reserves. Joe met his wife, Helen on a blind date that was arranged through a St. Vincent classmate. It was the proverbial love at first site! Joe and Helen were married on October 1, 1960 at St. Paul Parish in Akron and have been blessed with three children: Nancy Messmore; Joseph and Matthew.

In 1960, Joe began his career at Roadway Express. Working for Roadway included a move to Lima, Ohio and also to Kalamazoo, Michigan where he managed freight operations. When Joe returned to Akron in 1968, he then

served in an executive position in Human Resource Management until 1972. During that time he also served as President of the Personnel Association of Greater Akron. In 1976 he became involved in other organizations that focused on executive labor management positions. As Joe looks back over his career, he can see where his career leadership opportunities have been called into service for sharing with those in need.

Community service began early in Joe's life. In Kalamazoo he belonged to the Civitan Club, a national civic organization that provided services to needy children, and he eventually served as President. Upon returning to the Akron area, and as a member of Holy Family Parish, Joe served for two years on the executive committee for the GIFT program. GIFT stands for Growth In Faith Together - a two-year parishioner commitment structured to provide a method that would foster friendships in small faith communities designed to reach people at all ages and at any point in their faith journey. Small groups met in their homes and used selected resources for discussion, faith sharing and prayer.

At this time, Joe also became involved in FISH, an interdenominational program in which Holy Family was a participant. FISH provided services to families in need of home repairs, appliances and transportation similar to the function of St. Vincent de Paul today. As a volunteer with FISH, Joe convinced Fr. Zabo to allow the volunteers to use the vacant bus garage for storage and repair of donated appliances for needy families. As a member of St. Vincent de Paul, Joe fondly recalls responding to a call for help for a young paraplegic couple. The couple needed major renovations to accommodate passage into their bathroom and for bathing while in their wheel-chairs. Joe's response was to muster the funds and manpower to totally strip out the existing bathroom and rebuild it. This was beyond St. Vincent de Paul's standard mode of operations as well as their operating procedures! The "manpower" turned out to be fellow-members who still marvel and talk about this extraordinary venture to provide a hand-up to the young couple. This venture led to many other home repair projects including one for two "adopted" families in the area. In Joe's opinion, God has "a way of gifting back to us" and he delights in hearing back periodically from some of the now middle-age "siblings" expressing their thanks for the help received in their time of need.

In August 1998, four women from St. Bernard Parish began an initiative to establish a Catholic Worker organization in Akron. Through his son, Joe, he responded to their need to rehab their first house of hospitality – a task Joe accomplished in three months, even with working around his consulting business. Thirteen years later, Joe is still managing Catholic Worker properties.

In 2001, Joe, and his son Joe, purchased a duplex in the Catholic Worker community located at 842 Princeton Street and named it the "Matthew 25 House." Over the next fourteen months he rehabbed this former drug house. Under the management of his son, the two Joes provided hospitality for homeless men for seven years. Since 2008 this house provides low-rent residence for two transitioning families.

In 2006 Joe's dream of many years was fulfilled. The Catholic Worker of Akron organization purchased a vacant bar and grill and rehabbed it for a "day drop-in center."

Today this location, The Peter Maurin Center (located at 1096 South Main Street), provides a community center for the unsheltered (for many it is their home base) and for near-by residents who are in and out of homelessness. In 2008, Joe received the Catholic Commission's Bishop William M. Cosgrove Justice Award for his involvement with Catholic Worker of Akron (CWA).

Now as he enters the "fourth quarter" of his life, Joe reflects upon the many individuals who provided him with spiritual inspiration..."My father who transformed the Summit County Probate system to favor rehabilitation over incarceration; my mother who reached out to the needy even when our family was struggling to exist; the educators mentioned earlier; St. Vincent de Paul Society, specifically Leo Bedell, Sr.; Sr. Catherine Walsh, Sisters of Charity and founder of the Catholic Worker of Akron; and finally, the many faces of Christ who have come into my life needing a hand-up while unswervingly placing their very existence in God's capable hands."

Joe comments, "It is a distinct honor to be among my cousins, the four Walter family members who have also been named Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni. It is my hope that in receiving this distinguished award that others may come to experience how the hand of the Holy Spirit can take an ordinary life and direct extraordinary outcomes in His name. And in doing so, experience the wonderful rewards God bestows upon us when we minister "unto the least of My people."

BARBARA BREWER WOOD ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1965

Barbara Lynn Brewer Wood attended Holy Family Grade School when it was just eight classrooms and a chapel and watched it grow in her eight years to two floors with double the classrooms and a very modern church. She then chose to go to St. Vincent High School because it did not have uniforms and she finally wouldn't have to wear a blue jumper with knee socks and saddle shoes. She graduated in 1965 and went on to Kent State University where she earned a Business of Science Degree with a major in English and a minor in education.

Before graduating from college, she married her high school sweetheart, Robert Wood, and together they finished college and started a family. After some long term subbing, she took time off to have seven children and they all attended St. Patrick Grade School in Kent. The children went on to graduate from STVM: Gretchen Wood Brokloff VM88, Colleen Wood Wertz VM90, Emil VM92, Darrell VM94, Joel VM99, Corey VM01 and Mia VM03.

When Gretchen entered St. Vincent-St. Mary High School in 1984, Barb had just delivered her 7th child, Mia. Since Gretchen wanted to go to the first football game and her parents naturally had to take her, it meant 5-day old Mia also had to go to the game. All good Catholic schools needed volunteers and so started a renewed connection with the Irish. Barb volunteered at St. Patrick's doing anything from throwing pizza on a plate in the lunch line to grading papers and subbing classes. She continued her volunteering at St. Patrick's, but it slowed down because there was such a need for volunteers at the high school level. She started volunteering in the STVM Bookstore which was located in the present Alumni Office. The Bookstore was run by Athletic Director Larry Naymik and teacher Shawn Allison.

Daughters Gretchen and Colleen were cheerleaders and Barb was always on-hand offering assistance. In 1987, she was asked to come on board as one of the cheerleading advisors. What could have been a few hours a week quickly grew to several hours. Barb continued to volunteer in the bookstore and get involved in many of the other events at STVM. Her dedication to her alma mater and her children's school took on a wide variety of duties ---- all

of which were volunteered.

Larry Naymik was happy to hand over the duties of the bookstore to Barb and friends Patty Burdon and Pat Nagy. It quickly became the hub of the school and with the support of the administration, grew into a profitable addition to STVM's budget. More importantly, it brought a new energy to the Irish with students, parents and alumni coming into the school for spirit clothing and event communication. Each growth spurt was because of the enthusiasm and volunteer efforts of the "bookstore ladies."

With two children graduated and two more in STVM, the school asked Barb to join the staff in the library in 1990. Despite the many hours her job required, her volunteer hours did not decrease. The bingo boom had come to the Akron area and STVM quickly brought it on campus to help bring in revenue. Again, Barb jumped on board to help her alma mater. What began as two nights a week quickly evolved into a four night a week commitment to bingo. The time spent serving food to bingo patrons was a fraction of the hours Barb gave to the school's fundraising efforts. The numerous trips buying supplies and preparing food added to the job at hand.

After years of working bingo, Barb gladly passed the duties on to other dedicated Irish volunteers but she continued to take on tasks far beyond her job in the library. To name a few, there was work study, painting in the gym and preparing the building for visitations ---- all ways of helping promote STVM and its students. It would be impossible to write a job description that includes all of the many tasks Barb performs daily – tasks that go far beyond her library duties. Her dedication to her alma mater and the students she helps every day is relentless.

Anyone involved in Catholic education will tell you that the future of its schools depends on the dedication of its administration, faculty, parents and alumni. Barbara Brewer Wood V65 has played a major role in keeping the spirit of St. Vincent–St. Mary High School solid and hopefully the generations who have benefited from her generosity over the years will do their part in the years to come.

Barb and Bob Wood have 9 grandchildren: Camille, Jacob, Jack, and Claire Brokloff; Audric, Eden, Nolan, and Barrett Wertz; and Alani Tomaneng.

JUDITH DALASKI STECZ ST. MARY CLASS OF 1967

Judith Dalaski Stecz M67 considers herself fortunate to have had a life-long connection to the St. Vincent-St. Mary family. As a young girl, Judy lived in South Akron and attended St. Mary Grade School. At the end of fourth grade, Judy's family moved to Kenmore, and she continued her education at Immaculate Conception School. When it came time for high school, she had the difficult choice of following her new friends to St. Vincent High School or going to St. Mary High School. She chose St. Mary High School because it felt like home to her. In both grade school and high school, she developed many wonderful friendships that she treasures to this day. As a matter of fact, her children's godmothers include dear friends from both St. Mary High School and St. Vincent High School.

In 1969, Judy married the love of her life, Tom Stecz V65 and they began their family shortly thereafter. Judy and Tom have been blessed with five children, all of whom attended St. Vincent-St. Mary High School - Danny VM88, Eric VM89, Benjie VM92, Ryan VM95, and Molly VM02. The sons played football at STVM and in the beginning, Judy will readily admit that she knew nothing about the sport! Judy is very thankful that they all played guard on the offensive line and she only had to learn one position. Judy and Tom thoroughly enjoyed those years watching the boys play football, including a state championship in 1988, and meeting "the teams" and their families. Many friends from those years remain close today. Their daughter, Molly, attended her first STVM freshman football game when she was four months old. She sat through many games with her parents, and when it was time for her high school career, of course, she had to be a STVM cheerleader. Once again, it was four great years, including two national cheerleading championships and the foundation of many great new friendships.

Judy was blessed to be a stay-at-home mom and raise her family. She knew that she wanted to be more involved in the community, so when she was invited to join a neighborhood TWIG (Together With Important Goals) group, an organization that provides craft activities to patients at Akron Children's Hospital (with four boys she felt she owed a debt of gratitude to that establishment!), she eagerly joined. That experience marked the beginning of her passion for community service.

Following that experience, she became a charter member of the Copley Women's Club and served as President in 1980 and 1981. One of their initiatives was the beautification of Copley Circle and the improvements made remain today. Subsequently, she was invited to join the Junior League of Akron where she served as chair of many committees, including in 1991 the Decorator Show House, a major fundraising effort for the League.

In addition to her ongoing commitment to the Junior League of Akron, she was very involved in the children's schools and extracurricular activities. One of her most memorable experiences was the time spent as the boys' Cubs Scouts Den Mother and later as a Girl Scout Leader for Molly. Then, when the children started at STVM, she immediately became involved and served on various Parents' Club committees, including chairing with Tom the "1988 Holiday Shoppers Showcase." They co-chaired the event again in 1994.

Judy then became a charter member of the Akron Child Guidance Center Women's Board. During her time on the Board, she was President from 1995-1996 and 1996-1997. She also chaired a successful golf outing that raised funds for the Center. When her time as President concluded, she was asked to co-chair a committee to develop a program for divorcing parents and their children. The program "Remember the Children – Guiding Families through Divorce" is a collaborative effort between the Child Guidance Center and the Domestic Relations Court of Summit County and it remains in operation today. Divorcing parents are required by the court to attend classes that educate them about the divorce process and its impact on children. She also co-chaired a committee that founded "Family TIES," a center that provides respite care and counseling for families in crisis.

In 2004, Judy was invited to join the Women's Board of Akron Children's Hospital. As part of her commitment to the board, she has participated in many volunteer activities and fundraising events. Judy also keeps busy three days a month working in the gift shop at the hospital. She has served as chairperson for several committees, including chairing the 101st Charity Ball in 2010. This time-honored tradition of the Akron community recognizes the daughters of families who have served the Akron area through their philanthropic and volunteer activities.

Over the years, Judy's fundraising efforts at these various organizations has raised over $500,000 for the benefit of the communities that these organizations represent and serve.

Judy and Tom's five children are all grown and married and four have

children of their own. Two of the boys married alumna of STVM and a third met his bride-to-be at STVM while he was a football coach and she was a teacher. Judy and Tom currently enjoy 13 grandchildren (their 14th is on the way), whose birthdays are spread throughout the year. The birthday parties and other holidays provide ample opportunities for family celebrations and gatherings. Judy and Tom's home is always open and they enjoy hosting friends and family. Judy always loves a party.

Judy adds these comments, "I feel honored and humbled to be the recipient of the Father Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award. I cherish the memories and friendships from my days at St. Mary High School, as well as the countless friendships I've made through my involvement at STVM in the Akron community, and I believe that my experiences with family and community have helped me understand and appreciate the spirit of service and the important role it has played in my life."

CARLA BOUSCHERE STEINER STVM CLASS OF 1977

Carla Bouschere Steiner was born in Akron, Ohio to Carl V42 and Mary Bouschere. She attended Our Lady of the Elms Elementary School for eight years and then St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, graduating in 1977. She was a member of the first class to attend all four years in the current building. There was never any doubt as to where she would spend her high school years because, from as early as she can remember, her father had been expressing his love for the school and taking her to sporting events.

Following high school, Carla attended The University of Akron, graduating in 1982 with a Bachelor of Arts and Science Degree in Political Science and Criminal Justice. She was a member of Theta Phi Alpha Sorority and worked at the University's Bierce Library. In her college years and beyond, Carla was attentive to her aging relatives and often took her older family members to weekly Mass, grocery shopping, and even mowed their lawns. These small acts were only the beginning of what would be a lifetime of giving back.

In 1982, six days after her graduation from college, Carla married Daniel Steiner. In 1984, their son Sean was born and thus began the path of working hard for Catholic Education, her church and her family.

Carla was a well-known face at St. Sebastian Parish and School where Sean attended grade school. She was active in school functions, as well as being a leader among the adults of the parish. When there was a shortage of den leaders for Cub Scouts, Carla came forward and learned how to do the job. She remained a leader for eight years, while also being a room mother, hot lunch helper, assistant coach for CYO teams, and the Volunteer and Membership Coordinator for the Home and School Association. She strengthened her service to the church and God by becoming a Eucharistic Minister, serving on the Sanctuary Society Board, and chairing the International Festival (the largest fundraiser held at the time) for the parish.

In 1998 when Sean moved on to St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, Carla took advantage of opportunities to volunteer in the front office answering phones, subbing in the bookstore, assisting in the athletic office, and as a volunteer substitute in the classroom. All of this led to more involvement. She was active on the Endowment Board, the Steering Committee, and within the Athletic Boosters. She also dedicated her time and efforts to Showcase, serving on various committees and ultimately, along with Dan, chairing the event for two years. The driving force behind her commitment has always been the students and the school. She wished to give back and create opportunities for students similar to the ones she was given. Carla stated, "It really is all about the students and if I would ever lose sight of why I am here then it will be time to walk away."

A major source of enjoyment while a parent at STVM would be her participation with the track and cross-country teams while Sean was a student. The team became like a family. In the spirit of giving, Carla often opened her home to the athletes and their families, for dinners and celebrations to promote TEAM. Carla and Dan traveled with the team as chaperones and often helped Coach Dan with whatever he needed. In return, Coach Dan has named a new award that is given to the top two alumni finishers at the Annual Kaufmann Run. The award is known as the Dan Steiner Alumni Award.

Carla was on the reorganization team for the current Alumni Association. She feels the Alumni Association is an important and necessary pillar of the STVM community. She has held many positions within the association including president. Most notably she served as the Awards Chair for several years. Carla along with her late father proposed the creation of an Alumni Scholarship, to be given to the child of a graduate entering their senior year. Since 2004, several worthy candidates each year are awarded this scholarship. Along the same note, Carla worked tirelessly in promoting the need for a non-Alumni award to be presented to someone who has served the school faithfully for many years in a variety of ways. Four years ago, the Irish Crusader Award was presented for the first time and there was nobody more pleased than Carla.

In June 2010, Carla's greatest supporter, her husband Dan passed away after a courageous battle with cancer that she fought right along with him. Devastated, Carla chose to turn Dan's death into something positive. She chose to honor Dan by creating the Daniel F. Steiner Memorial Scholarship for Special Education at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. The recipient chosen would be someone who was able to reinforce Dan's ideals of volunteerism, participation, and working hard. Special Education was chosen to honor Dan's strong commitment to the Special Olympics. The first scholarship was presented in 2011.

Erin Molinelli Karolewski VM03 uses the words selfless, dedicated and involved to describe her aunt. She says, "My Aunt Carla gives more than she receives and she is perfectly fine knowing that. She has helped shape me into becoming what I am, a public service worker."

Despite fighting a silent disability of her own, Carla was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2008, her dedication and service to others has been unwavering. Yet all of this would not have been possible without the tremendous role models in her life, the friends and family who made it possible for her to be available to serve, and most importantly, the faith which made her believe that she could make a difference.

Carla is proud and honored to follow her late father Carl Bouschere V42 as a Mahar Recipient, (2003).

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PATTI VALLE IRISH CRUSADER 2012

Patti Valle was born and raised on North Hill in Akron and still lives in her family home. She attended North High School and The University of Akron, where she received a Liberal Arts Degree and a teaching certificate in English and Spanish. The year after she graduated from The University of Akron, she was a substitute teacher for the area public schools. Near the end of May 1977, she received a call for a substitute position from Sr. Raphael at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. She hesitated in taking the job because she had never taught. For that matter, she had never even been in a Catholic High School, but she decided to do it, and she is so glad that she did. The moment Patti walked through STVM's front doors; she fell in love with St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. She loved the faculty, the staff, and the students. There was definitely a spirit that she couldn't resist. The best thing that happened was that Patti was offered a contract for a full-time job the next school year! She accepted the job and never looked back!

In the summer of 1977 she married Mike Valle, her high school sweetheart. It is somewhat comical to note that their wedding reception was held in the St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Student Center! Patti feels that God was guiding her toward the Irish all along.

While being in the classroom was such a joy in her life, her real fulfillment came from the extracurricular activities that she advised while at St. Vincent-St. Mary. She was the advisor of the Booster Club, the Spanish Club, the Foreign Language Club, the Cheerleaders, and the Concerned Persons. R.B. Brownfield writes, "The role of cheerleading advisor and head of the student booster club suited her personality perfectly as Patti has always been one of the Fighting Irish's biggest supporters and fans!" It was through these experiences that she really got to know the students and their parents outside of the classroom. Some of her favorite memories include chaperoning the Senior class trip to New Orleans with Larry Naymik, Nancy Eder, Luanne Richardson (Roy who?), Martha Dunn, Debbie Patonai, Pam Godshalk, Carol Lebowitz, Jim Conlon, Dave Ziga, and Fr. McNulty. Another favorite memory includes her experiences on Junior and Senior retreats. Patti was blessed with being a part of the Cistone/Boarman era and working with John Cistone, Dan Boarman, Marv Boarman, Big O, Jim Kelly, Hank Mancino, Stretch, and Al Letta, just to name a few. More recently, Patti considers herself so very fortunate to be at St. Vincent-St. Mary through the "Fab Five" years and to see 3 State Basketball Championships as well as a National Basketball Championship. The students that she taught and advised and the faculty and people that she worked with through the years are still such important memories in her life.

After ten wonderful years of teaching at St. Vincent-St. Mary, Patti decided to leave her Irish family to raise her own family. She is the proud mother of two beautiful and amazing children, Michael VM03 and Alana VM06. Needless to say, when it was time for them to go to high school, there was no question where they would go. They were already Irish at heart because she made sure she took them to all the Irish sporting events, and all the plays and musicals while they were growing up. Michael played sports all four years at St. Vincent-St. Mary and Alana was a cheerleader all four years at STVM. They also participated in retreats and peer ministry. Patti was so proud and honored to see her children, her nephews John Valle VM03 and Joey Valle VM05, as well as all the children of her good friends walk across the stage of E.J. Thomas as graduates of St. Vincent-St. Mary and alumni of such a great Irish tradition.

When Patti was home raising her family and volunteering at St. Martha Church and School where the children attended grade school, she also tried to keep in touch with her Irish family. She volunteered as a Spanish tutor for a year, and then was asked to come back to tutor in a full-time capacity. Patti was so excited to come back to her "home." She is now working in the Technology Department at St. Vincent-St. Mary and loving every minute of it. Patti still enjoys going to as many sporting events as she can, attending plays, and helping on retreats. She also monitors the Student Center after school, which is a great way to get to know the students better. One of her favorite things is to meet the children of her previous students and seeing the Irish tradition continue.

Patti would like to thank her husband, Mike; her children, Michael and Alana; her family and friends for all their love and support of her sometimes obnoxious love of the green and gold!

St. Vincent-St. Mary is truly Patti's Irish family. According to Patti, "The faculty and staff are the best you can find anywhere. They nourish you academically, spiritually, and emotionally. The students are also the best you can find anywhere, which is why this award is even more special to me. I can now say that I am truly and officially an alumna of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School!"

In closing Patti mentions the students of STVM and the enjoyment that she has received from being involved in the STVM community. Patti's nomination form included many comments from co-workers and parents including compliments about her spirit and generous heart. One such comment is included for your reading pleasure.... "Patti is everything that our Christian Community needs to flourish. She is the most unselfish person I have ever met. Her commitment to STVM is beyond reproach. Her love of the school, the staff and the kids is almost overwhelming."

Congratulations Patti and welcome to the STVM Alumni Association!

Building New Traditions

Whether gathering to share old stories or to catch up on the latest news, with just a few classmates or the entire class, Alumni Reunions are a special part of our tradition.

FORMER PLAYERS GATHER FOR **GIRLS BASKETBALL REUNION**

Kim Koenig VM95 contacted Kathy Holaday, STVM Director of Constituent Relations, to see if a Girls Basketball Reunion could be coordinated during basketball season. A date was secured and an email was sent out with favorable responses for the reunion on January 21st.

Using various tools available from the technology surrounding us – we quickly created a "social media" blitz – trying to reach out to as many Girls Basketball Alumni as possible. We posted the event on the St. Vincent-St. Mary "Official" Alumni Facebook site and various basketball alumni also posted the January 21st reunion. In addition, a database inquiry was created and a list of girls basketball team members was established. This list was based on yearbooks, sports programs and various other resources available in the STVM Alumni Office. An email blast was sent to those "basketball" players who had an email address on file in the STVM database.

There was a casual, impromptu gathering on Friday night and the "official" reunion began on Saturday evening with a pre-game reception in the LRC followed by a tour of the school and ended with time spent with the Fighting Irish Girls Varsity Basketball Team in the locker room before the varsity game started. At the reception, Kathy Holaday and Tom Carone (STVM Chief Operating Officer) welcomed the alumni and guests. Special sentiments and greetings were shared by former head coaches Mary Jo Chionchio and Nancy Beatty (currently residing in South Carolina). Mary Jo Kaufmann Chionchio V60 coached at both St. Vincent High School and STVM (from 1964-1982) and was the Head Coach for the Girls Basketball State Champ years of 1979 and 1980. Nancy Beatty coached at STVM from 1991 through 1997 and was the Head Coach for the 1995 State Champ year.

Over 40 basketball alumni attended and some travelled great distances to share in the reunion. The states that were represented included: Ohio, Florida, Virginia, Nebraska, South Carolina, Pennsylvania and Maryland. Alumni in attendance were from the St. Vincent Class of 1967, 1968, and 1971 through STVM Class of 2002.

The STVM Fighting Irish Girls Basketball Team led by Head Coach Joe Jakubick did not disappoint the alumni and fans in attendance – the game went into overtime and the Irish were victorious!

SISTERS, DEBBIE MARSHALL HINSON VM80 AND KAREN MARSHALL KAIM VM85 PROUDLY MODEL THEIR NEW STVM LETTER JACKETS!

LETTERMAN JACKETS A FITTING GIFT

Tom Kaim VM73 contacted the STVM Bookstore to order 2 STVM Letter Jackets.

Tom presented his wife, Karen Marshall Kaim VM85 and his sister-in-law, Debbie Marshall Hinson VM80 with the varsity letter jackets as a gift. Karen and Debbie wore their jackets to the January 21st Girls Basketball Reunion and shared that in "their day" – the girls were not permitted to purchase letter jackets!

BREAKFAST / LUNCH / MASS

ANNUAL MASS
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1945
The Annual Mass for the living and deceased members of the St. Vincent Class of 1945 will be held on Sunday, October 7, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Vincent Church. Please call Jeanne Marie McGuigan Latham V45 at 330-666-8556 with any questions.

MONTHLY LUNCH
ST. MARY CLASS OF 1948
Join your M48 classmates on the 2nd Thursday each month at 11:00 a.m. for lunch. Location: Dontino's Restaurant (Cuyahoga Falls Ave). For more details, contact Narita Arnold Linn 330-825-7733

MONTHLY LUNCH
ST. MARY CLASS OF 1949
Join your M49 Classmates and spouses on the second Thursday of every month at Noon at Papa Joe's Restaurant for lunch. For more details, contact Jeannette Pittinger at 330-523-0009 or via e-mail pittmomofeight@yahoo.com

MONTHLY LUNCH
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1950
Join your V50 classmates on the 2nd Tuesday of every other month for lunch at 12:30 p.m. Location to be announced. For more information, please contact Marlene Dunford 330-633-4985 or Fred Ost 330-666-3548

MONTHLY LUNCH
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, OH

MONTHLY LUNCH
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1951
Join your V51 classmates at our bi-monthly (every other month) lunches on the second Wednesday of the month at 12:00 noon. Papa Joe's. RSVP to tagraham@neo.rr.com

MONTHLY LUNCH
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.

QUARTERLY LUNCH V53
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1953
The Class of 1953 meets for lunch on the fourth Saturday in the months of October, January, April and July. We gather for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Akron Family Restaurant (250 West Market Street). There is a parking lot on the east side of the restaurant. We send notices to those that we think are interested in coming for lunch. It is not necessary to make a reservation, but we are happy to know when someone will attend. RSVP's are accepted by Judy Roelle Baughman, 330-864-9858 or jmroelle@netzero.com, Jack Kilway, 330-923-3990, Marilyn Jost Sturmi, 330-923-9212 or smj2202@aol.com and Susie Meadows Straits, 330-836-8133 or sbstraits@aol.com.

MONTHLY BREAKFAST
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1958
Join your V58 classmates at 10:00 a.m. every month for breakfast at The Akron Family Restaurant (250 W. Market, Akron, Ohio. Phone 330-376-0600). For more details contact Anne Steinmentz Berrodin anneberrodin@gmail.com or 330-659-4117

MONTHLY BREAKFAST
ST. MARY CLASS OF 1959
Join us for our monthly breakfast on the 2nd Monday of each month at Amber Restaurant on Canton Road at 9:00 a.m. Contact Jerry Rotunda for details at suzannerotunda@att.net

MONTHLY BREAKFAST
ST. MARY CLASS OF 1960
Monthly breakfast for St. Mary High School Class of 1960 is held the first Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at the Waterloo Restaurant on Waterloo Road in Akron. Please join us. Email Mary Ann Weigand LaRocca at larocca@sssnet.com if you want to receive a reminder by email.

MONTHLY DINNER
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. See our 2013 reunion notice below!

CLASS REUNIONS

60TH REUNION – PLANNING
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1953
We are planning a 60th Class Reunion in 2013. We are open for suggestions and ideas for this 60th Reunion. Please contact: Judy Roelle Baughman, 330-864-9858 or jmroelle@netzero.com, Jack Kilway, 330-923-3990, Marilyn Jost Sturmi, 330-923-9212 or smj2202@aol.com and Susie Meadows Straits, 330-836-8133 or sbstraits@aol.com.

55TH REUNION
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1957
Saturday, August 25, 2012
Join the St. Vincent High School Class of 1957 classmates on Saturday, August 25, 2012 at Kool Lake (located at 1042 Hardy Road, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223).
For more details contact Marilyn McCafferty at mmccaffe443@sbcglobal.net

50TH REUNION
ST. MARY CLASS OF 1962
September 15, 2012
The 50th Class Reunion for St. Mary High School Class of 1962 has been scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 2012. It will be held at Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls. Please help us locate these 10 lost classmates: Carol King Reichart, Mary Ann Hatten Robertson, Marilyn Gall Fitch, Frances Schmidt Grant, Walter Leyman, MaryAnn Rejkowski Losonczki, Sandra Warner Yarman, Kathy Brown Rhodes, Judy Galay Goebelbecker, Joe Bird. For more information or to help locate the M62 lost classmates, please contact Jean Carver Riegler at 330-666-2342, email: bjriegler@roadrunner.com or JoAnn Heim Sveda at 330-644-9092, email: svedaj2@sbcglobal.net.

50TH REUNION
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1962
September 21 - 23, 2012
Plan now to join your V62 classmates for our 50th Reunion the weekend of September 21, 2012. Friday, September 21, 2012 - V62 classmates will be welcomed at a "tailgate party" before the annual STVM vs. Hoban football game at The University of Akron's InfoCision Stadium. We have a block of rooms available for V62 alums at the Quaker Square Inn at The University of Akron (formerly the Quaker Hilton). UA's 'Rootrans' (Shuttle bus) and other facilities will be complimentary. Saturday, September 22, 2012 - Golf, tennis and touring will be options prior to our evening Reunion Dinner and entertainment. Sunday, September 23, 2012 – Attending a Memorial Mass and brunch is also optional. If you would like to help the planning team or learn more, please contact Vince Lobello 330-283-9054 or via email at VJJL2@sbcglobal.net or Jim Woofter 330-418-3524 or via email at jwoofter@neo.rr.com. The V62 website will soon go "live!" Please visit Stv62reunion.com

50TH REUNION PLANNING
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1963
Plans for the V63 50th reunion are underway for 2013. Many ideas are on the table (actually up in the air), so we'd like to hear what you think. Share your suggestions and keep updated on information on Facebook. Find our facebook page at **Akron Ohio St V class of '63**. If you're on Facebook already, send a friend request to Kathy Balchak Case and you'll be added to the page. That way you'll have full access. If not on Facebook, set up your page first. OR contact us via email at dandkbcase@gmail.com. Once we get your email address we can add you to the list for emails. If you don't have access to either, please send your phone # to the STVM Alumni Office (330-253-9113 x120). We'd like to hear your ideas for dates, venues and activities to be included for our 50th Reunion!

MONTHLY GET-TOGETHERS
ST. MARY CLASS OF 1964
A Summer Getaway is being planned! Who gathers regularly to Remember... to Celebrate... and to Dream? The St. Mary High School Class of 64 "Boomers." That's who! If you loved our last reunion and want to continue where it left off or if you wanted to come but were otherwise tied up with other plans, or if you'd just like to meet up with some fantastically ornery young at heart people you knew a 'few' years ago... PLEASE consider joining us – we are trying to meet monthly! Plus we are planning a summer getaway. If you have any ideas or want to offer suggestions for our destination, give us a call. Hope you can join us! Contact Lorrie Haddox (lhaddox@stvm.com) for more info.

47TH REUNION
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1965
V65 Annual Mini Reunion - Mark your calendars now for our annual Mini-reunion on December 26, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Barley House in Akron. For more details, contact Carol Lieb (clieb@kent.edu).

45TH REUNION EVENTS
ST. MARY CLASS OF 1967
Year-long celebration!
The St. Mary High School Class of 1967 invites classmates to attend the upcoming mini reunion visits! The next is a breakfast on Saturday, May 5, 2012. Maryann Hay started a class website on Shutterfly which shows photos and dates of interest. Please contact Maryann for more details (mhay2@neo.rr.com).

45TH REUNION
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1967
Friday, September 21, 2012
Saturday, September 22, 2012 @ The Red Fox Sports Pub & Grille
Friday, September 21, 2012 starting at 5:00 p.m. join your classmates at Barley House as an interlude to STVM vs. Hoban at InfoCision Stadium for ones so inclined. Cash bar with appetizers. Saturday, September 22, 2012 starting at 6:00 p.m. join your classmates at Red Fox Sports Pub & Grille located at 1767 State Road, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221 (330-929-2224). Cash bar with appetizers, buffet dinner, DJ & dancing. For details, please contact: Buzz Rooney 216-402-9309 or grooney@ralaw.com or Barb Sutter Eisman 330-573-8636 or barbiejo1971@gmail.com
We'd really appreciate your current address, phone numbers, & e-mail so your contact information stays accurate & we can send you updates. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS & PLAN TO CELEBRATE WITH YOUR V67 IRISH CLASSMATES!

40TH PLUS ONE! REUNION
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1971
August 11, 2012
The St. Vincent High School Class of 1971 is going to celebrate a "40 Plus 1 Pig Roast" Reunion on August 11, 2012 at the home of Jim &

Diane Leslie. The cost will be $20 per person or $35 per couple. Reservations must be in by June 1st. Send check to Isabelle Maglione Gale, 430 Burning Tree Drive, Akron, OH 44303. We hope you received the mailers and/or e-mail Invitations sent out in late March? Any questions, contact Pola Ochsenhirt at 330-864-5847 (Pmack77@aol.com)

40TH REUNION
ST. MARY CLASS OF 1972
August 10, 2012
Come join us for a fun evening of reminiscing and great friends on Friday, August 10, 2012 at the Turkeyfoot Island Club on Portage Lakes. Great food, good times, friends and "the lakes" will provide a great venue for fun and getting reacquainted!!!! Please send any questions, address updates or desire to help with planning to 72stmary@gmail.com.

40TH REUNION
ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1972
Friday, July 6, 2012
Saturday, July 7, 2012
The V72 class will celebrate our 40th High School Reunion during the weekend of July 6, 2012. We hope you can join us for these reunion events: Friday, July 6, 2012 - Golf Outing @ Good Park Golf Course – tee times TBD, then join your V72 Classmates for a get together @ Tim Breiding's house 7pm – midnight. Saturday, July 7, 2012 – 5:00 p.m. Mass @ St. Vincent Church. Then we will enjoy an evening at Fairlawn Country Club – drinks at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. For more details, please contact Marisue Jessie Murphy via email at mm72mm@neo.rr.com

40TH REUNION
STVM CLASS OF 1973
August 31, 2012 and
July 26-27, 2013
Let's kick off the year just the way we started our senior year 40 years ago! STVM will be honoring our 1972 State Championship Football Team at the 2nd home game on August 31, 2012 against Walsh. All classmates and guests are invited to join us for this momentous occasion. We will reserve a table at the Annual Alumni & Friends Tailgate Party, enjoy reserved seating for the Fighting Irish vs. Walsh football game and get together after the game just like old times. RSVPs will be required for any of these events you wish to attend and also to reserve a ticket for the game. **40th Class Reunion** - VM73 Classmates Save the dates for the weekend of July 26, 2013! Friday - Golf Outing at Good Park Golf Course and Youth Center Friday evening at Edgar's at Good Park. Saturday – 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Vincent Church followed by Dinner at Prime at Anthe's Restaurant on Manchester Road in Akron. More details to follow regarding payment and reservations. Please update your emails and facebook accounts. For further information or contact Marci (Smith) mneal5@yahoo.com or Peggy (O'Connor) at pmcdonald@stvm.com.

35TH REUNION
STVM CLASS OF 1977
Friday, July 6, 2012
Saturday, July 7, 2012
This weekend promises to be one for the books. Join your classmates for two evenings of fun, food, music, and great memories.
Friday, July 6, 2012 - Casual Gathering at the home of Gina Mollica-Koncz and her husband
Jeff. Saturday, July 7, 2012 - Mass at St. Vincent Church at 5:00 p.m. followed by the reunion at STVM High School. Please keep in your prayers the ten classmates we have lost: Phil Adkinson, Claire Allison Bradford, Julie Data, Tom Marcius, Mark Mehen, Frank Mellion, Mike Monago, Mike Ondecker, Mike Radak, and Phil Rumph.
Our reunion team includes: Tom Carone, Angela DiLullo, Kris Dugan Callahan, Phil George, Rich Hofacker, Mary Moscarillo Kallmeyer, Gina Mollica Koncz, Sue Reagan O'Neill, Carla Bouschere Steiner, Ted Walter.
Be sure to visit our Facebook Group "St. Vincent-St. Mary Class of 1977". Please let us know if you would like to help. More information will be available in the near future. Contact Carla Bouschere Steiner mvcb@roadrunner.com

30TH REUNION
STVM CLASS OF 1982
August 31, 2012
St. Vincent-St. Mary Class of 1982 invites classmate and guests to our 30th Reunion scheduled for Friday, August 31st. We plan to enjoy a delicious meal at the Alumni Association Tailgate Party (parking lot – lower lot) and the "After Party" in the STVM LRC. After the Tailgate Party, we will go watch the Fighting Irish vs. Walsh football game. RSVPs are required for the Tailgate Party and the After Party and let us know if you want a football game ticket so that we can get reserved bleacher seats for the game!
After the game VM82 classmates will continue our reunion celebration with an "After Party" in STVM's LRC (Learning Resource Center – Library). Classmates if you can't make the tailgate or football game but want to just come to the "After Party" that will be an option too. Reservations and Payment will need to be sent in ahead of time.....More details to follow regarding payment and reservations. Please update your emails and facebook accounts to get the information or contact Judy Garritano Ware at 330-966-1551 LWARE2@NEO.RR.COM, or Mike Fallucco at mfallucco@yahoo.com or Jacqui Schmidt Clark at jclarkfam1@hotmail.com

ANNUAL TAILGATE MINI-REUNION
STVM CLASS OF 1986
Friday, September 21, 2012
Join the VM86 class as we begin the 1st of our "annual" mini-reunions which will be an annual tailgate gathering before the STVM vs. Hoban game. In 2012, our "mini-reunion" will be held on Friday, September 21, 2012 before the STVM vs. Hoban football game at InfoCision Stadium. We are the "home" team for the 2012 game. Contact Marcy Smith (chefms68@aol.com) for more details!

20TH REUNION
STVM CLASS OF 1992
August 31, 2012 - September 2, 2012
The STVM Class of 1992 is planning our 20th reunion. For more information or to help with the planning, please contact Michelle Hlivko Schaeffer at mshlivko@aol.com, Jeannie Hollenack Raymond at jhollenack@hotmail.com or Abigail Wingerter at abigailwingerter@yahoo.com

10TH REUNION
STVM CLASS OF 2002
August 31, 2012 - September 2, 2012.
The STVM Class of 2002 is planning our 10th reunion during Labor Day weekend. Be sure to send your updated contact information to Nicole Carone via our special email address: stvmclassof2002@gmail.com. Send an email if you are interested in helping or just need more information!

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YEARS
1973-2013

Join us on October 27 to celebrate STVM's 40th Anniversary.
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In Dedication to **Jack Haag V50.....**

"Get an education and do something with the education you get." Jack Haag V50

We wanted to honor him. He would not allow it. We wanted to award him. He would not hear of it. Jack Haag shared of himself with St. Vincent-St. Mary in so many ways that many of us will never know. On April 8, 2012, Easter Sunday, we sadly said goodbye to Jack. Let our school be an everlasting tribute to his legacy. Let our successes be in Jack's honor. Let our achievements be his awards.

Sometimes a plan is just a plan, a blueprint for executing a job. But some plans rise above simple functionality and embody a larger vision, something that carries within it the seeds of greater growth. Jack Haag's life plan was of the latter sort.

John "Jack" Aloysius Haag V50, the man who took a small, three-man tool grinding shop in Akron and turned it into a respected world-wide organization with connections in 35 countries passed-away April 8, 2012, Easter Sunday at the age of 80. Jack Haag built SGS Tool Company in Munroe Falls into a major force in cutting tool manufacturing – and through the process maintained it as a family-owned and operated firm, with a reputation for placing quality and customer service first on the priority list. The company founded in 1951 has been recognized by the Governor of Ohio as a major player in world trade.

Born and proudly raised in Akron's North Hill neighborhood, Jack attended St. Martha grade school and St. Vincent High School. After graduation, Jack served in the U.S. Air Force and subsequently attended and graduated from Kent State University with a degree in business.

Jack will be remembered as a loving son, proud father and grandfather, a dedicated coach, an advocate for Catholic education, a passionate Indians' fan and baseball fanatic, a community leader, a silent philanthropist and a visionary in business. All of these titles he earned through benchmark performance. He gave his all to everything he did. If Jack Haag believed in you, he gave nothing less than everything to help you succeed.

Jack's daughter, Kathy commenced her eulogy of Jack with a reference to his death occurring less than two miles away from his place of birth. The irony of the reference was powerful. Jack's life had such far reaching effects. It was as if he had come full circle, spanning the globe, and sharing of himself, like a current of electricity going through each person he met and leaving a bit of his wisdom and caring behind.

"Jack Haag was what we all aspire to be. He was a kind, generous and unassuming man who over the years built a very successful company doing it the right way. As the company grew from a local to a regional, national and ultimately international manufacturing concern, Jack earned the respect of employees, customers and all who did business with him. All those that knew Jack were better for it," stated Pat Hart, current chairman of the St. Vincent-St. Mary Executive Board of Trustees.

"The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes." Marcel Proust.

Here, at St. Vincent-St. Mary, Jack was one of our founding fathers. In 1990, while successful academically, our school was in need of a change; a blue print for the future. We needed to have "new eyes." In 1991, with the support and blessing of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese, we became an independent Catholic high school. Jack was a member of the inaugural Board of Trustees who implemented a five year plan of rebirth. In 1996, Jack took the reigns as the president of the board. During his tenure, he brought the school to a new and unprecedented level of distinction, enhanced its local reputation, placed it on firm financial footing, and propagated its surpassing standards for educational innovation and fiscal stability. His vision and direction were integral in not only our future but were catalysts of change bringing other supporters to invest in STVM.

"I met Jack Haag early on in my tenure as an administrator of STVM. I learned that he was one of a handful of people who had kept the school alive in the decade before I arrived. He did that in so many ways that no one could ever properly express the appreciation that we all owe him. He was always there, and I believe he will always be here with us in spirit. Long live the memory of Jack Haag," said Dave Rathz, Headmaster.

Jack was preceded in death by infant daughter, Mary Helen; wife, Ann Noonan Haag V49; sister, Janet Duhagon; father, Ollie; and mother, Mary Jane. He is survived by wife, Mary Ann (Scafidi); daughter, Kathleen Haag Edwards VM76 (Tom); sons, James (Debbie), Thomas (Toni), John, Joseph (Dena), and Edward (Yun Wen). He is also survived by his beloved 15 grandchildren: Megan Edwards VM07, Rhys Edwards VM09, and Neal Edwards VM11; Colin and Brenna Haag; Tyner, Taylor, Trevor, and Teah Haag; Jacob, Luke, Josephine, and Jack Haag; and Jason and Ann Haag; in addition to in-laws, Jim and Barb Noonan, Charles and Pat Perrin, Tony and Sue Scafidi, Barb Malita, Jim Scafidi, and Cheri Colianni.

Donations in memory of Jack can be made to the Jack and Ann Haag Scholarship Fund at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, the Bill Ricco Legacy Fund at Walsh Jesuit High School (4550 Wyoga Lake Rd., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44224), or the 'Help-A-Child' Fund at St. Joseph School in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio (215 Falls Ave., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221).

excerpts from The Akron Beacon Journal, April 11, 2012

THEY ARE **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Please remember our departed alumni and friends in your prayers. Thank you to all who inform the Alumni Office of departed classmates.
September 1, 2011–February 29, 2012

Martin J. Alvord VM07
Son of Barry and Michelle (deceased). Brother of Beth VM01, Phil VM03, Mary Grace VM04, John VM10, Stephen VM11, and Maria VM12

Gordon "Andy" Anderson
Husband of Martha. Father of Peggy Hoskins M65, Mary Hoch, and Denise Leffler

Ivan "Ike" Andes V37
Husband of Louise Coulter Andes V37. Father of Larry, Joe, Barbara Abernathy, and Arlene Bova (deceased)

Margaret Selby Arnold V37
Sister of Sr. Mary Genevieve IHM (deceased), Paul (deceased), Joseph (deceased), Frederick V41 (deceased), John V43 (deceased), Thomas V48 (deceased), C. Angeline Leonhard V36, Sr. Patrice Marie IHM V45, Marie Ann Thomas V51

Ethel Kerns Aspell V41
Wife of John (deceased). Mother of Thomas, John, Dennis, Julie Cariani, and Anne Stevens

Mary Jane Baginski
Wife of Samuel (deceased). Mother of Mary Ann (deceased), and Dorothy Goebel M68

Louise Barr
Wife of Richard (deceased). Mother of Richard, and Donna Good (deceased). Sister of Carl (deceased), Emily Edwards (deceased), George, Robert, Francis, James, Thomas, Margaret Catrone, Mary Ann Oliver, Arline Ciolli, Geraldine Barron, and Evelyn Weakland Lowe M62

Maxine Edetha Leppic Becker
Wife of John (deceased). Mother of Zaunia Sherman V55, Temeca LeMair V59, Fredrick, Vernard, and Randall

Patricia Ann Benko
Daughter of Amelia (deceased), and George Benko (deceased). Sister of James V61

Debra A. Bernard
Daughter of Bill (deceased), and Phoebe Bernard. Sister of Susan Byers, Karen Medzi VM85, and Bill

Patrick Blankenship
Father of Patrick. Son of Don (deceased), and Pat Flynn Blankenship M59

Linda Bordenkircher
Wife of Robert. Mother of Andrea VM99, Michael, and Steve

Elizabeth Lee Boso M49
Wife of George (deceased). Mother of Terry, Mike, Anne Griffith, Jeanne Crofford, Paul, and Matt. Sister of Jeanne (deceased), Herbert (deceased)), Bill (deceased), Mary Anne M48, and Jim

Theresa Boyer
Wife of Mark. Mother of Joshua, Zachary, and Jacob. Daughter of Albert V38 (deceased) and Marjorie Buehrle. Sister of Linda Buehrle Grace M66, Marla Buehrle Sisley M69, Donna Miller, and Barbara Amer

Thomas Boyle
Husband of Pamela. Father of Shawn, Jesse, and Jenna VM10

Burdette Brouse
Husband of Margaret Forray Brouse M40 (deceased). Father of Paul (deceased), James (deceased), Marge, Donna Solits, Kathy, and Robert

Evelyn H. Campbell
Wife of William (deceased). Mother of William V63, and Patricia

Alma Jean Canale
Wife of Daniel. Mother of Theresa Tremaine, Paula Browning, Daniel, John, Susan Harb, Mary Jo Johnson VM80, and Joseph VM81

David Carano
Husband of Barbara Falanga Carano V58. Father of Mark, and Lisa

Bernadette Mize-Quitter-Cardarelli M66
Wife of Nate. Mother of Kathlene Ehrman, and Lawrence

Armando Cardenas
Husband of Patricia (deceased), and Cecilia Grunninger Cardenas V58. Father of Lorna Anders, Myriam, S. Michelle, Nicole, Eric (deceased), and Brenda VM87

Donald L. Carpenter
Husband of Sandra Hollander Carpenter V53. Father of David, Don, Doug, Dennis, Jennifer Trecaso, Jeffrey, Jim, and Joe

Adam David Carr
Son of Dennis and Helen Petit Carr M66. Brother of Jason

James C. Carrigan M54
Husband of Dorothy. Father of James, Kathleen Heininge, Mary, and Rosie

John S. Caruso
Husband of Judy. Father of Cheryl, and Debbie Baumgardner. Brother of Rosemary Priester V54 (deceased), and Frank

Vincent Cherveny
Husband of Barbara. Father of Laura Kordik V72, Joanne Mikesell VM76, Beth Donnangelo VM77, Mark VM73, and Bob VM90

Jack Colando, Sr. V40
Husband of Betty. Father of Jack, Ronald, Paul, and Patty. Brother of Sam V47, and Mary Thivener V49

Anna Sue Conley
Wife of James (deceased). Mother of Colleen Conley Breen V72, James, Patrick, Kelly, John, Mary, Michael, and Kevin

Sister Nancy Crane OP V50
Daughter of Edwin (deceased), and Blanche (deceased) Crane

Anthony Crookston, Jr.
Husband of Rita. Father of Patricia Peters M60, Carol M66, Joanne Schmitt, Larry, Dan, Bill, Barbara (Sr. Mary Jude), Joe, Marie Luc, Tony, Rita Halmasy, Frank, and Esther Zoeckler

Joseph F. Cussio
Husband of Lou (deceased). Father of Christine George V67, and Jim

Robert F. Dages
Husband of Anne Cunin Dages V39 (deceased). Father of Dave VM78, Don VM77, Jim V71, Jean Dages-Wilkerson VM73, John VM80, and Paul VM86

Joseph D'Agostine
Husband of Lois. Father of Lynn Condos, Alan, Mike, Steven. Brother of Mary Ann Finelli M52, and Don

Rosemary Dague
Wife of William. Mother of Rosemary (deceased), Mary, Connie Rardon, Becky Goodwin, and William. Sister to C. Judy Canova Smolk M61, Clarence (deceased), Mike, and Mary Pavelko

Clare Huber Dale V52
Wife of Gary. Mother of Gary, and Linda Horan

Thomas F. Daugherty
Husband of Kathy Robinson Daugherty V52. Father of Bridget (deceased), Michael (deceased), Donna (deceased), Trudy (deceased), Theresa (deceased), Amy (deceased), Brian (deceased), Lisa Iacobellis, Kevin, Sean, Mary Ebert, and Colleen Donahue

Marilyn "Dolly" Dettling
Wife of Theodore V46. Mother of Barbara Stamatis, Diane Ross, Susan Brown, Mary, Brian, and Ted. Sister of John Balaun V46, Dennis Balaun V58, Richard Balaun V61, Helen March, William V54 (deceased), and Reverend George (deceased)

Mary Alice Riley Dickey V37
Wife of Jim. Mother of Jean, Mary Jane, Jim, Susan Clark, and Bill

Emily Dobbertin
Wife of Joseph (deceased). Mother of Michael, John V70, Joseph, James VM73, and William VM76

Nancy Donatelli
Wife of Victor. Mother of Jeff, Mark, Julie Kelley VM83, Guy, and Gary

Charles "Whitey" Donohoe
Husband of Mary (deceased). Father of Jack, Mary Flasco M68, Jeanne Steele M69. Brother of Jack (deceased), Pete (deceased), Fr. Bill (deceased), Ray (deceased), Winnie Oyler V45 (deceased), and Elizabeth Breiding V47

Katherine Dorko
Wife of Cyril (deceased). Mother of Pat Doyle M70, and Francine Hasbrouck

James Eckert
Husband of Joan Pollard Eckert M56

Nick Emanuele
Husband of Margaret (deceased). Father of Cynthia McGuinn V67, Thomas V70, and Patricia Campailla VM75

Mary Fasig
Wife of Harold (deceased). Mother of Mary Jean Lamusga M70, Jack, Joe, and Margaret

Anne Fassnacht
Wife of Stephen. Mother of Stephen, Emily, and Shannon. Sister of Jacqueline Madigan Callihan V66, Susan, Margaret Knoyer, Michael, and John

Barbara Palko Fay V57
Wife of Edward. Mother of Greg, Maureen McCarty, and Dennis

Clara J. Flanagan
Wife of Raymond (deceased). Mother of Laura Richard, Raymond, Nancy Oktavec, Lisa Glass, and Colleen Tullius. Sister of Joseph Accurso, Louise Accurso Garbinsky M59, and Vita Vislavsky (deceased)

William A. Flickinger V40
Husband of Helen. Father of Janice Kovack V65, Barbara Schrader, Mary Beth Cinadr, Nancy, and William

Thomas A. Flory, Sr.
Wife of Jean Richards Flory V61. Father of Marie Snyder, Anne, Donna Jones, Thomas, and Victoria

Lawrence A. Fongheiser
Son of Barbara and Edward V62. Brother of Joe, Mike, Kevin, and Kelly

Lisa Marie Frailey
Wife of Jeffrey. Mother of Zachary, Jonathan, Rachel, and Melina Rose. Daughter of Matt and Rachele Lettieri Pramik M63

Terese Roszkowski Fretz M70
Wife of Robert. Mother of Amanda Sterling, and Emily Menefee. Sister of Susan VM73, Kathy Farriba, Jan Fagan, and Joseph

Ronald E. Fuchs
Husband of Patricia Cosgrove Fuchs M69. Father of Julie Clark, Jenny Jamison, and Michael. Brother of Sally Scala M69, Becky Teter, and Dale

Sr. Germaine Regina Garrett
Sister of John, Charles, William V70, Kathy Rauh, Sr. Gabrielle de la Passion Isp, Barbara Desman, Elizabeth V68, and Theresa Upperman

Carol Getzinger V52
Wife of Tom. Mother of Greg VM79, Beth Rozumny VM83, Sue Heinl VM84, and Mary Alice Morber VM88

Lawrence J. Giacomo V55
Husband of Valasta

James J. Gifford V53
Husband of Patricia. Father of Suzanne (deceased), and Erin. Son of Edward V13 and Eva Gifford. Brother of Mary V41 (deceased), and Edward V46 (deceased)

James Green M59
Husband of Penny. Father of Joyce. Brother of Jane Korba M60 (deceased), and Sandy Cobb M63

Therese Lindsay Green V59
Wife of William. Mother of Paul (deceased), Tanya Carlin, and Jennifer Gershtenson. Sister of Joan Lindsay Saunders V54

Ronald Greene V69
Father of Tanieka Watts, Voltaire, Vladimir, Vivvone Williams, and Isabelle. Brother of Raymond, Roland VM77, Rosalyn VM78, and Roberta

Agatha Griebel
Wife of Alvin (deceased). Mother of Thomas VM79 (deceased), Larry, and Renata Ochsenhirt VM75

Louise Griffiths
Mother of Evan, and Charlene Gajdatsy V68

Josephine Hafner
Mother of Mary (deceased), Sr. Theresa VM79, Jim, David, Ken, Don, John, and Edward

Susan L. Hamo
Wife of Ronald. Mother of Beth, and R.J. VM95

Mary Helen Handley
Sister of George, Ruth, Barbara Handley Zimmerman M72, and Becky

Janet Mae Hanrahan
Wife of Mike (deceased). Mother of John VM78 (deceased), Deborah, Marie Trout M71, Kathy Johnson, and Pattu Summer

John E. Haubert
Son of Thomas (deceased), and Kathryn Leonard Haubert M49. Brother of Mark, Matt, Tim, and Katie

Kendra "Candy" Hesidence
Wife of David V64. Mother of Daniel

Mary Anne Hibinger
Daughter of Orville and Eleanor Hibinger. Sister of Rita Binns V51, Frances Robb V49, David, and Daniel

Frank Horn
Husband of Judy. Father of Renee VM10, and William VM15

Isabell Ignatz Horning V48
Wife of Don. Mother of Brad, Bruce, and Margo Eurick

Janet Knapp Horning M51
Wife of Andrew. Mother of Lynn Kelley, Liz Berger, and Mary

James A. Houck M56
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For the men we have forest green windbreakers, Khaki caps, and white golf shirts. New arrivals for the women, includes a top selling zip hoodie in a choice of yellow, grey and forest. We have a variety of feminine v-neck tissue tee's in both long and short sleeve in a choice of yellow, kelly, and white.

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Living Our Mission

GREETINGS FROM OUR **CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

We are blessed to have such loyal alumni, family and friends. A loss has occurred in our community and it is with sadness that we announce the passing of Jack Haag V50. Jack was a loyal and dedicated member of our STVM family. STVM was blessed by Jack's time, talent and support over the years. Words can not truly express our appreciation. The magazine is dedicated to Jack. Thank you Jack, you will be missed.

Each of our alumni, family and friends are so very special to us – you are what makes STVM successful and strong. We are blessed to have such loyal alumni, family and friends. Please plan to visit your alma mater. You will be pleased to see that the staff, faculty and students are a reflection of our proud and remarkable heritage. STVM provides excellence in academics and our students not only excel and thrive in our community but also provide a wonderful energy and spirit to our campus. I am proud to be a part of the STVM family, and am confident that our alumni, family and friends will continue to be loyal and dedicated supporters of our efforts as we focus our talents for the benefit of our students. It really is all about the kids/students and that really is the core essence of our Mission Statement:

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

As you are aware, STVM serves Catholic families and all families who wish to experience a Catholic, College Preparatory education. STVM encourages each student to strive to be the best they can be academically. In addition, students are taught the importance of problem solving and decision making, enabling them to become future leaders in a rapidly changing world.

As we approach our 40th Anniversary of the merger of our school(s), and in celebration of our history and traditions, please consider making a donation to STVM. Each and every donation is appreciated. If everyone could do "something" the result would be amazing to say the least. Let's keep the IRISH tradition "For Learning... For Faith...For Life."

God Bless,
Thomas M. Carone
Chief Operating Officer / Director of Advancement

EVERY GIFT **MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

The Fund for STVM is an annual giving program, which allows our Irish Family to donate at any time throughout our fiscal year. Our fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. There are many delivery options with The Fund (letters, emails, phone calls, etc.) and regardless of the vehicle the result is the same. If you have not donated to The Fund.... there still is a chance to be a friend of The Fund.

We are so fortunate to have such highly qualified teachers and a state-of the-art Center for Science & Technology. We have reported on our improvements to our facilities and our academic environment is considered one of the best in Northeast Ohio!

This is all possible through The Fund, which is the heart and soul of our school. The Fund supplies financial assistance for the many academic and operational needs throughout the school year. Every gift to The Fund — no matter how large or small — helps to keep tuition affordable and is utilized to help maintain and enhance our indoor and outdoor facilities for our students.

The Fund for STVM enabled these projects to be completed during this fiscal year:

- First floor received all new tile flooring
- Brand new Apple Mac computers installed in the art room
- Stainless steel securable doors installed into the academic area
- Student parking lot was repaved
- Revitalized the L-shaped building located directly across from the school

Shamrock Society:

The Fund is fortunate to have an elite society filled with diverse constituents who share the same passion for STVM.

By donating $1,000 or more in any fiscal year to The Fund for STVM, you are eligible for membership into the Shamrock Society. This membership provides one year of free admission for you and one guest for all STVM events located on campus, the latest news about STVM via Advancement newsletters, name recognition in all yearly publication materials, and an invitation to the year-end Headmaster's Cocktail Party.

The Fund for STVM gives STVM the chance to grow with support from its own. Whether you are an alumni, current parent, past parent, friend, or community member, we humbly accept gifts of any amount, any size!

There are different ways to donate to The Fund for STVM.

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ALUMNI DRIVE AWAY WITH **BIG WINNERS**

JUDITH MONEYPENNY WALTERS V60 OF LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA

MARTHA LINN LUND, M65

MARY WALSH VM14 AND HER SISTER, ANNE VM16, ARE GRANDDAUGHTERS OF KENNETH URQUHART

Tuesday, February 14, 2012 was a great night to be a graduate of St. Vincent, St. Mary or St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. At halftime of the STVM Fighting Irish vs. Walsh Jesuit boys basketball game (of which the Irish were victorious) the winners of our 10th Annual Irish Family Car Raffle were drawn.

First prize, a 2012 Chevy Cruze donated by Serpentini Chevrolet, was awarded to an alumna of St. Vincent High School, Class of 1960, Judith Moneypenny Walters of Lake Worth, Florida.

Second prize, a 46" HD Flat Screen television donated by Kipp and Ruby Kofsky, was won by an alumna of St. Mary High School, Class of 1965, Martha Linn Lund of Hoschton, Georgia.

Third prize, $500 in Circle K gas cards donated by honorary alumna, Jerry Kelly, was won by Kenneth Urquhart of Jefferson, Louisiana, grandfather of Mary Walsh VM14 and Anne Walsh VM16.

Thank you to everyone who supported our car raffle this year: our prize donors, our student sellers, our alumni, and our parents. We are extremely grateful to Bob and Kathy Serpentini who have supported this raffle with a car for the past ten years helping us raise over a million dollars for our school. This year's raffle raised over $95,000 for our school.

SHOWCASE WINNING BID LEADS TO **REUNION OF TEAMMATES**

Thanks to their winning bid on Showcase Item #15 STVM Class of 1977 members Ted Walter and John Walsh hosted a dinner with Coach John Cistone and Coach Dan Boarman. Also in attendance were Richard Hofacker, Tom Carone and Jim LaRose.

SEATED: COACH DAN BOARMAN, COACH JOHN CISTONE, AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER JIM LAROSE. STANDING: JOHN WALSH, RICHARD HOFACKER, TOM CARONE AND TED WALTER

SHOWCASE 2013

Save The Date April 20, 2013

For information on how you can get involved with the next Showcase, call 330-253-9113.

Opportunity Through Investment

STVM's Endowment funds student scholarships, supports outstanding teachers, maintains facilities, and sustains a myriad of other noble purposes.

INTRODUCING THREE NEW **SCHOLARSHIPS TO BENEFIT UPPERCLASSMEN**

Three new scholarships will benefit current students at STVM for the 2012-2013 academic year. The inaugural recipients will be selected in late March 2012 and will be officially welcomed into the Family & Memorial Scholarship Program at the annual scholarship dinner on May 7, 2012. Through The Larry "Hank" Mancino VM08 Honorary Memorial Scholarship, the Mancino family wishes to honor their father while providing assistance to a current student who exhibits an excellent balance in their academic and extracurricular activities. An incoming female senior member of NHS who exhibits strong faith and academics will receive The Our Lady of Chnoc Merit Scholarship which has been established by Gaebel and Wallace families. The Jane & Ben Presper Family Scholarship honors the memory of Ben Presper and the ongoing dedication of the Presper family to STVM. Their scholarship will highlight a student with strong involvement in their faith and parish while maintaining solid academics.

"It is wonderful to see continued growth in the program," noted Don Utrup M56, Endowment Board Trustee and Chair of the Standing Scholarship Committee. Further, Utrup commented that, "we are very grateful for the generosity of our board members, alumni, and friends as they increase the number of need-based and merit-based scholarships to incoming freshmen as well as current students. The STVM Endowment awarded 220 scholarships in 2011-2012 and is pleased with the annual growth."

The STVM Endowment Board of Trustees will host the Annual Family & Memorial Scholarship Dinner on May 7, 2012 at STVM. This celebratory event provides the STVM Endowment Board and the student scholarship recipients the opportunity to thank the scholarship donor families for their support of Catholic education. The scholarship donors, who make a Catholic education much more affordable and attainable, proudly represent the Crusader, Irish, and Fighting Irish legacy, tradition, and loyalty for which our alma mater stands.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: SCHOLARSHIP NAMES AND DONORS

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Tom VM73 & Patty Mancino
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Our Lady of Chnoc Merit Scholarship: Bob & Jayne Gaebel,
Deric and Susie Gaebel VM91 Wallace

DANIEL STEINER **MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP OUTING AND DINNER**

Monday, July 9, 2012 at Rosemont Country Club
Dinner Immediately Following
Non-golfers welcome to join for dinner
Raffles, Auctions and Games

To be put on the mailing list for golf and dinner please contact: Ron McCoy (330) 388-6697 or ron@homestreetbuilders.com; Sean Steiner(330) 283-7214 or ssteiner84@yahoo.com; Gene Kallmeyer (330) 329-8539 or gkallmeyer@gmail.com
For more information on donations and sponsorships please contact: Jennifer Ringer (330) 310-2963 or Ringerone@aol.com; Mary Kallmeyer Mkallmeyer@gmail.com; Carla Steiner (330) 665-3648 or mvcb@roadrunner.com

THE BURR BROWN **MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Amy Brown VM00 has started a scholarship in memory of her Dad, Burr Brown. Amy creates custom candy bars and favors for reunions, graduations, weddings or any occasion! The candy is homemade and the labels can be customized. The proceeds from the candy bar purchases go toward the scholarship. For more information, please contact Debbie Brown via email at dbrown980@neo.rr.com or visit the STVM booktore and see our samples on display.

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40 YEARS
1973-2013

Happy 40th Anniversary St. Vincent-St. Mary

October 27, 2012

Let's join together and celebrate our 40th Anniversary Party on October 27, 2012. RSVP by October 15th.
More details on ticket price and venue will be posted on the www.stvm.com website in the near future!

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL KATHY HOLADAY, DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUENT RELATIONS, AT 330-253-9113 X120 OR CONTACT VIA EMAIL AT KHOLADAY@STVM.COM.

FOR LEARNING... FOR FAITH... FOR LIFE

The history and traditions of our school today is a reflection of the wonderful academic heritage that began with St. Mary High School and St. Vincent High School.

St. Vincent-St. Mary High School came into existence with the merger of St. Mary High School and St. Vincent High School. We are often asked the question, "When did your school start?" Here is a recap of an article that appeared in our magazine in the summer of 2010.

St. Mary High School — Fall of 1897, the first Catholic high school in Akron, Ohio opened its doors to students. The first class to graduate from St. Mary High School was in 1901. In 75 years of operation, St. Mary High School graduated 4,351 students.

St. Vincent High School — Fall of 1906, St. Vincent High School began and the first graduating class was in 1910. In 65 years of operation, St. Vincent High School graduated 6,626 students.

St. Vincent-St. Mary High School — Fall of 1972, St. Mary and St. Vincent High Schools became St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. The colors of the new school were the Gold from St. Mary and the Green from St. Vincent – today's Green & Gold. We created a new name "Fighting Irish" based on both school's mascots and the school newspaper was named the Leprechaun Gold. The Phoenix was dedicated as the yearbook and the new Crest was designed to embrace the two schools formed into the newly named STVM. The first STVM graduating class was in 1973 and totaled 237 students.

As of 2011, STVM has graduated 6,465 students. With our combined histories, our schools have graduated over 17,000 students.

ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY ALMA MATER

High atop a hill in Akron,
Waves the Green and Gold.
Proud she stands for truth and honor,
Courage strong and bold.
Sound her praises, sing her glory,
Spirit will prevail!
Ever stands our Alma Mater...
St. Vincent-St. Mary Hail!

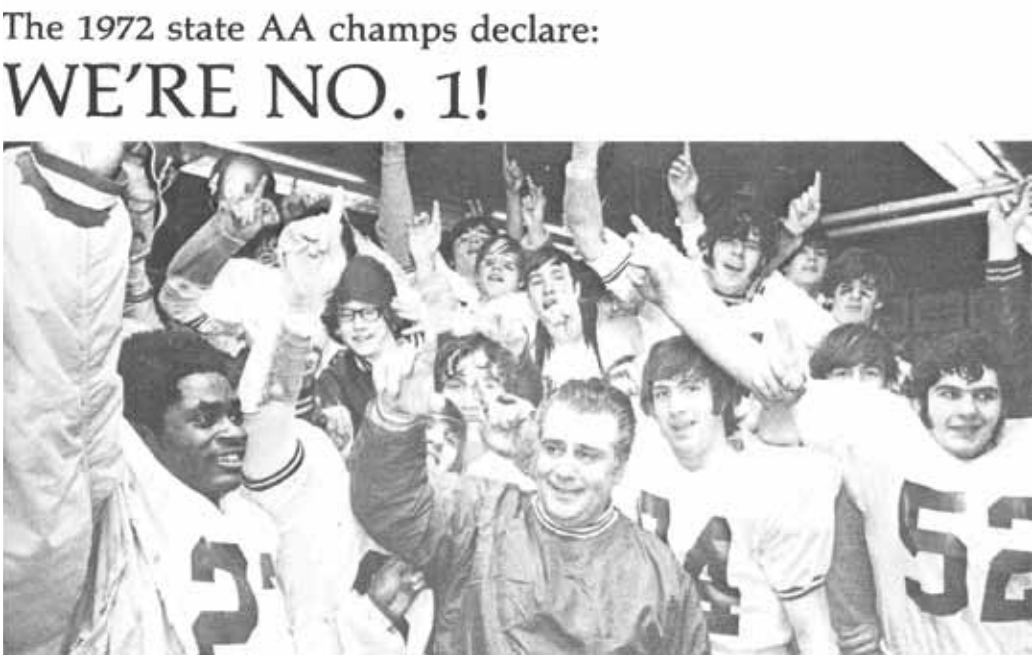
ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY SCHOOL CREST

The merging of Akron's first two Catholic high schools, St. Mary and St. Vincent, is portrayed in the official crest of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School (STVM). Featured in gold on a green background are a cross, a torch, a plow and a sword. The cross symbolizes the religious foundation of the school. The torch, symbolizing learning, differs from traditional designs in that it is held by two hands, one representing each school. The plow and sword symbolize commitment to social justice and were part of the crest of the late Bishop Clarence Issenman, who directed the formation of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School.

STVM 1972 Football Champs to Be Honored

JOIN US ON AUGUST 31, 2012 WHEN WE HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THE STVM 1972 FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPS!

A special gathering of the 1972 Fighting Irish Football team will take place August 31st. The team will be recognized before the varsity football game on August 31st as the Fighting Irish battle Walsh, and again during half-time.



Season Record: (as reported in the 1973 Phoenix Yearbook)

Garfield	13-6	W
Akron East	14-0	L
Lorain Senior	21-0	W
Lorian Southview	44-0	W
Groveport Madison	27-10	W
Cuyahoga Falls	15-7	W
Warren W.R.	36-20	L
Toledo Rossford	14-0	W
Barberton	14-6	W
Hoban	19-0	W
Lake	42-6	W
Watterson	28-7	W

Mind, Body, Spirit

HEADMASTER'S **GREETING**

Dear Alumni and Friends,

First, I congratulate Tom Carone and his staff for implementing their new advancement plan for St. Vincent–St. Mary High School. It looks to be a plan that will be more transparent to our alumni, family and friends as well as a streamlined and effective practice. Tom is following the model of continuous improvement: plan to never rest on our laurels, but always to keep improving to keep pace with society and needs. This could not be more important to the future of our school than right now in our current economic climate.

Our non-profit private school is also committed to giving. We want to give back to our community in any way we can, and thus it is that we have developed extensive community educational offerings during the summer weeks. Anyone who has been observing the last year or two has noticed an increase in our program offerings, not only for high school students but for the younger students as well. These are all programs that are educational and engaging in their very nature. Likewise, our creative arts program is another way that we give back to the community showing that we can showcase not only our own students' talents but bring in guest faculty to provide concerts, readings, and workshops for our students.

We thank our many Boards of Trustees over the years for their insights, their passion and their belief in the mission of our school. They have helped set the course for our ongoing success. Current transitions whether internally to our organizational structure or to our physical campus environment are testimony to the long term commitment by this school's leadership at each and every level including our Trustees. One such trustee deserves a special note of appreciation and recognition. Our STVM community has experienced the loss of an alumnus, Mr. Jack Haag V50. Mr. Haag was instrumental in preserving and enriching the STVM traditions and vision as well as helping to ensure our ability to provide quality Catholic education to our students. We are grateful to Mr. Haag and our many Boards of Trustees for their dedication and support.

Additionally, I cannot end this school year without noting another benchmark in our accomplishments. We became partners early in the school year with APV Engineered Coatings headed by Tom Venarge. Tom allowed our Physics students to participate in research projects onsite at APV throughout this school year. This exciting and innovative program was featured in the West Side Leader on October 20, 2011. Please view the article by following this link to the APV website: http://www.apvcoatings.com/cms/news/c940daf2a43f78db/index.html. This was in addition to our University of Akron partnership, in which each year our students engage in real polymer research projects with real polymer research scientists. Together with these partners we continue to lead, reaching beyond Northeastern Ohio as THE school for Science and Technology, as well as the Engineering and Math components. St. Vincent–St. Mary High School is really the epicenter for science education - your STVM High School. We are proud of the talents and blessings that God has given us and we thank you for your support and generosity.

God Bless you!
David Rathz
Headmaster

STVM DIPLOMATS BRING HOME TOP **AWARDS AT 2011 CCWA UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE**

STVM MODEL UN TEAM WINS AWARDS

St. Vincent-St. Mary Model UN members represented China, Argentina, and South Africa at the November 2011 CCWA United Nations Conference at Case Western Reserve University.

At the close of the conference, school awards were presented to the schools with the greatest number of top-ranking delegations. The STVM China delegation won two "Excellent Delegation" awards with student diplomats Nick Neill and Brandon Grajzl. Two Honorable Mention awards were presented to the STVM South Africa delegation with student diplomats Curtis Davisson and Mike Cherveny. Congratulations!

OHIO MAGAZINE **HONORS STVM TEACHERS**

Congratulations to the following five teachers whose have been recognized as exemplary private school educators in Ohio.

The March issue of Ohio Magazine featured private schools and outstanding teachers. Our winners are: Phil Alvord, Bob Engels, Rachael Wesig, Teresa Ortiz, and Glen Griffin.

CONGRATULATIONS for your great work ethic, energy and enthusiasm!

FOLLOW **STVM ALUMNI** ON FACEBOOK AT ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY ALUMNI (OFFICIAL)

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STVM MOCK TRIAL TEAM TAKES **1ST PLACE AT DISTRICTS**

SEATED WITH JUDGE CALLAHAN FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: MEGHAN GEIST, JACKSON EWING, JACK KELLIHER, JANE BOZSIK, MONICA PIRIE, CORY SWEITZER, ROSALIA STADLER, ISABELLA SPARHAWK, WHITNEY JONES, BEN NELSON

The STVM Mock Trial Team won 1st place at District competition on Friday, February 3rd at the Summit County Courthouse, after being awarded the highest number of points from those judging our trials.

STVM beat two different teams from Brecksville Broadview Heights High School and advanced to Regional Competition on February 24th. The team is coached by Judge Lynne Spagnuolo Callahan VM75, who is assisted by Jenna Bouhall, John Casalinuovo V69, and Amy Corrigall-Jones VM93.

Four of our students won awards at the District competition: Ben Nelson and Jane Bozsik for Best Witness and Jackson Ewing and RosaLia Stadler for Best Attorney.

On February 24, 2012 during the Regional competition at the Summit County Courthouse, three students won awards: Ben Nelson for Best Attorney, Jane Bozsik and Monica Pirie for Best Witness.

The STVM community congratulates the team on a successful year!

IRISH CREATE GREATNESS AT **SCHOLASTIC ART COMPETITION**

ART STUDENTS TAKE "TIME-OUT" FROM THEIR PROJECTS TO SMILE FOR THE CAMERA: 1ST ROW: HANNAH COMERIATO, TAYLOR SEIKEL, AMANDA GETZ, MARIA ALVORD, ROSE KLINE, TORIE ZELCH. 2ND ROW: TOPHER ESKER, PAUL WILSON, MICHAEL FIANDER, MICK IACOFANO

STVM students won many awards at the very prestigious Scholastic Art competition this school year.

Receiving honorable mention are Christopher Esker, Joe Wilde, Anne Davis, Maria Alvord, Michael Hurley, Caroline McCarty, and Hannah Comeriato.

Congratulations go to Seniors Joe Coughlin, Rose Klein and Hannah Comeriato for receiving the most difficult-to-win award, the Gold Key Portfolio Award.

Please note: Hannah Comeriato received both the Silver Key as well as the Gold Key. CONGRATULATIONS to our students!

ARSENIC AND OLD LACE WAS THE I.T.S. FALL PRODUCTION

THE CURSE OF THE HOPELESS DIAMOND WAS THE I.T.S. WINTER PRODUCTION

LEPRECHAUN THEATRE GUILD PRESENTS **ARSENIC AND OLD LACE** AND **A MURDER MYSTERY**

STVM International Thespian Society (I.T.S.) performed Arsenic and Old Lace during the 2011 Fall school season. Arsenic and Old Lace is a hysterical comedy written by Joseph Kesselring about the ultimate dysfunctional family, The Brewsters.

With its winter production, the I.T.S. delighted the audience on February 24th with their performance of The Curse of the Hopeless Diamond. This murder mystery, written by alumna Eileen Moushey M67, included dinner as well as audience participation to solve the "crime."

The Spring 2012 Musical, "Singin' in the Rain," will be featured in the Fall 2012 Connection magazine.

FAREWELL **CLASS OF 2012!** WELCOME **CLASS OF 2016!**

As we look to send the newest alumni members of our St. Vincent-St. Mary family off to college, we congratulate them and wish them well in what is possibly the biggest step that anyone takes up to this time in their life. There will certainly be other equally important steps ... but none is more important at this stage in their academic career. The college experience is a wonderful opportunity. It provides a path for accomplishing goals and dreams. Our STVM Class of 2012 has had the best preparation, including a strong and solid educational foundation surrounded by the development of exceptional personal values and ideals. STVM has prepared VM12 for the life decisions they will make in the years ahead. We wish them good luck and God's blessings in all that they do! We will miss you Class of 2012!

We welcome the Class of 2016 and congratulate them on their decision to join our STVM community! Twenty-three are Irish Academic Scholars, having scored in the top 6% of the over 400 students who took our scholarship/placement tests in the Fall of 2011. Sixteen of the Class of 2016 were awarded Irish Opportunity Scholarships based on their character, leadership, achievement, and service. Plus, 63 of the Class of 2016 were awarded Family/Memorial scholarships from our generous donors! As of March 1st and the registration paperwork that has been filed for the 2012-2013 school year, thirty-one of the freshmen have alumni parents and 56 of the freshmen have STVM siblings! We look forward to having this enthusiastic group of students be a part of our Irish family for the years to come! Welcome VM16!

The graduation issue for the 2012 class will appear in the Fall 2012 Connection Magazine along with a complete listing of the VM16 class.

Joanne Coletta Wiseman V69
Director of Admissions

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FIGHTING IRISH MARCHING BAND MARCHES IN NEW YORK CITY'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

STVM BAND RECEIVES **TOP HONOR AT AKRON'S SANTA HOLIDAY PARADE**

The Fighting Irish Marching Band received Best Overall Unit at the Welcome Santa Holiday Parade in Akron on Saturday November 26, 2011.

Honors Band....

Claire Shand and Vincenzo Volpe participated in an Honors Band at The University of Akron in December 2011. They performed at the Ohio Band Directors Conference at The University of Akron. The honors band is made up of students from all over Ohio. They submitted a music CD of their playing to be accepted and Claire and Vincenzo were selected on Flute.

Other news.....

STVM Music Department Chair and Instrumental Director Brian Campbell, 62 musicians and 17 Irish Dancers performed in the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. The band was chosen for this privilege from among the many award winning bands that submit their accomplishments to the parade commission each year.

In addition to a number of alumni responding to the St. Vincent-St. Mary "Official" Alumni Facebook notice regarding our Fighting Irish Marching Band and reminiscing about their school days and performing in the New York City for the annual St. Patrick's Day parade – some memories dating as far back as St. Vincent High School 1957... here is a letter that was sent to Brian Campbell the STVM Band Director:

John Fazio VM83 writes...

Mr. Campbell:

I just saw the article in Universe Bulletin about the band going back to NYC. I was a sophomore back in 1981 and had the privilege of marching in that parade with the STVM band. It was the time of my life.

I return to NYC for business often, and every time I am there, I think of marching in that parade with my fellow band members.

My brother, who was also in the band, as well as my parents (who chaperoned), still talk about the fun we had. I really hope the kids enjoy it as much as we did.

FYI, a fellow band member is now living in Philadelphia and he is trying to get a reunion together for the NYC parade this year. Maybe you will see us cheering you on!

Again, best wishes to all of you.

Sincerely, John Fazio '83

RESPONSES to the flyer posted on Facebook about our Band and the St. Pat's Parade in NYC:

- Rome Ripellino Fiedler, Cynthia Clark Porter and 16 others liked the Facebook flyer!!
- Posey Crabb writes....Would you believe I marched in the St. Pat parade in NYC with the St. V band - 1957 - great memories :)
- Mary Hummel Bowman writes.... I remember marching in the St. Paddy's Day parades while in the band at St. V, 1960-1964. It was such a great time. I have fond memories of being there and at the Taft Hotel. "Begin the Beguine" comes to mind and most definitely "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling"!
- Happy St. Paddy's Day on Saturday to all my former band members! RIP Mr. Lewis, our band director, and Father O'Neill.
- Bill Chisholm writes....Great memories and a wonderful time.
- Barbara Metzler Thompson writes....We didn't get to go to NYC in 1967, but did march in Cleveland for their St. Paddy's parade!!! SSooooooo much fun--lots of great memories.

JOHN FRIESS VM12 ELECTROSPINS A POLYMER STRAND ONTO A COLLECTOR PLATE.

STVM STUDENT PART OF **UA RESEARCH PROJECT**

Excerpts taken from the March 27, 2012 story featured on The University of Akron website

"YOUNG RESEARCHER FILLS BIG ROLE ON BREAST IMPLANT RESEARCH TEAM"

"Akron, Ohio, March 27, 2012 — John Friess, a senior at STVM, electrospins a fine, continuous polymer strand onto a collector plate. The end result, a fiber mat resembling a 4-inch-square paper towel, is one of hundreds Friess has created during his past three years as a member of University of Akron Austin Chemical Company Inc. Chair holder Dr. Judit E. Puskas' breast implant research team. It's impressive work for a research student, especially one still in high school.

Eighteen-year-old John Friess, a senior at STVM High School in Akron, assumes a critical role on Puskas' research team, generating and analyzing promising new prototypes for Puskas' breast implant coating. Friess studies and records the materials' physical properties using a scanning electron microscope. His samples are sent to pre-medical student Kyle Nedic, a member of Puskas' research team working at the Michigan Nanotechnology Institute for Medicine and Biological Sciences, in Professor James Baker's laboratories. Nedic embeds the samples with medicine and studies them for drug-release capabilities."

Dr. Puskas hopes Friess continues his work with her and her team as a college student. "Even as a high school student working part time on this project, John has become an integral part of the team and has helped in the realization of many objectives of our research," says post-doctoral researcher and lab manager Dr. Matthew Luebbers, a chemical and biomolecular engineer.

"It has taught me a lot about where I could go with an engineering degree. It's been such a great experience," says Friess, who spends five days each week after school and summers working on the prosthetic breast implant research."

John, a member of the STVM Science Inquiry Team coordinated by Mary Jo Chionchio and STVM Science Teachers, is also a member of the Akron team that will receive funding through the GE Healthymagination Cancer Challenge.

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STVM SCIENCE STUDENTS COMPETE IN SCIENCE FAIRS

STVM STUDENTS WIN **SCIENCE AWARDS**

NORTHEASTERN OHIO SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR (NEOSEF)

St. Vincent-St. Mary students excelled at the Northeastern Ohio Science and Engineering Fair (NEOSEF). The fair was held March 12-15th at Cleveland State University.

STVM sent 12 students who participated in The University of Akron Research Experience / STEM Experience. Our STVM students placed in either 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in their categories.

Nicholas Neill won first in his category (Chemistry), received the Intel GRAND PRIZE and two other special awards. This Grand Prize from Intel includes an all expense paid trip to the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) - the "Olympics" of Science Fairs. Over 50 states and 50 Countries participate! STVM will be well represented!!

In addition the following students placed and also received special awards!

Abrar Alniemi, John Friess, Megan Gorbach. Preston Hollopeter, John Hurley, Noah Nicholas, Isabella Sparhawk, Derek Whiddon, and Sasha Kovalchick placed second. Jack Giles and Vincenzo Volpe placed third.

Overall, each of our students performed exceptionally well in their categories, they received a total of 22 special awards (various placements), and one GRAND PRIZE.

It is a great achievement for our team. Congratulations to our STVM Students! Go Science! Go Irish!

STVM SUPERIOR AT **SCIENCE FAIR**

On March 17, 2012, the District 5 Science Fair was held at The University of Akron with 320 students competing from Northeastern Ohio.

STVM had 23 students judged at the fair and 12 will be moving on to State Science Day in Columbus, on May 5th.

The following students scored a superior which allows them the privilege to move on to State:

Freshmen - Jimmy Demboski and Karl Rybka
Sophomores - Katherine Engels, Preston Hollopeter and Jack Hurley
Juniors- Abrar Alniemi, Nick Neill and Isabella Sparhawk
Seniors - John Friess, Michael Muzilla, Noah Nicholas and Alex Pianalto

Several of the students also took home awards for placing in the top awarding positions for their category and winning special "sponsor" awards that were particular to their area of study.

Congratulations to our students! Go Irish!

MOUNT UNION DISTRICT SCIENCE FAIR **SENDS STVM STUDENT TO STATES!**

On Saturday, March 31st, STVM students participated in the Mount Union District Science Fair. The results included a total of 10 students participated in the Fair; 3 of the 10 received the rating of "Excellent," 7 of the 10 received the rating of "Superior," which allows those 7 students to move on to State Science Day in May.

Excellent Ratings were received by Alex Angle, Sean Gaffney, and Claire Shand.

Superior Ratings were received by the following students and they are moving on to State Science Day in May 2012: Emily Baker, Annie Davis, Meghan Gorbach, Mick Iacofano, Vincenzo Volpe, Mario Volpe, Marissa Tomin

Additionally, our students received a total of 9 special awards and/or monetary scholarships:
Meghan Gorbach - American Chemical Society Award
Vincenzo Volpe - CAM Section of American Society of Materials Engineers Award
Claire Shand - U.S. Army Award
Marissa Tomin - Yale Science and Engineering, Inc. - Most Outstanding 11th Grade Exhibit in Computer Science, Engineering, Physics, or Chemistry

In addition, congratulations to the 5 STVM Students (11th and 12th graders only) - they received the University of Mount Union Science Scholarship - $6000 over 4 years: Emily Baker, Annie Davis, Mick Iacofano, Vincenzo Volpe, and Marissa Tomin.

STVM STUDENTS AWARDED AT **SCIENCE INQUIRY COMPETITION**

Austen BioInnovation Institute in Akron (ABIA) hosts the BEST Medicine Engineering Fair (BEST stands for Best Engineering, Science and Technology)

On March 22, our STVM students participated in their third Science Inquiry competition in the field of science and technology for this school year. Eleven students competed at The BEST Fair at the National Inventors' Hall of Fame in Akron, Ohio.
The following students won awards at the BEST Fair:
Sasha Kovalchich - Gold Award & ABIA Internships Award
Alexandra Pianalto - One prize & ABIA Internships Award
Vincenzo Volpe - Silver Award
John Friess - Bronze Award
One prize was also earned by Abrar Alniemi, Emily Baker, Katie Engels Jack Giles, Jack Hurley, Nicholas Neill, and Julianne Stamer

Congratulation to our students and to all of their science teachers and mentors!

For more information on the BEST Fair, please visit http://www.abiakron.org/

MERCI BEAUCOUP! **EDUCATE THE CONGO PROJECT 2012**

STVM is proud to announce that once again, for the 9th year, the French Club has sponsored the Educate the Congo Project. In this project, the STVM community contributes gently used educational materials to furnish learning centers that are being established in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The French Club extends their appreciation and heartfelt thank you to the St. Vincent-St. Mary faculty, staff, student body, alumni, and parents for their generous contributions to this year's Educate the Congo Project (March 5-March 9). Besides many, many donated computers, electronics, bikes, books, and other educational materials, Educate the Congo Spirit Day netted $900. In addition, a very generous contribution of $300 from one of our STVM families raised our total to $1200!

CONGRATULATIONS **RACHEL MARTIN VM12**

Rachel Martin VM12 has been honored for her exemplary volunteer service and has received the President's Volunteer Service Award.

The award recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country. This award was presented by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of President Obama.

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93 CENTS FOR **FLIGHT 93**

On April 2, 2012 Parents' Club sponsored L.I.F.E. (Living In Faith Everyday) Speaker, Sharon Deitrick, spoke with the STVM students and presented 93 Cents for Flight 93.

Ms. Sharon Deitrick is president of Deitrick & Associates Interiors, president of the Akron-based HALO (Hope Always Lives On) Foundation, and a founding member of the National Steering Committee for the construction of a National Memorial to commemorate the heroes of Flight 93. In addition, Ms. Deitrick has founded 93 Cents for Flight 93, a grassroots movement to raise awareness of Flight 93, raise funds for the Flight 93 Memorial, and challenge students to take a leadership role in the movement.

Our STVM students were able to support this effort by purchasing t-shirts that honor the memory of the 40 +1 passengers on Flight 93.

Ms. Deitrick shared with students the heroic actions of the passengers of Flight 93 and offered a glimpse into the profound impact this event had on our country. We were honored to host Ms. Sharon Deitrick and have a greater understanding of Flight 93's legacy of heroism, hope, and faith.

STUDENTS TAKE PART IN LAST YEAR'S SUMMER PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSE

STVM INVITES STUDENTS TO **A SUMMER OF FUN!**

This is our 25th year of offering a Summer Physical Education class. This year, our Summer Physical Education program begins on June 11 and concludes on June 29, 2012.

The sophomores and upperclassmen meet from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The incoming freshmen meet from 12 noon to 4:30 p.m.

We offer 25 activities in the 15 days of class. Some of our activities include basketball, volleyball, soccer, hockey, ultimate Frisbee, lacrosse, hiking, bowling, ice and roller skating. We have tournaments in basketball, volleyball, soccer and dodge ball. Taking this summer class allows students to have flexibility in their schedule – perhaps another class is desired or they might want to have a study hall during the school year. The STVM Summer Phys Ed course is one of the most popular classes for our students — they not only have fun...they also meet new friends! Call the school for more details (330-253-9113).

SUMMER CAMPS

STVM offers many camps and enrichment programs during the summer.

Visit stvm.com and click on Summer Camps for more info.

2011-2012 **ATHLETICS YEAR IN REVIEW**

FALL

CROSS COUNTRY

The highlight of the Fall sports season was once again our cross country program that competed this year in the OHSAA State Championships at National Trail Raceway in Hebron, Ohio. For the third year in a row the STVM Girls Cross Country team finished as the OHSAA State Champions. The team was led by seniors Tessa Weigand, Annie Davis, Samantha Kirk; juniors Marissa Rossetti and Amanda Sollenberger; sophomore Julia Mendiola; and freshman Shea O'Brien. The STVM Boys Cross Country team finished as the state runner-up for the second year in a row. The boys were led this year by seniors Patrick O'Brien, Mike Hurley, and Sean Poholski; juniors Matt Oswald and Mick Iacofano; sophomore Jack Hurley; and freshman Nick Campbell. In addition, STVM Head Coach Dan Lancianese was named Coach of the Year and also honored by Dapper Dan as the Akron Sports Person of the Year.

GIRLS SOCCER

The STVM Girls Soccer team had their season end in the OHSAA sectional final when they lost to CVCA by a score of 2-1. The team played a very tough schedule and battled through some difficult injuries. The team this year was led by seniors Rachel Hutson, Emma Davis, Miranda Yeaton, Sam Daugherty, and Winnie Sovacool.

BOYS SOCCER

The STVM Boys Soccer team finished their season as the OHSAA district semi-finalist after they lost a very tough match with Revere High School. The team advanced to the district championship game by defeating CVCA in a very exciting district semi-final game that was decided on penalty kicks. The team's final record was 12-3-4. The seniors on this year's team were Antonio Manfut, John Friess, Adam Journic, Joe Wilde, and Nick Harbaugh.

FOOTBALL

The varsity football team ended their season as the OHSAA Regional Semi-Finalist. The team had a great season and finished the year with a record of 10-3 and won two playoff games. The team defeated Walsh Jesuit and Archbishop Hoban this year. The annual game versus Archbishop Hoban was once again played at The University of Akron's InfoCision Stadium. The game was played in front of approximately 13,000 spectators and this is the 5th consecutive year the STVM Fighting Irish Football team has won the Shillelagh Trophy. The team was led this year by captains Kevin Besser, Matt Perry, Matt Matuska, and Tyler Bischof. Also during this year's football season, the school honored the St. Mary High School 1961 Football State Championship Team. In addition, Ron Piekarski was honored for his years of service to STVM as our football public address announcer.

BOYS GOLF

The STVM Boys Golf team this year was led by second year Head Coach Tom Kilbourne. The boys team qualified to the district tournament this year and was led by letter winners: Alex McGrew, Joe Coughlin, Andy Farrell, Joe Stavale, Tory Kovalchick, and Jeff Dannemiller.

GIRLS GOLF

The STVM Girls Golf program at STVM continues to grow. For the second straight year the team qualified for the district tournament. The team this year was led by letter winners: Michelle Noethen, Sarah Baumer, Rebecca Sear, Julie Schlosser, Emma Noethen, and Autumn Azar.

GIRLS TENNIS

The STVM Girls Tennis program competed in one of the toughest schedules in the area. The girls traveled all over Northeast Ohio taking on the best competition. For the second straight year, the team had an individual district qualifier, senior Rose Klein. Other letter winners from this year's team were Maria Locastro, Alyssa Pagni, Emily Pagni, Ginger Pangas, Audrey Sheeks, Carin Marchetta, Shanise Omar, Monica Pirie, Jessica Schnindler, and Veronica VanDevere.

VOLLEYBALL

The STVM Girls Volleyball team was led this year by first year Head Coach Julie Laury. The girls won their sectional final match versus Canton South and eventually lost to Field High School in the

district semi-final. The leaders of this year's team were seniors: Corie Nischt, Bianca DiFeo, Kaitlin May, Paige Gump and Megan Dannemiller.

WINTER

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The STVM Girls Basketball team wrapped up their season with a tough loss to defending state champion Hathaway Brown in the District Championship game. The team had a great season and finished with a record of 16-8. The team competed against a very tough schedule and started 4 sophomores this year. The seniors on this year's team were Taja Dave, Andrea Hubbard, and Kaitlin May.

BOYS BASKETBALL

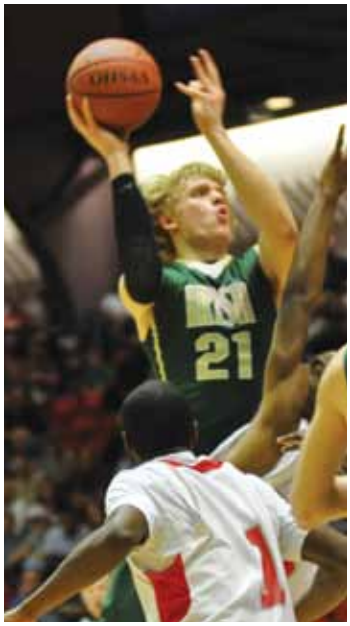
The STVM Boys Basketball team this year finished with a record of 16-10. The team finished the season as the Regional Finalist when they were defeated by Lake Catholic 65-63 in the OHSAA Regional Championship game. There were several milestones achieved this year. First, Coach Dru Joyce won his 200 career game on December 28, 2011. Second, senior Lorenzo Cugini finished his career with 1229 points scored, which is a 7th all-time in career scoring. The team was led this year by Seniors DJ Blanks, Ryan Gaffney, Treyvon Crater, and Lorenzo Cugini.

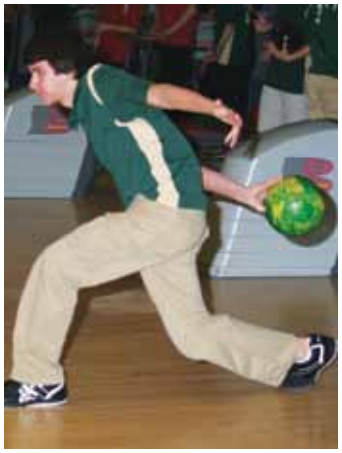
WRESTLING

The highlight so far for the winter sports season has been the wrestling team's performance in Columbus at the OHSAA state championships. The wrestling squad qualified five wrestlers to the state championship: Michael Rix, Ray Stone, Dre'k Brumley, Ryan Skonieczny, and Aaron Adkins. Sophomore Ryan Skonieczny finished in 7th place at this year's tournament in the 132 pound weight class. Ryan finished his season with a record of 38-10. Junior Michael Rix is a returning state champion and finished in 4th place in the 120 pound weight class. Michael finished his year with a record of 19-11. Finally, Senior Ray Stone place third at this year's tournament in the 220 pound weight class finishing his season with a record of 18-2.

BOYS AND GIRLS BOWLING

Our two bowling programs also ended their seasons in the district round of the OHSAA post-season. The STVM Girls Bowling team had 12 seniors in the program this year. The STVM Boys Bowling team was led by first year head coach Ed Swejk who has done a great job with the team.





SIX STVM SOCCER PLAYERS TO PLAY IN **AKRON SENIOR ALL-STAR GAME**

Congratulations to six senior soccer players from the STVM soccer program! They represented the Fighting Irish in the Akron Soccer Senior All-Star Game on Saturday, November 19th at Copley High School. John Friess, Antonio Manfut, and Joe Wilde played in the boys game at 9:30 a.m. and Miranda Yeaton, Emma Davis, and Sam Daugherty played in the girls game at 2:00 p.m.

STVM FEATURED IN LOCAL MEDIA **GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM WIN 3RD STRAIGHT TITLE**

Congratulations to our Girls CC Team for the 3rd (in-a-row) State Championship Title in 2011! During the season, STVM Boys and Girls Cross Country Team were featured in Ohio.com as well as The Akron Beacon Journal in articles entitled: *STVM Boys and Girls Cross Country Team Run Away With Regional Championship* and *St. Vincent-St. Mary Irish Set Sights On Two State Cross Country Titles*

Excerpts from November 4, 2011 edition of the Akron Beacon Journal article ***STVM Girls CC Team Wins State for the Third Year in a Row; Boys Finish Second*** by Michael Beaven

HEBRON: St. Vincent-St. Mary junior Marissa Rossetti knows only one way to end a cross country season. And that way is winning a Division II girls state championship, a feat the Fighting Irish accomplished for the third consecutive year on Saturday at National Trail Raceway.

"I am so excited," said Rossetti, who placed eighth in a time of 18 minutes and 33.49 seconds. "We came out [Saturday] and looked over the new course. We wanted to be the first people to win on it in Division II. I really liked the course. It was more flat and we could see a lot more of the fans everywhere."

Rossetti, senior Tessa Weigand and sophomore Julia Mendiola guided the Irish, who scored 89 points. "You could tell the nerves were there for this race," St. V-M coach Dan Lancianese said. "What was really nice was our top three girls rose to the challenge. We knew they were going to have to get out and run at the front and they did that.

"What really anchored us [Saturday] was our four and five runners, junior Amanda Sollenberger and senior Annie Davis. They really stepped up big and picked off people at the end. With an 11-point differential that was what we needed." Weigand, who was 18th in 19:13.91, also enjoyed her third consecutive title. "This is so great," Weigand said. "Each time it is a different team and it is a lot of fun. I liked the new course, but I liked Scioto Downs better."

COACHES REACH **MILESTONES**

STVM pointed with pride to our two coaches who earned a notable winning career record standing. Coach Dan Boarman celebrated his 150th career win in the 2011 football season on September 16th and Coach Dru Joyce celebrated his 200th career win during the 2011-2012 basketball season on December 28th.

CONGRATULATIONS **DAN LANCIANESE**

Cross Country coach Dan Lancianese was named the 2012 Dapper Dan Sports Person of the Year at the Dapper Dan Awards Program on February 19th. Coach Lancianese also was selected Coach of the Year by Touchdown Club.

Dapper Dan also listed the following "Special Recognition Championship Teams" in the program for the event: STVM Girls Cross County and Coach Lancianese; STVM Boys Track Team and Coach Lancianese; and STVM Boys Basketball Div. III and Coach Dru Joyce.

The Touchdown Club also honored STVM athletes as 2011 All-Stars. They were: Girls Cross Country – Julie Mendiola, Marissa Rossetti and Tessa Weigand; Boys Cross Country – Mick Iacofano and Patrick O'Brien; Boys Soccer – Antonio Manfut and John Friess; Football – Jordan Hargrove, Kevin Besser and Tyler Bischof; Girls Golf – Michelle Noethen; Girls Soccer – Miranda Yeaton; and Volleyball – Corie Nischt.

Congratulations to all of our Fighting Irish athletes and coaches on a job well done.

Support the Fighting Irish

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For more information, call David Muelheim at 330-524-5176.

FIGHTING IRISH **2012 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

8/24	Purcell Marian	STVM	7:00pm
8/31	Walsh Jesuit	STVM	7:00pm
9/7	Woodridge	Woodridge	7:00pm
9/14	Cardinal Mooney	YSU	7:30pm
9/21	Archbishop Hoban	Infocision	7:00pm
9/28	Northwest	Northwest	7:00pm
10/5	Marion Harding	STVM	7:00pm
10/12	Barberton	Barberton	7:00pm
10/19	Massillon	Massillon	7:30pm
10/26	Ursuline	STVM	7:00pm

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