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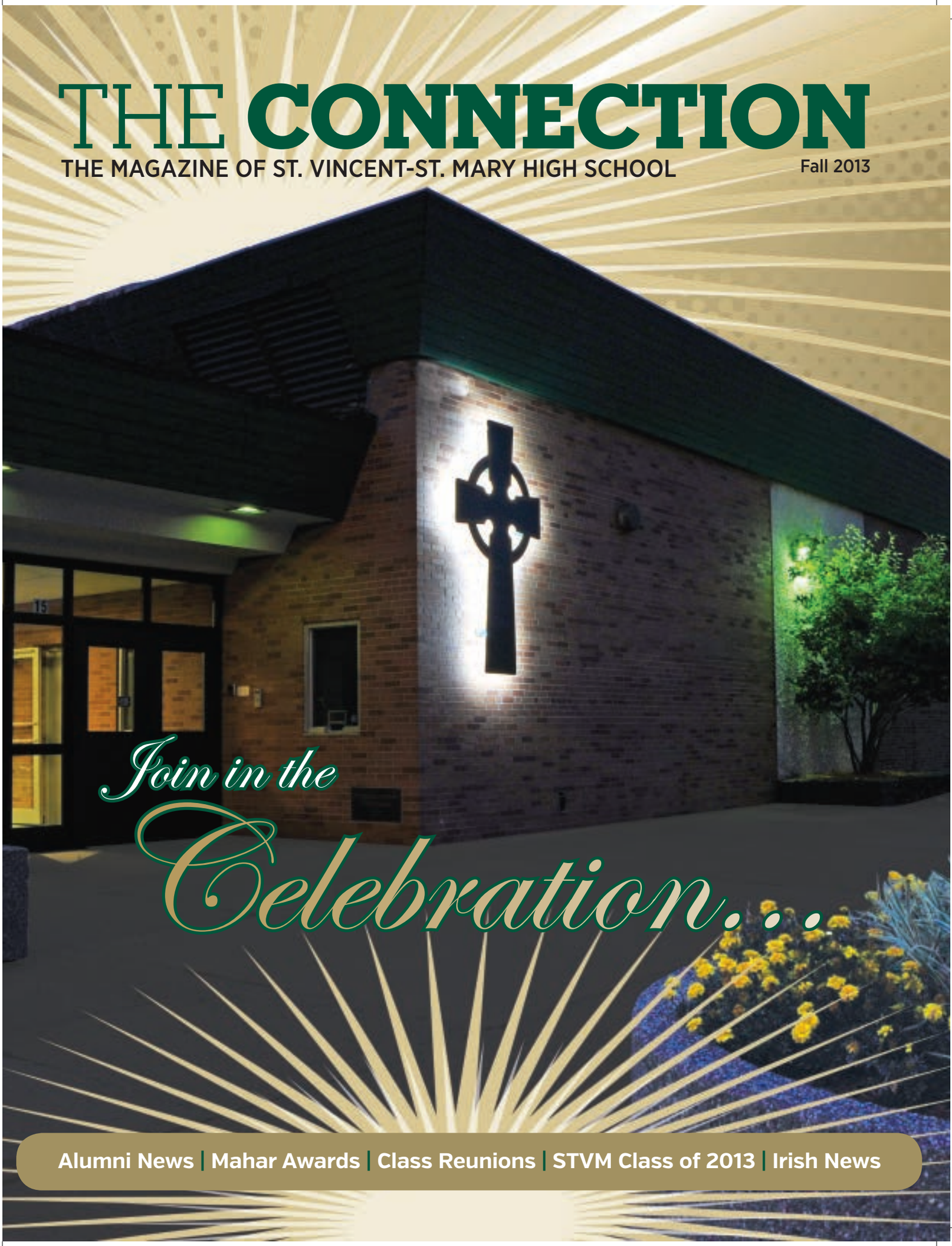

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WELCOME
THE CONNECTION FALL 2013

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thomas M. Carone VM77

My first year as President here at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School has been an absolute joy. The staff, faculty and students are amazing. I am excited to report that life at STVM is good. We opened our doors on August 19th to the largest freshman class since 2007, and the second largest total school enrollment in the past 15 years. We truly have quite a bit to celebrate!

Due to the generosity of our STVM community, we were able to accomplish the following improvements this past summer and many more improvements are highlighted and featured on page 39:

- Remodeled Room #256 – Lecture Room
- Installed new carpet on the second floor
- Added new furniture in the LRC
- Painted several classrooms
- Enclosed the first floor Science Room
- Added a Robotics Program
- Improved the landscaping on campus

The excitement and improvements only continue to enhance and complement the total offering at STVM. Our academic curriculum and high school community have been expanded with the international element that began with students joining us from China this past August. Under the guidance of Ms. Tamula Drumm, our Chinese Teacher, and Mrs. Joanne Wiseman, Admissions Director, this program has been very well received. The students arrived one week before school began, and enjoyed an orientation program that helped acquaint them with our STVM Community. We are grateful to all the host families who so graciously welcomed our students into their homes and into their families.

More excitement continues as we anticipate the opening of our newly remodeled gym. This announcement was part of our May 2013 happenings and we continue to express our appreciation to LeBron James and the LeBron James Family Foundation for their unwavering generosity that made our dream of a new gymnasium a reality. Also, thank you for providing the Nike uniforms for all of our teams. LeBron James VM03 is a true champion, on and off the court!

In closing, to all my fellow alumni and friends – I am sure you remember fondly your high school years, whether it be at STVM, high atop a hill in Akron or on another campus footprint. Please remember the solid academic and faith-filled foundation upon which we have all been blessed to build our lives. To be sure that STVM continues to provide such a foundation for many years to come, please continue to support St. Vincent-St. Mary High School.

God bless,
Thomas M. Carone VM77, President

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Celebrate our Executive Board

CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mike Ochsenhirt V71

As we begin this 2013-14 school year, I look forward to the wonderful expressions of excitement and anticipation from the new freshman class and the upper class transfers. Optimism and enthusiasm prevail with all.

Beginning this year we will be welcoming 12 new faces from half-way around the world. Through our association with SEVIS (Student Exchange Visitor Information System), through Homeland Security, we have registered 12 students from China for the upcoming school year. Host families of existing students will provide not only the necessary room and board, but also an experience of family life, Christian values, as well as the opportunities, the friendship and camaraderie so closely associated with St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. We warmly welcome the new faces and those returning to further enrich their education and life experiences at the school.

It may be of interest that during our recent strategic plan process, our task group for "Student Life" distributed a survey to the student body. Included in the survey were questions about "what they liked most about STVM" and the overwhelming response was the diversity and camaraderie of the student body. This speaks volumes of the quality of teachers, staff and students at our school.

As most everyone knows, we are presently in the process of a major renovation of our main gymnasium thanks to the generosity of our distinguished alumni LeBron James. His generous donation of $1,000,000.00 clearly outlines his thoughts and memories of his years at STVM. When it is time to re-hang the banners from the rafters, it will be exciting to see a few new ones honoring the State Champions from last year.

Our academic, community service, various extra-curricular teams and Special Needs Program have again been recognized with awards and commendations for the hard work and commitment required to excel.

There is still much to complete on our physical campus, and student financial aid requests have increased to the highest level in the history of our school. Take a moment to reflect on your own great memories of high school, and consider a donation of any size that may help some young student attain the high quality Catholic education that you received so many years ago.

God Bless,
Mike Ochsenhirt V71, Executive Board Chairman

Seated (L-R): Tom Carone VM77, Mike Ochsenhirt V71, Dave Rathz
Standing (L-R): Jim LaRose VM78, Pat Hart V68, Fred Ost V50, Joe Weber, Chris Dougherty Marks V72, Tim Killian V70
Not pictured: Fr. Timothy O'Connor, Billy Taylor

SAVE THE DATE

2013... UPCOMING EVENTS...

NOV. 9	Scholarship Placement Test from 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon Parent Information Session 11:00 a.m. - 12 Noon Scholarship Placement Test from 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Parent Information Session 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
NOV. 13	Alumni Parents Night! 7pm in the LRC
NOV. 14	Lecture & Lunch – Estate Planning (see p. 38)
NOV. 26	Car Raffle Tickets Available
DEC. 9	Eighth Grade Academic Scholarship Dinner* (*By invitation only. Snow Date – Tuesday, December 10, 2013)
DEC. 14	Grand Opening – STVM Gymnasium – LeBron James Arena
DEC. 28	Athletic Booster Hall of Fame Recognition

2014... A QUICK GLANCE AHEAD TO THE NEW YEAR...

JAN. 3	Winter Alumni & Friends Night (tentative)
JAN. 3	STVM CYO Fall Sports Night at 7:30 p.m. Basketball Varsity Boys vs. Firestone CYO athletes & coaches get FREE admission & snack
JAN. 11	STVM CYO Fall Sports Night at 2:30 p.m. Basketball Varsity Girls vs. Kenmore CYO athletes & coaches get FREE admission & snack
FEB. 11	Irish Family Car Raffle Drawing (Varsity Boys Basketball Game-halftime)
MAR. 2	OPEN HOUSE from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
MAR. 3	Annual Memorial Mass – STVM LRC
MAR. 19	7th Grade Visitation 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
APR. 5	Showcase #28
APR. 15	Deadline for the 2014 Mahar & Irish Crusader Nominations
MAY 2	3 on 3 Tournament
MAY 22	Senior Farewell Mass & Alumni Pin Ceremony

DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUENT RELATIONS

Kathy Zehenni Holaday VM77

Dear STVM Alumni, Family & Friends,

The new school season has started off on a very positive and exciting note! Is it any wonder that **CELEBRATE** is the theme for this magazine?! There is so much to celebrate and I hope as you look through The Connection pages and read the latest happenings at STVM, that it will be evident that STVM's Tradition, Heritage and PRIDE are alive and well. Whether you are a proud graduate of our school(s), a proud current or past parent, proud grandparent or loyal friend of STVM .....thank you for being such an integral part of who we are today!

As you look through this magazine, please note: This Fall 2013 Magazine will recap the 2013 spring school year culminating with the Class of 2013 graduation and continuing forward through the summer and fall with the latest in STVM News for the 2013-2014 school year, with emphasis on this fall season. The Spring 2014 Magazine will feature the winter and spring happenings on campus and within our community.

There are so many exciting things happening at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. We hope you enjoy reading about our students, our school, our alumni and our community.

For instance, on May 23, 2013, we welcomed the newest alumni members into the Alumni Association with the St. Vincent-St. Mary Class of 2013 graduation. Their achievements, successes and future endeavors are truly a reflection on the tradition of academic excellence offered at our school. This class of 155 students has 42 parents that are alumni of St. Mary, St. Vincent or St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. It is interesting to note that the incoming freshmen, Class of 2017, represents a total of 193 students with 40 alumni parents.

Please plan a visit soon and help us continue the celebration! We would love to see you.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need assistance or would like to schedule a visit and tour St. Vincent-St. Mary High School.

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

Photograph Search for
Halls & Walls Project

In honor of our 40th Anniversary, we began with a simple request a year ago (with the Spring 2012 magazine) hoping 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 still missing a few years!

Please call the STVM Alumni Office (x120) if you have a class photo for any of the years listed: St. Mary High School graduating classes of 1901–1928, 1931-1933, 1935, 1937-1943, 1945-1947, 1952, 1966; St. Vincent High School graduating classes of 1910-1914, 1924, 1949-1951, 1953, 1966-1967, 1969-1972; and STVM graduating classes of 1973-1989.

Thank you to the following alumni that responded to the Spring 2013 article requesting assistance: Patricia Karam Tokar V58, Bob Shoenfelt V58, Carol Marshall Simpson M62 (St. Mary 1934 Composite), and Peggy Hudik Rasche M70.

Coming soon to a neighborhood near you…

REGIONAL ALUMNI CHAPTERS!

We are hoping to start the first of many Regional Alumni Chapters in the coming year. The first chapter will be kicking off soon in Chicago, Illinois. We hope to share more information as the chapter develops.

To get involved, be listed as a Chicago alum, or to be part of the team, please contact: Katie Van Tiem VM99: kvantiem@hotmail.com; Colleen Walter Rudgers VM01: colleen.rudgers@gmail.com; Julie Walter Stumm VM99: juliestumm@yahoo.com; Kathy Holaday VM77: kholaday@stvm.com

Archives

Thank you to everyone for these beautiful and treasured additions to the STVM Archives…

Julie Censky Randall V56
Paul Oakes M53
Julie Censky Randall V56
Marge Brown Kaverman M61
Carol Marshall Simpson M62 – St. Mary High School Class of 1934 composite. *Carol writes…* "Happy to be able to place this in the hallway of the school. My mother, Florence Whisler Marshall M34, would have loved it!"
The 1963 Class of St. Vincent High School donated shamrock votive candle holders and candles! Thank you! These will be used and enjoyed by the STVM Alumni Office for various events held on our campus for years to come!!
Bill Price V63 and The Class of V63 for the wonderful notebook of archives.
Patricia "Trish" Ostroski M65
Frank Spinelli V71

APOLOGIES ARE EXTENDED FOR THE FOLLOWING ERROR AND OMISSION IN THE SPRING 2013 CONNECTION MAGAZINE:
For listing Michele Jesser Whitehurst M72 as Mickey Jesser Moore M72 in the "Blue Nun" article that appeared in the Spring 2013 magazine, page 5.

YEARBOOK SEARCH

St. Vincent 1956 Yearbook Request Contact Carol Collins at carolanncollins3@gmail.com if you have a St. Vincent High School 1956 Yearbook that she can purchase! **St. Vincent-St. Mary 1981 Yearbook** Kevin McCann VM81 is looking for a 1981 yearbook.
St. Vincent-St. Mary 1991-1994 Yearbooks An alum's mother would like to present copies of yearbooks which unfortunately got destroyed. Specifically 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994. Please contact the STVM Alumni Office for more details;
St. Vincent-St. Mary 2001 Yearbook Contact Lisa Byrne VM01 at lmr6@zips.uakron.edu if you have a 2001 Yearbook that she can purchase!

ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Celebrate our Talents

Mary Ann Flynn-Fouse V54

Mary Ann Flynn-Fouse is a graduate of the St. Vincent Class of 1954 and has stayed active in the Art world since her graduation from Kent State University as an Art Major.

Mary Ann taught in the Akron Public School District for 25 years, and then was an instructor at Walsh College for 10 years. Mary Ann's successful career in abstract art includes having her collection of paintings shown at the Cleveland Museum, Cleveland May Show, Canton Art Institute, Massillon Museum, Millworks, and Roche Bobois of Naples just to name a few.

Mary Ann has devoted collectors across the country and as far away as Germany and Switzerland. Mary Ann's collection that has recently been featured on the walls in The Crave Restaurant in Downtown Akron over the past few weeks has been removed and taken to Wolf's Gallery in Cleveland, then from there, it will be on display in Sweet Art Gallery in Naples, Florida.

Mary Ann comes from a long-line of Flynns that attended St. Vincent High School starting with her parents: Michael V24 and Mary Irene Becker Flynn V24. The tradition continued with her siblings who also attended: Michael V55, Jim V61, Rosemary Flynn Bowden V57 and Jeannie Flynn Sattler V68. Mary Ann has fond memories of her high school days and her lifelong friends from her graduating class of 1954, affectionately known as "The Debs" that still can party like "Rock Stars."

To view the slide show of Mary Ann's artwork, please follow this link: http://exm.nr/PAmxeL . Email: flynnfouse@aol.com

ABOVE: Artwork by Mary Ann Flynn-Fouse "Spirit of St. V's" on display in The Sweet Art Gallery in Naples, Florida. INSET: Mary Ann Flynn-Fouse

Darlene and Don Utrup M56

Standing (left to right): Susie Gaebel Wallace VM91 (Leave a Legacy Cabinet Member), Darlene Utrup, Don Utrup M56, and Bonnie Wojno (Leave a Legacy Volunteer Chair).

A message from The Leave a Legacy Foundation….

Special congratulations are extended to the Jewels of our Community who were honored on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at Portage Country Club for their legacy gifts! The following individuals were recognized during the awards celebration: Peggy Lloyd, Sandra Kramer, Judge Mary Spicer, retired, Phil Tobin, as well as Don and Darlene Utrup.

Don M56 and Darlene Utrup were honored as the Leave a Legacy 2013 Crown Jewels during the Voices of Giving Honor Awards Ceremony. This is a special year for Don and Darlene because 2013 marks the 20th Anniversary of the passing of their daughter, Lynda Utrup Schafer VM81, and the establishment of her memorial scholarship at STVM.

Don and Darlene received a grant from the Lisle M. Buckingham Endowment in support of the Lynda Utrup Schafer Memorial Scholarship at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Endowment Fund. Congratulations Don & Darlene and thank you for your generous support of STVM and our students.

Eleen Deagen Burg V63

Congratulations to Eileen Deagan Burg V63 for being named the 2013 Polsky Humanitarian Award Recipient. Eileen's husband, H. Pete Burg V64 was honored posthumously with the Polsky Award. For more information, please follow this link: http://bit.ly/1hRpnu3. In continuation and in honor of our recent featured article from the Spring 2013 Connection Magazine….Why I Give ….

Congratulations and Appreciation goes to Eileen Deagan Burg V63 who was featured in The Akron Beacon Journal on Tuesday, October 15th for the local humanitarian award that she and her late husband H. Peter "Pete" Burg V64 received at the Akron Community Foundation's Annual Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award Dinner. With STVM Irish Pride, we point to Eileen and Pete and their abundantly generous charitable good works. It is easy to understand the presentation of this award to Eileen and Pete.

Excerpts from the article include: "Eileen Burg, a registered nurse, had been a volunteer her entire adult life. And after her husband's death, she started the H. Peter Burg Fund through the Akron Community Foundation.

Since its inception, the Burg fund has awarded more than $364,000 in grants to such area organizations as Heart to Heart Communications, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Weathervane Community Playhouse, Boys and Girls Clubs and the Summit County chapter of the American Red Cross."

To read the entire article, please follow this link: http://bit.ly/19NXT3u

Photograph courtesy Mike Cardew/Akron Beacon Journal

1930s

BOB CULBERTSON V38
Retired and living in Alexandria, Virginia.
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1940s

JANE VINCENT MCCANN V40
Living in California and am blessed with good health and a wonderful loving family. For my 90th birthday I excitingly enjoyed going up in a hot air balloon! "Exhilarating to say the least!" I look forward to receiving The Connection and reading about the happenings of "old" and "new" alumni. There are always so many familiar surnames of the current students – children and grandchildren attending STVM of my former classmates and friends.

ALVIN "AL" FRANKS V42
Al writes…. I have lived in California since 1945, settling first in Los Angeles and then relocating to Sacramento in 1952. Every day, week and month are wonderful. I play golf two or three days a week with long-time friends, assist the priest at the 8:00 a.m. Mass most week days, open the church at 7:30 a.m. and prepare the altar, etc. for Mass at 8:30 a.m., and I am the head usher etc. for that Mass. After church there are 7 or 8 of us that go to a local restaurant for breakfast every Sunday morning. At over 88 years old, I still walk the course when I play golf and also go to a gym for a workout, three days a week. My helping the priest started many years ago at the insistence of my wife, who died of cancer 10 years later in December 2004. I would be interested to know if there are any V42 classmates interested in having a reunion or a gathering!
Email: alfranks@prodigy.net

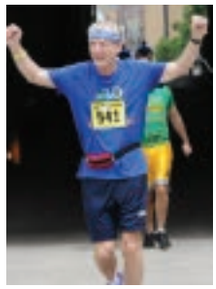
AL ZIMMERMAN M48
During the M48 reunion, Al provided Kathy Holaday with a copy of his CD entitled, "Olde World Traditions. Memories of the Past." The CD features "Beautiful music of times gone by plus Polkas and Waltzes from the Olde World." For a copy of the CD please contact Al Zimmerman: 330-644-5777 or email: zalphilz@yahoo.com

1950s

BOB RETT V50
School visits…..Bob Rett V50 and his wife, Donetta came to town to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with family and stopped by to visit STVM! Bob had just fractured his hip three weeks prior but made the walk, with the aid of a walker, to the LeBron James Arena to take a look at the renovations taking place! Bob's wife was a graduate of East High School and both met when they worked at Sears….50 years ago! They now reside in California.

THERESA "ANN" SHIRCLIFF GRAHAM V51 AND JACK GRAHAM *This message is from Kathy Holaday [The STVM Director of Constituent Relations]…*
"Hats off" to Theresa "Ann" Shircliff Graham V51 and husband, Jack Graham….. and to the St. Vincent High School Class of 1951 and their amazing communication techniques for staying in touch with their classmates. Jack & Ann have maintained and published "The Chronicle" for many years. The color publication is filled with newsworthy items, featured articles on classmates as well as promotions for upcoming events! The September 2013 issue was 8 color-filled pages complete with photos and graphics. Thank you to Ann & Jack for your hard-work and dedication in keeping the V51 classmates connected and informed. And thank you for sending a copy to the STVM Alumni Office! For more details, contact jgraham36@neo.rr.com

FRANK QUINE V55
Congratulations to Frank Quine V55 for being named the recipient of the 2013 Distinguished Service Award during the MDDC Newspaper Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony (Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association, Inc.). Frank is married to Mary Ellen Doran Quine V55 and they reside in Reston, Virginia.



JIM FRASER V59
Jim Fraser V59 attended Notre Dame 50 years ago and is a member of the Notre Dame Class of 1963. Jim always dreamed of running through the stadium tunnel and got his chance when he participated in the Sunburst Marathon this past summer in South Bend, Indiana.
Jim writes, "It was all the more memorable because I ran a total of 32 miles for an extra hour to help a cancer victim make it to the finish-line just in time before it closed. In her late 60's, she was running her 49th (and last) Marathon and was determined to make it. I kept stopping to help and encourage her along the way….As we pulled around to the north gate with Touchdown Jesus behind us….She dashed over the finish line with the Notre Dame Fight Song blaring and many cheers from the crowd who were waiting for her to finish. I brought up the rear a few seconds later. I felt like Rudy since it was my first time-ever on the grass inside the stadium. Man! It just doesn't get any better than that. The perfect "down-to-the-wire finish" for two old Marathoners." Please follow this link for a heart-warming story entitled, "Two dreams for one." This story was published in the Notre Dame Magazine on June 24, 2013 by Kyle Cowdrick. http://bit.ly/12ZREMw

1960s

EILEEN DEAGAN BURG V63
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http://bit.ly/1hRpnu3

JACQUELINE TROUT MARKWALD M63
Living in Highland Village, Texas with my husband Pete. We are the proud parents of four adult children and ten grandchildren.
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ELIZABETH BINDER BEST V64
Retired and living in Youngstown, Ohio.
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JUDITH DOYLE KOLB V64 AND JAMES KOLB V64
Living in Aiken, South Carolina. Enjoying our three adult children and three grandchildren! Email: jdkolb@ameritech.net

JAN KARL ROYER V64

(left to right: Sharon Karl Casey V65 and Jan Karl Royer V64)

Jan Karl Royer V64 and her sister Sharon Karl Casey V65 recently performed at the Chicago Ballroom Dance Showcase, on September 22, 2013. Email: royerjan@sbcglobal.net

LARRY VUILLEMIN V66

Larry and Fr. Norman Douglas were featured in The Akron Beacon Journal on April 23, 2013. The article, entitled "Heart to Heart continues Quest to Enrich Lives" pictured Larry and Fr. Douglas - co-founders of Heart to Heart Communications. This marks the organization's 20th anniversary. To read the entire article, please follow this link: http://bit.ly/1bXWUoV

To learn more about the Heart to Heart ministry, please visit the website: www.h2hc.org

TOM BARR M68

Living in Akron, Ohio. Email: Tombarr1@hotmail.com

MICHELE KRUMEICH MARZOLF V68

Retired and living in Akron, Ohio. I am the proud parent of one adult son and three grandchildren. Email: wildmike63@att.net

TOM SCHINDEWOLF V68

Living in Pelham, New Hampshire.
Email: tschindewolf@comcast.net

1970s

PROVIE TOMEI VM75

Working as a Deputy Sheriff for the Summit County Sheriff's Department. I am in my 28th year coaching football at STVM. Sue and I are proud parents of our STVM alumni children: Emily VM10 is running for Malone University (Cross Country and Track) and is in her third year studying for a Nursing Degree; Megan VM12 is throwing for Ashland University (Disc, Shotput and hammer) while studying for her Exercise Science Degree. Email: ptomei@sheriff.summitoh.net

DAVE DAGES VM78

Congratulations to Dave Dages VM78! Dave is a teacher at STVM and has recently been acknowledged for his dedication and expertise. Dave is being honored as the one teacher from all of the parochial elementary and high schools in Summit County and has been selected for the All-County Teaching Team, sponsored by Summit County Educational Service Center.

This annual "Education Celebration" was held at St. George Family Center on Monday, October 28th.

1980s

EILEEN WALTER MOATS VM80

On Saturday, July 20, 2013, Father-Daughter Team of Leo V50 and Eileen Walter Moats VM80 were featured on the front cover of the Home Section of The Akron Beacon Journal complete with pictures on that page as well as on page H7. Mary Beth Breckenridge provided a newspaper article entitled "Stagecoach Antiques celebrating milestone." To read the entire article, please follow this link! http://bit.ly/1cWPAcG

PAULA BAELI VOLPE VM81

Working as a graphic designer in our manufacturing facility and living in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio with my husband, David, and our two sons. Email: dvolpe1@neo.rr.com

ELIZABETH "BETSY" VANDEVERE GROSSER VM82

I moved to Germany 25 years ago when I married my husband who is German-born. I am currently living in the small village of Calle, around 600 people. It is near the small town of Meschede. I am a housewife and mother of four children. I also help the English grade school teacher and work for the church. The best part is now people in Germany know where Akron is when I tell them that I went to the same school as LeBron James! Email: eagrosser@aol.com

KATIE KONKEL RYAN VM88

Working as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) at Summa Health System working in the Family Medicine Center and living in Twinsburg, Ohio with my husband Ryan and our baby son.
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STACY CONTI MERLITTI VM88

Living in Silver Lake, Ohio with my three children. My oldest son is a freshman at STVM. Working as a Clinical Research Coordinator. Email: stacymerlitti@aol.com

MICHAEL STOBER VM89

Living in San Antonio, Texas. Email: mrstober@gmail.com

1990s

KELLY O'KARMA BAESLACH VM93

Working as an Escrow Officer and living in Chesterland, Ohio with my husband, Lloyd and our three children. Email: Kkok75@aol.com

TIFFANY GOIK VM97

Congratulations to Tiffany Goik VM97 on the release and publication of her new book, entitled: "Yellow Tail." For more details, please follow this link: http://amzn.to/16bAYjl Email: Tiffanylgoik@gmail.com

NICK RIMEDIO VM99

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Nick Rimedio on the opening of his new restaurant "Empire" in downtown Napa, California.

2000s

KATIE NEWLON SOLE VM01

Living in Cuyahoga Falls and working as a Dance Instructor.
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BRIAN BISESI VM02

Getting married on August 31, 2013 in Minnesota to Kelly Sanderson. Kelly and I spent April - September 2012 hiking all 2,186 miles of the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine. After our wedding we are travelling for a few months in South America.
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PETER COTTELL VM02

Congratulations to Peter on a recent award from the Willamette Week publication – The 2012 Oregon Excellence in Journalism Award - 1st Place for the winning article – presented by the Society of Professional Journalists. Follow this link to read more:
http://bit.ly/1aqnS1P

Peter is living in Portland, Oregon and working as a freelance journalist and attempting to live a "purposeful life."
Email: pcottell@gmail.com

ALYSSE METZLER VM02

Living in Orlando, Florida. Recently authored a book that is now available for purchase. "The Recruiting Snitch – Recruiting Secrets to Help Land Your Dream Job." It's a great guide for any current students, recent graduates, or anyone looking for employment. For anyone who purchases the book through www.recruitingsnitch.com Alysse will donate 10% of the proceeds to STVM for anyone who puts "GOIRISH" in the comment section while checking out.
Email: info@recruitingsnitch.com

LEBRON JAMES VM03

Congratulations to LeBron James VM03 for winning the 2013 NBA championship with the victory over the San Antonio Spurs. LeBron deserves congratulations as well for being named the Bill Russell NBA Finals MVP.

Plus a HUGE thank you is extended to LeBron James, the LeBron James Family Foundation, and Robin Roberts from Good Morning America for spending the day with us on Wednesday, August 7, 2013. LeBron was interviewed by Robin and featured on Good Morning America on August 13th for his generous donation to STVM and the renovation of our gymnasium.

JESSICA MORRIS VM04

Congratulations to Jessica who is heading to Duke for her residency after graduating from Notre Dame in 2008, and earning a Medical Degree from OSU in 2012. Jessica played Varsity Volleyball and served as Team Captain during her STVM High School days.

MIKE PARRY VM04

Living in Uniontown and working as a financial analyst.
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ALAINA BARNES VM05

Alaina was featured on the front page of the Community Section in the Akron Beacon Journal on Monday, June 10, 2013. Alaina is an Army National Guard Sergeant who was injured when deployed in Afghanistan; and she has earned medals three times in the recent Wounded Warrior Games that were held in Colorado Springs. Follow this link to read the entire article: http://bit.ly/1gMAKpo

BEN BOZSIK VM06

Living in Chicago, Illinois for the past two years and currently working as the Assistant Controller of Brandtrust, a marketing consulting firm headquartered in downtown Chicago.
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MATT DEGRAND VM06

Congratulations to Matt DeGrand VM06 on being selected on the NCAC All-Decade Football Team. Matt who played football for the College of Wooster from 2006-2009 was one of 34 players chosen for the North Coast Athletic Conference All-Decade Football Team (2003-2012). Matt was selected on the basis of making All-NCAC Honorable Mention his Sophomore year and First Team both in his Junior and Senior years. He is Wooster's 6th All-Time Leading Tackler, being 6th in the nation (Division III) in tackles his Senior year. Coincidently, Matt is in the Wooster's record books for baseball for being the 5th leading pitcher in winning percentage (.833 / 20-4) for his career.

CARLEY WHITNEY VM07

Take a little bit of Irish wherever you go!
Carley Whitney VM07 travels to Ireland and proudly wears the Green & Gold when visiting a bog in County Kerry, Ireland.

MICHAEL KOVARIK VM08

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Michael Kovarik VM08 and Lauren Lee VM06 on their marriage.

JILL BROWNFIELD VM09

Congratulations to Jill Brownfield VM09 for her recent award - The Archbishop John Mark Gannon Award. Jill received this award for her academic excellence. Jill earned her bachelor's degree in sport and exercise science and plans to further her education and complete the physical therapy program at Gannon University as well.

COLLEEN DEMBOSKI VM09

Congratulations to Colleen Demboski VM09. Colleen is attending Wright State for a degree in Middle Childhood Education. Colleen has been awarded The College of Education and Human Services' Graduate Council Scholar fellowship, and has been named a Graduate Council Scholar. Please follow the link to find out why "Wright State is honored to count Colleen Demboski as one of our own!" http://bit.ly/1brJWLT

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JAKE HAMMER VM10

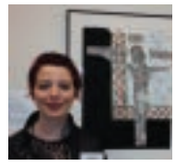
Congratulations to Jake Hammer VM10 for leading Marietta College's Pioneer football team's defense. Jake Hammer earned second team All-OAC honors last fall after leading the conference with 115 total tackles.

DORAN GRANT VM11

Doran VM11 was featured in The Akron Beacon Journal on August 15, 2013. Follow this link to read the entire article, "Buckeyes football: After two-year wait, St. V-M's Doran Grant ready to lead at Ohio State." http://bit.ly/152ZTnr

JOEY MILLER VM11

Congratulations to Joey Miller VM11. Joey, the Salutatorian for the Class of 2011, was featured on page 10 in the September 12, 2013 West Side Leader for his Asian Studies focus at Bowling Green University.



ELLEN ROCHFORD VM11

Congratulations to Ellen for having a drawing selected to be shown at the Cleveland Museum of Art in June 2013.

APRIL ZARATSIAN VM11

Congratulations to April Zaratsian VM11 for being named runner-up in the Miss Northern Ohio Contest in Columbus. Best wishes to you in November at the Miss Ohio Contest!

St. Vincent-St. Mary Offers Congratulations to the Class of 2013!

Wow, what a year! The 2012-2013 school year was filled with great academic and athletic achievements. By visiting the link below, you'll be able to see a snapshot of this year's accomplishments by the STVM Class of 2013. We want to wish all of them the best of luck in all of their future endeavors! http://bit.ly/1cYudYH

AARON ADKINS VM13

Congratulations to Aaron VM13, who went 10-0 in a National Wrestling Tournament in Florida. He won a Gold medal and All-American status. Way to go IRISH!

MICK IACOFANO VM13

Congratulations to Mick VM13. In June 2013, he was featured on USA Today High School Sports. Follow this link for the feature article: http://bit.ly/1a7yTYW

CLASS REUNIONS

THE CONNECTION FALL 2013

St. Mary Class of 1948 Reunion

Narita Arnold Linn M48 writes…

The St. Mary High School Class of 1948 celebrated our 65th Class Reunion on Thursday, July 11th at Dontino's. This is where we have been meeting monthly for the past 15 years! It was a great celebration and we all were thrilled to have so many of our classmates able to attend. As we get older, it is still important to stay connected and to meet as frequently as we can! So many of our classmates are unable to travel but we have done very well with what we have this late in life! We continue to meet monthly at Dontino's for lunch – the second Thursday of each month! We hope to see you there!

Counter clockwise from front left to front right are M48 classmates and guests: Madeline "Midge" Latham Sutter, Narita Arnold Linn, Mark Rasicci, Joe Lesho (spouse of Norma), Dick Linn M53 (spouse of Narita), Joe Sarlouis, Martha Halmasy Sarlouis, Jane Pringle V55, Norma Thomas Lesho, Ed Steinkerchner, Marge Wilhelm Sabo, Bill Kuhn, Philomena Zimmerman (spouse of Al Zimmerman), Al Zimmerman, Dick Novitsky, Mary Lou Gardner Novitsky M52, Dorothy Rauckhorst

St. Mary Class of 1949 Reunion

Jeannette Pamer Pittinger writes…

The St. Mary High School Class of 1949 held its annual picnic get-together on Saturday, July 26th at the home of classmate, Tom Dillon. We enjoyed a catered lunch served by members of Tom's family. The afternoon was spent catching up with what is going on in our lives.

The class meets for lunch the second Thursday of every month at Papa Joe's Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Classmates and spouses are invited to join us. We will be meeting soon to plan our 65th Reunion scheduled for 2014.

For more information, please call Jeannette Pittinger 330-808-2922 or Betsy Clark 330-867-1108.

Back Row (L-R): Bob Prough, Rose Ellen Hagan Shannon, Pat Thomas Crookston, Kathryn Leonard Haubert, Tom Dillon, Marcy Meyer Trares, Bob Trares, Betsy Wernersbach Clark. **Front Row (L-R):** Mary Ann Klein Grismer, Jeannette Pamer Pittinger, Mary Ann Wheeler Kobilarcik

St. Vincent Class of 1948 Reunion

Marilyn McGuigan Cunin V48 writes…..

Three members of the St. Vincent High School 1948 graduating class met for lunch in Akron on July 23, 2013. It was a very enjoyable lunch and we shared lots of stories and memories!!

Left to right: Marilyn McGuigan Cunin of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; Leanne Farr McDonnell of Palo Alto, California; and Margaret Ann O'Neil Freer of Lyndhurst, Ohio.

St. Vincent Class of 1953 Reunion

Susie Meadows Straits V53 reports….

The St. Vincent High School Class of 1953 met on Saturday, September 7, 2013 at the Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls for our 60th Reunion.

We had 44 of our V53 classmates in attendance with a total of 67 at the reunion. Everyone enjoyed the luncheon and we had a cake in honor of our 60 year anniversary of graduation. Each classmate received an updated list of names and addresses, and a booklet of "Classmate Comments" that the classmates sent with their reservation. We took the time to go around the room and had each classmate introduce themselves, so we could put a name with a face!

Back Row (L-R): Left to Right: Hildegard Brendel Wolverton, Sr. Maria Beesing, Margaret Kraus Mahurin, Sr. Joanne Lamert, Jim Sturmi, Larry Barr, Tom Considine, Terry Hohnhorst, Ed Walchalk, Jay Stitz, Mike Sullivan, Don Rinella, Tom Garlando, Nick Isaac, Mke Mutchler, Jack Kilway. **Second Row (L-R):** BettyJo Kraker Schorr, Donna Coudriet Gavin, Sis Slaven Nachazel, Cathy Allman, Rhae Metcalf Zimmerman, Nancy Morgan Hornyak, Sandy Hollander Carpenter, Pat Dettling Niekamp, Patty McCafferty O'Brien, Anne Fahey Frey, Dolores Poje Mutchler, Carl Gessler, Ron D'Allessio, Dick Fabbro, Ed Dannemiller, Tom Jesser. **Front Row (L-R):** Marilyn Abraham Malick, Carol Rolph Smith, Judy Roelle Baughman, Marie T. Klocker White, Susie Meadows Straits, Torch Doran Whaley, John Costello, Mary Kay Kehrle Castner, Larry Ciarrochi, Dolores Wright Janini

V53 meets on a regular basis. Here is a photo from the "Lunch Bunch" as they planned the 60th Reunion. **Left side of table:** Nancy Morgan Hornyak, Marie T. Klocker White, Susie Meadows Straits, Kathleen "Torchie" Doran Whaley, Tom Marshall. **Right side of table:** Mike Sullivan, Patty McCafferty O'Brien, Sandy Hollander Carpenter, Larry Ciarrochi, Jack Kilway, Tom Considine, Ron D'Allesio

CLASS REUNIONS

St. Mary Class of 1953 Reunion

Jean Dunn Casseday M53 writes…

The St. Mary High School Class of 1953 had their 60th Reunion at Papa Joe's Restaurant in September 14, 2013. The reunion was well attended – 42 people with seven from New Mexico, one from Connecticut, four from Florida, one from Michigan and one from Pennsylvania and plenty from Ohio! A very good time was had by all!

Seated (L-R): Jean Casseday Dunn, Phyllis Corl Harland, Lois Gill Kapper, Paul Johns, Loretta Miraglotta Arconti. **Front Row Standing (L-R):** Ruth Thomas Knaus, Kathleen Mollica Sullivan, Colette Keller Canning, Madeline Reischman Corney, Carolyn Mollica Compton, Richard Kapper, Ann Kane Laubert, Tom Gault, May Kolton Isherwood, Fr. Tom Montavon, Anna Grace Barett Mattingly, Robert Case. **Back Row Standing (L-R):** Sr. Patrick M. Dempsey, Paul Oakes, Larry Pamer, Charles Adolph, William Wehner, Dick Linn, William Salber, George Kraft, Richard Donahue, Tom Willmott

St. Vincent Class of 1954 Reunion

Joe May V54 writes….

The Waterloo Restaurant hosted 18 classmates from the St. Vincent High School Class of 1954 on June 4, 2013.

Dave Scheatzle, in town from Arizona to visit family, joined us. We plan to gather again in January 2014 to begin preparation for our 60th Class Reunion! As with past reunions, we will hold our 60th in September.

Classmates not on our email list, please contact Nick Codispoti: ncodispoti@prodigy.net with your contact info (updated street address, email, phone, facebook, etc).

Back row: Frank Hollish, Lenny Gmerek, Howard Mehigan. **Row 2:** Ted Richardson, John Meadows, Joan Sigman Everett, Beth Wertz Konkel, Pat Gessler Post, Nick Codispoti, Joe Kelly. **Row 1:** Mary Conlon Penix, Pat Pifer Meredith, Suzie McLuskie Swejk, Mary Lou Patsy Frohnapfel, Louise Bertsch Seikel, Joe May, Dave Scheatzle. **Not pictured:** Jack Marshall

St. Mary High School Class of 1953 Reunion a Night Full of Memories

Tom Willmott M53 (of New Mexico) poses for his picture at the M53 Reunion. Tom is holding the 1953 Bluebook Yearbook and it is opened to page 36. The photo is a picture of Tom resplendent in the "Crusader" costume. Paul Oakes M53 holds the copies of the Crusader Newspapers that he has donated to the STVM Alumni Office!

Class of V54 Classmates

Mary Lou Patsy Frohnapfel writes….
V54 Classmates who are also graduates of St. Sebastian Grade School travel together quite frequently!

This year, the V54 classmates met in Chicago:
Left to right: Margie Dettling Lesho (residing in Ellicott City, Maryland), Joan Lindsay Saunders (residing in Sarasota, Florida), Judy Schnur Carrino (residing in Columbus, Ohio), and Mary Lou Patsy Frohnapfel (residing in Akron, Ohio)

St. Mary Class of 1956 75th Birthday Celebration

Classmates from St. Mary High School Class of 1956 gathered at Spaghetti Warehouse in Akron to celebrate a collective "75th Birthday Celebration." They came from Chicago, Illinois; Fairfax, Virginia; Cincinnati, and Mentor, Ohio as well as from the surrounding local areas. A great time was had by all and we voted to have our 60th Reunion at the same place on Saturday, September 10, 2016. MARK YOUR CALENDARS and SAVE THE DATE NOW!!!

Seated: Dolores Schultz Paparella, Phyllis Bocko Murphy, Janice Strottner Harrington, Edna Seitz Trivonovich. **Row 1:** Shelvy Johnson Yelling, Tom Brankel, Blanche Gault Fagan, Veronica Hegarty, Karen Moyer Sboray, Delores Champlin Zeno, John Ross, Mary Lou Schaaf Fromm, Sr. Marian Durkin, Donna Drexler Ott, June Hollander Ragland, Don Utrup. **Row 2:** Jude Eberhardt, Jerry Myers, John Deibel, John Fiedler, Marie Smith Ciccarelli, John Paparella, Fred Kirvin, Bob Dangel

St. Mary Class of 1957 (55+1) Reunion

Mary Ann Papp Kozma M57 writes….

"Class reunions are connections to our past experienced in the present. We re-live important moments and connect with people that contributed and define "Who we are today." That connection is very important and critical to our mental and social well-being."

When we did not have a 55th Reunion, several of us questioned the reason and decided to plan the 55+1 especially when someone remarked, "Some of us may not be around for the 60th." A special thank you to classmates Peggy Qualters Gardner, Pat Posey Preston who answered the call and assisted in the planning of our event!

Kathy Holaday at STVM was a tremendous help and go-to-person with our problems. We received encouragement and aid from our class president, Lou Perry, as well as classmate Gene Kramer, plus Mary Ann DeKemper provided past reunion records and e-mails. Susie Straits V53 was a great resource person and currently planning the 60th reunion for her class. I compared and exchanged ideas with my sisters Charlotte Papp Gilbride M63 and Rose Papp Herdon M58 since they were involved in planning their 50th and 55th class reunions.

"Detective" work was done to find our "lost" classmates and we were able to locate five of the 24. We had 47 classmates in attendance at our 55+1 Reunion held on July 13th at Our Lady of Cedars Hall with catering by Bradley's.

It is difficult to describe the tears of joy, smiles of happiness, and stories and memories shared by the attendees of the St. Mary Class of 1957 Reunion. We had a U.S. as well as an Ohio map showing where many of the classmates live. Yearbooks, copies of the "Crusader" newspaper, class pictures from previous years and other items were displayed.

"Thinking of you" cards were signed for our classmates in religious life: Father David DeLuca, Brother Robert Fillmore, Sister Caritas (Catherine Nash) and Sister Melita (Mary Ann Penchalk). A birthday cake celebrating an "early 75th birthday" was enjoyed by the classmates. Some vehemently denied that they were near that number or ever would be!

Special thanks and appreciation for the "Kodak moments" which were captured by our photographers Monica Kurko and Teresa Kozma and made available for purchase.

Plus many classmates attended the mini-reunion lunch held on Saturday, October12th at the Waterloo Restaurant. Plans and ideas are being assessed for our 60th in 2017.

Row 1: JoAnn Conrey Nauer, Betty Hilner Thomas, Carolyn Aloisi Flasco, Laura Miragliotta Campiani, Carol Marks Pier, Barb Gardner Majdanik, Gene Kramer, Fran DeMita Ciraldo. **Row 2:** Ena Ciconi Johann, Marilyn Seifert Flower, Kathy Costanzo Easterling, Peggy Qualters Gardner, Pat Demko Porpora, Jeanne Kreitz Ebie, Rita Richardson Zushin. **Row 3:** Jon Graham, Pat Kirven Pelfrey, Carole Wolf Makebakken, Pat Posey Preston, Estelle Freese Cox, Sherrie Monsour Miller, Betty Trares Abraham, Kathy DeLuca Backer, Jim Hollenack
Row 4: Joe Ogurchak, Anne Zelsky Ogurchak, Lou Perry, Steve Zamesko, Bob Brown, John Argenio, Ed Jebber, Mary Ann Papp Kozma, Bernie Rach

St. Mary Class of 1957 Mini-Reunion

Mary Ann Papp Kozma M57 writes…

Our 55+1 Reunion was such a success that we decided to gather together for a mini-reunion in October! On October 12th, there were 15 attendees at the Waterloo Restaurant coming from near and far. We welcomed Joann Schmiller Espy and her husband Everett from Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Special thanks to Pat Demko Porpora for "finding and inviting" Carol Sargent Moyer from Vermillion, Ohio. Also in attendance was Carole Kowell Johnson. This was her "first ever" class reunion and we all enjoyed seeing and welcoming her. Sharing fellowship were Joann Conrey Nauer, Mary Ann Shumaker DeKemper, Joe Ogurchak, Laura Miragliotta Campriani, Rosemary Franklin Kolton, Pat Demko Porpora, Bill Miller, Pat Kirven Pelfrey, Bernie Rach, Pat Posey Preston, and myself, Mary Ann Kozma. Another M57 gathering will be held in the spring so stay tuned for those details! E-Mails and phone calls will be made early in 2014 with the date, time, and place. Any suggestions for dates and locations would be appreciated! Email: mankoz@sbcglobal.net

CLASS REUNIONS

St. Vincent Class of 1958 Reunion

Anne Steinmetz Berrodin V58 reports….

Even though we did not do a group photo … The reunion was great!! Everyone had a wonderful time. We had close to 60 people of which 40 were classmates. Everything was at The Hilton close to Summit Mall in Fairlawn.

On Friday evening we met at the bar for a casual get-together and all had a good time visiting and catching up. On Saturday we held the reunion event at The Hilton and spent the evening talking and talking. We started at 6:00 p.m. and the last classmate left at11:30 p.m. The reunion weekend was topped off with the breakfast on Sunday in our very own designated area.

We had so much fun that we are already planning our next reunion which will be held in two years. **SAVE the DATE** for the first weekend in October 2015!!!

Anyone who has a new address, phone number or email, please send to anneberrodin@gmail.com or call 330-352-1793. Please keep me posted on any lost members of the V58 Class and if you are aware of anyone's passing, please keep us informed!

Class of V58 Monthly Breakfast

The St. Vincent High School Class of 1958 meets on a monthly basis at The Akron Family Restaurant. This photo is from August 14, 2013.

Left side: John Petroski, Eleanor Shoenfelt M59, Dave Haas V58, Anne Steinmetz Berrodin, Carl Traina (1956 Brooklyn Tech HS). **Right Side:** Bob Shoenfelt, Pat Neman, Gail Shand Elrod, Mary Ann Khoury Traina

St. Mary Class of 1963 Reunion

Charlotte Papp Gilbride M63 writes…

The St. Mary Class of 1963 Reunion was held at the Ancient Order of the Hibernians Hall on Saturday, June 15, 2013. We had 48 in attendance with 31 being M63 classmates.

Many thanks and appreciation to the M63 Reunion Planning Committee: Tom Harvey, Mike Morris, Sharyn Smith Pappas, Tom Pappas, and Charlotte Papp Gilbride as well as committee members: MaryAnn Williams Cosgarea, Cheryl Banyar Rueschman, Rachel Lettieri Pramik, and Dave Gilbride, husband of Charlotte.

One mailing was sent to the M63 class. The cost for the reunion was $40 per person and the event was catered by The Osbornes. We had a banner from Budweiser and a table dedicated to memorabilia dating back to our St. Mary High School Days!

Class Photo was taken by Greta Powell. The Welcome was given by Tom Harvey. The Blessing which included a moment of silence to remember our 12 deceased classmates was said by Cheryl Banyar Rueschman. Besides dancing to Rock & Roll, we danced the polka, the stroll, and a new line-dance led by Cheryl. We had a blast and this 50th Class Reunion was thoroughly enjoyed!

Row 1 (L-R): Tom Ciccolini, Sharyn Smith Pappas, Dolly Bocko Richiutti, Julie Yuhas Williams, Judy Bauer Salcedo, Carol Banyar Sample. **Row 2 (L-R):** Janet Reed Cuthbert, Mike Morris, Janet Ayres Caudill, Jim Attalla, Kathy Raymond Marquardt, Cheryl Banyar Rueschman, Sandy Pifer Culbertson, Kathy Gardiner Gary, Chris Work Ashby. **Row 3 (L-R):** Tom Pappas, Ed Becker, Kathy Beckford Doerr, Mary Papp Gause, Rosemary Dzatko, Michele Seryak Fletcher, Charlotte Papp Gilbride, Jackie Trout Markwald, Cathy Drexler Ruhe, Mary Kay Ostroski Bodnar, Margy Hegarty Whapham, Rachele Lettieri Pramik, Tom Harvey, Pat Mesko Kovac, Chuck Steidl, Roni Steidl, Ray Millmier

Class of M63 Celebrate "12 Years Together"

The 12 Classmates attended 12 years together at St. Mary!
Row 1 (L-R): Ray Millmier, Rosemary Dzatko, Kathy Raymond Marquardt, Mary Papp Gause, Janet Ayres Caudill, Chuck Steidl. **Row 2 (L-R):** Tom Ciccolini, Tom Pappas, Ed Becker, Mike Morris, Jim Attalla, Tom Harvey

St. Vincent Class of 1963 Reunion

Kathy Balchak Case writes…

Our 50th reunion was such a great success!! We had excellent attendance at both the Friday evening get-together at the Sheraton Suites and the dinner dance on Saturday at Silver Lake Country Club. Both were informal gatherings but we experienced comfortably lavish venues. Because of the generosity of so many classmates, we were able to implement some really super features to add to the enjoyment. Many contributing classmates were not even able to attend yet wished to enhance the experience of those who were in attendance. We are all so grateful to you.

It was a wonderful and memorable night for so many to come back home and come together for such an enjoyable weekend. And thank you for all of your notes after you returned to your homes!

Even though at this stage of our lives we do not want to wish time away, we all agree that we can hardly wait until our 60th Class Reunion! During various conversations, we learned that many of the V63 classmates return to this area regularly. Please remember when you plan your trips that there are many of your classmates here who would be delighted to see you again and can easily put together an impromptu gathering. Whether you attended the reunion or not, please let us know when you visit the area.

Standing: Frank Clark, Gary Lucas, Bill Campbell, Dave Tsaloff, Joe Estafen, Tim Enright, Frank Svetlik, Mark Gilbride, Sandy Scott Gray-Finch, Maureen McCahan Anderson, Mary Lou Gill Willey, Cheryl Rennie Souza, Mary Kay Frost Gainer. **Seated:** Helen Lynch Brown, Karen Vincent, Jackie Whitlinger Thompson, Diane Fischer, Rosemary Wagner Jones, Agnes Farrell Moore, Janice Franks Antal, Marlene Thomas Carr, Kathie McGuckin Shoenfelt, Dave Shoenfelt

BOTTOM PHOTO

Standing: Greg Heavrin, Barb Spinelli Gable, Mary Pintaudi Fejes, Jan Karg Tomko, John Lavery, John Glendon, Marty Cingle, Kathy Balchak Case, Lannye Shoup, Maria Didato Yoho, Darleen Mollica Florin, Don Cairns, Bob Ilijevich, Steve Trivonovich, Phil DeRosa, Bill Price, Dave Polsinelli **Seated:** Karen Stiles Contos, Dolly Tramonte Riggar, Barb McCurdy Gonzi, Nancy Workman LeBeau, Lois Mellion Unk, Dave Case, Mary Ann Munka Gault, Loretta Cerrone Kreps, Beck Rich Moss, Marlene Thomas Carr **Floor:** Jerry Bauer, Margie Hoffman Denning, Jackie Fischer Eiting

Rock Essary V60 writes….

An impromptu reunion was held in the south central Colorado mountains near Lake City- Martin McKoski V60, Martin's wife, Nancy, Rob Lewis V60, Rock Essary V60, as well as good friend and football opponent that I grew up with - Tom Dyser, Garfield High School Class of 1961. STVM sweatshirt is gift from Tom. A special shout-out to Fr. Edward Mehok who was featured on the cover of The Spring Connection, a favorite Professor and teacher of mine at Borromeo College.

St. Vincent Class of 1968 Reunion

Cynthia Clark Porter V68 writes….

The St. Vincent High School Class of 1968 celebrated their 45th Class Reunion over a weekend in June.

The first event was on Friday evening at the Upper Deck on the Portage Lakes. It was a fine Ohio summer evening and just the right setting for a casual kick-off to remembering and refreshing memories. Other alumni classes were invited to share this evening in which we enjoyed good food, good music and good times.

On Saturday, many met for 5pm Mass at St. Vincent Church where the V68 Class was mentioned with special blessings. The dinner venue was Todaro's Party Center in the Valley. The STVM Alumni Office provided an amazing array of memorabilia and Kathleen Holaday gave a brief presentation with an invitation to visit STVM.

After dinner, awards and door prizes were given out and everyone took the opportunity to share a bit of life catch-up. Having learned of some amateur and professional talent in the group, we were then treated to an impromptu musical program concluding with a rendition of the St. Vincent Alma Mater. This evening was definitely one for the books!

On Sunday, STVM High School was made available for brunch. We were able to view the construction upgrade and modernization of the Field House and more "Chat & Chew" ensued.

Plans are already underway for at least one football weekend mini-reunion and the big "Five O"…

For more information regarding the updated yearbook and links to photos, send an email to: St.V68reunion@gmail.com

Seated: Beth Tynan Haynes, Patty Shaheen Phillips, Dorothy Brunner Black, Larry Tomei, Tim Rasinski, Kathy Rennie. **Standing**: Marcia McDermott Talkovich, Jerry Skinner, Vince Lavery, Cynthia Clark Porter, Jim Wilhite, Judi Graf Piekarski, Greg Zolton, Jeannie Flynn Sattler, Kathleen Barlow Soldati, Jane Churchwell Groh, Chris Seidell Neff, Jim Gill, Mary Staudt Leuca, Michelle Smith Vassel, Dick Buckley, Chris Burkhardt, Evelyn Olson Lamden, Tom Reese, Janet Ede Zwisler, Al Sutter, Beth Schreiner Ashley, Willie Zwisler

CLASS REUNIONS

St. Vincent-St. Mary Class of 1973 Reunion

Front row: Terry McDonald, Patty Hilkert Mancino, Pam Cipiti Chatelain, David Frye, Jim Dobbertin, Tom Winslow, Debbie Berardi Michalec, Joyce Herbstreet Gannon, Joyce Herman Shaffer, Diane Dunford Walter. **Second row:** Georgine Clark Lawson, Carol McShaffrey Oakes, Peggy O'Connor McDonald, Jim Sutter, Elise Amerio Gilbride, Tony DiCarlo Fisher, Kathy Messmore Meyer, Jim Meyer, Jerry Carroll, John Fickes, Marci Smith Neal, Paul Trecaso, Dick Bender, Steve Michalec, Bill Breiding, Tim Gannon. **Last row:** Joe Corall, Diane Leone Mangina, Charles Hoefel, Cathy Damicone, Pete Kalgreen, Bob Oakes, Terri Renni Miller, Tom Mancino, Tom Bird. **Not pictured:** Maureen Aylward Barcic

Georgine Clark Lawson VM73 writes…

On Friday, July 26, 2013 the FIRST graduating class of STVM started their 40th Class Reunion festivities with a golf outing at Good Park Golf Course organized by Tom Mancino. Tom was given a mere $100 budget for prizes and gifts. If I remember my math from Mrs. Wojno correctly, "many golfers" divided by "nice golf shirts, boxes of golf balls, and much more for each participant" does not equal $100. A special thanks to Tom for his generosity. Festivities continued later that night at Edgar's Good Park. It was an enjoyable evening with perfect weather, great atmosphere, so many classmates, surprise appearances from former eighth grade classmates and wonderful "remember when" conversations! Forty years melted away and the evening ended way too soon.

Saturday the festivities started with Mass at St. Vincent Church followed by dinner at Prime Restaurant. A special thank you to Dave Frye for one of the highlights of the night. Dave Frye surprised classmates by performing Don McLean's "Bye-bye Miss American Pie" wearing the same beret and using the same guitar he originally used some forty years earlier in the school auditorium.

Social media has played a very positive role in our lives today. Even though our lives have taken us to different cities, difference directions, we can stay updated in each other's lives every day. Some classmates had never attended a reunion and some had not attended in many years. For whatever reason they decided to attend this year - (perhaps facing the fact we are not getting any younger?) — social media is making the transition easier!

A special thank you to the reunion committee: Marci Smith Neal, Kyle Hillery Freeman, Pam Cipiti Chatelain, Peggy O'Connor McDonald, Georgine Clark Lawson and Tom and Patty Hilkert Mancino.

Our classmate, Phyllis Stephenson Griffith passed away prior to our reunion. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Phyllis' family.

St. Vincent-St. Mary Class of 1981 Remembers

On July 25th, seven classmates of Lynda Utrup Schafer VM81, joined the Utrup/Schafer Family at On Tap At The Harbor to celebrate the memory of Lynda on the occasion of what would have been her 50th Birthday.

Featured in the picture are the VM81 classmates:
Linda Reeves Grajzl, Betsy Brunn Cetnarowski, Colleen Conlin Cromleigh, Kelly Wiedemann Kirk, Tad Huth, Kathleen McMahon Campbell, Kelly Wagner Ulman Badowski

St. Vincent-St. Mary Class of 1983 Reunion

John Fazio VM83 reports…

The St. Vincent-St. Mary Class of 1983 gathered on Friday afternoon to enjoy a Tailgate Party before the STVM vs. Hoban varsity football game at InfoCision Stadium. We had about 60 classmates show up between the Tailgate party and the "after-game" gathering at The Barley House. Many classmates commented on what a great time it was and it appears that the casual format was a hit. As a matter of fact, we had three or four classmates attend our reunion for the first time and they had a great time!

Row 1: Lorraine Belair Powell, Cindy Seikel Fisher, Bob Fisher, Mary Gilmore, Trish Graham Gardina, Ellen Marks Rabe, Beth Ventresca Elliot. **Row 2:** Johanna Perrino, Mike Andes, Steve Mileski, Dan Maloy, Sharon Dunn Lauck, Gail Giancarli Yakubowski, Russ Guenther, Tony Fiocca, Bob Pfeiffer. **Row 3:** Bernadette Dangel Burton, Darryl Piglia, John Fazio, Lisa Thomas, John Elseg, Pat Bangtson, Dan Amato, Ed Taggart, Jim Morgan. **Row 4:** Brian Moran, Tom Breiding, Sanjay Patel, Brian Francis, Ned Endress, Tim Bigach

St. Vincent-St. Mary Class of 1988 Reunion

Jeff Gorman VM88 writes….

The STVM Class of 1988 enjoyed a low-key affair to celebrate their 25th reunion on Sept. 13, 2013. Several classmates enjoyed the Annual Alumni Association Tailgate Party before gathering at John Cistone Field/Green Street Stadium to watch the STVM Fighting Irish football team defeat Woodridge.

After the game, the Class of 1988 went to the Thirsty Dog tap room on Grant Street, which is owned by classmate, John Najeway. There, they enjoyed drinks, munchies and 1980s music while reminiscing about old times and catching up on what's happening today.

Many thanks to Heather Marks Thoman, Adam Bernard, Dawn Illijevich Gainer, Stacey Henretta Hentosz, Dave Hayslip and all who helped bring the VM88 class together again.

From front to back (seating on various rows in the bleachers): Jeff Gorman, Lisa Bertsch Wiley and Laura Baker Cosentino, Mark Lenz, Heather Marks Thoman, Adam Bernard, Amy Debarr Tobin and Tim Tobin

St. Vincent-St. Mary Class of 2003 Reunion

Frank Freeman VM03 reports….

The St. Vincent-St. Mary Class of 2003 gathered on a Saturday afternoon to enjoy a picnic at Green Street Stadium in the Jim Pier Pavilion before heading to the 10th Year Reunion Event at Rockne's. Classmates had a wonderful time visiting and enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with each other.

Tess Maione and son George, Adam Maione, Robert Brownfield, Joe Klaus, Mary Kay Riccardi, Frank Freeman, Mike Valle, Ben Mancino

Nick Thompson VM03 and Victoria Casino VM03 get married in August

Nick writes…..

"Everyone in this photo graduated from STVM. These folks were all in our wedding party as well. Featured in the Wedding Photo taken at the 50 yard line on the John Cistone Field/Green Street Stadium are: Jacob Thompson VM96, BJ Casino VM92, Kristen Darrow VM03, Zig Gmerek VM98, Nick Thompson VM03, (Bride) Victoria Casino-Thompson VM03, Jon Kerkian VM03, Rowena Wilkins VM98, Christina Callahan VM94, Joe Moran VM03, and Dustin Thompson VM00

St. Vincent-St. Mary Class of 2008 Reunion

Katie Markovich writes….

On July 13th, the STVM Class of 2008 carved some time out of their busy schedules to gather at Cafe Bricco in Akron for a night of merriment. It was a low-key event filled with food, drink, laughter, and even some Swenson's coins. Classmates came in from all over the country and a great time was had by all. After the party was over, most of the crowd headed back to Joe's house for a bonfire, because old habits die hard. Approximately 1/3 of the class was in attendance, many bringing new spouses, fiancés, and even babies-to-be!

Many thanks to Mandy Paternite for photography, Annalisa Beuhler for the music, Nick Thomas for the end-of-night rally, and Katie Killian for so much hard work during the planning process. See you all in another five! (But, more realistically, probably Thanksgiving or Christmas)!

Row 1: Katie Killian, Nikki LaRose, Natalie Friess, Bobby Finley, Matt Oliverio, Kevin Kozlowski, Kevin Saunders, Ryan Stimac, Jackie Price, Kate Paolucci, Joe Burke, Candace Martin, Roger Wilson, Steve Umana, Greg Williams, Connor Hardy. **Row 2:** Kelly Wolff, Mandy Paternite, Lauren Sly, Emily Gaffney, Shannon Phillips, Christie Regueiro, Rebecca Stavale, Katie Markovich, Madeline Presper, John Jahant, Carnell Evans, Elizabeth Conlon, Annalisa Beuhler, Meghan Miloscia, Rita Rochford, Sean Moloney, Andrew Destefano. **Row 3:** Jake Yerman, Kara Kendro, Nick Thomas, Michael Kovarik, Chris Dremann, Andrew Bower, Mark Cook

CLASS REUNIONS

Football State Champion Night

The STVM State Champion Night was held on August 29th at the John Cistone Field/Green Street Stadium. A reception was held in the Eddie Wentz Room prior to the recognition on the field. Before kickoff, the "State Champ" years were announced and representatives arrived on the field to help unveil the new banners. In attendance were (pictured below L-R) Head Coach John Cistone V50, Head Coach Dan Boarman V70 and Head Coach Ray Kapper M56!

Soccer Teams Reunite

Abby Wingerter VM92, Kim Kence Tumney VM89, Michele Huff Jagodzinski VM89, Jessie Perkins Malkin VM89, Anne Morgan Dennee VM89, Jennifer Linn Good VM91 and Kerry Fenn McKee VM89.

Girls Soccer Team Reunites for 25th Anniversary

Anne Morgan Dennee VM89 writes….

At the STVM vs. Hoban soccer game on Saturday, September 28th, members of the very first varsity STVM soccer team gathered to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the STVM Girls Soccer Program.

Anne Morgan Dennee VM89 writes, "What a fun time we had cheering on the Irish and reminiscing!"

10th Annual Boys Soccer Reunion

Phil Alvord VM03 and Head Coach of the STVM Boys Soccer Team writes ….

The 10th Annual Alumni Mens Soccer Reunion was held at John Cistone Field/Green Street Stadium on August 3, 2013. We had over 30 alumni in attendance and 26 participated in the match. It was a great day and everyone enjoyed the games and matches. The Alumni triumphed over the STVM Varsity team 5-2 in a great match for both squads!

Be sure to mark your calendars now for the 11th Annual event to be held on August 2, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. For more details, please contact Phil Alvord VM03 (Head Coach STVM Boys Soccer Team) palvord@stvm.com

UPCOMING REUNIONS

Whether gathering to share old stories or to catch up on the latest, with just a few classmates or the entire class, alumni reunions are a special part of our tradition. For the very latest in reunion information, visit the alumni page of www.stvm.com. Visit our Alumni Photo Gallery located at www.stvm.com and select Alumni and Class Reunions. To post your reunion photos on the STVM website, please contact Kathy Holaday, Director of Constituent Relations via e-mail: kholaday@stvm.com

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner/Mass

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

ST. MARY CLASS OF 1949 MONTHLY LUNCH
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

ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1950 MONTHLY LUNCH
Join your V50 classmates on the second 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.

ST. MARY CLASS OF 1951 MONTHLY LUNCH
Join your M51 classmates on the second Monday of each month at 11:00 a.m. for lunch. Location: Frontier Restaurant, 418 E. Maple, Hartville, Ohio.

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

ST. MARY CLASS OF 1953 MONTHLY LUNCH
Join your M53 classmates on the 1st Tuesday of 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.

ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1953 MONTHLY LUNCH
Monthly Lunches: The Class of 1953 meets for lunch at The Akron Family Restaurant, 250 West Market Street, Akron OH 44303, at 12:00 noon. We eat in the "back room." No reservation is necessary. We order from the menu. We meet on the fourth Saturday in October, January, April and July. Everybody is welcome. Questions? Please contact Susie Meadows Straits, 330-836-8133 or sbstraits@aol.com

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

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

ST. MARY CLASS OF 1960 MONTHLY BREAKFAST
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.

ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1963 MONTHLY DINNER
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.

Reunions

ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1958 57TH REUNION
SAVE the DATE for the first weekend in October 2015!!!
For more details contact Anne Steinmetz Berrodin anneberrodin@gmail.com or 330-659-4117

ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1959 MINI REUNION
March 1, 2014
8th Annual Florida Mini Reunion for the Class of St. Vincent 1959.
For more information please contact Hank Bertsch 508-335-5105 at LTCGHB@verizon.net

ST. MARY CLASS OF 1964 50TH REUNION
June 14, 2014 and Monthly Get-togethers
Calling all St. Mary Class of 1964 alumni! Please "SAVE THE DATE" for our 50th Reunion scheduled for June 14, 2014.
More details to come! Send ideas or to get involved in the planning, please contact Lorrie Taylor Haddox lhaddox@stvm.com
Also, join us as we meet casually on a monthly basis! If you have any ideas or want to offer suggestions for our monthly location destination, give us a call. Hope you can join us! Contact Lorrie Haddox (lhaddox@stvm.com) for more details.

CLASS REUNIONS

ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1964 50TH REUNION

August 28-30, 2014

New this reunion! Be sure to sign the V64 banner. It will be at each of the events.

Thursday, August 28, 2014 – Mark your calendar now for the kickoff to our reunion weekend. Your classmates are planning to attend the STVM season opener when the Fighting Irish take on Garfield at Green Street Stadium at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, August 29, 2014 – Join us for an Irish Hooley party – a casual get-together in the STVM Student Center.

Saturday, August 30, 2014 – Our 50th Reunion celebration will take place at the Fairlawn Country Club. Dinner, memories and entertainment by Larry Alltop. Let's all celebrate and renew friendships. If you thought 45 was fun, wait until you see us now! More details to come! Any questions, contact Jan Karl Royer, 330-495-3931 royerjan@sbcglobal.net, Bill Bertsch 330-606-2913 wjbbjb@sbcglobal.net or Mike Murphy, 330-606-5942 murphmt@gmail.com

ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1965 47TH REUNION

V65 Annual Mini Reunion - Mark your calendars now for our annual Mini-reunion on December 26, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Barley House in Akron. For more details, contact Carol Lieb (clieb@kent.edu).

ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1966 CLASS OF 66 TURNS 66

Join your V66 classmates and celebrate our 66th Birthdays! The celebration will occur in 2014. More details to come. Please contact Lynda Smole V66 for more details or to help in the planning! You can reach Lynda at lsmole@sbcglobal.net

ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY CLASS OF 1974 40TH REUNION

TBD

The STVM Class of 1974 is planning to schedule a reunion in 2014 to celebrate our 40th! Please update your contact information by sending your info to the STVM Alumni Office (kholaday@stvm.com). Mary Beth Kase or Martha Graf Thomas are members of the reunion planning team and if you would like to be on the planning team or just help in any way, please contact Kathy Holaday (Alumni Director) 330-253-9113 x120 or kholaday@stvm.com

ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY CLASS OF 1993 20TH REUNION

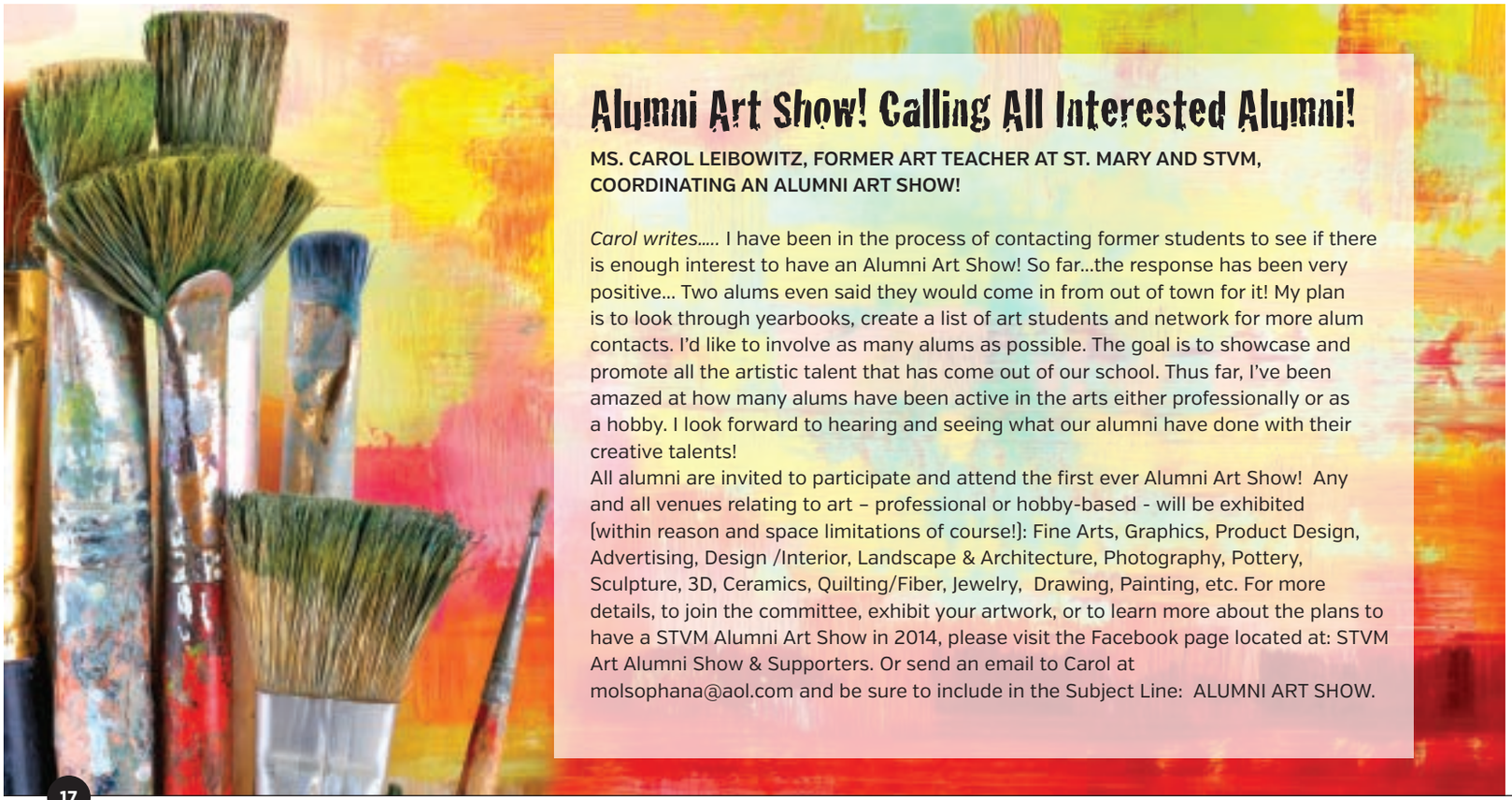
November 30, 2013

Attention VM93. Save the Date for our 20th year reunion scheduled for Saturday, November 30 from 7-11 at STVM. Join us to catch up with old classmates, tour the school and see the new gym. We will be enjoying a sample of Akron's favorite foods. Cost is $50 per a person, which includes food and all beverages. Please send payment to Liz Petit Skalicki at 8852 Quail Circle Kirtland, OH 44094.

For further information, please contact Kathryn Seikel Perry katperry10@yahoo.com or Melissa Dugan Matthews madugan421@yahoo.com

"Class reunions are connections to our past experienced in the present. We re-live important moments and connect with people that contributed and define "Who we are today." That connection is very important and critical to our mental and social well-being."

Mary Ann Papp Kozma M57



Alumni Art Show! Calling All Interested Alumni!

MS. CAROL LEIBOWITZ, FORMER ART TEACHER AT ST. MARY AND STVM, COORDINATING AN ALUMNI ART SHOW!

Carol writes..... I have been in the process of contacting former students to see if there is enough interest to have an Alumni Art Show! So far...the response has been very positive... Two alums even said they would come in from out of town for it! My plan is to look through yearbooks, create a list of art students and network for more alum contacts. I'd like to involve as many alums as possible. The goal is to showcase and promote all the artistic talent that has come out of our school. Thus far, I've been amazed at how many alums have been active in the arts either professionally or as a hobby. I look forward to hearing and seeing what our alumni have done with their creative talents!

All alumni are invited to participate and attend the first ever Alumni Art Show! Any and all venues relating to art – professional or hobby-based - will be exhibited (within reason and space limitations of course!): Fine Arts, Graphics, Product Design, Advertising, Design /Interior, Landscape & Architecture, Photography, Pottery, Sculpture, 3D, Ceramics, Quilting/Fiber, Jewelry, Drawing, Painting, etc. For more details, to join the committee, exhibit your artwork, or to learn more about the plans to have a STVM Alumni Art Show in 2014, please visit the Facebook page located at: STVM Art Alumni Show & Supporters. Or send an email to Carol at molsophana@aol.com and be sure to include in the Subject Line: ALUMNI ART SHOW.

Celebrate our Alumni

ALUMNI COUNCIL CORNER

Mary Howard M68

As a recap of the activities since the last magazine was published, your Alumni Association Officers were proud to participate in the Senior Farewell Mass on May 23, 2013. We welcomed 155 new members into our association during the Class of 2013 Pin Ceremony. At that time we also recognized over 30 alumni faculty, staff and administrators that work at STVM!

Another highpoint of the morning was recognizing the Alumni Association Scholarship Recipients. Please join us in congratulating these students who received $500 each applied toward their senior year tuition:

R-L: Claire Beskitt, daughter of David VM89 and Jodi Weiss Beskitt VM89; Nick Darago son of Patrick Darago VM81 and Mary Girard Darago VM80, Gia Faetanini, daughter of John Faetanini and Erin Burdon Faetanini VM86, Meghan Gorbach, daughter of Jeffrey Gorbach VM80 and Deborah Gorbach; Audrey Maloy, daughter of Mike Maloy VM80 and Robin Maloy

During the spring and summer, we hosted Alumni Social Hour at MaxMQ's and Edgar's. These events were met with overwhelming approval and we plan to continue the "Social Hours" in Spring 2014. Hope you can join us!

The 9th Annual Alumni & Friends Tailgate Party was a success on Friday, September 13th with more than 120 people enjoying the annual tailgate meal in the STVM Jack & Ann Haag Student Center.

If you are interested in getting involved in the alumni association or becoming an officer/committee member, please contact the STVM Alumni Office (kholaday@stvm.com).

Plan to join us for the upcoming Alumni events (see schedule to right). And speaking of events – we would like to announce our newest event .....Alumni Parents Night which will be held on November 13th from 7-9 p.m. in the LRC.

We have included a form for you to fill out – please update your contact information. Alumni Dues are still only $10 per year (July 1, 2013– June 30, 2014). Please make your check payable to *STVM Alumni Association*.

Get involved with your Alumni Association – for more info regarding any of the Alumni Association committees, please contact Kathy Holaday (kholaday@stvm.com). We hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,
Mary Howard M68
President, STVM Alumni Council

Alumni Council 2013-2014

OFFICERS:
President: Mary Howard M68
President Elect: Dick Lang V56
Secretary: Kyle Hillery Freeman VM73
Treasurer: Tom Marks V72
Past-President: Barb Horning Lombardi VM74

STANDING COMMITTEES:
Alumni Awards: Al Graf VM76
Membership: Marilynn Hohas McCoy VM78
Parents' Club Liaison: Open
Service: Jim Gilchrist VM06
Social: Open

For more details on Alumni Association events and meetings, please contact Kathy Holaday (Director of Constituent Relations) 330-253-9113 x120 or email kholaday@stvm.com

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.

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 13, 2013 Alumni Parent Night!
NOV/DEC TBD Adopt-a-Family
JANUARY 3, 2014* Winter Alumni & Friends Night
MARCH 3, 2014 Annual Memorial Mass @ STVM LRC
APRIL 15, 2014 Deadline for 2014 Mahar & Irish Crusader Nominations
MAY 2, 2014 3 on 3 Tournament
MAY TBD Alumni Night @ the Theater
Spring Musical
MAY 22, 2014
Senior Farewell Mass & Alumni Pin Ceremony
TBD Alumni Social Nights – Join US!

For the most current listing of upcoming Alumni Association events, please **contact the STVM Alumni Office, 330-253-9113 x120**

*Tentative

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

9th Annual STVM **Alumni & Friends Tailgate Party**

The STVM Alumni Association was pleased to host the 9th Annual Alumni & Friends Tailgate Party on Friday, September 13, 2013. The tailgate event was held in the Student Center.

This is truly an annual favorite by those that attend! Affordable prices, prime location and good conversation all while anticipating a football game featuring our favorite team …. The Fighting Irish!

34th Anniversary **Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award & Irish Crusader Award**

MAHAR AWARD RECIPIENTS (Seated L-R): Christine Dougherty Marks V72, Mary Anne Tucker Anderson M67, Jean Ahern Staudt V40, Susan Gaebel Wallace VM91, and Thomas Freeman VM78.
IRISH CRUSADER RECIPIENTS (Standing L-R): James Conlon and Fr. Joseph Kraker

The STVM Alumni Association hosted nearly 200 guests at the Annual Father Thomas Mahar Outstanding Alumni Awards Banquet on October 17th at The Tangier Restaurant. The 2013 Mahar Awards Banquet was a wonderful evening celebrating the talents of our alumni and dedicated friends. The highlights of the evening included welcoming the five Mahar Recipients into the Mahar Class of 2013.

The Father Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award honors living graduates of St. Mary, St. Vincent and St. Vincent-St. Mary High Schools who exemplify the spirit and values of Catholic Secondary Education in one or more of five related areas: ministry, service to youth, service to school, service to community and professional achievement. Since its inception in 1979, this award has been presented to 118 outstanding alumni from our school(s).

Congratulations to the 2013 Mahar Recipients:
Jean Ahern Staudt V40
Mary Anne Tucker Anderson M67
Christine Dougherty Marks V72
Thomas Freeman VM78
Susan Gaebel Wallace VM91

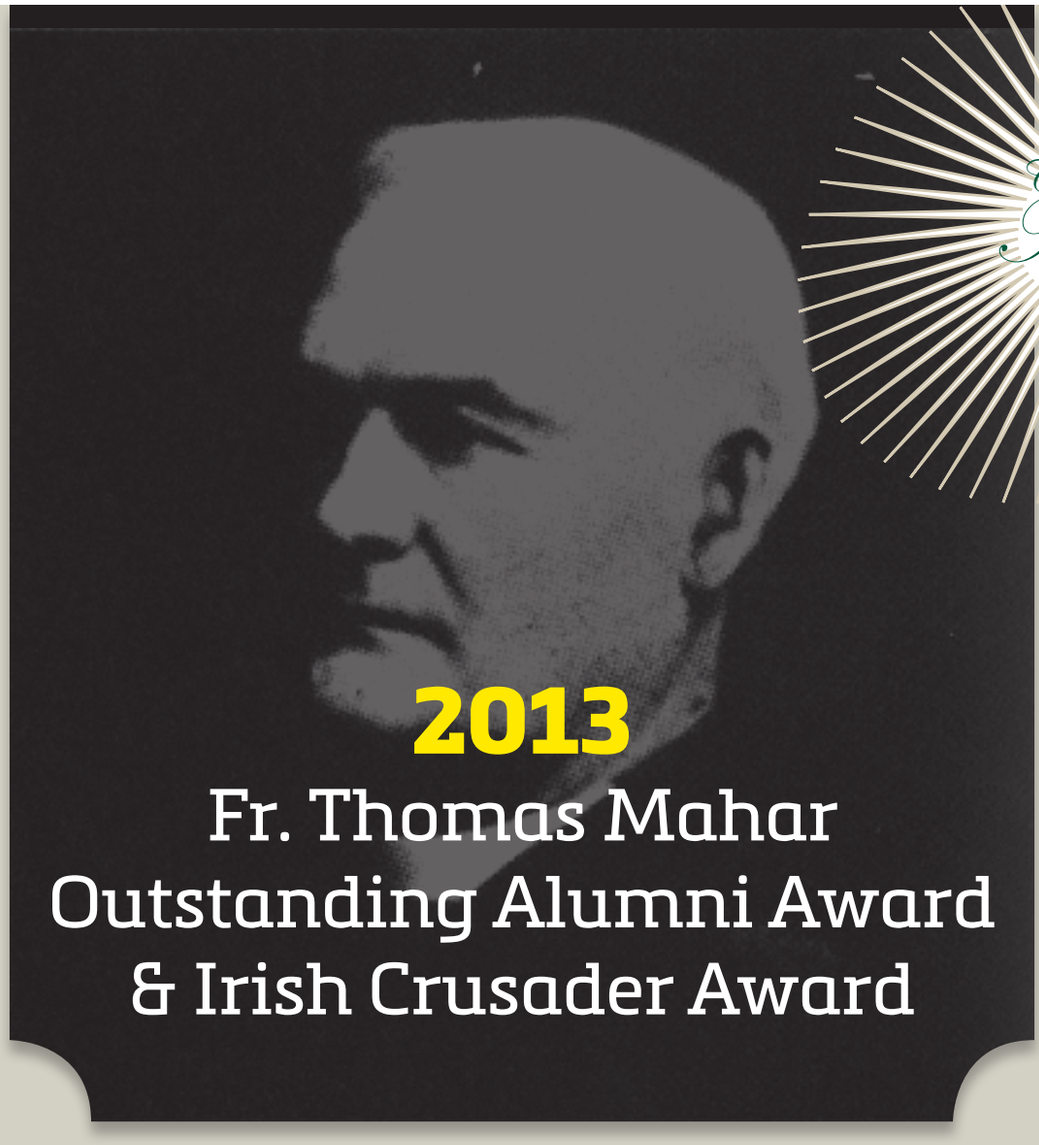
At the Mahar Banquet, the STVM Alumni Association was pleased to introduce and present the recipients of the newly established Irish Crusader Award.

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 St. Vincent-St. Mary 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 2013 Mahar Banquet, the Irish Crusader Award Recipients were presented with honorary alumni status and became honorary members of the STVM Alumni Association.

Congratulations to the 2013 Irish Crusader Award Recipients:
James Conlon and Fr. Joseph Kraker

Reminder: The deadline for submitting nominations for the 2014 Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award and the 2014 Irish Crusader Award has been revised!

THE NEW DEADLINE DATE IS APRIL 15, 2014.
Nomination forms can be found on the STVM website:
www.stvm.com – Alumni - Awards & Scholarship.



Celebrate our *Awards*

2013
Fr. Thomas Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award & Irish Crusader Award

34th Anniversary

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Jean Ahern Staudt
V40

Mary Anne Tucker Anderson
M67

Christine Dougherty Marks
V72

Thomas P. Freeman
VM78

Susan Gaebel Wallace
VM91

FR. MAHAR AWARD 2013

Jean Ahern Staudt
St. Vincent Class of 1940

Jean Ahern Staudt is a 1940 graduate of St. Vincent High School, and all 14 of her children attended St. Vincent High School or St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. Jean consistently and loyally supported events at the school whether for fundraising, outreach, alumni, or scholarships.

Jean believes deeply in Catholic education and the rich academic and religious traditions that her alma mater provides to students. She knows what a difference a STVM education can make in the life of a young person and in the impact to them as an adult. Jean is an advocate for students from varying backgrounds at our school and is proud of the academic offerings at STVM — levels ranging from Special Education to Basic to College Prep to the Honors and AP Classes. She wants to help students who need help the most regardless of their academic level or background. Jean's focus has been to assist those who will benefit most from a College Preparatory education. She enjoys watching the students evolve and thrive. She delights in hearing of their college and career successes.

She is a long-standing and dedicated member of the STVM Endowment Board. When Jean's husband Bob died, she and her family established the endowed Robert C. Staudt Memorial Scholarship which represents a perpetual legacy gift to the STVM Endowment. An endowed scholarship was also established at St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School. Jean has been a very dedicated Endowment Board trustee and, through her endowed family scholarship, has ensured that many, many students over the years have attained their dream of an education at STVM.

Jean Staudt clearly understands the meaning of community and faithful support. She recognizes the important impact they have on the success of STVM. She is an advocate for youth and their formative education. Jean truly is an outstanding alumna of our school!

Mary Anne Tucker Anderson
St. Mary Class of 1967

Mary Anne Tucker Anderson M67 feels blessed to finish the last years of her teaching career at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. From her first three years as a student at St. Matthew Grade School, then at St. Mary School for fifth grade through high school, she was on the receiving end of very dedicated and inspiring instruction – with a few notable exceptions. (Those who attended St. Mary High School in the sixties and remember "Jada, jada, jada, jada, jing, jing, jing" will know what she means). Always interested in the power of the written word, she found her love of language and the humanities fostered at St. Mary High School, especially in her classes with Sister Francesca and Sister Marie Suzanne. It was not only their teaching abilities that impacted her, but their warmth and personal interest in the lives of their students. They were great role models.

Mary Anne's first job was, coincidentally, at St. Mary Grade School teaching Language Arts. After a year at St. Mary, she was offered a job at Annunciation School and worked there for ten years before moving to St. Sebastian School. While she was teaching seventh and eighth grades, she became involved in *Power of the Pen*, an interscholastic writing program developed by Lorraine Merrill, a teacher from Nordonia Middle School.

Mary Anne coached teams from Annunciation and from St. Sebastian, delighted to watch so many students blossom as writers. Even after joining the faculty at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, she continued to work with Power of the Pen, hosting tournaments at STVM with the help of Pam Godshalk and R.B. Brownfield. She still works as a Tab Room supervisor and trains teachers and coaches. She has also served in various capacities on the Power of the Pen State Committee, and serves today as the Historian and State President. In 2002 she was awarded the Outstanding Teacher/Coach Award at the State Tournament.

Mary Anne is both humbled and proud to receive the Mahar Award. She is able to work every day with wonderful colleagues who are dedicated professionals, interacting with students at STVM in the same way her role models at St. Mary did: focused on their growth not only academically, but personally and spiritually as well. There are many people at STVM who give so much of themselves to make our school represent the real Body of Christ: accepting each person as he or she is, and nurturing each person to develop to his or her potential. She is proud to be part of the STVM family, blessed to have met so many wonderful young people through the years, and blessed to know so many great educators. Unlike other area Catholic high schools, STVM opens its arms to all. Although we sometimes hear that we are the "sports" school, we are so much more. We are blessed to have an outstanding Special Education department, exemplary art, band, computer, and theater departments, and an excellence in academics that challenge students from the fundamental level all the way through our Advanced Placement classes. STVM truly cherishes each member of our community and welcomes each and every member into the strong and tradition-rich STVM Irish family.

Christine Dougherty Marks
St. Vincent Class of 1972

Christine Dougherty Marks V72 was one of five children born to Herb ("Doc") and Betty McQueeney Dougherty V40. Her parents were her first and best examples of the importance of "giving back." She attended Holy Family in Stow and still remembers the worst part of being a sacristan there.... cleaning the melted wax from the brass tops of the candles with ironing cassocks coming in a close second!

Choosing a high school took her in a different direction from her older siblings. One brother graduated from Stow High School and

the other two were Hoban grads. Back in the late 60's and early 70's, only three Stow area students rode the bus every day to and from St. Vincent High School. Despite the distance and no car, she remained very active as a student including participation in NHS, student council, and the musical productions. It was during her senior year, when she was selected as the lead actress in the Spring Musical, "Hello Dolly," that provided her the opportunity to get to know a fellow student, Tom Marks V72, a little better.

College took her to Kent State University where she graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Hearing Impaired Education. In August 1975, prior to the start of her junior year, she and fellow classmate Tom Marks were married.....you have to love those musicals! After graduation, the situation warranted that she follow another career path. She turned to the medical field where she has been working in some capacity ever since.

When life and children brought her back to St Vincent-St Mary, it was as if she had come full circle and had "come home." It was important to give back to a place that had given so much to her and to her family. While her boys were students, she served on various committees and fundraising efforts including Showcase, where she and Tom served as Co-Chairs one year and as Chair Couple the second year. She served on the Parents' Club Board and as President of the SEC and the Alumni Association. She was an active volunteer: in the front office, with the "cafeteria ladies" and in the Shack. She could usually be counted on to say "Yes" if something needed done. She currently serves on the Executive Board and remains active in the STVM Alumni Association.

All of this being said, she states that none of it would have been possible without the love and support of her family who so generously "shared" her with others.

Chris is currently employed as a Medical Billing Specialist with an area company.

Thomas P. Freeman
St. Vincent-St. Mary Class of 1978

Thomas P. Freeman VM78 was the 8th of 9 children born to Audrey and Bill Freeman in Akron, Ohio. He attended St. Sebastian Grade School in West Akron and moved on to St. Vincent-St. Mary High School and graduated as a member of the STVM Class of 1978. From there Tom attended The University of Akron and graduated in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting and in 1991 with a Masters of Taxation Degree.

Tom played football for the legendary John Cistone starring as a quarterback and captain for the 1977 football team. Tom's career was capped off with scoring the winning touchdown to beat arch-rival Hoban at Dowd Field. Tom moved on to play for the Akron Zips and was fortunate enough to play for another legendary coach by the name of Jim Dennison. It was "Coach D" that gave Tom the gift of PMA that is still one of Tom's most treasured values. PMA stands for "Positive Mental Attitude" and it has helped Tom get through many trying situations over the last 30 years.

Tom is a practicing CPA and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants. He specializes in working with companies as they look to acquire and expand their operations both domestically and abroad.

Tom and his wife, Michelle Rossi Freeman VM78 live in Akron and have three grown children who are also graduates of STVM: Ashley VM06 (working in New York City), Patrick VM07 (law school in California) and Michael VM09 (senior at OSU).

Tom's athletic career and the time he spent at STVM have clearly shaped his life and instilled in him the values that have allowed him to be successful in life. STVM will always have a special place in Tom's heart as he was fortunate to meet his wife of 30 years there. In addition, in continuing the Irish tradition, Tom and Michelle were pleased to have their children experience the STVM high school community-based spirit and opportunities that they enjoyed.

Susan Gaebel Wallace
St. Vincent-St. Mary Class of 1991

Susan Gaebel Wallace VM91 is the eldest child of Bob and Jayne Gaebel and grew up with her younger brother, Rob Gaebel VM97, in Manchester (now New Franklin). She has lived nearly her entire life in the Portage Lakes area and attended St. Francis de Sales Parish School before entering STVM in the fall of 1988.

She first caught the volunteering bug during her grade school years as she "assisted" her mother at St. Francis Ladies' Guild functions and at Friday night bingo. Horseback riding and cheerleading became a big focus in Susie's life as she finished grade school. Also, she was blessed to be selected to become a lector at Mass at age 12 during the summer prior to entering Grade 9 and was guided in this ministry by Sr. Joan Monsour M51. Still today, Susie is a regular reader at Mass and a Eucharistic Minister after being commissioned while a senior at STVM.

In 2009, Susie shifted her focus solely to the STVM Endowment Family & Memorial Scholarship Program and joined the Endowment Board. She is a strong supporter of Catholic education and wants to see it be as affordable and attainable for our youth as possible. Susie, her husband, and her parents established the Our Lady of Chnoc Merit Scholarship in 2012. Due to her involvement with the STVM Endowment, she is now a cabinet member for Leave a Legacy Summit Portage Medina, which promotes planned and legacy philanthropy. In 2010, Susie also felt a strong desire to return to her librarian roots and began volunteering at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens in their Special Collections Archive. This involvement has expanded to also include the Women's Auxiliary Board of Stan Hywet and she is currently their Corresponding Secretary and chairs the Book Tent at Ohio Mart. Susie received her Stan Hywet, 1000 hour volunteer award in September 2013. Susie's most important job these days is being mom to her son, Liam, who joined the Wallace family in June 2012 through adoption!

Susie is very touched to be honored as an outstanding alumna from her beloved alma mater. She thanks her dear friends who honored her with the nomination. As is her way, Susie finds that such an award is strong motivation to continue sharing her time and talents for many years to come!

IRISH CRUSADER AWARD 2013

Reverend Joseph Kraker

Reverend Joseph Kraker attended St. Sebastian Elementary School before entering the seminary. Fr. Kraker earned an M.A. Degree from John Carroll University and is a graduate of The Borromeo Seminary. He was ordained a priest in 1964 and served as an associate pastor at St. Jude Parish in Elyria, Ohio, as well as Director of Communications for the Diocese of Cleveland. Many Northeast Ohio residents may even recognize him as the host of the *In Touch* radio call-in show or remember Fr. Kraker as the celebrant of the Sunday morning televised Mass which aired on WJW-TV for 25 years. He was the pastor of St. Timothy Parish in Garfield Heights, Ohio before coming to St. Vincent Church in 1994.

Fr. Kraker, son of the late Joseph and Betty Dettling Kraker (St. Vincent High School Class of 1924), was installed as the seventeenth pastor of St. Vincent Parish on Sunday, June 19, 1994. Fr. Kraker retired in 2013.

Fr. Kraker served on the St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Executive Board of Trustees for one year when the structure moved to a five-person Board. He rotated off after that year and returned as a member of the Exec Board from 2003 until 2013. It has been our good fortune and we feel blessed to have Fr. Kraker in our community and appreciate the years of service on our Executive Board. Fr. Kraker was recognized and honored at the 2013 Showcase Celebration – for his distinguished support and loyalty to STVM.

Fr. Kraker has crafted an identity for St. Vincent Parish in Akron with his relaxed, yet confident and inspiring leadership, a gregarious and personable nature and a sincere concern and interest for all members of his widely diverse congregation.

A few years back, Fr. Kraker shared this quote, which is still applicable today: *"St. Vincent-St. Mary High School is an integral part of creating a Catholic educational campus in this part of the city. The success of the high school together with St. Vincent Elementary school is necessary for the implementation of the Church in the City incentive initiated by Bishop Pilla. As pastor of St. Vincent Parish, I am especially mindful of the historical connection our parish has with St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, which has been and remains an extension of our mission to educate."*

Congratulations Fr. Kraker and welcome to the STVM Alumni Association!

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James "Jim" Conlon

James Conlon began his involvement with the St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Community in the late summer of 1972. He had just completed his summer job at Camp Christopher and had decided to share an apartment with former seminarian and fellow Camp counselor, Pat Kennedy. Pat was going to work at the Weaver Workshop and Jim was planning to enroll at Akron U and find a part time job while he finished his degree. After finishing their move into their new apartment on South Walnut Street, Jim and Pat went for a walk around the neighborhood. The first person they saw was Fr. Don Cozzens. Fr. Cozzens and Jim had been friends since Father Don had been an assistant at Jim's parish, St. Christopher. The day before their fateful meeting, Fr. Cozzens had been told that one of the new Religion teachers for the coming school year had withdrawn from his contract and school was going to start in three days with five religion classes in need of a teacher. Well, the rest is history. Fr. Cozzens offered Jim the job. Jim took the job with the additional responsibilities of being an assistant coach for football, basketball and track. What a year that was; the school merger, split campuses, diocesan teacher strike, and last but not least the first state championship for the newly merged school!

In 1977 Jim left St. Vincent-St. Mary to begin a career with Stein, Inc. Over the next few years Jim continued to work at Stein, finished his undergraduate degree at Ursuline College and completed his law degree from Cleveland Marshall Law School. He also expanded his relationship with the STVM community by marrying Renee Longville VM74, whose parents, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles all attended St. Vincent and or STVM High Schools. Renee and Jim have two children, Elizabeth VM08 and Nick VM11, both of whom at an early age were immersed in the "traditions and culture of STVM." They were both told that they could attend whatever high school they chose. The only condition was that if they chose a school other than STVM, they would have to walk to school. They were smart kids. They made the right choice and had fantastic high school experiences at STVM.

Jim was a member of the STVM Endowment Board in 2002 and became a member of the Executive Board in 2004. One of Jim's fondest memories was being a part of bringing Dan Boarman back home to STVM as head football coach in 2007.

Jim continues to be involved at St. Hilary Parish, serving with the St. Vincent de Paul Society in its outreach to the needy of the Akron community. He and Renee enjoy visiting Elizabeth in Pittsburgh, where she is employed by Price Waterhouse Coopers. They also visit Nick in Chicago where he is a junior at the University of Chicago.

Jim is very supportive of Renee in her position as a Guardian Ad Litem for the Summit County Juvenile Court. The Conlons are still very dedicated to the principle of excellence in teaching, athletics, extracurricular activities and community involvement that STVM instills in its students.

Congratulations Jim and welcome to the STVM Alumni Association!

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Daughter of Mike (deceased), and Mary (deceased). Sister of John (deceased), Mike (deceased), Frank (deceased), Mary (deceased), and Katherine (deceased)
John J. Zampino, Jr. V55
Husband of Evelyn. Brother of Joseph V56, and Nancy Caponi V57
Pete Zanandrea
Husband of Irene. Father of Gloria Offutt M67, Delores, and Michael VM80
Eugene Zepnak M51 (January 13, 2013)
Husband of Donna Becker Zepnak M51
Randall Zerbe VM74
Frank Zimmerman
Husband of Janet Weber Zimmerman M52. Father of Sharon Arthur, Sue Williamson, Jean Jezior, Tom, and Julie DiFrancesco

We hope you can join us on Monday, March 3, 2014 when the Alumni Association hosts the Annual Memorial Mass in remembrance of our loved ones who passed away during the 2013 calendar year. For more details, please contact the STVM Alumni Office (330-253-9113 x120)

Honor & Memorial Gifts

Gifts received from April 1, 2013 to September 1, 2013

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Celebrating Our Gifts

DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT

Ellen Cronin Zegarra VM92

As classes resumed this fall, the everlasting excitement at STVM continues! The STVM Class of 2013 appears to be on their way to making a difference in the world, and we welcome an impressive new group of 193 students to the STVM Class of 2017. Our students continue to win on the field, in the classroom and across the world. I could not be more proud to be a graduate of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School.

I truly believe this is the best high school in Akron, Ohio. We recently unveiled a new billboard at the corner of West Market and Maple Street that reads, Be Your Best... Be IRISH! We are the best high school and our students are indeed the best. I am witness to the best every day; I see our students giving their best in academics, their best in service, their best in spirituality, and their best at athletic competitions, all while working towards a St. Vincent-St. Mary diploma; the very same diploma that many of you earned. As alumni, we can attest that we, the St. Vincent-St. Mary community, are the best!

Being a graduate of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School carries clout. For me, my STVM diploma represents much more than an excellent education. For me, it represents pride, faith, loyalty, prestige, integrity, and achievement. When graduates leave STVM to go on to universities, they take with them these values, and the best foundation for life and success.

With each achievement of our current students, each victory that we witness from the sidelines, and each success story of more than 17,650 alumni, the value of our STVM diploma increases, and the value of all that it stands for increases. Every improvement to our classrooms and our campus increases the value of the STVM education. I ask you, my fellow alumni, to give back to your alma mater and in turn work with me to sustain and increase the great value of a STVM diploma; for STVM alumni everywhere, as well as for the future generations of STVM students.

In the coming months, The STVM Administration and Executive Board will present a five-year strategic plan for STVM. This strategic plan is the product of more than 75 alumni, teachers, parents, and friends of STVM coming together to research, collaborate, and conscientiously develop a plan for the future of our school. Components of this plan include: installing new educational, athletic, and enrichment programs, as well as a campus improvement plan. I am excited to see the potential for our great alma mater, and I am excited to be part of this future: the BEST future!

As you are part of our legacy, I encourage you to be part of this plan, and be part of the future of STVM. Please give back to STVM; whether you can give a gift of $25, $100, $1,000 or more, your gift makes a significant difference. Every dollar applied to improving STVM increases the value of the STVM education, and increase the value of YOUR STVM education, and strengthens the clout it represents, sustaining us as the BEST!

As the excitement and the success of the 2013-2014 school year continues to grow, keep close watch on the happenings here at 15 North Maple Street. From Academic Excellence to Rocket and Robotic programs to State Championships and beyond, you're going to like what you see! However, we all know that watching from the sidelines is never as much fun as being part of the action. So instead of watching, join me in the future of STVM, give back where you can, attend our events, support our programs, and Be Part of the Best, Be Part of the Irish!

I look forward to seeing you high atop a hill in Akron soon!

God's Blessings to you and your family,
Ellen Cronin Zegarra VM92, Director of Advancement

LOOK WHAT'S NEW AT MAPLE & MARKET

The billboard atop the building at the intersection of Maple and Market Street has a new look! This Fall, a new billboard design was installed boasting a message of STVM pride: BE YOUR BEST... BE IRISH! This beautiful new design is a great representation of our community and what we stand for. Be sure to take a look next time you are passing by!

Thank You to Akron Family Restaurant for your support and generosity.

FIVE WAYS TO BE AN AWESOME ALUM

Recently, St. Vincent-St. Mary Advancement Director, Ellen Cronin Zegarra VM92 came across an article in USA TODAY College that caught her eye. The article, entitled Five Ways to Be An Awesome Alumni, hit home on the very message Ellen has been sharing; St. Vincent-St. Mary High School is at the foundation of every alumni and their course in life. Subsequently, every graduate of STVM is at the foundation of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School's success; and in turn, part of our legacy.

While students, faculty and staff, and the administration of STVM work to sustain a tradition of excellence and advance our school, there are many ways for thousands of STVM alumni to support their alma mater. Even though many references are made to the "college" experience, we invite you to replace the reference of college with the word STVM! We proudly share with you this article…

This article originally appeared in USA TODAY College and is reprinted with their permission….

By Tom Hanaway

After we graduate, many of us simply store away our diplomas and head off to new cities to start our careers without looking back at the place we called home for four years – and it's a shame.

Our (schools) invested time and money into us with the hopes that we would grow and become successful young adults, but they rarely get to see the results. And with cuts in education growing deeper and deeper, (schools) have been relying on the assistance and donations of alumni more than ever. All graduates need to look back at their schools and ask how they can be positive alumni.

STAY IN TOUCH WITH PROFESSORS

In a way, being a professor is a cruel cycle: their main duties are helping students expand their minds and preparing them for the oh-so-scary real world. The unfair part is that many never get to see the final payoff of students' hard work and are only left wondering how their former students are doing and how successful they have become.

I've made an effort to stay in touch with professors, not out of obligation, but because they became my friends through (school). And trust me, nothing delights a former instructor more than hearing that former students are moving to big cities and being hired for fabulous positions. As one of my professors put it, it's like watching your own children grow up and flourish. So if you haven't yet, email some favorite professors from your past and let them know how you're doing. And more importantly, thank them, too.

DONATE

Many states are cutting back on funding higher education, meaning that tuition is going up as schools scramble to prevent programs from being cut. Donating to your alma mater will help give current students the same opportunities and quality education that you received.

This might sound a little unreasonable to many post-grads who are strapped for cash as they try to pay off their credit cards and student loans (nope, those pesky loans don't disappear after graduating). Even donating equipment like old cameras and laptops can be miracles for certain college departments where money is low but demand for technology is high.

BE A MENTOR

As much as professors try, they physically can't be available all the time to help cultivate the skills and talents of their students. By being a mentor, you can give students the attention they need and help them navigate their first steps out of college.

You have so much invaluable knowledge as a recent graduate and remember how terrifying it can be leaving college. Mentors can ease students into that transition by answering their questions and editing their cover letters and resumes.

For one of my advertising classes, an alumnus from the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh monitored our ad campaign throughout the course of the semester and gave us constructive feedback via phone and email. His words not only gave us great direction but motivated us to work hard and brainstorm creative ideas.

BE A GUEST SPEAKER

Another way you can give back to your college is by volunteering to be a guest speaker in classes. As mentioned before, you will be able to teach students about your career field and give them advice that won't be found in any textbook.

By being a working professional, you know exactly what employers are searching for in young candidates and understand the latest trends in your respective field. This information can impact a student's life as he or she tries to score an internship or impress an interviewer.

I always found guest speakers really motivational; they showed us how working hard for four years can really pay off by landing an incredible job. Now it's your chance to be that inspiration for a new generation of students.

BE A CHEERLEADER

The best (and easiest) thing graduates can do for their schools is to be proud alumni. If you honestly had an amazing college experience, share it with everybody.

Since many schools give alumni discounts, stock up on college sweatshirts, bumper stickers and coffee mugs. It can enhance the brand and awareness of your (school) and will probably make you feel prouder about being a graduate, too. And if you don't sing the praises of your school, who will?

Many schools now have Facebook pages for their admission offices that give you the chance tell prospective students exactly why they should attend your alma mater. It's a great forum to share all of the fond memories you have of school and to answer future students' questions.

While now is an important time to focus on your future and seize every chance to grow, it's equally important to recognize where you came from and those who helped you. Donating money or being a guest speaker might seem like a drop in the bucket, but every action can enrich a student's education and give them more opportunities than originally thought possible.

Tom Hanaway is a marketing and outreach specialist, and a graduate from the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh where he majored in journalism and minored in Japanese. During his time in college, he worked as a reporter, a social media intern, a camp counselor in Japan and a multimedia intern in China.

This article can be found online at: http://usat.ly/GDsxBK

Play Your Part in Annual Giving! Every Gift is *Some Kind of Wonderful!*

The Fund for STVM is more than a yearly fundraiser – it is our lifeblood – and it represents the essential source of annual income. These annual donations secure the future of our long tradition of academic excellence and go to work right away in accordance with our annual operating budget. **The Fund for STVM** subsidizes the cost to educate each student while that cost spans beyond the revenue generated from tuition alone.

Play Your Part in Spirituality:
Continue to present every STVM student with tremendous Catholic ministry opportunities to continue to grow in their faith.

Play Your Part in Excellence:
Continue to preserve the ever-expanding educational programs STVM provides for every student; for example, the newly established Robotics Team.

Play Your Part in Innovation:
Continue to remain Akron's premier high school for Science and Technology with the emphasis on the ever-evolving S.T.E.M. curriculum, using the latest classroom and campus technology.

Play Your Part in Tradition:
Continue the long-standing tradition of champions both in the classroom and on the field.

Every gift is *Some Kind of Wonderful.*
Ensure the STVM legacy continues for years to come by making an annual donation TODAY. Over 17,650 graduates have been part of the STVM experience. You are part of our legacy; please PLAY YOUR PART in our future by supporting **The Fund for STVM**. We humbly ask you to give.

Please remember that every gift, no matter how small or how large, makes a direct impact today. Thank you for your consideration in partnering with STVM and Catholic Education. Whether you are part of our past or part of our present, you can play your part in sustaining the long-standing legacy that thousands of constituents were so lucky to experience. If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Cronin Zegarra VM92, Director of Advancement, 330-253-9113 X152 or via email, ezegarra@stvm.com.

What Ways Can I Play My Part?

- By phone; call 330-253-9113 ext. 152.
- By mail: Click on the "Donate to STVM" tab on www.stvm.com and click the "print the form" option.
- Online giving: Click on the "Donate to STVM" tab on www.stvm.com and click the "online giving" option.
- Stock and securities gifts: Please call 330-253-9113 ext. 152 for more information regarding this form of gift.
- Matching gifts: Ask your employer about "Matching Gift" opportunities when making your donation.

THE FUND FOR STVM GENERAL GIFT CLUBS*:

$500-$999	Celtic Circle/Bells of St. Mary
$250-$499	Irish Clan/Blue Book Patron
$100-$249	Clover Club/Crusader Club
$50-$99	Green and Gold Club

**Names are published in all of our Annual Report materials as well as The Connection Magazine publications.*

Check your mailbox in the coming weeks for your first chance to support The Fund for STVM

SHAMROCK SOCIETY:

Members of Shamrock Society are St. Vincent-St. Mary High School's own "*Some Kind of Wonderful.*" Each member plays an integral role in our faith and school community by demonstrating a true commitment to Catholic education and the mission of STVM. Members help to bridge the gap between what it costs to educate a STVM student and the actual tuition assessed per student. A Shamrock Member represents any one of our many constituents: alumni, current parents, past parents, grandparents, current staff or faculty member, a community member and leader, a business professional, a soccer mom, a care provider, a supporter, an STVM friend. Membership is open to all individuals, companies, and foundations that make a gift of $1,000 or more during the fiscal year (July 1-June 30) to **The Fund for STVM**.

Shamrock Society Giving Levels:
$50,000+ Trustees
$25,000-$49,999 Benefactors
$10,000-$24,999 Investors
$7,500-$9,999 Patrons
$5,000-$7,499 Sponsors
$2,500-$4,999 Irish Associates
$1,000-$2,499 Members

**All of these levels receive entry for two into all on-campus events; i.e. athletic events, musicals, theater productions, band productions, etc., for the entire fiscal year. Their names are published in all of our Annual Report materials as well as The Connection Magazine publications.*

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You're invited to the 28th Annual Showcase

Some Kind of Wonderful

April 5, 2014

5:30 p.m.
The LeBron James Arena
at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School

We genuinely are Some Kind of Wonderful!

When we set out to create a feel for this year's event, we looked for one word to describe the entire St. Vincent-St. Mary Community: Students, Teachers and Staff, Alumni, Volunteers, Parents, Donors, Fans, and Friends!
The one word, which describes our entire Community is... *Wonderful!*

Current parents and alumni Steve VM84 and Julie Faust Buzzi and Barry and Betsy Thorpe VM86 Tavolier are returning for a second year as co-chair couples of this event.

We are currently seeking support in terms of volunteers, donors, advertisers, corporate sponsors and underwriting.

Please contact Ellen Cronin Zegarra VM92
at 330.253.9113 x152 or ezegarra@stvm.com
for more information and to contribute to this worthy event

Please Join us for this night of wonders on April 5, 2014

Some Kind of Wonderful!

SHOWCASE 2014

In its 28th year, Showcase is St. Vincent-St. Mary High School's largest annual fundraiser. A fun and festive auction format provides all who attend an evening of wonderful auction items, wonderful entertainment, wonderful fare, and wonderful friends! Every dollar raised directly impacts each one of our students by funding our school-wide tuition assistance program.

Be one of our **BidPal Sponsors** for Showcase 2014: *Some Kind of Wonderful*

Your Business Can be Featured Here as a Showcase BidPal Sponsor

St. Vincent-St. Mary High School's 28th Annual Showcase Gala will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2014 and promises to be another WONDERUL night of fun and fundraising for our school. You can count on exciting entertainment, delicious cuisine, and auction items to tempt you. To increase the bidding and increase the fun, this year we look to utilize BidPal at Showcase. This hand-held, state-of-the-art bidding device offers a special and unique opportunity to publicize your business.

What is BidPal?

It's an innovative, user-friendly, hand-held, touch-screen device enabling you to bid from anywhere in the room and anytime during the Showcase event.

Be A Sponsor!

The names and logos of BidPal Sponsors appear in the upper left corner of the device and scroll across the device's screen throughout Showcase. The names and logos also appear on the large event screens during the event. Sponsors also receive recognition in the Showcase 2014 Catalog Program, as well as on the new Showcase website (coming soon!) and in all promotional materials leading up to Showcase 2014. This year's event is sure to be *Some Kind of Wonderful!*

Showcase 2014:
Some Kind of Wonderful
April 5, 2014

Limited Sponsorships:

Only a limited number of Sponsorships will be offered at $2,500 each.

We invite you to become a BidPal Sponsor for Showcase. Your investment helps to offset the cost of the device while providing great visibility for your business.

For more information about Sponsorship, please contact Ellen Cronin Zegarra VM92, Director of Advancement at ezegarra@stvm.com or 330.253.9113 x152

St. Vincent-St. Mary is Giving Away $10,000!

Tickets are now on sale for the Annual STVM $10K Raffle!

Only 300 tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn at the STVM Showcase Live Auction Gala on April 5, 2014. Tickets for the raffle are just $100 each and may be purchased by phone or in-person through the Advancement Office at STVM.

Last year's tickets were purchased by Alumni and Friends from all over the world....from Akron to the United Kingdom and everywhere in between! One lucky winner claimed her 2nd place prize from 1,400 miles away in Colorado!

Thus proving, if you cannot be an Akron, you can still be part of the excitement of STVM!

Remember, in addition to buying your chance to win, you are also helping to enrich the lives of STVM students. Every ticket sold goes directly to improving the educational experience of STVM students. We need your support! Call Ellen Zegarra at 330.253.9113 x152 for your ticket!

STVM Bookstore Dedication Ceremony

The Susan and Edward Lynch, Jr. Bookstore

ABOVE: Tom Carone, Susan Lynch, Ed Lynch V72, and David Rathz

On August 21, 2013 members of the St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Shamrock and Legacy Societies gathered for a night of camaraderie at the Annual Headmaster's Cocktail Reception. Each year, this is a special event hosted by STVM for our Shamrock and Legacy Donors to kick-off the new fiscal year as well as the new school year. Our Society Donors receive their society medallions, which entitle admission for two to all on-campus events for the entire school year (band, theatrical, athletic, etc.). It was a delightful evening of laughter and socializing while our donors enjoyed the delicious creations by Vaccaro's Trattoria and libations from Ozzie's Bartending Service.

Later in the evening, the program began with insightful testimonials from STVM Seniors Annie Graff and Derek Whiddon. Annie and Derek delivered speeches written from the heart about what it means to be a student at STVM. STVM President, Mr. Thomas Carone and Headmaster, Mr. David Rathz gave the State of the School as well as the crowd favorite … our 44 Points of Pride.

At the conclusion of the program, the STVM Advancement Team had just one more amazing announcement to share. This night was not only a celebration of appreciation for our elite donor groups (Shamrock Society Members and Legacy Society Members), but to also dedicate our STVM Bookstore to a very special couple, Susan and Ed Lynch. The dedication included a blessing from Father Joseph Kraker. The brand new sign hanging over the Bookstore entrance will now read "Susan and Edward Lynch, Jr. Bookstore." Ed and Susan decided to include a Bible passage that they felt strongly aligned with the STVM Mission as well as how they live each day: "If they obey and serve Him, they will spend the rest of their days in prosperity and their years in contentment, " Job 36:11. Thank you again to Ed and Susan Lynch. We are so thrilled for this new addition to our school, and we are grateful and thankful for the blessings you have given to us.

Thank you to Steven Stamer VM16 for providing the musical entertainment on the steel drums! What a delightful accompaniment to a very special evening.

Celebrate Your Generosity

Shamrock Society

ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL

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Don and Dottie Zito
Nano and Ellen Cronin Zegarra

*Signifies Legacy Members
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Thank you to everyone who has made a generous gift to St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. We have made every effort to ensure the accuracy of all lists that appear in this magazine. If your gift was omitted or improperly noted, please accept our sincere apology. If you have noticed such an error, please notify our Advancement Office, so we can correct our records.

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Thank you to everyone who has made a generous gift to St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. We have made every effort to ensure the accuracy of all lists that appear in this magazine. If your gift was omitted or improperly noted, please accept our sincere apology. If you have noticed such an error, please notify our Advancement Office, so we can correct our records.

These students represent only a few of our "twin sets!" We actually have over a dozen twin siblings currently at STVM! Pictured left to right are: Kathleen Mundy, Mary-Claire Mundy, Alaina Misbrener, Andrew Misbrener, Cynthia Haas, William Haas, Austin Patrick, Bryce Patrick, Matt, Sporich, Mike Sporich, Aaron Adkins, Anthony Adkins

Twins From STVM Ask You To **Double The Impact!**

Are you seeing double? We are fortunate this year to have so many "twins" on campus! This picture makes it easy to explain our Matching Gift Program!

Many employers offer matching gift programs and will match charitable contributions made by their employees. You can easily double the impact of your support and double the difference your help makes to STVM students by simply requesting a matching gift from your employer.

MATCHING GIFTS **Maximize the Impact of your donation to St. Vincent-St. Mary**

The Matching Gift Process can be completed in just a few simple steps:

1. Confirm that your company has a matching gift program.
2. Make your donation to STVM either online or via mail and then initiate the matching gift process with your company.
3. Obtain a matching gift form from your employer and complete the donor section.
4. Mail your matching gift form to:
   St. Vincent-St. Mary
   15 North Maple Street
   Akron, Ohio 44303
   Attention: Ellen Zegarra,
   Director of Advancement
5. STVM will complete the Institution Section for the final process.

It is just that easy! If you have questions about Matching Gifts or any of the many giving areas for STVM, please contact Ellen Cronin Zegarra VM92 at 330.253.9113 x152 or ezegarra@stvm.com

Introducing **Irish Voices**
An Informative Lecture Luncheon Series

The Advancement Office at St. Vincent-St. Mary is proud to present Irish Voices: An Informative Lecture Luncheon Series. The purpose is to invite professionals from the STVM alumni and friends community to present their expertise on various topics of faith, family, service, finance, innovation, and philanthropy. We invite you to this community event and hope you will join us to grow personally, spiritually, and/or professionally as we develop a deeper understanding of these themes.

This lecture luncheon series will be offered four times each year.

The first Irish Voices program will take place on Thursday, November 14th at 11:30 a.m. in the Cosgrove Center on the STVM Campus. The theme will be Estate Planning and Planned Giving presented by Patricia Pacenta V64. Seating will be limited and reservations are required.

If you would like more information about Irish Voices, or have a suggested theme or speaker, please contact Ellen Cronin Zegarra VM92 at ezegarra@stvm.com or 330.253.9113 x152.

12TH ANNUAL IRISH FAMILY CAR RAFFLE

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 2013

FEBRUARY 11, 2014

Car Raffle Drawing at half-time

STVM Varsity Boys Basketball game

vs. Ursuline

Questions? Please call Carley Whitney VM07, Director of Annual Fund, at 330-253-9113 x112 or cwhitney@stvm.com.

ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE

The Class Challenge is taking place NOW!

Have you been challenged by a classmate? Which graduating Class will raise the most amount of money for STVM? Are YOU up to the challenge? Are you ready to challenge your class?

The Class Challenge is a limited time offer to alumni classes that have a designated 'Challenger' classmate. The Challenger will seek donations from classmates for The Fund for STVM, and that Challenger will match the total amount of gifts made to The Fund.

Recently, anonymous donors stepped up from various graduating years and instituted a Class Challenge to their entire class. These Challengers offered to make a $5,000 gift to STVM, if the classmates collectively donate $5,000 by the designated timeline. The STVM Advancement Department sent a letter to each classmate from those respective graduating years to explain The Challenge; the giving is underway and we are seeing great results!

This generosity helps to enrich the education of every student at STVM. Each donation submitted will be listed under that school's graduation year in our magazine giving lists and Annual Report listings.

Be part of your Class Challenge today, send in your gift, or start your own Challenge and ask your classmates to join you! To contribute to your Class' Challenge or to start your own Class Challenge, Contact Carley Whitney at cwhitney@stvm.com or 330.253.9113 x112. To donate online, go to www.stvm.com/development/donate_online.php

May the BEST Class win!

ADVANCEMENT

Paving the Way to a Bright **2013-2014 School Year**

Students returning to campus in August 2013 were impressed with the many improvements to the campus interior and exterior. Thank you, our loyal donors, for making these enhancements possible!

1 **THE STVM GYM RENOVATION**
The Gym Project began in May 2013 and renderings were released to our community in order to share the plans for the newly designed LeBron James Arena.

2 **SECOND FLOOR CARPETING**
New carpet was installed throughout the second floor academic area.

3 **CELTIC CROSS**
The STVM Class of 2013 donated a life-size Celtic Cross for the Main Entrance of STVM. It is illuminated in the evening. In addition, The VM13 Class also donated crucifixes for the classrooms.

4 **LECTURE HALL UPDATE**
Room #256 was enhanced with new carpet, chairs and fresh paint.

PLUS MORE...

CEILINGS PAINTED
While the carpet was laid on the second floor, the ceilings on the second floor were painted with a fresh coat of white paint.

CLASSROOMS PAINTED
12 classrooms on the second floor were painted.

ROBOTICS CLASSROOM ENCLOSED
Science Classroom on first floor permanently enclosed with fresh new walls and paint. This classroom will be used for a variety of classes and clubs (i.e. Robotics).

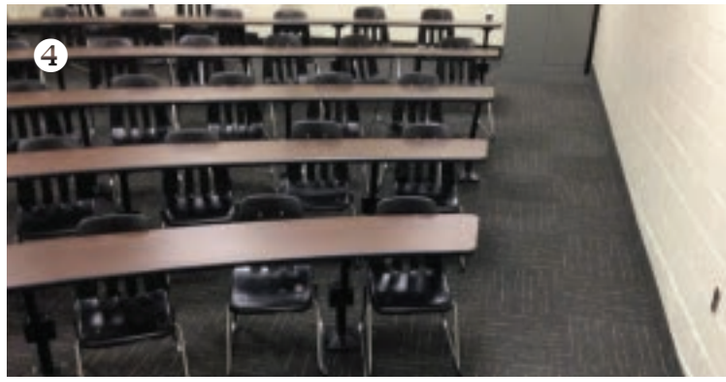
THE JACK AND ANN HAAG STUDENT CENTER
50 new chairs were purchased.

STVM FRONT ENTRANCE ENHANCED
Front entrance to STVM received new carpet for a fresh look.

LRC GETS NEW TABLES
15 new table tops for LRC work tables.

CAMPUS-WIDE LANDSCAPING
The STVM Campus received extra attention with mulching of flower beds and surrounding trees and general landscape.

NEWLY NAMED AND DEDICATED STVM BOOKSTORE
STVM Bookstore was named and dedicated to Edward and Susan Lynch. The unveiling took place at the August 21st Headmaster's Cocktail Reception for Shamrock and Legacy Society Members. The Bookstore will now be known as The Susan and Edward Lynch, Jr. Bookstore.



Celebrate our Scholarships

STVM Endowment **Celebrating 30 Years!**

The STVM Endowment continued their yearlong 30th Anniversary celebrations at The Annual Family & Memorial Scholarship Dinner held at Guy's Party Centre on May 13, 2013. This popular annual event, which serves to thank our scholarship donor families and to recognize the student recipients, was attended by over 500 donors and students.The highlight of the evening was a keynote address by Gerry Faust. Brief remarks were also made by Endowment President Tom Presper VM79 who chronicled the growth of the Endowment and scholarship program since 1983. He shared how it all started on June 30, 1983 with $100 in earnest money. Today, the STVM Endowment has a value of over $10 million and has disbursed nearly $2.5 million in funds to the school for scholarships and operations since its founding.

2013 has proven to be a successful year for the STVM Endowment. The Board is pleased to announce two new scholarships that will be available to students for the 2014-2015 school year. The Burr Brown Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of Burr and has been established by Endowment Board member Amy Brown VM00 and her mother Debbie Brown. Additionally, the Bucky O'Connor Family Scholarship has been established by William "Bucky" O'Connor V40. Through these two scholarships, even more students will realize their dream of attaining a Catholic education at STVM.

The highpoint of the STVM Endowment's 30th Anniversary events was a gala dinner held in late October. It was a special opportunity for current and former board members as well as Family & Memorial Scholarship Program donor families to celebrate the many accomplishments of the board and donor families and the significant impact of the STVM Endowment on STVM and on its students.

14th Annual **Matt Kauffman Memorial Run**

Sean Walter VM89 and Pat Hart V68 enjoy the Kauffman 5k on August 3rd.

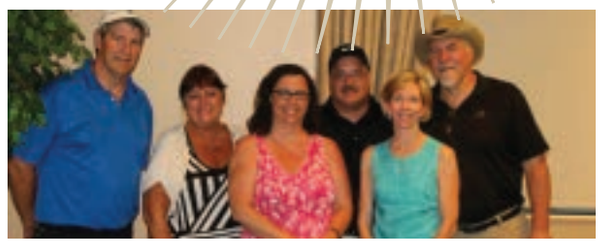
Dan Lancianese, Head Coach of the STVM Cross Country Teams reports…..

The Matt Kauffman 5k Memorial Run is an annual event. The proceeds from the event benefit the Matt Kauffman VM97 Scholarship that was established in 1998 in Matt's memory. The proceeds from the race benefit Matt's scholarship for students with excellent academics and extracurricular involvement.

On Saturday, August 3, 2013 the 14th Annual Matt Kauffman 5K Open Memorial Run was held at Goodyear Heights Metro Park. Many alumni and friends were in attendance to kick-off the One Mile Fun Walk/Run. Over 50 participants took part in the 5K run which serves as a friendly warm-up for the Fighting Irish cross country season. Congratulations to the 2013 Dan Steiner Award Recipients: Patrick O'Brien, Tessa Weigand and Marissa Rossetti. Thank you to everyone for their support!

SAVE THE DATE Saturday, August 2, 2014
15th Annual Matt Kauffman 5k Memorial Run

2nd Annual **Daniel Steiner Memorial Golf Outing**



VM77 Classmates support the outing (L-R): Ted Walter, Mary Moscarillo Kallmeyer, Carla Bouschere Steiner, Tom Carone, Sue Reagan O'Neil, and Mike Klein

This year marked the 2nd year for the Annual Daniel Steiner Memorial Golf Outing for Special Education. The outing was held on Monday, July 8th at Rosemont Country Club in Fairlawn. The sun was shining at the shotgun start and kept shining until the final golfers reached the clubhouse, when the skies opened up and the rain poured. The event was such a success and we are grateful for the generosity of the donors who filled the silent auction tables with items for bidding, the underwriters and sponsors, and the many volunteers who helped.

Scholarship recipient, Peter "PJ" O'Neil VM14, was in attendance with his parents Jim VM75 and Sue Reagan O'Neil VM77. Friends, family and members of the STVM community shared many laughs, good golf, bad golf, food, drink and fun on this special day to remember Dan and raise money for his scholarship.

SAVE THE DATE Monday, July 7, 2014
3rd Daniel Steiner Memorial Golf Outing

Class of 1981 Scholarship

The STVM Class of 1981 is pleased to offer a memorial scholarship on an annual basis to a deserving STVM incoming freshman student. Phil Lombardo VM81 reports, "The Class of 1981 is a very close-knit class and regularly gathers to celebrate reunions and to remember the wonderful memories of STVM between 1977 and 1981."

Sadly, the Class of 1981 has lost a large number of their classmates. Yet, out of a deep-seated caring spirit, and a spirit of hope and dedication, they honor and memorialize their deceased classmates while supporting Catholic education at STVM through this scholarship.

Through this scholarship award, the Class of 1981 honors the memory of Kirk Gingold, David McFrye, John Port, Ron Ross, Michael Ulman, Lynda Utrup Schafer, Monica Tenison Gilmore, John Case, Jeff West, Tim O'Connor, Elizabeth Hanlon, and most recently Ron Sprungle. This award truly speaks to the dedication and commitment of this class. The STVM Family & Memorial Scholarship Program, administered by the STVM Endowment, is very excited about this new award for STVM students.

HEADMASTER'S GREETING

David V. Rathz

Entering my 16th and final year as Administrator of STVM, I look at the faculty and staff with such respect and appreciation for their commitment and loyalty to this school. Some of the 30+ and 40+ year veterans have been the "glue" that held the school together through so many changes, so many "bumps in the road," and they were huge in creating stability and furthering our academic excellence. Many of them are alums themselves and know the history and the passion of "The Fighting Irish." So, my kudos in this letter to Mrs. Luanne Richardson, Mrs. Mary Jo Chionchio, Mrs. Merrylou Windhorst, Ms. Pam Godshalk, and Mrs. Deborah Patonai.

On the other side of the swinging pendulum are the recent alums who have returned to work at their alma mater. In our efforts to "grow our own," we have recruited these teachers and staff to "come home" to work in our classrooms and offices and to support the mission of the school. Their hearts and their efforts are channeled in the well-known direction in the spirit of the Gospel. They know what they do and why they do it, and they role model what our students should be and do. Herein I congratulate recent hires from the classes of 200X, Mr. R.B. Brownfield VM03, Mr. Phil Alvord VM03, Miss Meghan Bachtel VM08, Miss Carley Whitney VM07, and Mr. Patrick Bulford VM02.

The 12 new International Students from China, under the direction and tutelage of Mrs. Tamula Drumm, are learning a whole new culture, language, and world history. They are experiencing our mission and role models throughout the halls of STVM. Their goal is admission into great US colleges, and they have chosen a great high school as a pipeline to fulfill their dreams. The experience we offer, including those teachers listed above and the entire STVM faculty, are making their high school experience more effective than imaginable. With Mrs. Drumm providing English as a second language, orientation to our culture, and immersion into our Catholic life style, these Chinese international students are gaining more than a secular education in the traditional curriculum. Indeed, they are absorbing the mission of heart, soul, body, and mind that we offer in the STVM High School faith community.

The student body is in "good hands." The alumni can rest assured that the school is filled with loyalty and stability and people who truly care. I am confident that you will enjoy observing the successes that carry well into the next decade.

God bless,
Dave Rathz
Headmaster

STVM Class of 2013

Awards of Distinction

Valedictorian Vincenzo Volpe (left) and Salutatorian Amanda Burke (right) with Headmaster Dave Rathz

VALEDICTORIAN
Vincenzo Volpe
The student who has the highest grade point average over four years.

SALUTATORIAN
Amanda Burke
The student who has the second highest grade point average over four years.

ROTARY CLUB OF AKRON
Alissa Peeples
Awarded to a senior who has demonstrated excellence in citizenship, participation in activities and the academic ability to succeed in college.

OHSAA COURAGEOUS STUDENT AWARD
Gregory Rybka
Awarded to a student who has overcome a serious illness, injury or disability.

THE US MARINE CORPS ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Marissa Rossetti & Vincent Piccoli
Presented to a male and female student who have demonstrated excellence in both academics and athletics.

CELTIC HIGH CROSS AWARD
Vincenzo Volpe & Kenae Rice & Catherine Walsh
Presented to graduating students with outstanding servant leadership records.

EMERALD SHAMROCK AWARD
Vincenzo Volpe and Meredith Cabe
Presented in recognition of outstanding scholarship, leadership, citizenship, reliability, loyalty, and participation in activities. Recipients are nominated by the members of the class of 2013 and selected by the faculty.

2013 PRESIDENT'S EDUCATION AWARD

Presented to those seniors with a 3.5 grade point average for seven semesters and who have scored at or above the 85 percentile on the ACT or SAT national tests.

Abrar Alniemi
Emily Baker
Mary Barrett
Ryan Bennett
Madison Beskitt
Mary Bozsik
Erica Bratton
Corey Bryant
Amanda Burke
Meredith Cabe
Robert Dambrot
Christopher Esker
Jackson Ewing
Andrew Farrell
Zackery Frazier
Hannah Green
Celeste Hall
Stephen Hall
Christen Hoffman
Katelyn Holaday
Theodore Kanis, II
Ryan Loney
Alexandra Matejczyk
Brianna McVicker
Anthony Morganti
Bennett Nelson
Michelle Noethen
Mary Margaret Ondack
Alyssa Pagni
Thomas Paolucci
Noah Pettry
James Pianalto
Dena Pierog
Gerard Puhalla
Gregory Rybka
Elinor Schuck
Amanda Sollenberger
Isabella Sparhawk
RosaLia Stadler
Joseph Stavale
Stefan Subich
Marissa Tomin
Vincenzo Volpe
Joseph Weber, IV
Jordan Weisensell
Mark Wysocki
Elizabeth Yerman

CHIONCHIO AWARD AND CISTONE AWARD
Fransohn Bickley and Chelsea Laury

L-R: Chelsea Laury, Mary Jo Chionchio, John Cistone, and Fransohn Bickley

Named for STVM graduates and educators John Cistone V50, legendary varsity football coach, and Mary Jo Chionchio V60, our most successful female coach, these awards are presented to the outstanding senior male and female student athletes. The recipients are exceptional athletes, have a minimum 2.3 grade point average, best exemplify leadership, sportsmanship, dependability, and character in their respective sports, and have displayed dedication and achievement in the classroom and a true commitment to St. Vincent-St. Mary High School.

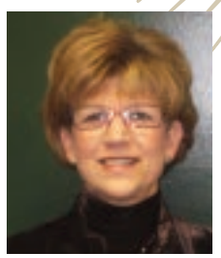
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MANHOOD AND WOMANHOOD AWARDS
Bennett Nelson and Amanda Burke

L-R: Bennett Nelson, Headmaster Dave Rathz, and Amanda Burke

The highest accolade that St. Vincent-St. Mary High School bestows on a senior young man and young woman who have cultivated the finest characteristics of a Christian young adult. These awards recognize two exemplary seniors who have demonstrated Christian values in daily living and outstanding leadership, character, scholarship, citizenship, and generosity in participating in school events. Nominated by the members of the Class of 2013 and selected by the faculty, these graduates exemplify the very best that St. Vincent-St. Mary High School represents.

DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

Joanne Coletta Wiseman V69



Last spring, we as a school community, celebrated the Commencement Exercises for the graduates of the Class of 2013. Each of these 155 young men and women were provided many opportunities to develop as individuals because of the efforts we put into making our Mission Statement more than a statement on a sheet of paper, but a living reality. As we welcomed the Class of 2013 into the ranks of our esteemed alumni, we were proud to announce that this past year's graduating seniors earned over $13.7 million in college scholarships and grants. As classmates and teammates they won state recognition and titles in art, basketball, cross country, football, mathematics, Mock Trial, Model United Nations, symphonic band, track and field, wrestling, and science. They took 13th place nationally in rocket team competition and were the only high school in Ohio to be selected by NASA for the NASA Student Launch Project! The number of competitive awards earned was second-to-none as our students continued their efforts to be leaders in and out of the classroom! We know our graduates will always represent STVM well!

The more things change, the more they stay the same. At STVM, our current and former students are still making us proud. The newest members of our STVM family are 193 strong and make up the Class of 2017! They are becoming acclimated to high school life and have already made an impression as an enthusiastic group of respectful students who are happy to be members of our student body. They are willing to share their newly-acquired Irish Spirit with all they meet. Seventeen of them earned Irish Academic Scholarships based on their test scores that were in the top 6% of approximately 450 students who took our scholarship/placement tests in the Fall of 2012. Twelve of them were awarded Irish Opportunity Scholarships based on their character, leadership, achievement, and service and 66 Family and Memorial scholarships were awarded to freshmen from our generous donors! Forty of the freshmen have alum parents and 65 of the freshmen have STVM siblings! It's a great year for the Irish! And, for the first time in the history of St. Vincent–St. Mary we have enrolled 12 Chinese International Students as members of our student body! These students met our enrollment requirements and have come to us from China in order to receive a Catholic high school education at STVM. These students who are enrolled in the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes, are learning more about the English language and American culture on a daily basis, and are residing with STVM host families! Our administration, faculty, and staff extend our Irish hospitality and heartily welcome each of them and the Class of 2017! We are hoping for another banner year and expect all to "Be Your Best…Be Irish!"

Joanne Coletta Wiseman V69
Director of Admissions

STVM Class of 2013 **Graduates**

Kevin Alexander
Ohio University
Abrar Alniemi
The University of Akron
Autumn Azar
Kent State University
Emily Baker
The University of Akron
Nicholas Balaj
University of Findlay
Mary Barrett
John Carroll University
Ryan Bennett
Miami University
Madison Beskitt
The University of Akron
Fransohn Bickley
The University of Akron
Madeline Bishop
Culinary Institute of America
Jason Bivens
Stark State University
Daniel Bowen
Shawnee State University
Mary Bozsik
Marquette University
Erica Bratton
The Ohio State University
Devin Brown
The University of Akron
Sarah Brown
Kent State University
Corey Bryant
Kent State University
Amanda Burke
Miami University
Marianna Butts
Kent State University
Madison Buzek
Kent State University
Meredith Cabe
Walsh University
Trenton Campbell
The University of Akron
Emily Cetnarowski
Kent State University
Mary Cistone
The University of Akron
Austin Connell
University of Cincinnati
Kyle Crater
Nashville Tennessee-Air Force
Robert Dambrot
The University of Akron
Jeffrey Dannemiller
Ohio University
Nicholas DeKemper
The University of Akron
William Denton
The University of Akron
Danielle Durbin
Kent State University
Christopher Esker
Savannah College of Art & Design
Jackson Ewing
The University of Akron
Andrew Farrell
Trine University, Indiana
Hannah Fisher
Western Kentucky Univ.
Alexis Ford
The University of Akron
Michael Ford
University of Cincinnati
Zackery Frazier
The University of Akron
Ryan Fulkerson
Ohio University
Madeline Garritano
John Carroll University
Shannon Gaspar
The University of Akron
Allivia George
The University of Akron
Amanda Getz
The University of Akron
Evan Giffels
The University of Akron
Kaitlyn Gilbride
Bowling Green State Univ.
Stephany Gomez
The University of Akron
Kimi Gough
Kent State University
Joshua Gray
Walsh University
Hannah Green
Kent State University
Tyler Greenland
The University of Akron
Marie Guillard
Kent State University
Celeste Hall
Kent State University
Stephen Hall
The University of Akron
Gianna Hammer
University of Cincinnati
Jordan Hargrove
University of Mount Union
Daniel Herron
IVY Tech Community College
Christen Hoffman
West Virginia University
Katelyn Holaday
John Carroll University
Michael Iacofano
University of Kentucky
Patric Jones
Ohio University
Whitney Jones
The University of Akron
Theodore Kanis
The University of Akron
Nicholas Karipides
University of Dayton
Kayla Keathley
The University of Akron
Dylan Labbe
Bowling Green State Univ.
William Landers
The University of Akron
Chelsea Laury
Kent State University
Rebecca Lee
Walsh University
Kirsten Linnen
University of Cincinnati
Maria Locastro
University of Dayton
Julie Logsdon
The University of Akron
Ryan Loney
The University of Akron
Carin Marchetta
The University of Akron
Alexandra Matejczyk
Duquesne University
Marissa McAnallen
Kent State Stark University
Caroline McCarty
Kent State University
Teanna McDaniel
The University of Akron
Brianna McVicker
The University of Akron
Brianne Mehen
The University of Akron
Macee Miller
Youngstown State University
Kara Molinelli
The University of Akron
Shannon Moloney
Kent State University
Benjamin Moore
Heidelberg University
Anthony Morganti
The Ohio State University
Nicholas Neill
The University of Akron
Bennett Nelson
The University of Akron
Carol Nicolas
The University of Akron
Michelle Noethen
The Ohio State University
DaiRan Norris
Kent State University
Mary Ondack
The University of Akron
Matthew Oswald
John Carroll University
Alyssa Pagni
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Catherine Pamer
Xavier University
Ginger Pangas
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Thomas Paolucci
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The Ohio State University
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Gina Rich
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Michael Rix
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Michelle Robinson
Kent State University
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Bryce Ruggles
The University of Akron
Gregory Rybka
Hillsdale College
Nicholas Scaia
The University of Akron
Rachel Schlosser
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Patrick Schuerger
Florida Southern College
Alexandra Schueszler
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Allison Shaw
English Nanny & Governess School
Audrey Sheeks
Kent State University
Kallie Sickels
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Maria Skora
The University of Akron
Amanda Sollenberger
Miami University
Isabella Sparhawk
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Bailey Spinner
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Vincenzo Volpe
Case Western Reserve University
Catherine Walsh
The University of Akron
Connor Weber
The University of Akron
Joseph Weber IV
The University of Akron
Jordan Weisensell
The Ohio State University
Nicholas Wells
Lake Erie College
Michael Whalen
The University of Akron
Olivia Wilde
Kent State University
Christian Wilkinson
The University of Akron
Chase Williams
The Ohio State University
Bryon Wisor
The University of Akron
Mark Wysocki
The University of Akron
Elizabeth Yerman
University of Dayton
Jake Zaratsian
The University of Akron

STVM 2012-2013 Points Of Pride

We're proud of our Academic Excellence!

- **National Merit Scholars** Eight seniors
- **National Honor Society** 70 new members inducted
- **AP Scholars** 30 students
- **Over $13.7 million in college scholarships and grants** – offered to 2013 graduates
- **Mock Trial Team** State Semifinalist
- **Continental Mathematics League, Euclidean Division, Competition** perfect team score
- **Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society** 57 students inducted
- **Model United Nations** highest award at State Competition
- **Russian Scholar Laureate Award** STVM senior recognized for excellence

We're proud of our Science students!

- **Ohio Academy of Science District Science Fair** 35 students earned a total of 18 special awards and a total of 19 students advanced to State Science Day competition in Columbus.
- **State Science Day** STVM Inquiry Team earned $209,385 in cash and scholarships.
- **Northeast Ohio Science and Engineering Fair** (NEOSEF) 12 students selected to participate
- **Austin BioInnovation Best Medicine Fair** 10 students selected to participate
- **Team America Rocketry Challenge in Manassas, VA.** STVM placed 13th in the nation
- **NASA Student Launch Initiative team** one of 20 high schools selected by NASA to participate!
- **STVM Robotics Team** Two teams will compete in the FIRST® Tech Challenge and the FIRST® Robotics Competition

We're proud of our Christian/Community Service!

- **2012 National Outstanding Volunteer Service Award** earned by STVM junior
- **2013 STVM Baseball Team & Coaches** participate yearly in "Clean Up Akron" month
- **2013 STVM Red Cross Blood Drive** record-breaking number of pints of blood donated by students
- **Books for the Bahamas** over 5,000 books collected by STVM National Honor Society students
- **Educate the Congo** STVM French language students collect educational materials yearly for the Congo
- **Joseph of Arimathea Society** STVM students act as pall bearers and mourners for the poor and elderly
- **Adopt-A-Family** STVM students provide Christmas each year for needy families in our community
- **23,877 Christian Service hours** performed by STVM student body in 2012/2013!

We're proud of our Performing Arts!

- **District Ohio Music Educators Association Solo and Ensemble contest** 16 "Superior" awards
- **2013 STVM Fighting Irish Marching Band & Irish Dancers** invited to perform at Disney World
- **Scholastic Art winners** Three Gold Key Awards, Six Silver Key Awards
- **Governor's Award of Excellence with High Honors in Art** STVM Senior is awarded
- **City of Akron Holocaust Arts and Writing Competition** Four winners
- **Kent State University Honors Band** four STVM musicians selected to perform
- **Three STVM drama productions** each involving over 100 students in cast, crew and pit orchestra

We're proud of our Athletic Accomplishments!

- **2012 Girls Cross Country Team** OHSAA Div. II Champions for the 4th consecutive year!
- **2012 Girls & Boys Cross Country Teams** Academic All-Ohio
- **2012 Boys Individual Cross Country** OHSAA Div. II State Champion
- **2013 Boys Individual 182 lb. Wrestling** OHSAA Div. II State Champion
- **2013 Boys Track & Field** OSHAA Div. II State Champions
- **2012 Football** OHSAA Div. II Champions
- **2012 Basketball** OHSAA Div. II Semifinalists

Be your Best... Be Irish!

Welcome **Class of 2017** *denotes sibling graduated from STVM; *Italicized* are parents of student who graduated from STVM

Mitchell Adamczyk
Liam Ahern
Sean Ahern VM80
Jennifer Andio
Bradley Apel
Ryan Arndt*
Conner Ault
Caroline Baker
James Baker VM82
Tannous Barakat*
Theresa Barrett*
Jeanne Bedell Barrett VM83
Michaela Barry
Jeffrey Bauhart
Romeo Bennett
Eric Bentley
Wil Beskitt*
David Beskitt VM89,
Jodi Weiss Beskitt VM89
Deonna Bickley
Mason Bilinovich
Brandon Bilinovich VM92
Brandon Bischof*
Cassidy Bisesi*
Blake Bishop
Trevor Bonner*
Mia Brady
Kassandra Brown
Liana Brown
Luke Carlson*
Patricia Pozuc Carlson VM85
Rose Carlyon
Candace Jones Carlyon VM87
Leah Cavanaugh
Kacie Cawthorne
Diana Chang
Ariel Christian
Annabelle Comunale*
Joseph Conti
Joseph Conti VM82,
Kathleen Khoury Conti VM83
Iyanna Cooper
Alexander Costa*
Brian Costigan*
Dick Costigan V70
Dahntray Coteat
Shannon Croghan
Allison Curry
Giana D'Andrea
Dante D'Andrea VM91
Sabrina Daniels
Gino Davis*
Rick Davis VM86,
Julie Sullivan Davis VM86
Bronson Davis*
Isiah Davis
Elise Davis*
Christine Breiding Davis VM80
Collin Derrig
Alexa DiFeo*
Edward DiFeo VM81
Isabella DiFeo
Robert DiFeo VM75
Mary Dolinar
Vincent Dominic
Christavus Dominic VM89
Cheyenne Dryer
Joseph Duke
Patricia Skacevic Duke VM82
Ross Faetanini*
Erin Burdon Faetanini VM86
Caleb Fagerstrom
Carl Fagerstrom
Victoria Fallucco*
Mike Fallucco VM82,
Julie Mortier Fallucco VM82
Ryan Farris*
James Fazio, Jr.
Kevin Feezel
Nathan Fiedler*
Rome Ripellino Fiedler VM88
Patrick Finger
Olivia Flesher
Timothy Flower
Alexa Fryberger
Kevin Fulkerson*
Zaria Garley
Eryca Garrett
Eva Gaspar*
Callie Gerzanics*
Morgan Getz*
Michaela Giltner*
Isaiah Graham*
Jayvon Graves
William Grayson
Jason Green
Paige Gura
Scott Hamed-Ramos*
Brice Harris
Jillian Helmick*
Jeremiah Hennessy*
Terry Hennessy VM88,
Lisa Ake Hennessy VM84
Jacob Horning
MacKenna Hornyak
Miyauna Incarnato
Darnell Irons, Jr.
Kameron Ivory
Phillip Jackson, III
Logan James
Lauren Johenning*
Erika Jordan
Thomas Keener*
Jessica Kiehnau
Logan Kiesling
Jalen King*
DeAmonte` King
Mitchell Kirk*
Michael Kirk VM83,
Elizabeth Sutter Kirk VM82
Joseph Koontz, II
Malik Lee
Meijin Li
Courtney Libby
Gabriel Lidderdale
Anna Liggett
Megan Linnen*
Nicholas Locastro*
Jeanne Murvai Locastro VM80
Gloria Lockett
Nicholas Long
Anna Magoline
James Martucci
Kathy Thorpe Martucci VM83
Keenan Matthews
Paul Maximovich*
Tim Maximovich VM89
Robert McCready*
Patrick McFarland*
Amya McGee*
Michael McIntire
Connor McIntyre*
Micheala McVicker*
Samantha Meissner
Kelli Mills Meissner VM88
Dominic Merlitti
Paul Merlitti VM90,
Stacy Conti Merlitti VM88
Alex Mesenburg
Todd Mesenburg VM84
Nicholas Michel
Steven Mileski*
Steve Mileski VM83
Rachael Mion*
Kyle Molinelli*
Patti Bouschere Molinelli VM79
Dakota Morehouse
Maria Morganti*
Robert Morganti*
Joseph Nanashee
Jacob Nelson*
Katherine Neugebauer*
Paul Neugebauer VM87
Randolph Norris, IV*
Jackson Odadzin
Kalie Oliver
Alexandria Oliverio
Kaitlyn Oplinger
Varney Pelima
Natalie Petit
Adam Pianalto*
Jim Pianalto VM80,
Debbie VanDevere Pianalto VM81
Jamie Piglia*
Darryl Piglia VM83
Nathan Pohlman
Payton Pooler
Cameron Pooler VM93
Tayler Powell
Arquesha Radcliff
Rachel Reese
Linda Fromm Reese VM87
Nathan Rickbrodt*
Benjamin Rilley
Skylar Roberts
Jamel Rushing
Mexie Wilson VM90
Jane Rybka*
Anna Santucci
Maris Sarlouis
John Sarlouis VM82,
Margaret Kelly Sarlouis VM83
Adam Satterfield
Daniel Scheiman
Jacey Scherer*
Griffin Schueszler*
Kendall Shadie
Cassandra Shaw
Christine Conway Shaw VM83
Tatyana Shropshire
Mercedes Sieg
Timothy Sims*
Cameron Snider
Andrew Sollenberger*
Marjorie Sovacool*
Sienna Spaethe
Cameron Squire
Juliana Stierl
Matthew Stoltz*
Alexis Swearingen
Ryan Swejk*
Chryssa Dunford Swejk VM81
Jacob Szurgot*
Donte Taylor, Jr.
Anthony Tersigni*
Jessika Thompson
Abigale Thorn*
Nathan Timberlake
Kelly Tobin
Tim Tobin VM87,
Amy DeBarr Tobin VM88
Matthew Tomin*
Brandon Trevillion
Bryan Uhl
Abigail Volk
Clare Wagner
Ryan Walck
Paula Pozuc Walck VM78
Lauren Walker*
Hannah Walker
Magdalana Wallace
Macie Wassam*
JeMarie Weber-Harris*
Jonathan Williams
Myles Williams*
Thomia Wilson*
Tyler Winston
Raykwon Woodruff
Malik Wooldridge
Elijah Yoho
Hugh "Nando" Zegarra
Ellen Cronin Zegarra VM92
Samuel Zmuda
Timothy Zuckett

Eight STVM Students Honored as **Commended National Honor Students**

St. Vincent-St. Mary is pleased to announce that eight students have been named Commended Students in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2014 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2014 competition by taking the 2012 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

Congratulations to our STVM students: Sean Gaffney, Andrew Katcher, Alex Morley, Preston Hollopeter, Brooke Powell, Tyler Riemenschneider, Andrew Rodgers, Derek Whiddon.

BREAKING NEWS! **Congratulations to our AP Scholars**

AP Scholars have been announced for 2013 and STVM is proud to have 30 students included in this elite and honorable academic status.

Some additional data that you might be interested in: 97% of the STVM students taking AP tests scored a 3 or better on tests taken. This compares to only 67% in the State of Ohio and only 61% globally. Also, here is some additional data that might be worth "bragging about."

AP SCHOLAR WITH DISTINCTION Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more exams.

Corey Bryant	Hannah Green	Katelyn Holaday
Jackson Ewing	Celeste Hall	Thomas Paolucci

AP SCHOLAR WITH HONOR Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more exams.

Amanda Burke	Nicholas Neill	Marisa Tomin
Meredith Cabe	Bennett Nelson	Vincenzo Volpe
Christopher Esker	Alissa Peeples	
Christen Hoffman	Anne Thrower	

AP SCHOLAR Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams.

Emily Baker	Michelle Noethen	Stefan Subich
Erica Bratton	Dena Pierog	Mark Wysocki
Andrew Farrell	Gregory Rybka	
Zackery Frazier	Amanda Sollenberger	
Stephen Hall	Isabella Sparhawk	
Ryan Loney	RosaLia Stadler	

Be Social ... Follow STVM

STVM Senior Honored by Buckeye Boys Program **Derek Whiddon VM14**

Derek Whiddon, a senior at STVM, was recently featured in The Universe Bulletin (September 13, 2013) for his involvement with the 2013 Buckeye Boys State Program, his award, and his trip to Washington, D.C.

Because of his outstanding performance in the Buckeye Boys State program, he earned a Buckeye Boys State Outstanding Citizen Award and was selected by the American Legion to represent Ohio at the Boys Nation Program. Derek was one of two delegates from the 2013 Buckeye Boys State Program to have the honor of representing the State of Ohio at the American Legion Boys Nation program in Washington, D.C. in July.

Please follow this link to read more about Derek and the Buckeye Boys State program: http://catholicuniversebulletin.org/

STVM Students **Recognized for Scouts Service**

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Paydo VM16** recipient of The Girl Scout Gold Award!

Congratulations to **Brian Wisor**, **Greg Rybka** and **Connor Weber** our new STVM Eagle Scouts!

Science Notes

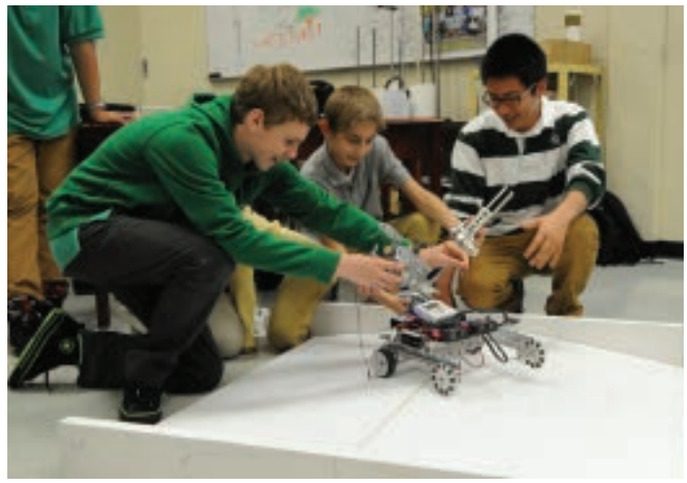
STVM Introduces Robotics Team, Adding to Impressive Science and Engineering Programs

In September 2013, St. Vincent–St. Mary High School announced the addition of a new and exciting extracurricular program for its students with interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs.

This school year, STVM will be fielding two teams that will compete in the FIRST® Tech Challenge (FTC®) and the FIRST® Robotics Competition (FRC®). STVM will once again be partnering with The University of Akron. Dr. Shiva Sastry, professor of computer engineering at The University of Akron, has agreed to be the teams' technical mentor. This mentoring program is just one of the many science mentoring programs instituted by STVM.

STVM partners with The University of Akron on several other science-significant programs, granting students access to professors and experts in the fields of Polymer Science and various other science and laboratory-based disciplines. The FIRST® Tech Challenge is a robotics competition for high school students.

"The importance of this program is that it allows students who may not think they were very good at science or math to discover an aptitude when challenged with a "hands-on" type of project that involves scientific principles at the heart of engineering design,"



said Robert Engels, STVM Science Department Chair and Robotics Advisor. "The introduction of this program aligns with our continuing efforts and focus to provide innovative learning opportunities for our students," said Thomas Carone, STVM President. "It is important that we stay ahead of educational trends both inside the classroom and through our enrichment programs. We have seen great success with our Rocket Team and Polymer Science studies. I anticipate that same success with the Robotics program." To learn more about FIRST®, please visit the website: www.usfirst.org

If you are interested in learning more about the STVM Robotics initiative or any of the amazing STVM academic and extracurricular offerings, please contact Ellen Cronin Zegarra VM92, 330-253-9113 x152 or via email ezegarra@stvm.com

L-R: Mrs. Mary Jo Chionchio, STVM Project Director; Dr. Carin Helfer; Jane Bozsik; Dr. Ali Dhinojwala; Kate Friess; Dr. Alamgir Karim; Joe Puhalla; Alex Weber; Mariah Costa; Dr. Younjin Min; Zane Bellar; Dr. Abraham Joy; Cannon Morgan; Dr. Brian Vogt; Jack Mileski; Dr. David Simmons; Preston Hollopeter; and Dr. Matthew Becker.

STVM Students Take Part In UA/STEM Research Experience Orientation Program

The Goodyear Polymer Center at The University of Akron was the location in July 2013, for the UA/STEM Research Experience Orientation Program.

Elevated this year to the status of an Honors Level Research Class, selected STVM students joined with their UA polymer scientist mentor to begin discussing research projects and plans to develop an enhanced Science Inquiry Project to be entered in the Ohio Academy of Science District Fair, Northeast Ohio Science and Engineering Fair, ABIA Best Medicine Fair, and the Ohio Academy of Science State Science Day competition.

Sixth Annual Science Fair: Judges needed!

We are in need of judges for the 6th Annual STVM Science Fair which will be held on the STVM Campus on Tuesday, February 4th, 2014.

The participants at this fair are students in grades 9 to 12. By participating in this fair, students will have the opportunity to qualify for the District Fair to be held at The University of Akron.

Volunteers with a background in any type of science or engineering are needed to judge the science fair projects.

Judges can attend an optional orientation meeting at 3:30 p.m. and then judging will take place from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4th.

If you are willing and able to judge, please send an e-mail to Brian Lawson blawson@stvm.com. Please include in the email your science category preference (listed below). There are five categories of projects that include: Life Science, Earth and Space Science, Chemistry, Physics, and Engineering.

Thank you!

Celebrate our Faith

Religion Notes

Faith & Service

Here at STVM, we take pride in our Catholic faith and the Christian environment we provide daily for our students. During the last school year, we celebrated over 40 liturgical services, 141 senior students embarked on one of three Kairos Retreats, and our students performed over 23,877 hours of service.

A new section has been added to our website – Faith & Service. It offers a more in-depth glance at how our students walk with Christ every day. Share their journey here: http://www.stvm.com/studentlife/spiritual

Irish Athletes For Christ

Irish Athletes for Christ is an active and important organization within the STVM High School Community. The club meets monthly with speakers during 7:30 a.m. meetings and they host worthwhile philanthropic events like the recent "Sporting Good Equipment Collection." The club collected gently used and new sports equipment and donated them to area schools and teams.

The IAFC Mission Statement is to provide a program to help student athletes develop virtue, character, and discipline using athletics to honor God in all aspects of life.

Thank You Class of 2013

In the tradition of senior classes of the past, the Class of 2013 presented the school with a permanent gift as a gesture of their gratitude and generosity for their years at STVM. As you drive down Maple Street, you will now see a beautiful and large Celtic Cross at the front outside entrance of the school on Maple Street. The Cross will be back-lit from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. each day. The gift giving did not stop there...the STVM Class of 2013 also gifted the school a number of classroom crucifixes!

The students raised their own money for the class gifts. The intent of the class gift embraces the concept that a difference is made to the school because of the gift. Some of the gifts of the past include a clock for every classroom, the Irish Blessing plaque in the student center, new risers for the choral groups and most recently, the Class of 2012 gifted 3 large flat-screen TVs to the school. The students give thought and consideration for the school's needs when making their gift decision.

So as you drive down Maple Street and see the marvelous gift from the Class of 2013, keep them in your prayers and remember them and the "treasure" they gave to reflect and proclaim their Irish Pride.

Our Catholic High School continues to be an icon of our mission and our beliefs. This was a very ambitious project and as the installation effort will attest – a VERY BIG one as well!

Foreign Language Notes

STVM Students Travel to Spain and France

Barb Hilovsky [STVM Spanish Teacher] reports.....

French and Spanish students joined forces on a trip to Spain and France this summer. We visited Toledo, Segovia, and Madrid, Spain and Paris, France. Our language skills were used in so many ways including to shop, to ask for food, and just in general to communicate with the citizens in the community!

The tour began in Paris with a visit to the top of the Eiffel Tower and a panoramic view of the city. Our visit included: Notre Dame Cathedral, gargoyles in the tower, baking French pastries in a local bakery, a tour in Versailles, Mass at the Sacré Cœur, as well as Montmartre to view the artwork and visit with the artists. Our favorite foods in France revolved around the fresh-made crepes filled with fruit, Nutella, and fresh whipped cream! We also saw many different kinds of art at the museums of the Louvre and Musée d'Orsay.

In the city of Toledo, Spain, we learned that Muslims, Jews and Christians thrived and lived peacefully together for hundreds of years and that it is the home of El Greco, the mystical, religious painter. We were awed by the 13th century Cathedral and its altar of gold and the ancient buildings. A sword and jewelry making demonstration was an interesting side note and resulted in some souvenir purchases. Our visit included visiting the 2,000-year-old Roman Aqueduct in Segovia, a flamenco performance and enjoying the delicious seafood and tapas as well as paella, the national rice and seafood dish of Spain.

STVM Welcomes 12 International Students from China

In August, St. Vincent-St. Mary High School welcomed 12 international students from China into our school community! All 12 will be staying with STVM host families for the entire school year. After the 2013-2014 school year, our international students will return to China for the summer season and then return to STVM for the 2014-2015 school year.

After an intense application process that involved multiple interviews and a visit to China, the STVM Admissions Department and our partner The Cambridge Institute of International Education hand-selected these 12 exceptional Chinese International Students.

Front Row (l-r): Zhang Yu, Wang Cen, Gu Zhaoyang, Li Meijin. Back Row (l-r): Zhao Wenxin, Zhu Yanguang, Zhang Mingjia, Yang Yihang, Li Fan, Zhou Meng, Wei Jinzhi, Hu Jin

Creative Arts Notes

I.T.S. Presents "Kiss Me Kate"

The STVM International Thespian Society (ITS), under the direction of Gerard Neary, delighted the audience in April with the production of "Kiss Me Kate."

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

The STVM ITS will present their Fall Drama production followed by the annual "dinner theater" murder/mystery productions in the winter prior to the much anticipated Spring Musical!

Please consult the school calendar for more details!

2013-2014 ADMISSIONS DATES

OPEN HOUSES
Thursday, November 6, 2013 6:30 – 8 p.m.
Sunday, March 2, 2014 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

SCHOLARSHIP/PLACEMENT TESTS
Saturdays: 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon
October 12, 2013, October 26, 2013,
and November 9, 2013

7TH GRADE VISITATION
Wednesday, March 19, 2014

CONTACT Joanne Wiseman,
Director of Admissions,
for more information at 330-253-9113
www.stvm.com

Athletic Notes

PROMISE Kept

The LeBron James Family Foundation writes.....

It feels like it was just yesterday when LeBron James VM03 made his PROMISE to the St. Vincent–St. Mary High School community while standing on the court where it all started. That moment was one that will not be forgotten for years to come, and walking out of the school that day, LeBron and his Foundation were ready to get to work on fulfilling his PROMISE.

On Saturday, August 10, 2013, LeBron's PROMISE was kept as the student athletes of the fall sports season received their new Nike gear. We knew these student athletes would be the best dressed athletes around, but what LeBron had in store that evening was a surprise to all.

The stadium lights brightened the field, the community congregated on the bleachers, and the student athletes swarmed the catwalk. IT'S SHOWTIME, ST. VINCENT–ST. MARY! One student from every team was selected to represent and model the team's new apparel, each bringing a special excitement to the catwalk. Thirteen models gathered in the Cosgrove Center to secretly get suited up just before the event, and they were taken individually by limo onto the field to ensure that the moment they stepped on stage would be the first time anyone would see the new uniforms. As music selected by each team played, these students showed off their Nike gear proudly as their teammates cheered them on. One model after another came bounding out from behind the black curtain, soccer balls were kicked into the stands, dance moves were shown off, and you couldn't wipe the smile off anyone's face in that place. As the final model walked the catwalk, we all sadly knew the show had to come to an end. As the emcees were giving their closing words, another song began to play and through the fog, a 6'8'' figure appeared donning the number nine in all black. The STVM community rose from their seats and students swarmed the catwalk! It was LeBron! The crowd went crazy as he walked down the cat walk! It's not over! The show is not over! Exhilaration was in the air and LeBron was back at home. There could not have been a bigger smile on anyone's face in that entire stadium than that of LeBron, "Was that a surprise or what? On behalf of the LeBron James Family Foundation and on behalf of St. Vincent–St. Mary, I just want to thank you guys for allowing me, and my Foundation, to be able to outfit this unbelievable high school..." For LeBron, Akron is home and STVM is home, and if anyone has school pride, it's LeBron. As he walked off the stage, his PROMISE to the fall sports teams was kept. Next up, winter sports! Special thanks to Todd Northrop, BSN Sports, and his team for their work and dedication to making these the best-looking uniforms in high school sports.

Photo Courtesy of LeBron James Family Foundation

KNEELING: Stephen Dages, Irene Presper, Julia Mendiola, Gia Faetanini, Marie Hammer. STANDING: Tory Kovalchick, Emily Roberts, Dante Booker, Maddie Frericks, Erica Wolf, LeBron James, Kristen Bratton, Hannah Norris, Corey Large

St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Booster Club

2013-2014 STVM ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB BOARD

President: Dave Muehlheim
Vice President: Marty Shaffer
Treasurer: Stacy Hentosz
Secretary: Marcy Smith
Chairman of the Board: Jim Hillery
Board Members: Bob Bertsch, Don Coughlin, Lou Giffels, Karen May, Mike May, Carol Sweitzer, Terry Mathern and Tom Stecz

All are welcome to attend the Booster Club general meetings that occur the third Monday of every month. General meetings include a social "hour" at 7:00 p.m. with meetings starting promptly at 7:30 p.m. in the Wentz Room.

Join Today! Visit the STVM website for more details: www.stvm.com and go to Athletics then Athletic Boosters

2013-2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

REVERSE RAFFLE
at Guy's Party Centre, Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 6pm

CHRISTMAS PARTY
Friday, December 6, 2013 in the Wentz Room

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY
Saturday, December 28, 2013 @ Halftime of STVM Boys Varsity Basketball Game against Shaker Heights.
Join us as we recognize and honor our 2013 Hall of Fame Class:

Provie Tomei VM75
Alex Marconi VM96
Jamie Zwisler VM96
Kara Murphy VM07
Tim Wilkes II VM01
Dave Houston VM89
Paul Winters VM76
Jim Meyer VM73

NIGHT AT THE RACES
Saturday, February 22, 2014 in the STVM Gym

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