THE CONNECTION

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

Spring 2014

Some Kind of Wonderful

Distinguished Administrator
Headmaster
David V. Rathz

Distinguished Alumna
Sandra Pianalto
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Distinguished Leaders
Silhouette of the
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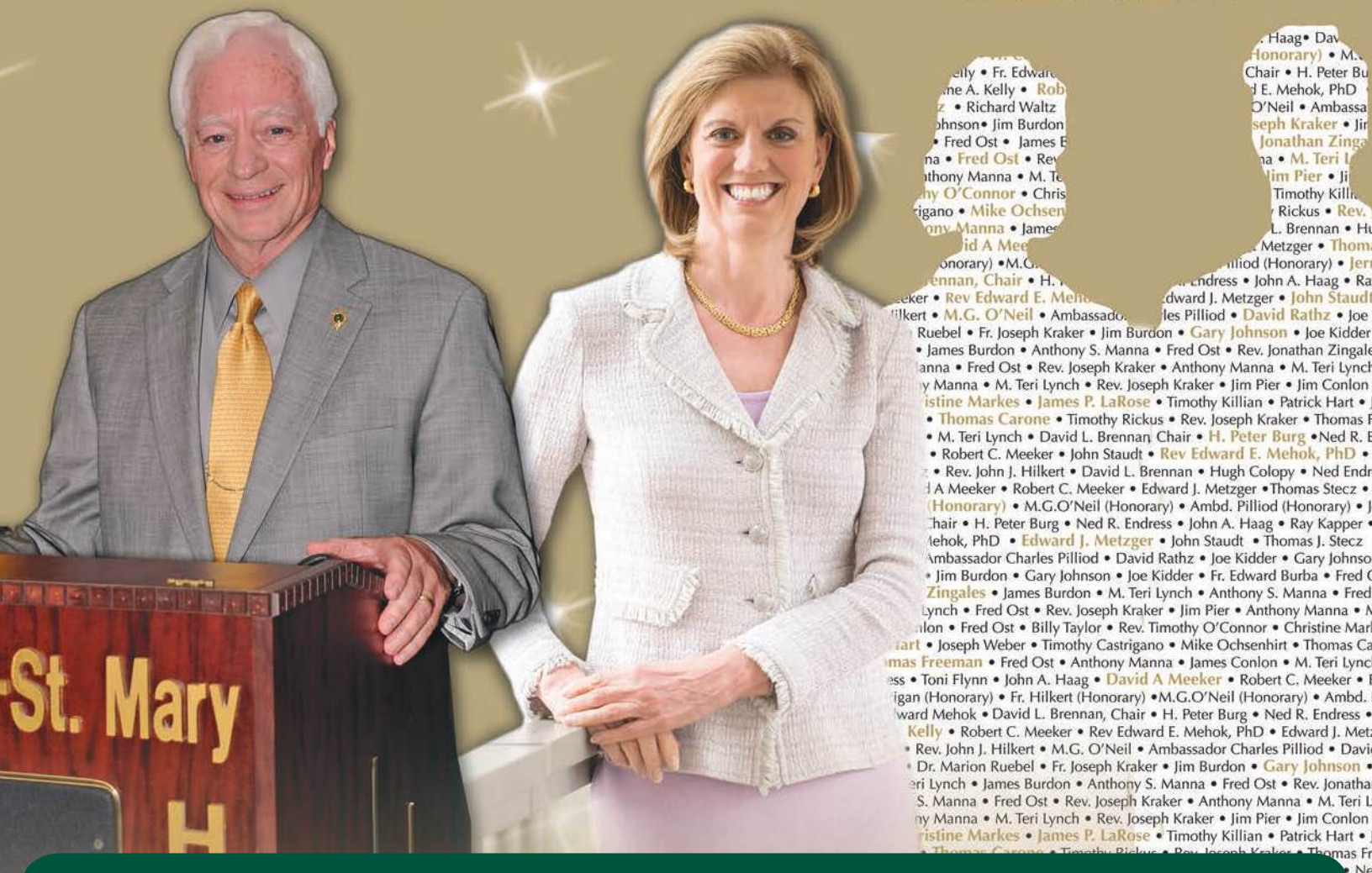

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WELCOME

THE CONNECTION SPRING 2014

CONSTITUENT RELATIONS

Kathy Zehenni Holaday VM77

Dear Alumni and Friends,

The STVM Alumni Association officially welcomed the St. Vincent-St. Mary Class of 2014 (VM14) during the Senior Banquet scheduled for May 21st. This class of 171 students has 55 parents that are alumni of St. Mary, St. Vincent or St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. It will be interesting to discover the VM18 class of incoming freshmen and their "connection" with alumni parents and siblings. More to come on that topic in our next magazine - Fall 2014!

It is hard to believe that nearly eight years have gone by since my introduction in the Summer 2006 issue of the magazine! The warm welcome that I received truly was Some Kind of Wonderful! The wonderful family environment, the people in our community and the many yearly events only serve to reinforce the fact that STVM is strong, vibrant and growing! I am confident that there will be more amazing history-making moments that will enable our rich traditions and heritage to continue for many years to come!

The eight years have flown by! It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Alumni Director and even though my last day at STVM will be June 30th, I have thoroughly enjoyed having the three hats to wear (alumni, current/past parent and employee)! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve my alma mater in this capacity. I appreciate each and every one of you! Especially the team here at STVM and those of you who have worked so diligently to "stay connected" with their alma mater!

Please continue to forward your updated contact info and alumni updates to the STVM Alumni Office! No matter which of the three schools you graduated from – the STVM of today is a marvelous reflection of our pride and our collective experience. Take some time and visit STVM and allow the students of today to learn more about your high school experiences so that they can fully appreciate our wonderful and remarkable history!

When you consider the over 100 years of history for our combined schools, it is no wonder we have great things to brag about! This issue is dedicated to our many alumni, friends and students who continue to give their talents, time, and treasures to our school and our community. All of you are truly, Some Kind of Wonderful!

Thank you and I hope to see you on campus, very soon!

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

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SAVE THE DATE

2014

JUNE 8 Farewell Reception: David V. Rathz [see p. 27]
JULY 7 Dan Steiner Memorial Golf Outing [see p. 28] (Rosemont Country Club)
AUG. 8 Booster Club Welcome Picnic
AUG. 10 Freshmen Breakfast
AUG. 27 President's Cocktail Party
AUG. 28 Home Opener: STVM vs. Garfield Alumni & Friends Pre-Game Gathering: Jim Pier Pavilion [p. 14]
SEPT. 28 OPEN HOUSE from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
OCT. 11 Scholarship / Placement Tests from 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon
OCT. 25 Scholarship / Placement Tests from 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon
NOV. 5 OPEN HOUSE from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
NOV. 12 Career Connections 8:00 a.m.
NOV. 15 Scholarship / Placement Tests from 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon
DEC. 6 "Placement Only" Test from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon
DEC. 9 Eighth Grade Academic Scholarship Dinner (*Snow Date – Wednesday, December 10, 2014)

2015

MAR. 1 Deadline for the 2015 Mahar & Irish Crusader Nominations
MAR. 8 OPEN HOUSE from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
MAR. 18 7th Grade Visitation Day

APOLOGIES ARE EXTENDED FOR THE FOLLOWING ERROR AND OMISSION IN THE FALL 2013 CONNECTION MAGAZINE: Omitted by mistake: Mike Conley in the picture id for the VM73 Class Reunion photo!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thomas M. Carone VM77

Dear Alumni, Family & Friends,

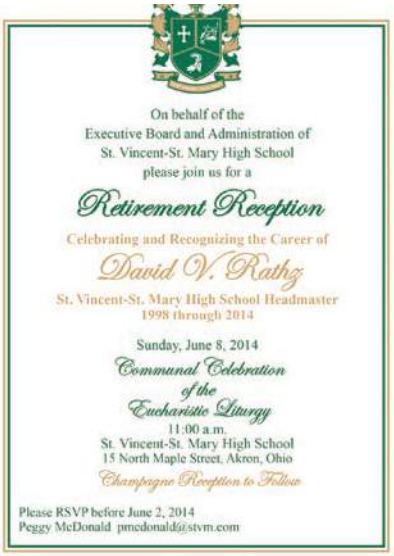
The school year is drawing to a close and just as the theme for the 28th Showcase, *Some Kind Of Wonderful*, has been incorporated into this magazine, that theme resonates throughout our halls! Our students are certainly *Some Kind Of Wonderful.* It is also easy to share with you that I feel that our Alumni, Family & Friends are *Some Kind Of Wonderful*, as well! With your support and participation, we can continue to achieve academic excellence and propel our Irish Pride to new heights! Thank you for being *Some Kind Of Wonderful*, and for your continued dedication and loyalty to STVM.

As most of you know, Dave Rathz, our Headmaster for the past 16 years, is retiring from STVM at the end of June. He will be riding off into the proverbial sunset to begin enjoying the life of retirement. He will be focusing on spending time with his family, travelling with his wife, Patty, and probably completing many home projects.

Dave will certainly be missed here at STVM. He has accomplished many goals while serving as the leader of our school. As many of our current faculty have said to me, "Dave has taken us places we didn't know we needed to go, let alone, wanted to go!" As a testament to his efforts, all of this was done for the betterment of our school and our students.

Another sentiment validates and confirms Dave's impact on our school, "Dave focused on academic excellence and core curriculum as well as an expansion in the Arts program with his attention to Band, Drama and Art; which resulted in many accolades and increased community awareness to these programs. Many events such as the Speaker Series, Fine Arts Festival, plus the addition of Chinese and Russian languages were all added to make our student's educational experience excel under his guidance."

Dave has been an administrator at STVM longer than any other Principal/Headmaster in the history of STVM. He has presented more than 2,200 diplomas and has driven more than 350,000 miles to get to school. The times shared, friendships made, and the incredible successes, which are far too many to list, have been an extraordinary part of Dave's sixteen years here at STVM.



On behalf of the
Executive Board and Administration of
St. Vincent-St. Mary High School
please join us for a

Retirement Reception

Celebrating and Recognizing the Career of

David V. Rathz

St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Headmaster
1998 through 2014

Sunday, June 8, 2014

Communal Celebration
of the
Eucharistic Liturgy

11:00 a.m.
St. Vincent-St. Mary High School
15 North Maple Street, Akron, Ohio

Champagne Reception to Follow

Please RSVP before June 2, 2014
Peggy McDonald pmcdonald@stvm.com

See page 27 for Dave Rathz's Retirement Party Invitation

Dave is more than a colleague, he is someone I have enjoyed working with every day, and whom I will miss when he retires. We had some laughs, we had some tears, and now we say goodbye to a person that has helped our school become a vital and important entity within our hearts and within our community. Dave, I hope the future brings to you all the happiness that you deserve. Thank you for everything!

To our Alumni, Family & Friends: I hope you joined us on Sunday, June 8th as we celebrated Dave and wished him well on his retirement. We salute Dave Rathz and his 16 years of dedication and service to STVM. A special scholarship has just been created to honor Dave [p. 29]

God Bless,
Thomas Carone VM77, President

CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mike Ochsenhirt V71

As the 2013-2014 school year draws to a close, we very much look forward to the balmy temperatures of Spring. Surely our students would agree especially after having had 6 or 7 additional days off. Fortunately, we had additional days already built into our schedule and only had to make up one day. The LeBron James Arena is complete, and many exciting events have already allowed us to settle into our newly renovated facility.

However, the most important news at the school is that our esteemed Headmaster, David Rathz will be retiring at the end of this school year. Dave began his tenure at STVM in 1998, with the anticipation of working five or six years. Now, 16 years later, he will be leaving St. Vincent St. Mary High School. Dave's leadership over these years has had a tremendous impact on the school. The timely changes in teaching staff, academic direction and curriculum have not only kept STVM an academic leader locally, but also consistent with national trending.

Secondary education provides an opportunity wherein students develop physically, mature mentally and make decisions that will affect them the rest of their lives. Our students are well prepared academically, socially, and morally to move into a collegiate environment and beyond. The numerous awards, academic achievements, recognition and accolades received by our students annually are a testament to the high quality of our teachers under Dave's leadership and direction.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, I would like to thank Dave (and his lovely wife Patty O'Malley) for the considerable time, effort, direction and leadership at STVM these past 16 years. We wish and pray for the best of health and happiness to Dave and Patty in the years to come.

God Bless,
Michael R. Ochsenhirt V71, STVM Executive Board Chairman

HEADMASTER'S GREETING

David V. Rathz

Dear Alumni and Friends of STVM,

This spring marks the end of my tenure as Administrator of the greatest school in Ohio. I say that accolade with no reservation whatsoever. STVM has been the premier Catholic co-educational high school in Akron since 1972 and in two buildings prior to that merger. My work has been to see it continue.

When I arrived in 1998, I believed that my mission was to better organize the faculty and better discipline the students. I soon learned that my real task was to save the school from closing. That meant I had to set not only those higher standards but also balance the budget. Luckily for me, STVM had dedicated and generous alumni such as Dave Brennan and Jack Haag. Luckily, also, the Board of Trustees streamlined to a five-member Executive Committee, and we worked well together to make the school budget "lean and mean." We also went to work to find the best teachers and staff to help "raise the bar" for our students. "The rest is history."

We have reaped the rewards from the past decade. Our students' successes are well documented in their college scholarships and their extra-curricular awards. They have set many new records in the classroom, in their respective extra-curricular clubs and on the playing field. The school has been "on a roll," as many of you have stated, and collectively we could not be prouder. Again, I say, "The rest is history." That "history" cannot be changed. Those achievements are documented; however, we all know that the memorable events of that history can be lost and forgotten. To that end, we have begun a special project that I was proud to announce at the Mahar Awards Banquet in October. Here is a recap of that announcement:

A very special and very large project has been initiated at the school. It directly affects all alumni, family and friends of our STVM community. Additionally, this project continues well into future years. The product is the ***"ORAL HISTORY PROJECT" for STVM****.*

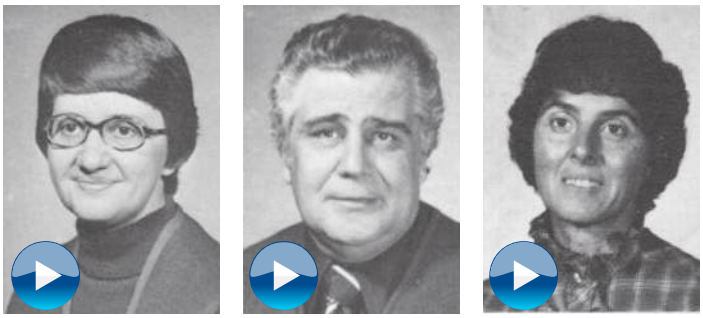
Inspired by the historical recordings of presidents, political families, inventors, military leaders, and the like, our school is now preserving the memories of our past. You will be able to watch and listen to our famous leaders and alumni: people like John Cistone, Sister Christine Mendiola, Mrs. Sally Longville, and many, many more. Hours of video have already been produced. Many more hours will be recorded in the days to come…

Adjacent to this letter, please find the description of this project and processes involved. You and any alumni, faculty or staff of STVM are welcomed and encouraged to add to this living documentation of the school's "history." Get Involved! Let's leave no page unturned and no chapter unwritten in this technological capture of the past.

Imagine if there were actual copies of speeches and footage of events from the early 1900's. There are not. So, we start where we can. We begin with you. Please come to the school and tell your favorite stories from the past. Provide for those future students and parents the documentation of what you experienced. Share the stories and the memories. Share of yourself and this "family" we call "The Fighting Irish."

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as Administrator for these past 16 years. I wish STVM and our STVM community the very best going forward.

Sincerely,
David V. Rathz



The Oral History Project includes interviews with (clockwise from top left) Sr. Christine Mendiola, John Cistone and Sally Longville.

The Oral History Project

Prior to the announced retirement of our Headmaster, Mr. David Rathz initiated a project that would for years to come, trace and follow the footsteps of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. This project is entitled "The Oral History Project" and its main purpose is to keep the legacy of STVM alive through unedited video interviews of STVM alumni, friends and employees (past and present). These interviews discuss implementations of STVM programs and departments, a nostalgic look back at certain eras as well as give in-depth emotion behind some of STVM's great alumni and friends. There is a long list of interviews that have taken place and it is hoped that more will take place! This is an on-going project that will catalog and archive our special STVM moments for years to come.

STVM has placed each uncut interview online for the viewing pleasure of our alumni and friends. Follow these simple instructions to view the "Oral History Project."

Go to www.stvm.com
Go to Alumni and Click "Oral History" from drop-down menu

Please bear with us during the process of implementation on our website. Keep checking back to our website as we continue to upload interviews as memories are captured. Future interviews will include the following topics: Maintaining the Catholicity of our School; our partnership with The University of Akron and how we became the School of Science and Technology; more on our Art, Music and Drama Departments; a full tour of the Class Murals seen on the walls inside the Academic Area; Athletics; Foreign Language; Peer Ministry and Service; Volunteering at STVM; Special Education and a once in a lifetime interview with John Cistone.

We encourage everyone's input and feedback during this process. If you would like to be involved, please contact our Advancement Office for more information or simply email stvmnews@stvm.com.

Screen shot of one of the Oral History videos available to view online.

Our History is *Some Kind of Wonderful*

Alumni Archives **New Treasures Added**

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

Margaret Walter Healy (mother of Jessica Healy VM05) donated memorabilia from her father, Edwin Walter V33 which included the St. Vincent de Paul 100 Year Anniversary Book (1837-1937) and a 1989 STVM directory.

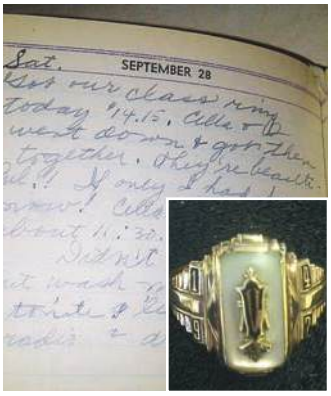
Mary "Yvonne" Karadin Hoffman V58 donated Universe Bulletin articles dating back to 1958, Akron Beacon Journal articles dating back to 1954 and 1957, Marching Band photos from their 1957 trip to NYC and Vincentians dating back to 1955-1958.

Flo Jesser Leidel M66 donated Class Composite for M66, M62 Yearbook, Newspaper clippings, M62 class memorabilia as well as Sports Programs and Crusader Newspapers dating back to 1962-1966 and even a St. Mary High School button!

Sue Wysocki Zarycki V66 donated many newspaper clippings featuring the STVM years of LeBron James VM03.

Bob McDonald V67 donated the V67 class composite photograph.

Agnes Leitch McGurr M51 donated her husband's (Robert McGurr V48) St. Vincent High School 1948 Shamrock Yearbook. Agnes commented "Robert was a 12 year student of St. Vincent School and always proud of his school and grateful for the education he received."



Jim Demeter VM81 donated STVM Yearbooks and a VM81 20 Year Reunion photo.

Our alumni are truly amazing! Even though **Evelyn Noble V47** passed away on January 4, 2014, her generosity and remembrance of STVM remained constant. Evelyn's nephew, Larry Zalewski contacted Ellen Zegarra to share that it was Evelyn's wish to donate to our tuition assistance program. Larry has also generously donated Evelyn's class ring for our archive files!

Evelyn Noble's V47 Ring and a page from her diary that shows her excitement when she received her class ring. By the way... her class ring cost $14.52 during her school days at St. Vincent High School.

Our Archives Continue to Grow!
Take a look at this beautiful photograph of Eddie Wentz – Head Coach of the St. Vincent High School Football Team. Can anyone help identify any of the smiling faces or even the occasion being celebrated?!

LOST & FOUND PART VIII **WHAT IS LOST... NOW IS FOUND**
The Wonder of Social Media and Our Close-knit Alumni

VM79 CLASS RING REUNITED WITH OWNER!

This article is dubbed "Part 8" and as you can imagine – it is a thrill to be able to publish these reunion stories! Just as reported seven times previously the Alumni Office has once again successfully reunited an alumna, Kelly Jean Zutavern VM79 with her Class Ring. During the 2013-2014 school year, the STVM Alumni Office was contacted via telephone by Marilyn Menich (Past STVM Parent). Marilyn shared that her brother Tom had found an STVM class ring in a pawn shop and they were wondering if the Alumni Office could help locate the owner! The STVM Alumni database did not have current contact information for Kelly. However, due to the modern marvel of technology and a quick email to the VM79 classmates ....success in reuniting Kelly with her ring quickly followed. The VM79 classmates put a Facebook notice out to Kelly and Kelly contacted STVM!

A visit was arranged with Tom Haag and his sister, Marilyn Menich. Kelly was reunited with her long lost class ring! Another success story!

If you have a similar story to share or even a "lost and found" item, please contact the STVM Alumni Office (alumni@stvm.com).

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.

1983 Yearbook Please contact the STVM Alumni Office if you have a copy of the VM83 yearbook. A friend is looking to replace one as a surprise to an alum!

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

Our Alumni are *Some Kind of Wonderful*

Three Sisters, Three Doctors

Pictured left to right: Ruth McDowell VM03, Emily McDowell Kovalchick VM01, Kettie McDowell VM05

Tom McDowell VM75 and his wife, Nancy truly have Some Kind of Wonderful in their three daughters! Tom writes...

"Three sisters with an extended family history at our school(s), including many ALUMNI aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents, credit a sound education received at STVM with their academic success!

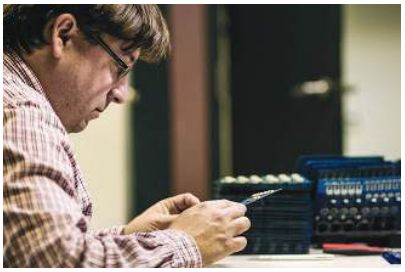
Congratulations to Ruth McDowell on successfully defending her thesis and achieving a Ph.D. in Marine Biology on December 15, 2013. After four years of undergraduate study at Duke University, Ruth worked at the Duke Marine Lab in Beaufort, North Carolina for two years. The University of Alabama in Birmingham is where she completed her graduate work, which included two semesters of research at Palmer Station Antarctica. Ruth will be relocating to Kauai Hawaii to pursue a research and teaching career.

Ruth joins her two sisters who are also doctors!

Emily VM01, also a Duke graduate, attended the California Institute of Technology, in Pasadena, where she studied Biomedical Engineering and met her future husband, Chris Kovalchick. Emily was hooded with her Ph.D. in May of 2009. After graduation, Emily began her career at Intel Corporation of Portland, Oregon. She and Chris married in May of 2012 and have now relocated to Boston Massachusetts.

Kettie VM05 decided to pursue a medical career beginning with a Pre Med degree from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. After securing a successful undergraduate degree, she was accepted into the University of Toledo Medical School where she served as Student Representative to the Med School Admissions Committee and volunteered at a women's clinic in Guatemala. Kettie, now an M.D., is doing a residency in OB/GYN at Case Western Reserve-Metro Health in Cleveland, Ohio."

Ken Burns VM92



Ken Burns VM92 recently visited STVM and spent time with Ellen Zegarra, Director of Advancement and shared updates on his impressive new company!

Congratulations to Ken, on being named the Crain's Forty Under Forty Class of 2013. According to the Crain's Cleveland article on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, Ken Burns VM92 is the Founder and President of an Akron-based company by the name of TinyCircuits. Ken started the company in 2011 and now distributes the coin-size computer chips to 11 companies.

To learn more about Ken's company, please visit: tinycircuits.com or to read the entire Crain's Cleveland Business article, please visit http://www.crainscleveland.com/article/20131117/FORTY13/311179982

Kara Callahan Klein VM94 and Holly Scott Algood VM94

L-R: Kara Callahan Klein VM94 and Holly Scott Algood VM94

This information is taken directly from the Hall of Fame program at the M Club of Mount Union…. Congratulations to Kara and Holly on being inducted into the Mount Union M Club Hall of Fame! To be inducted into the M Club Hall of Fame, a student-athlete must have earned a degree from Mount Union and received two letters in one sport, or one letter in two or more sports. Athletes are eligible for selection 15 years after graduation.

Kara is a 1998 graduate of The University of Mount Union. She played on the women's soccer team and was a three-time All-OAC selection for the women's soccer team. Kara was a goalkeeper on Mount Union's OAC championship team in 1996 and holds the school record for saves in a single season (225 in 1995) and career (686 from 1994-1997). She also set a record of 10 shutouts in 1996 and is the career record holder with 24 shutouts over her four seasons. Kara is a licensed professional clinical counselor in private practice.

Holly is also a 1998 graduate of The University of Mount Union. She was a three-time All-OAC selection who scored a team-best 213 goals in Mount Union's 1996 OOC championship season. Holly's 95 career points and 39 career goals still rank second in school history. Holly is an Assistant Professor of Infectious Diseases, Microbiology and Immunology at Vanderbilt University.

ALUMNI ALLEY

1950s

VICTOR DANDREA M54 Congratulations to Vic on receiving the 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award from Holy Family Elementary School in Stow, Ohio. Vic received the award during the 2014 January Catholic Schools Week celebration.

DAVID ALTWIES M56 Email: davealtwies@gmail.com

CAROL ANN COLLINS V56 Retired and living in Banning, California. Mom of four children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Email: carolann.collins4@roadrunner.com

1960s

CATHERINE CONROY GEARHART M40 Living in Kent, Ohio. Proud parent of two adult children and three grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Email: oneovereasy@aol.com

LUCILLE RICCILLI ESPOSITO V62 Congratulations to Lucille Riccilli Esposito V62 for receiving the Theta Phi Alpha Akron Area Alumnae Association Professional Service Award. This award was established in 1998 by the Akron Chapter of the Theta Phi Alpha Alumnae Association and is presented to an alumna who has distinguished herself in her profession and thereby, reflects the spirit of Theta Phi Alpha. It is interesting to note that the first recipient of this award was Lucille's classmate....Penny Dirrig Cummings V62.

DAVID DETTLING V63 Living in Torrance, California. Email: ddettling@socal.rr.com

CHARLES STEIDL M63 Retired and living in Bowling Green, Kentucky with my wife, Veronica. We are the proud parents of three adult children and seven grandchildren. Email: chuckandroni@gmail.com

GRETCHEN LAATSCH V64 Congratulations to Gretchen V64 on being honored by the Akron Boards of Trade Council with the Joyce Dewitt Kinser Award at The Tangier Restaurant on November 19, 2013. The award recognizes Gretchen's volunteer work within the community, specifically with Concordia at Sumner.

DENISE MARTIN V64 Congratulations to Denise Martin V64! Denise is the new Executive Director of the Catholic Education Foundation in Los Angeles, California. In the article from Angeles The Tidings On-line publication, Martin commented, "It was at St. Vincent that I gained my love of lots of things, certainly of the life of the church and the church community..." To read the entire article, follow this link:
http://www.the-tidings.com/news/local/new-cef-director-sees-great-opportunities-for-meeting-need/

TIMOTHY OCHSENHIRT V64 Congratulations to Tim Ochsenhirt V64 for being named the Norman Cohn Hope Award for his outstanding commitment to philanthropy and exceptional level of volunteer leadership. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society presented the award to Tim at the seventh annual Akron Dinner of Champions on May 20th at Quaker Square. Read more about the award by following this link: http://www.akron.com/editions/Akron-Ohio-News-2014-May-1/West_Side_News_and_Notes.asp?aID=22834

PETER SCHWARTZ V64 Working as a Professor and living in Auburn, Alabama. I am the proud father of one adult son and two grandchildren. Email: peter.schwartz@gmail.com

In Memory of Dan Unk

CATHY WOZNIAK MARR M65 and Frank Marr have been married over 45 years. Frank's best friend since childhood was Dan Unk V63. Frank and Dan served in Vietnam and Frank created a golf outing in Dan's memory. Frank reports, "The 2013 Dan Unk Memorial Golf Outing was a success in every sense of the word. Over $10,000 was raised for the Folds of Honor Foundation which provides scholarships for kids of parents who have been killed in the line of duty serving this great country. We had 108 golfers and many STVM grads." The 2nd Annual Outing will be held on Monday August 25th. For more information, please contact Frank Marr at 330-255-9376 or via email: coachmarrconsulting@gmail.com For more information, please visit the facebook page located at: https://www.facebook.com/DanUnkmemorialgolf

KATHIE REITENBACH SMITH M66 Retired school secretary living in Akron, Ohio with my husband, Bob. We have two children and three grandchildren. Email: bksmith1294@sbcglobal.net

DIANE RUEGG ZAK M66 Retired and living in Barberton, Ohio. I am the proud mother of three adult children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Email: dmzak@prodigy.net

TONI SMITH COLEMAN M67 Retired and living in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina with my husband, Bruce. We are the proud parents of two adult children. Email: tcolemanakron@gmail.com

DENNIS GEARHART V67 Semi-retired and living in Akron, Ohio with my wife Barb. Email: drgearhart3@aol.com

BOB MCDONALD V67 Siblings Anne McDonald McGovern V65 and Bob McDonald V67 swam in the National Senior Games in Cleveland. Anne showed her versatility by placing in six events, using four different strokes at four different distances. Anne placed 5th in the 50 butterfly, 50 breaststroke and 200 backstroke. She placed 6th in the 100 breaststroke and 7th in the 50 backstroke and 500 freestyle. Bob just missed placing with 9th place finishes in the 200 breaststroke and 200 backstroke. He also swam the 200 freestyle and 100 breaststroke. Email: aqualung49@gmail.com

GLORIA ZANANDREA OFFUTT M67 Living in Huron, Ohio with my husband Russell. We are the proud parents of one adult child and one grandchild. Email: gloriao@bex.net

LUCY OLSON PICCIRILLO V67 Working in sales and living in Palmdale, California with my husband, Michael. We are the proud parents of two adult children. Email: Lucypicc49@gmail.com

E. SUSAN CORNECELLI SMITH V67 Email: esusansmith@att.net

NANCY CAPATOSTO GAINER V68 I am working as a Registered Nurse and have been in Nevada since 2003 when my husband, Vance retired from the Navy. We have lived in many different areas of the country as well as two overseas tours during his 30 year career. Email: nan77@mac.com

DIANE SCHEATZLE PYE V68 Working as a Controller and living in Weston, Florida with my husband. Email: kingmischief@aol.com

THERESA ROTEN FAIL V69 Working as an RN, married and living in Lewis Center, Ohio. Proud of my two children and four grandchildren. Email: tcfail51@gmail.com

MARY ELLEN YEAGER V69 Congratulations to Mary Ellen – featured in the Akron Beacon Journal Community Celebrations (page B2) on Sunday, December 8, 2013. Mary Ellen received the Akron General Hospice of Visiting Nurse Service Heart of Hospice Award from the Midwest Care Alliance and has accumulated more than 4,000 hours volunteering over eight years!

ALUMNI ALLEY

1970s

MIKE BLANK V72 Thank you to Jim Leslie V71 President of Williams Hardwood Flooring for providing these photos of Mike Blank V72. Mike is employed at Williams Hardwood Flooring, the company that installed the new floor in The LeBron James Arena. Mike competed in wrestling on the old gymnasium floor and he was instrumental in the installation of the new gymnasium floor being played on by the current-day STVM wrestlers! Mike is pointing to the STVM banner for State Championship in Wrestling. He was part of that team! Kudos to Mike!

JOHN GRAF V72 Email: jrsgraf@yahoo.com

MARY ANN HOWILER M72 Living in Tallmadge, Ohio. Email: grumpybearmga@aol.com

MARY BETH HALAIKO SHEA V72 Congratulations to Mary Beth on being appointed to the West Virginia State Dental Board. To read the article, please visit: http://www.newsandsentinel.com/page/content.detail/id/579257/

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WILLIAM CONLEY VM73 Living in Rootstown, Ohio with my wife Lorraine. Email: iammike@neo.rr.com

DAVID CISTONE VM74 Living in Akron, Ohio. Email: ir10@aol.com

MARVA MCCORVEY VM74 Living in Akron, Ohio. Email: mlmccorvey@yahoo.com

KATHLEEN ZEHENNI HOLADAY VM77 Congratulations to Kathy on being awarded the Theta Phi Alpha Akron Area Alumnae Association Jane Jordan Walsh Community Service Award. This award was established in 1947.

DAVID DAGES VM78 Congratulations to our very own faculty member and Religion Teacher, Dave Dages VM78 on being selected to the 2013 All-County Teaching Team!

GREG GETZINGER VM79 Greg was featured on the front page of the Akron Beacon Journal's Business Section on December 15, 2013 and also featured on-line at the Hudson.Ohio.Com. Greg has invented the "Portion PadL" to facilitate the even cutting of pizza slices! To read the entire article, please visit: http://hudson.ohio.com/hudson-entrepreneur-hopes-to-get-big-slice-of-pizza-cutting-market-1.452883. For more details on the product that Greg invented, please visit www.portionpadl.com

1980s

BRENDA JUSTICE VM80 Brenda is a member of the Gospel Meets Symphony Choir. Excerpts from the My Symphony Magazine of the Akron Symphony Orchestra (Volume 62 issue 3, page24) states.... "Brenda, a lyric soprano vocalist is the Founding President of Power of a Dream Sisters Helping Sisters Ministries, advocates against domestic violence. She has been the Co-Chair of Gospel Meets Symphony in 2010-2012 and the Chair of Gospel Meets Symphony in 2013 and 2014. She was recently appointed to Judge Elinore Marsh Stormer's Summit County Probate Court Advisory Committee. Brenda is a firm believer that God has "ordinary people do extra-ordinary things."

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KEVIN MCCANN VM81 Email: klm44614@hotmail.com

DAVID GIFFELS VM82 Dave, a recipient of the Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award in 2007, is also an English Professor at The University of Akron. Congratulations to Dave on his recent NPR interview! To listen to the interview, please follow this link: http://www.npr.org/2014/03/25/293850280/for-writer-the-hard-way-meant-choosing-to-stay-in-akron-ohio

CURTIS WILSON VM83 Curtis Wilson VM83 is the Vice President & General Manager for American Express Company – GMS Travel, Entertainment & Other Related Services. Curtis and his wife, Deborah attended the Golden Globe Awards.

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HARRY CURLEY VM85 Email: hcurley@prcmedical.com

HEATHER MANSPEAKER VM87 Returned to the Akron area in Summer 2013. Email: heather_manspeaker@yahoo.com

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ROBERT MILLER VM88 Email: r.p.miller@sbcglobal.net

JOHN NAJEWAY VM88 John Najeway VM88 is co-owner of Thirsty Dog Brewing Co. in Akron, Ohio which was named "USA Brewery of the Year" at the third annual New York International Beer Competition in New York City. To read the article, please follow this link: http://www.ohio.com/news/break-news/thirsty-dog-named-top-brewer-in-u-s-at-new-york-competition-1.476166

LISA BERTSCH WILEY VM88 Living in Tullahoma, Tennessee with my husband, Brandon and our two children. Email: lmbwiley@gmail.com

HEATHER LING GERBER VM89 Living in Castalia, Ohio and recently accepted the position of Director of Campus Ministry for Sandusky Central Catholic School. One of the things I am most excited about is forming a Peer Ministry program like the one I was part of my junior and senior year! Prayers and blessings going out to my classmates from the class of 1989. Email: hgerber@sanduskycc.org

1990s

TIFFANY COOKRO GATTO VM90 Working for The Walt Disney Company and living in Winter Garden, Florida. Email: tgatto66@gmail.com

JEANINE SEIB ALBERT VM93 Living in Carlsbad, California with my husband, Mort and our three children. Recently hired as the Director of Health Services at The Army and Navy Academy in Carlsbad, California, which is a prestigious all boys international boarding academy for grades 7-12. Email: ja9_albert@yahoo.com

JANICE RIPPLINGER PRESTON VM93 Living in Barberton, Ohio. Email: jnaillady@yahoo.com

TIFFANY MORTON VM94 Email: tiff9498@yahoo.com

RACHAEL PIEKARSKI AUSTEN VM95 Living in Glenview, Illinois with my husband Dan and our three children. Email: rachael.austen@gmail.com

STEPHANIE HALAIKO SYKES VM96 Stephanie is currently a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner in the NICU and was recently featured in the Akron Children's Hospital publication. Stephanie earned her BSN from Capital University in 2000 and her MSN from OSU in 2008.

ERIK ELLIOTT VM97 Email: druebdesign.ee@gmail.com

MICHAEL MCDONALD VM97 As reported in the March 13, 2014 West Side Leader "Newsmaker" Section, congratulations to Mike McDonald VM97 on receiving the Sportsman, Ethics and Integrity Award from the Ohio High School Athletics Association. Mike, a sixth grade teacher at St. Sebastian Parish School, is the Head Coach for the Cuyahoga Falls High School Swim Team.

JENINE COFFMAN BARNES VM99 Working as a Financial Analyst and living in Fairlawn, Ohio with my husband, Christopher and our baby boy. Email: Jeninebarnes@gmail.com

NICK RIMEDIO VM99 L'Ermitage Beverly Hills announced in April that Nicholas Rimedio has joined their team as food and beverage director, overseeing all culinary efforts and partnerships for the property.Nick is a 15-year veteran of the restaurant and hospitality industry. Congratulations Nick!

2000s

EMILY MCDOWELL KOVALCHICK VM01 Living in Bedford, Massachusetts. Email: ejkovalchick@gmail.com

JEREMY COVER VM02 Jeremy writes, "I am currently deployed in Afghanistan but will be taking a break from my Army career to attend the seminary and pursue a college degree." Email: jcover06@hotmail.com

MICHAEL MAXSON VM02 Mike writes, "I recently purchased an Allstate Insurance Agency and I am now licensed to sell Home, Auto, Life, and Business Insurance in the State of Ohio. Please contact me for a quick quote to see if we can save you money on your insurance. On average I am saving new customers around $500 a year! Cell: 330-329-2676" Email: michaelmaxson@allstate.com

COLIN MEEKER VM02 Working as a legal assistant and living in Silver Lake with my wife, Maria and our three children. Email: cgmeeker@gmail.com

SIAN COTTON VM03 Sian Cotton VM03 played on the legendary STVM Basketball teams with teammates: LeBron James, Willie McGee, Dru Joyce, and Romeo Travis. Sian also starred in the hit movie, "More than a Game" and in the book "Shooting Stars." After graduating from STVM, Sian started his college career playing football at The Ohio State University and finished his degree at Walsh University in North Canton, Ohio. Recently, Sian has been focused on pursuing a music career. Sian's single "Almost Home" is an inspirational anthem about the sacrifices one makes while chasing dreams. "Almost Home" was featured on the "NBA 2K14" videogame which led to worldwide recognition including more than 46,000 views on YouTube and has earned Sian more than 5,500 Twitter followers (@siancotton85). His first EP entitled "Black Moth" will be released Spring 2014 under a Sony label.
Please follow this link to read the entire article: http://bit.ly/1svrLxC

JIM HUNTINGTON VM03 Jim Huntington is currently living in Brazil and writes….. "My father was born in Brazil to my American grandparents who were down here in the 1950's opening banks in São Paulo. … Anyway after my stint in LA working in the music industry I decided to get my Brazilian Citizenship and try out life in a different country. The potential here is great. So I have decided to shift gears with life, and I will be studying Economics here at a University, trying to pick up where my grandfather left off in the 1950's, perhaps helping both of my countries work together economically in the future. Right now I am a Music Professor at the Insituto Mantiqueira de Musica e Arte http://imma.art.br/ and an English Professor at Centro da Cultura Americana. I live a very quiet life in the country side of Minas Gerias, which used to be the place where all the gold was mined in the colonial era, and is where it gets its name "General Mines." Life is good! Thanks to STVM (Barb DeGrand and Joanne Wiseman) for all the help with my transcripts, etc. Beijos e Abraços (hugs and kisses - these Brazilians are a touchy feely bunch). Email: mrjfhjr@gmail.com

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MARY KAY RICCARDI VM03 Living in Akron and working as a photographer. Visit my website for more details: http://coco0304.wix.com/snapshotdepictions. My facebook page is also available: www.facebook.com/SnapshotDepictions
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EMILY HUTH VILLEGAS VM03 Working as a Registered Dietitian and living in Johnston, Rhode Island. Awaiting the arrival of our first child! Email: emily.villegas819@gmail.com

JULIA BELL SYROID VM04 Email: juliebabe527@yahoo.com

MARY LIZ PULK VM05 Mary Liz will be married June 13, 2014 in Savannah, Georgia. Joining in the shower celebration is Maureen Farris VM05, Lauren O'Neill VM05, Kathryn Ball Finley VM05, Patti Valle VM12(h), Mary Liz Pulk VM05, Emily Buehrle VM05, and Mallory Neal.

KETTIE MCDOWELL VM05 Living in Cleveland, Ohio. Email: kmcdowell35@gmail.com

EDWARD WILLIAMS VM05 Working as a Communications Technician and Sports Performance Coach in Madison, Ohio with my wife, Achsah and our daughter. Email: edward.williams.jr@windstream.net

SHANNON PHILLIPS REED VM08 Shannon Phillips VM08 married Nic Reed on January 4, 2014. Many STVM alumni were members of the wedding party!

2010s

FRANSOHN "FRESH" BICKLEY VM13 An October article in The Suburbanite explains that Fresh "has moved into the starting lineup thanks to his speed and versatility, which have made him a threat both on offense and special teams." Follow this link to read the article entitled "Bickley looms large as dual threat for Zips. The smallest man on the field has been making a big impact for the Akron Zips this season." http://bit.ly/1hSahs2

CLASS REUNIONS

St. Mary Class of 1958 Reunion

Mary Ligas Ferraro M58 reports…

St. Mary High School Class of 1958 held our 55th Reunion at Loyola Retreat House in Green, Ohio on September 15, 2013. We had a wonderful time celebrating together, getting reacquainted and creating new memories.

Front Row: Mary Drexler Ott, Alice Ingersoll Bachtell, Loretta Mollica Carlisle, Janet Jordon Karson, Rosalie Feister Farnsworth, Janet Oser Ulrich, Mary Ligas Ferraro. **Row 2:** David Crislip, Mary Ann Henley Bisesi, Eileen Hegarty, Jenny Frank Drahuschak, Richard Ulrich, Rose Papp Herdon. **Row 3:** Charlotte Ott Hill, Robert Carlisle, Mercedes "Sue" Kenna Whatmough, Donna Posey Karam, Anthony Micozzi, Richard Jurkiewicz, Judy Kulton Karadin

St. Vincent Class of 1959 Mini-Reunion

Hank Bertsch V59 writes….

The St. Vincent Class of 1959 held their 8th Mini-Reunion on February 26, 2014 in Ellenton, Florida at the Ana Maria Oyster Bar. A great time was had by all!

By the way….we recommend this restaurant to any alums traveling near Exit #224 on I-75 in Florida!

Seated from left to right: Fran Censky Smith, Cindy Buzzelli Courtad, and Kathie Ryan Jones. **Standing from left to right:** Gary Brown and Hank Bertsch.

St. Vincent Class of 1965 Mini-Reunion

The V65 Class held our 2013 mini-reunion on December 26, 2013 at The Barley House. It was a great evening with friends. In attendance were: Steve Johnson, Larry Kus, Chuck Myers, Bernie Kress, Carol Vinciguerra Vuillmen, Bill McCool, Jean Dixon Brown, Larry Dolensky, Sharon Karl Casey, Carol Lieb, Carolyn Marshall Harmon, Tom Olechnowicz and Victor Joseph.

We are in the beginning stages of planning a 50th Reunion for 2015. It might be another combined reunion since everyone seemed to enjoy it. To get involved or to help plan our 50th, please contact Carol Phillips Lieb (clieb@kent.edu)

Save the Date! December 26, 2014 will be the mini-reunion at 7 p.m. at the Barley House on S. Main Street in Akron.

St. Mary Class of 1967 Mini-Reunion

Ann Ducharme Rutan M67 writes…..

St. Mary High School Class of 1967 held a mini-reunion at Sarah's Vineyard on Saturday, March 29, 2014. A fun time was had by all and we are already looking forward to our next meeting. If you are not on our email list and would like info about the next get-together, please notify Maryann Hay mhay2@neo.rr.com.

Pictured standing left to right: Eileen Mollica, Maryann Hay, Sue Pecko Ross, Mary Stewart Dula, Judy Bright, Marty Grom Kaiser, Anne Wise Bickett, Carolyn Falvy and Pam McCarthy. Seated left to right: Ann Ducharme Rutan, Mary Carol Hoynes Grill, Velma Valerio Quinlan, Kathy Vargo Tomer, Janet Belcich Tipton, Karen Sadler Cole, Jan Henry Bachmann.

UPCOMING REUNIONS

Whether gathering to share old stories or to catch up on the latest news, with just a few classmates or the entire class, alumni reunions are a special part of our tradition. 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 the STVM Alumni Office via e-mail: alumni@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 Don Gault, 330-923-8833.

ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1950 MONTHLY LUNCH

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

ST. MARY CLASS OF 1951 MONTHLY LUNCH

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

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 on the fourth Saturday in October, January, April and July 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. 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 Farmer Boys' Restaurant on 610 East Cuyahoga Falls Avenue at 9 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. MARY CLASS OF 1949 65TH REUNION

Save the dates for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 25, 26, and 27, 2014. We will have an informal gathering on Friday, a dinner on Saturday, and Mass at St. Mary Church on Sunday. You will be receiving more information as soon as we have it all settled. You may call Jeannette Pittinger, 330-808-2922 for any more information.

ST. MARY CLASS OF 1954 60TH REUNION

September 6, 2014 and Monthly Breakfasts
St. Mary High School Class of 1954 will celebrate their 60th class reunion on September 6, 2014 at The Galaxy at 12 noon. The classmates will attend Mass together at St. Mary Church on Sunday, September 7th. Invitations will be mailed to all classmates. Hope to see all of you there! Contact: Bev and Dick Waltz (330) 753-6108 or via email: bawrjw@gmail.com

ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1954 60TH REUNION

September 6, 2014
The Class of 1954 is excited (well, as much as we can be at age 78!) to bring our classmates together to celebrate our 60th Reunion. We will dine and reminisce on Saturday, September 6, 2014, from noon to 6:00 p.m. at The Sheraton Suites Restaurant in Cuyahoga Falls. Formal announcements will follow this summer. Questions? Please contact Nick at ncodispoti@prodigy.net or Joe at mailto:mayassociates22@gmail.com. The V54 Planning Committee: Maggie Wiolland Costello, Beth Weirtz Konkel, Louise Bertsch Seikel, Suzie McLuskie Swejk, John Meadows, Nick Codispoti, and Joe May.

CLASS REUNIONS

ST. MARY CLASS OF 1959 55TH REUNION

September 27, 2014 and Monthly Breakfasts
St. Mary High School Class of 1959 will celebrate their 55th class reunion at Coventry Oaks on September 27, 2014. Save the date and watch your mail. Also, we continue to meet every second Monday at Farmer Boys' on 610 E. Cuyahoga Falls Avenue. Hope to see everyone on the 27th and the second Monday at 9:00 a.m. for Breakfast.
Contact: Suzanne and Jerry Rotunda via email: suzannerotunda@att.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 via email 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. Contact Lorrie Haddox (lhaddox@stvm.com) for more details.

ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1964 50TH REUNION

August 28-30, 2014
Classmates should have received their invitation to the 50th Anniversary celebration of our class. If you did not receive the mailing, please contact Bill Bertsch at wjbbjb@sbcglobal.net, Jan Royer at royerjan@sbcglobal.net or John Cullen (330-666-1193) of Reunion Planning, Inc. at rpinc@roadrunner.com. Our very own beautiful class banner will be available for signing at all events.
Our plans include:
Thursday, August 28 - 7:00pm - Fighting Irish vs. Garfield football game at John Cistone Field/Green Street Stadium.
Friday, August 29 - 7:00pm - Casual Irish Hooley party at STVM Student Center.
Saturday, August 30 - 5:00pm - Mass at St. Vincent Church, followed by dinner dance at Fairlawn Country Club (6:00pm).
Visit our website at http://www.stvincent1964.classquest.com for more information. Don't miss the fun and excitement of celebrating and getting reacquainted with our "youthful" friends!

ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1965 48TH REUNION

Mark your calendars now for our annual Mini-reunion on December 26, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Barley House in Akron. For more details, contact Carol Lieb (clieb@kent.edu). PLUS we are formulating plans for our 50th Reunion in 2015! To get involved, please contact Carol Lieb!

ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1966 TURNS 66

Saturday, September 6, 2014
Join your V66 classmate as we celebrate our 66th birthdays and help us plan our 50th reunion. The get-together will occur on Saturday, September 6, 2014 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Prime 93 (The former Anthe's restaurant location located at 4315 Manchester Rd, Akron, OH 44319). Invite/Info Postcards to be sent out this summer. Please contact bob_pacenta@yahoo.com, karenmerlitti@gmail.com or lsmole@sbcglobal.net for details.

ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1967

Dear V67 Classmates, We have decided that rather than wait every five years to see one another, it would be fun to have an informal annual get together. No money, no RSVPs, no program, no commitment - just a fun time - if you can make it!
Saturday, September 27, 2014 - The date will be the Saturday night of the STVM vs. Hoban Football game weekend, which is the 5th game each season and falls on the last weekend of September, usually a Friday night, but occasionally Saturday. We plan to meet each year at 5PM, at the Barley House, in downtown Akron. Feel free to invite our friends from Hoban, St. Mary's, and the Elms! The more the merrier! The years are speeding by way too quickly. We do plan to have a 50th Reunion (our St. V class only), of course, but a yearly connection sounds good to us! Hope to see you in 2014! Questions? For more information, please contact Patrick Dunlavy 914-262-6753

ST. VINCENT CLASS OF 1969 45TH REUNION

The 45th Reunion for the V69 Class will be held on Saturday, July 19, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at Kathy Haren Leek's family party barn for only $15 per person. Please visit our website to learn more details:saintvincent1969reunion.com. Please contact: Karen Becker (karen@beckersigns.com) or Fred Tomei (ftomei69@gmail.com)

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

August 30, 2014
Join your VM74 classmates for our 40th Reunion!
Saturday, August 30th – Golf at Good Park Golf Course; tee times available starting at 11:30 (standard green fees and cart fees apply)
The Reunion party will start at 6:30 at Edgar's at Good Park in the lower party room and patio. We will enjoy heavy apps and a cash bar for $25 per person. Also, for any interested classmates.... the first home game for STVM is on Thursday, August 28. The plans are to tailgate and then attend the STVM vs. Garfield game and then proceed to a gathering place after the game – more details to follow! Mass is at St. Vincent Church on Saturday at 5:00– more details to follow! Be sure to log onto our Facebook page "St. V-M Class of 1974" and feel free to share photos and memories as we prepare for our upcoming reunion! The reunion team has created a mailbox on gmail - stvm1974@gmail.com. Please send a message to that address so that we have your email on file. Anyone interested in helping with the reunion can send a message to our gmail account: stvm1974@gmail.com. Reunion Team: Jim & Martha Graf Thomas, Tim Quine, Mary Beth Kase and Debbie Stott Vargo.

ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY CLASS OF 1979 35TH REUNION

September 20, 2014
Join your VM79 classmates for our 35th Reunion on Saturday, September 20, 2014. More details to follow! Contact Patti Bouschere Molinelli (sismagoo417@aim.com) for more details.

ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY CLASS OF 1984 30TH REUNION

August 28 - August 30, 2014
Attention Class of 1984.....Labor Day Weekend 2014, Mark your calendars! Pick what fits your schedule!
Thursday, August 28th - Plan to join your classmates at the St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Football Game Home Opener 7:00 p.m. vs. Garfield, with tailgate (location TBA) starting at 5:00 p.m. and school tour at 5:45 p.m. Get your tickets at the gate. Look for our "reserved" seats in the bleachers! Families welcome.
Friday, August 29th - Guys Party Centre 6:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. $40 per person, food and open bar, DJ and dancing included. Flyer and Facebook information will be sent.
Saturday, August 30th - Golf Informal-Location & Time TBD find a foursome and enjoy your day!; 5:00 p.m. Class of 1984 - Mass St. Vincent Church, 7:00 p.m. Informal Get-together - Location TBD. If you have any questions please contact Gia Sunday-D'Andrea at 330-807-1079 gia.dandrea@yahoo.com or Jackie Rodgers-Speck at 330-802-4675 Jackie_Speck@yahoo.com

ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY CLASS OF 1989 25TH REUNION

November 29, 2014

Please join us November 29, 2014 as we celebrate 25 years and take a walk down memory lane! Classmate Crissy Bessemer Kolarik is hosting an evening of fun at The Fast Lane- Bowling and Event Center (193 Wooster Rd N, Barberton, OH 44203). Bowling, bar, game room, food and fun await. More details to come. Please contact Suzy Hadley McBrayer (Suzymcbrayer@aol.com) for more details.

Alumni Band Reunion

Each year the members of the Marching Band gather together at the STVM Homecoming Game. Once again, Alumni Band Members enjoyed performing at John Cistone Field/Green Street Stadium in October for the 2013 Homecoming Game!

The Susan and Edward Lynch Jr. Bookstore

Regular Bookstore Hours During School Year:
Mon., Wed., and Fri. from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Tues. and Thurs. from 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Bookstore is also open for business during home athletic events, and special events held at STVM. During outdoor events held at the John Cistone Field/Green Street Stadium, we sell spirit items at a table adjacent to the Concession Stand.

A new addition to the Bookstore is The LeBron James Family Foundation display. We now have an exclusive Nike line, "Irish Forever 23." Items include: caps, Dri-Fit t-shirts, hoodies, polo shirts, and draw-string bags. Items sell out quickly and are replenished monthly!

Please visit us soon and be sure to mention if you are a graduate of St. Mary High School, St. Vincent High School, or St. Vincent St. Mary and you will receive a gift with your purchase!

Visit our website page to learn more about our Alumni spirit-wear items! www.stvm.com-Bookstore

Nancy Bennett | 330-996-0002 | nbennett@stvm.com

ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY CLASS OF 1994 20TH REUNION

September 5, 2014

Join your VM94 classmates and enjoy our 20th Reunion! We are planning to meet at STVM at 5:00 p.m., take a tour of the building and have a "social hour" in the LRC! Then there will be reserved seats at the stadium (for those who want to attend) for the STVM vs. Walsh Game. For more details, contact Jennifer Palmer Hayes (jenniferphayes@aol.com).

IRISH 4 LIFE
BY MADISON FRERICKS VM13

As the year winds down, we remember all the memories we made this year. From winning multiple state titles, to supporting each other through rough times, the Irish community always comes together to play, learn, and pray as one large family. The Senior Class of 2013 will be missed and the new freshman class will be welcomed with open arms. This was a year that no one will forget and the memories made this past year will forever be in our hearts. As a community, we find that although many people have graduated and have moved on to bigger and better things, they will always be a part of this large and growing family, because once you become Irish, you are Irish 4 Ever.

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SAVE THE DATE

July 7, 2014
Dan Steiner Memorial Golf Outing
For more details contact Sean Steiner (ssteiner84@yahoo.com or 330-283-7214)

August 2, 2014
Alumni Men's Soccer Game –
For more information contact Phil Alvord (palvord@stvm.com or 330-604-0517)

August 9, 2014
15th Annual Matt Kauffman 5k Memorial Run and One Mile Fun/Run Walk (location: Goodyear Heights Metro Park). For more details contact Dan Lancianese (dlancianese@stvm.com or 330-352-5602)

ASSOCIATION GREETINGS

Mary Howard M68

Dear Alumni, Family & Friends,

One of the goals for the 2013-2014 STVM Alumni Association is to better acquaint you with the happenings of your Alumni Association. There are a number events sponsored by the Alumni Association and hosted by the STVM Alumni Council that we hope you can attend. During this past year we have successfully started "Alumni Social Hours" at local restaurants. Please stay tuned for our next event!

We also continue to offer an Alumni E-Newsletter. Typically, we will send the newsletter 2-3 times per year via email. If you would like to be added to our distribution list, please e-mail the STVM Alumni office (alumni@stvm.com).

We need you to get involved! If you are interested in getting involved in the STVM Alumni Association or becoming an officer or volunteer please contact the STVM Alumni Office (alumni@stvm.com). We welcome your involvement and participation! It is a great place to renew friendships and create memories while benefiting the graduates and students of our school(s).

Please visit the website and take a look at the Alumni pages! Stay connected and get involved! Elections will take place in the June timeframe for the 2014-2015 Council Officers.

Sincerely,
Mary Howard M68, President, STVM Alumni Association

Alumni Association's **Annual Memorial Mass**

Fr. Dan Fickes VM74 was the celebrant at the Alumni Association's Annual Memorial Mass. Over 90 alumni, family & friends were in attendance to remember, pray and celebrate their loved ones. The STVM Alumni Association hosts many events throughout the calendar year.

Please get involved and help us continue to offer these special programs and events.

Alumni Association Awards **Five Scholarships**

Pictured L-R: Matthew Carlson, Marco Colant, Kathleen Zehenni Holaday VM77, Grace Davis, Joe Faetanini, and Joe Paolucci

The STVM Alumni Association is pleased to announce five scholarship recipients for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

The recipients received a certificate at the 2014 Senior Farewell Mass and will be recognized at the Annual Mahar Banquet in October.

Please join us in congratulating:
Matthew Carlson (son of Patty Pozuc VM85)
Marco Colant (son of Gerard Colant VM76)
Grace Davis (daughter of Christine Breiding Davis VM80)
Joseph Faetanini (son of Erin Burdon Faetanini VM86)
Joseph Paolucci (son of Tom Paolucci VM75)

Upcoming Summer Events

JUNE 11, 2014
7:00 Business Meeting and 7:30 Alumni Social Hour @ Sarah's Vineyard !

JULY 14, 2014
Summer Alumni Social Hour
Location TBD

AUGUST 28, 2014
Alumni & Friends Green Street Gathering
Pier Pavilion at 5:30 p.m.

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

2014 Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni and Irish Crusader Awards

Each year, the impressive successes of some of our alumni are highlighted throughout this special award. Nominated by their peers, friends, family or workmates, the alumni award recipients are selected based upon their accomplishments in service to church/ministry, service to youth, service to school, service to community and/or professional achievement.

Congratulations to our five Father Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni recipients and our 2014 Irish Crusaders. Our annual dinner honoring the Mahar Award winners and the Irish Crusader Award Recipients will be held on October 23, 2014 at Guys Party Centre. We hope you can join us!

2014 Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award Recipients:
Fr. Patrick Philbin V51, Rita Baumgartner Shisler M64,
Michael "Mike" Ochsenhirt V71, Martin "Marty" Shaffer VM74,
Lynne Spagnuolo Callahan VM75
2014 Irish Crusader Award Recipients:
Anthony "Tony" Manna and Merrylou Windhorst

JOIN US ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2014
AT GUYS' PARTY CENTRE
Annual Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Banquet
Recognizing our 2014 Outstanding Alumni and Irish Crusader Recipients

For further details, please contact: STVM Alumni Office 330-253-9113 x120

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS will be March 1, 2015

JOIN US FOR
THE 1ST ANNUAL ALUMNI & FRIENDS GREEN STREET GATHERING

WHEN? Thursday, August 28, 2014 beginning at 5:30 until pre-game
WHERE? Jim Pier Pavilion at the John Cistone Field/Green Street Stadium
WHAT? Join us for light snacks & refreshments!
RSVP? This event will replace the Annual Tailgate Party so please RSVP so that we can be prepared for the number of guests that plan to attend!

Contact the STVM Alumni Office at 330-253-9113 x120 or alumni@stvm.com

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DUES AND MEMBERSHIP FORM

2014-2015 MEMBERSHIP YEAR
7/1/13-6/30/14

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

Contact Information (PLEASE PRINT)

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

_____ SCHOOL: ❍ ST. MARY ❍ ST. VINCENT ❍ ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY
CLASS YEAR

STREET ADDRESS | CITY | STATE | ZIP CODE

HOME PHONE | CELL PHONE | E-MAIL

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

❍ $10 ALUMNI DUES ENCLOSED. Membership runs from July 1-June 30.
❍ DONATION TO THE STVM ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP
❍ ADDRESS ABOVE IS A NEW ADDRESS. PLEASE UPDATE RECORDS
❍ I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE E-MAIL UPDATES ON MEETINGS & EVENTS
❍ PLEASE CONTACT ME — I WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Questions: Contact The STVM Alumni Office at 330-253-9113 x120 or alumni@stvm.com

IN OUR PRAYERS

THE CONNECTION SPRING 2014

Please remember our departed alumni and friends in your prayers. Thank you to all who inform the Alumni Office of departed classmates.
September 1, 2013–February 28, 2014

In Memory Of...

John "Jack" Bader V41 and Barbara "Bobbie" Dettling Bader V41

At this time, we pay tribute to Jack & Bobbie Bader and extend our thoughts and prayers to their family… John "Jack" Bader V41, died peacefully on June 26, 2007, after a short illness. Barbara "Bobbie" Dettling Bader V41 passed away quietly on December 19, 2013. Jack was an astute businessman and started Ohio Gasket & Shim Co. which is now run by John and Tom Bader and two grandchildren! Bobbie was a devoted and diligent mother. They both demanded the best from their family and were proud of their accomplishments. They were people of strong faith and were loyal supporters of STVM throughout their lives.

Jack & Bobbie were married 62 years. Their love story began when they met at St. V. Their marriage was a model for their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In their passing they left a legacy of integrity to their children: Mary (Thomas) Cochran, Virginia (Michael) McGuckin, Jeff (Linda VM79) Bader, John (Karen) Bader, Thomas VM77 (Annette) Bader, and David VM84 (Pam) Bader.

The Bader Scholarship Fund at STVM High School was established in 2003 to honor Jack & Bobbie's 80th birthdays. In addition, the STVM Conference Room was renamed in honor of Jack & Bobbie in 2009 and proudly bears the plaque "The Bader Family Board Room."

Pictured above are Jack and Bobbie Bader at their 80th birthday party. Their gift was the St. Vincent-St. Mary Bader Family Scholarship.

Joseph Adelman V41
Husband of Mavis. Father of five children

Barbara Etheridge Alley M56
Mother of Kim (deceased), Lori (deceased), Cheryl, Michelle, Monica Hanson, and Denise Davis. Sister of Tom M53 (deceased), and Ron (deceased)

Carmella Angeletti
Wife of Ross. Mother of Carol Horvath, and Patty Palmer V66

Mary Antalvari
Wife of Paul. Mother of Art, and Jon VM73

Betty Yonkich Arconti M48
Wife of Thomas. Mother of seven children

Terrence Armbruster V54
Husband of Mary Ann (deceased). Father of Terrence, Douglas, Theresa Duerk, Janice Leach, Cindy Cooley, Patricia (deceased), and Mary Rita (deceased). Brother of Donald, Robert, Ronald, Louis, Mary Alice Kollar V56, Ann Bisheimer, August (deceased), Tom (deceased), and Richard (deceased)

Barbara Dettling Bader V41
Wife of John V41 (deceased). Mother of Mary Cochran, Virginia McGuckin, Jeffrey, John, Thomas VM77, and David. Sister of Jane Shook V32 (deceased), Elizabeth McBride V35 (deceased), and Helen Mundy V40

Charles Franklin Bauer V46
Husband of Nancy (deceased). Father of Paul, Gregg, Thomas, Steven, and David. Brother of Russell V47 (deceased), and Ellen V49 (deceased)

Margaret Ann Bauer
Wife of Bernard (deceased). Sister of Elizabeth Jones Steel V56, and Robert Jones

David M. Berardi
Husband of Adele. Father of David, and Matthew. Brother of John, and Debra Michalec VM73

Eleanor Berardi
Wife of Ralph V24 (deceased). Mother of Jean (deceased), Frank V49, and Richard

Ann Bialy
Wife of Lewis Pierce (deceased) and Walter Bialy (deceased). Mother of Nancy (deceased), Carol (deceased), Becky Darby V67, and Tim V72

Josephine Blanco
Wife of Vincent (deceased). Mother of Phyllis Mesko, Jeanne Sutter V72, and Nancy Jo

Kenneth Bohm V71
Son of Joseph (deceased), and Eunice Brunamonti Bohm V45 (deceased). Brother of David V68, and Joseph VM78

Linda "Bonnie" Broseman V60
Daughter of Frank (deceased), and Cecelia (deceased). Sister of Keith V58

Michael Brunenmeister V54
Husband of Patricia. Father of Michael VM78, Tom VM80, and Tim VM88

Jean Buchannan
Mother of Christopher. Daughter of James (deceased), and Mary Margaret Lynch Wright V32 (deceased). Sister of James (deceased), Gerald (deceased), Marie Ann Thomas V56, Helen Agnes V57, Dennis, and Joan

Mary Budd
Wife of William. Mother of William, and Joseph. Sister of Theresa Seman Pyke V55, Martha Huntington, and John Paul Seman (deceased)

Nancy Zampino Caponi V57
Sister of Joseph V56, and John V55 (deceased)

Rose Carone
Wife of Nick (deceased). Mother of Michael (deceased), Angela D'Amico, and Tom VM77

John M. Castner V69
Father of Stephanie Hazinski, and Rebecca

Theresa Caston
Wife of Harry M43. Mother of Diane Dekany, Lawrence, Mark, Chris, Mary Partin, John, Monica, Catherine Diefenderfer, Lisa Kenning, Caroline Highhouse, and Charles Onyeulo

Barbara Snyder Ciarrochi V58
Wife of Raymond (deceased). Mother of Janet Smith, Joyce Thompson, and Joseph. Sister of Robert V55, William, Kathy Batchik, and Joseph V60 (deceased)

Elizabeth Ciborek
Wife of Anthony (deceased). Mother of David, Ann Susick, Martha Horvath V65, and Kathleen Deger

Jim Cobak V51
Husband of Marianne McElligott Cobak V51. Father of Jim, Julie Szykowski, Jeanette Holtman, Karen Dillon, and Kim McQuillen

Victoria Lagana Tomcik Cochran M41
Wife of John Tomcik (deceased), and George Cochran. Mother of five children

Joseph Colant V47
Husband of Margaret Ginn Colant M47. Father of Andrew, Jim, Gerard VM76, Peggy Wichman, Helen Rothberg, Patricia Scrapelli, and Christopher. Brother of Joan Ballway V52, Anthony (deceased), Vincent V51, and Judy Hafler V55 (deceased)

Arthur Cole V47
Husband of Peggy (deceased). Brother of Kathryn Ambrosini V39

Phyllis Congrove
Wife of Paul (deceased). Mother of Michael, and Jeff. Sister of Arthur (deceased), Michael M55 (deceased), Linda Higginbotham, and Elaine Meidlinger Buck M62

Joseph A. Conjerti
Husband of Carolyn Fogarty Conjerti M62. Father of Annemarie Crouse, Joe, Carrie Stanley, and Felicia Adam

Joanne Basone Costello M50
Wife of Robert (deceased). Mother of Jeanne Parker, Karen, Lisa Potts, Rosanne Zesiger, Lynn Stanescu, Annmarie Keogh, and Steve. Sister of Donald (deceased), Rosemary Major M55, and Pete

Raymond Costello
Husband of Barbara (deceased). Father of Patricia (deceased), Susan (deceased), Michael (deceased), Charlene Winebrenner, Donna, Timothy, and Sean. Brother of Robert (deceased), Thomas V55 (deceased), John V53, and Betty DeCarlo M50

Thomas E. Costigan V63
Husband of Patricia Shepard Costigan V64. Father of Michael. Son of John V38 (deceased), and Eileen Stalder Costigan V39 (deceased). Brother of John V61, Terrence V64, Kathy Shorder V69, Mindy McCartney V72, Ann Benson VM79, and Sue

Kevin Csontos VM88
Husband of Marnie. Step-father of Andrea, and Alex. Brother of Cindy VM87, Bradley, and Sara

Maurita "Rita" Curry M67
Mother of Jolie. Daughter of William (deceased), and Patricia (deceased). Sister of Kevin, and Patrick

Marie Ann Cypher
Wife of Charles. Mother of Mike Shriner, Cherie Rooks, Cindy Haumann, Laurie Ragan, Dorothea Erickson, Colette Powers VM76, Allie Bianchi VM78, Teresa Ward VM79, and Lauretta VM80

Robert Delnoce VM73
Husband of Laura. Father of Dan, Ken, and Matt. Brother of Ted V64, Tom V66, David, Ruth Peters M65, Marianne Kaluza VM75, and Lynn V69 (deceased)

Kathryn Clapp Dickerson VM85
Wife of Greer. Mother of Will, Jonathan, and Ryan. Sister of Amy Beatty VM87

James E. Dixon
Husband of Helen. Father of Beth, and James. Brother of Mary Dixon V33 (deceased), and Kathleen Eichelberger

James A. Doerr V60
Husband of Donna. Son of Anton (deceased), and Helen Riegler Doerr V32 (deceased)

Edwin Duckworth
Husband of Katie. Father of Mary Barbara (deceased), Jon, Kathy Finefrock M70, Ginny Barnes, Anne Keyser, Mary Jeanne, Mary Beth Hall, Warren, and Peggy Goetz VM83. Brother of Warren V38

Ruth Collins Ede V36
Wife of Edwin (deceased). Mother of Ellen Evans V65, Janet Zwisler V68, Anthony V57, Terrence V59, Thomas V61, Edwin VM74, Michael VM75, and Daniel VM78.

Thomas J. Enright, Sr.
Husband of Jean (deceased). Father of Gloria Borisuk M69, Tom V71, Jim VM77, Dan, Mark, Teresa Gangl, and Colleen Mate. Brother of Dan (deceased), John (deceased), and Frank V38 (deceased)

Steve Filon
Father of Taylor. Brother of Peter, Paul, Mary Elizabeth Prokopius VM92, John, Thomas, James, and Susan Brooks VM94

Angela Rinaldi Franceschi VM91
Wife of Andre'a. Mother of Sarina, Andre'a, and Sage. Sister of Don VM88, Joseph VM88, Roseanne Volchko, and Nancy Schikowski

Charles "Chuck" Freudeman
Husband of June (deceased). Father of Jack VM78, Joel VM81, Joy Riedl, and Jill Harmon

Bernard Fuchs
Husband of Ann (deceased). Father of Laura (deceased), Janice Braun, and Steven. Brother of Norman (deceased), Kathleen Berg M59, and Carla Jennings M61

John Patrick Gaffney V38
Husband of Janice Barden Gaffney V39 (deceased). Father of Becky Jones, Jeff, Tim, and Cathy Miners. Brother of Margaret Gill (deceased), Helen Tribley (deceased), and Elinor Liquori V41 (deceased)

Sandra Seed Garey V57
Mother of Timothy (deceased), Christine Mesaros (deceased), Jon, Lynn Testa, Michelle Papp, Jeffrey, Lisa Garey-Holm, and Karen Macko. Sister of Robert V59 (deceased), Patricia Sovacool Giovanelli V47, and Jacqueline Craig V55

John Goehler V72
Husband of Connie. Father of Grant, and Chad. Brother of Marcia Labbe V61, and Jim V65

Patricia Good
Wife of Eli (deceased). Mother of Stephanie Stump M69, JoAnn King, Gary, Chrysan Bournelis, and Kathleen

Antoinette D'Alessio Guagliardo M48
Wife of Sam (deceased). Mother of James (deceased), Angela Wahl M69, Anita Pinciotti, and Annette Brodecky

William Halamay
Husband of Lenora. Brother of Olga (deceased), Ross (deceased), Eugene V50 (deceased), and Sonya Benavent V56

Agnes Kramer Hammer M53
Wife of Tom. Mother of Mary Grable, Joseph, Theresa Gibbs, Michael, and Katherine Hodkinson. Sister of Josephine Maples M54, Margaret Roth, and Robert

Agnes Hermanowski
Wife of Kasimer (deceased). Mother of Walter M56 (deceased), Alfred V60, and Ingrid Loeffler V63

Gloria Ochs Miller Herrera M69
Wife of Charles. Mother of Lisa Keener, Michael Miller, and CJ Miller.

Maria Louise Desario Hetrick V66
Wife of Duane (deceased). Mother of Kara

Mark Hodgkiss
Father of Haley Wilhelm, Cullen, Quinn, and Riley. Son of Robert and Judith Haley Hodgkiss M56 (deceased)

Dan Hogan
Husband of Nancy McGuire Hogan V47

Marguerite Holben
Wife of Ronald (deceased). Mother of Michael VM90

Judith Hollenack
Wife of Jim M57. Mother of Don VM82, Jeannie Raymond VM92, and Gary (deceased)

Mary Horack
Wife of Anthony (deceased). Mother of Virginia Horak Knapp V53, Alan, Janice Romanoski, Marianne Braddock, Richard, and Michelle Comeaux

Regina Rauckhorst Jenkins M41
Wife of Albert (deceased). Mother of Carol Hodson M65, Marilyn McCartney M68, Janet Snyder M72, Theresa Palcic, Judith Bullock, Christine Cole, Albert, Ronald, Paul, and Robert. Sister of Albert M50, Sr. Francesca, Bernie M52, Paul M44 (deceased), Mary Alice (deceased), and Alice (deceased)

Kenneth R. Karg V47
Husband of Mary Lou. Father of Karen, Susan Ruhl, Ken, Steve, Kathy Peddicord, and Rob. Brother of Jean (deceased), Suzanne (deceased), Bud (deceased), Pat Champ V48, Annette Maloyan V50, Nancy Brady V50, and Jan Tomko V63

Gloria Kay
Wife of Edward Abraham (deceased), and William Kay (deceased). Mother of Sharon Rowe, Edward Abraham, and Marc Abraham VM79

IN OUR PRAYERS

Richard Kempel
Husband of Peggy (deceased). Father of Michael (deceased), Margaret V64, William, John, and Dennis

Jane Elizabeth McGovern Kranshan
Mother of Timothy (deceased), Jane (deceased), Kathleen Hampton, Paula Simmons, Frances Gifford, Thomas, and John. Sister of Fr. Thomas McGovern V50, Frances Kane V52 (deceased), and Carolyn (deceased)

Rita Anne Kunkel
Wife of James M51. Mother of Anne Feleppelle, Judy Suazo, and Dave. Sister of Robert Ondecker V49, Tom, Marion Selby (deceased), and James Ondecker (deceased)

Thomas Lammlein
Father of Cecilia, and Michael. Son of Thomas, and Donna. Brother of Theresa Coyne VM85

Thomas F. Lavery V31
Husband of Evelyn (deceased). Mother of Eileen Jozwiak V71 (deceased), Thomas V62, John V63, James V65, and Mary Ann V70

Irene Dadik Lemick V49 (March 18, 2013)
Wife of Andrew (deceased). Mother of Deb Karns, Theresa, and Andrew. Sister of Patricia Murray V53 (deceased), and Robert

Sr. Martha Leyden O.P. V50
Daughter of Michael (deceased), and Catherine (deceased) Leyden. Sister of Joseph, Paul, Dorothy Wolff V51, and Mary Green (deceased)

Andrew Ligas
Husband of Catherine. Father of Mary Ferraro M58, Teena M59, Andy, Larry, Richard, Teresa Burnett, and Mark

Rita Ruhmanseder Livers V50
Wife of Hubert (deceased). Mother of Christine Grajczyk, John, Hubert, Rita Byron, Susan Hornyak, Jim, Helen, and Edward. Sister of Nora Gild (deceased), Mary Josephine (deceased), and Peg V48

Gloria Jean MacBride
Daughter of Eugene (deceased), and Margaret (deceased). Sister of John (deceased), Kathleen Cater (deceased), Robert, Donald, Charles, Maureen M68 (deceased), and Sharon

Maureen "Cookie" MacBride M68
Daughter of Eugene (deceased), and Margaret (deceased). Sister of John (deceased), Kathleen Cater (deceased), Gloria (deceased), Robert, Donald, Charles, and Sharon

Dorothy Gazafy Magyar V48
Wife of Samuel (deceased). Mother of Rick, and Tom. Sister of Frank (deceased), Katherine V51 (deceased), Eva Gentile, Sabina Shoyat, and Marian Simone

Joseph Malloy V47
Husband of Eileen Lindisch Malloy M46 (deceased), and Mollie. Father of Cathy Hayes, Karin Cramer, Rosemary Brown, Colleen Skraba, Patrick, Joann McKenzie, Thomas, Kevin, and Robert. Stepfather to Teresa Maynard, Linda Null, and Geraldine James. Brother of Theresa Dorricott V56, John V55, Rita V52 (deceased), Patience Totaro V47 (deceased), Kitty Lavery, Rose Cecilia (deceased), Sr. Mercedes (deceased), Helen Gadanac (deceased), Richard V50 (deceased), and Ray V53 (deceased)

John "Jack" Mars V54
Husband of Betty. Father of Beth Conrad, Mike, John, Rob, Pam Vogt, Kathy, Mark, Martha, and Jane Penuel. Brother of Mary Ann Kyle V49, and Jean Schrader V52

Judi Schneider Martz M55
Wife of Bill. Mother of David, Patricia Ann Case, and Mary Beth Contessa. Sister of Jack (deceased), Ronnie M51, and Rita Vargo V64

Jolene Benik McCallum M60
Wife of Peter M60. Mother of Kelly Ewers, Tracy Branch, Danelle Baker, Melissa, and Patrick

Kimberly Walchalk Mikulin VM78
Wife of Peter. Mother of Adam, and Amanda. Daughter of Edward V53, and Loretta Walchalk. Sister of Robert VM76, David VM89, and Denise Rinehart VM80

Elizabeth Roth Miller V37
Wife of Joseph (deceased). Mother of Patricia Benner, Charles V67, Kathleen D'Aurelio V69, Lisa Trifonoff VM78, and Barbara DeCamp VM83

Nancy Neitz
Wife of Elmer M58. Mother of Robert, and Thomas

Rita Malloy Nelson V52
Wife of Bob (deceased). Mother of Janet Gobrogge, Kim Murray, Jim, John, Joe, and Kelly Delaney. Sister of Theresa Dorricott V56, John V55, Patience Totaro V47 (deceased), Kitty Lavery, Rose Cecilia (deceased), Sr. Mercedes (deceased), Helen Gadanac (deceased), Richard V50 (deceased), Joe V47 (deceased) and Ray V53 (deceased)

Dan Nichols
Husband of Judy. Father of Jennifer Van Oss VM87, Jim VM89, Joel, John VM93, Jeff VM95, Joseph (deceased), Jeremiah VM99, and Joanna Fulton VM02

Evelyn M. Noble V47
Daughter of Homer (deceased), and Flora (deceased)

Sr. Shirley Ann Nugent V48
(Formerly Sr. Reginald). Daughter of Calvin (deceased), and Paula (deceased). Sister of Mary V59, Richard (deceased), Charles (deceased), and Joan Janes (deceased)

Martha Oakes
Wife of Robert (deceased). Mother of Robert VM73, and Penney Zartman

Patricia Obreza V64
Daughter of Louis (deceased), and Mary (deceased). Sister of Louie

Patrick O'Hara
Husband of Betty Dean O'Hara M61. Father of Michael, Kimberly Cristofoli, and Kellie

Frances Olechnowicz
Wife of Edward (deceased). Mother of Tom V65

Rita Peters
Wife of Robert (deceased). Mother of Sandra Rich V68, Dave, and Raymond

Peter Petrlich
Son of Joseph (deceased), and Margaret Petrlich (deceased). Brother of Denise Kirkman M70

Ann Conway Pipoly V60
Wife of Robert. Mother of Ann, Meg Ready, and Matthew

Gerald "Jerry" Polsinelli V57
Husband of Karen. Brother of David V63, Therese Miller V57, and Alice Jones V58

Richard S. Poppenhouse
Husband of Mildred. Father of Linda V67 (deceased), Rick V66, Patty Muehlheim V70, Tom V71, Kathy Conrad V72, Sarah, and Larry

Mary "Julie" Shricliff Pramuka V53
Wife of Thomas. Mother of Michael, Ann, Susan Clemens, James, and Steven. Sister of Helen Scherer, Ann Graham V51, Caroline Shircliff V66, William V49 (deceased), and Thomas (deceased)

Patricia Rauckhorst
Wife of Richard M52. Mother of Richard, Patricia Bryson, Mary Ann Thomas, John, Lisa Desrosiers

John S. Raymond
Son of William M60, and Dora Raymond. Brother of Dean, and Michael

Frances Strabley Krieger Rebenack M33
Wife of John (deceased). Mother of Dianne Krieger Demko M60

Mary Richards
Wife of Anthony (deceased). Mother of Mary Alice Cunningham M72, Cynthia VM73, Kathleen Richardson, and Kimberly Shingleton

Joanne Roetzel
Wife of John (deceased). Mother of Susan Freeman, John, Karen Amer, Linda, Jeffrey VM75, and Jim VM76

Faye Rossi
Wife of Nicholas (deceased). Mother of Barbara Bakos V62, and Patricia

Dorothy Royle
Mother of Karen Layne VM80, Kathy VM83, and Kristine VM85

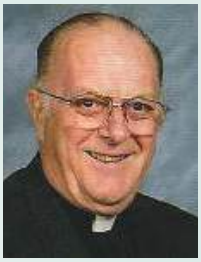
John G. Santi
Wife of Marie Sprochi Santi M52. Father of Denise Peercy, and Cynthia Babson

Donald P. Schimmoeller
Brother of Dorothy (deceased), Kenneth V62 (deceased), Joann Espy M57, and Mary Jane Andrews

Joan Severin
Wife of James (deceased). Mother of Suzanne, Kerry VM74, and Eric
Reverend Patrick J. Shields V56
Brother of Mary Ann Fassnacht V53 (deceased), Bernadine Myers V61, Eileen V66, Andrew V64, Michael V53, and James V59 (deceased)
Barbara Shoenfelt
Wife of Ray V62. Mother of Theresa, Mike, Tom, Dave, and Brian
Ruth Slinger
Wife of Jack. Mother of Judy Hoynes M61, Jack, Kim Lammlein, and Beth Duke
Adelaide Mundy Sovinski V45
Wife of William (deceased). Sister of George (deceased), John (deceased), William (deceased), James (deceased), Mary Morgan (deceased), Helen Munger M36 (deceased), Jane Perneau V43 (deceased), Peggy Whitehurst V44 (deceased)
Mary Moleskey Speaks M66
Wife of Jim (deceased). Mother of Laurie McNicholas, Julie Wilson, and Karen Neupert. Sister of Barbara Bongiovanni, John, and Catherine Mungo M70
Ronald Sprungle VM81
Brother of Robert, Richard, Ann Marie Condo VM78, and Raymond VM93
Alice Stiller
Wife of Bill. Mother of Donna Abbott VM75, Terri VM78, and Patty Timbrook VM79
Ruth Stiller
Wife of Michael. Mother of Mike, and Christine Taggart VM82
Kathleen Meyer Stimler V42
Wife of Frederick (deceased). Mother of Fred, John, James, Kay, Peg Meadow, and Tom
James "Mickey" Sullivan M52
Husband of Kathleen Molllica Sullivan M53. Father of Michelle Saunders VM78
Donald E. Taggart V52
Husband of Colleen. Father of Julie Canter, Tom, Ted, and Tim. Brother of Ed V54 (deceased)
Marilyn Taylor
Wife of Floyd (deceased). Mother of Larry M63, Lorrie Haddox M64, Paddy, Mike, Tom, and Paul
Margaret Vollmer Shepherd Terry M52
Wife of Donald Shepherd M50 (deceased). Mother of Linda Lingelbach, Nancy Shepherd, and Thomas Shepherd. Sister of Ralph M54, Edith, Betty (deceased), Robert (deceased), Ruth (deceased), Barbara (deceased), and Richard (deceased)
Polly Tighe
Wife of Ralph (deceased). Mother of Michael, Kathleen Bedell VM73, and Martha Barrett V71
Arlene Toth
Wife of Edward V55. Mother of Edward, and Denise Hendon
Larry Twardowski
Father of Chris, and Brian. Brother of Tim V71
William Vincent V40 (August 2013)
Brother of Jane Vincent McCann V40
Frances Arnold Weaver V56
Wife of Ed. Mother of Michael, and Kristen Hyatt
Gertrude Weaver
Wife of Edgar (deceased). Mother of Carol Soberano V64, Patricia Ferry M65, Paula McDonough, Donna Ocepek, and Dennis
Henry "Hank" Wuest
Husband of Mary. Father of Catherine Lyons VM86, and David
Richard Yoho M57
Husband of Maria Didato Yoho V63. Father of Dale, Tami Mansir, Mary, Tim, and Jason
Theodore "Ted" Zarembka VM07
Son of Denise Zarembka VM79, and Ronald Southerland. Brother of Nolan Southerland, and Glenn Southerland
Joseph Zelenka
Brother of Judith Brandl M68, and John
Janet Weber Zimmerman M52
Wife of Frank (deceased). Mother Sharon Arthur, Sue Williamson, Jean Jezior, Tom, and Julie DiFrancesco. Sister of Mary Jane Myers (deceased), Patricia Arnsworth (deceased), Charles Weber (deceased), Thomas Weber (deceased), Nancy Sidell M48, Ed Weber, and Richard Weber

Fr. Raymond J. Horley 1931-2014

Janice Antal V63 writes….



"Fr. Ray Horley was assigned to St. Vincent parish and schools during all four of our years. This was his first assignment from the seminary. Some of us kept in touch with him over the years. He attended our 40th Reunion and was planning on being at our 50th but when I phoned him, I learned he was hospitalized and asked that we pray for him. We have many fond memories of him! Religion classes, discernment, New York trips… I thought others might want to know of his passing on January 19, 2014 and add their prayers for a very good man who was part of our high school years."

Follow this link to read the article about Fr. Horley http://bit.ly/1jt5Yjf

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Ellen Cronin Zegarra VM92

Hello St. Vincent-St. Mary Alumni & Friends,

This fiscal year has truly been *Some Kind of Wonderful!* The donations and generosity of our alumni, family and friends continues to provide the vital and wonderful support for our students and our school.

The "giving year" culminates with the end of our fiscal year, June 30, 2014. It is not too late to send in your donation to STVM! Donations of any size are greatly appreciated! Please know that we put your donations immediately to good use for the benefit of our students and especially for tuition assistance. In today's economy, many more families are in need of assistance. Our mission embraces the concept of Catholic Education and our goal is to keep it affordable. As your Director of Advancement, I would like to encourage you to support STVM. If you have not supported the annual appeal, **The Fund for STVM**, in the past, please consider a donation. If you have not become a Shamrock member but always wanted to…please consider joining the club! As always, we appreciate what you are able to do and would like to extend our appreciation and encourage your continued support.

The theme of this issue of The Connection Magazine is *Some Kind of Wonderful!* It is easy to say the word "wonderful" and many of us certainly use it in our daily conversations. However, you only have to walk the halls and visit with our students, our faculty and our staff to understand why we feel that STVM is *Some Kind of Wonderful!* Similarly, it is easy to say that the STVM Community is "wonderful." But in my opinion, that is an understatement! I am awestruck by the STVM Community and the infinite ways you GIVE, of your talent, time, and treasure. It is no wonder that we see the face of God so many times throughout the school year. It really is quite understandable why so many of us feel it is a pleasure to work here! Our volunteers, our alumni, our friends, our staff and our students continue to impress and inspire. Our students really do reflect the heart and soul of our school. Irish Pride is indeed alive! They have taken to heart our new billboard "Be Your Best … Be Irish!" This is evident by how our students are focused; how hard they work; the successes they achieve inside and outside of the classroom; and how much kindness they demonstrate in their service projects which reflect their giving spirit. For a glimpse of what our students feel it means to "Be Your Best … Be Irish!" please visit www.stvm.com and access this fun video that was premiered at our Showcase celebration!

Thank you for showing us the wonderful regard and dedication you have for STVM and our STVM students. We appreciate all of the time, talent and yes, the trea$ure that is donated to our school – it is a wonderful reflection of your love and loyalty to STVM. Thank you for all that you do for STVM and for being *Some Kind of Wonderful!*

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

The Show Must Go On… **It's Not Too Late to Play Your Part!**

The St. Vincent-St. Mary Advancement Department answered the call when the STVM Theater needed some financial assistance! This project, entitled "Play Your Part" began in March and is still an active and vibrant project! **It is not too late to Play Your Part!**

The project featured the request to raise $50,000 in 50 days to benefit the STVM Theater. We came close to meeting our goal, but still need help to reach the $50,000 mark!

The Leprechaun Theater's curtain raised for the opening performance in 1974, STVM's Spring Musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*. Since that time, our community has witnessed infinite number of auditions, performances, competitions, and celebrations on that very stage. From *So This is Paris* on the stage at St. Mary and *Hello Dolly* at St. Vincent, to an actual rainfall on stage for *Singin' in the Rain* at St. Vincent-St. Mary, our community has long appreciated the importance of theater.

Forty years later, theater continues to play a vital role in the educational experience of our students, enriching their minds and setting the stage for fond memories and future success.

It is not too late to Play Your Part! The Leprechaun Theater is in need of repairs and improvements. Our initial request was to raise $50,000 in just 50 days. We came close to meeting our goal in just 50 days, by the April 10th goal date and we were able to purchase these necessary items: a beautiful new GREEN velvet stage curtain and pulley system; new lighting systems for multiple areas, new graphics systems, and a new sound system! There is still work to be done, and still money to be raised to meet our goal! Please consider making a donation, of any size, to the Leprechaun Theater, and sustain our legacy of excellence in the performing arts!

To make a tax-deductible donation to the STVM Leprechaun Theater, contact Ellen Zegarra, Director of Advancement, STVM High School 15 North Maple Street Akron, Ohio 44303. Please call Ellen Zegarra with questions or comments at 330.253.9113 x152

Donor levels:

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Play a Part TODAY in the history of our drama productions! Please make a gift of any amount to STVM for the Leprechaun Theater.

Thank You For Supporting **Our Theater Project "Play You Part"**

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Showcase 2014

Some Kind of Wonderful!

Students, alumni, sponsors, friends, and volunteers joined together on Saturday, April 5th, for an evening of fine dining, dancing, and donating at Showcase "Some Kind of Wonderful" on the campus of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School.

In its 28th year, the STVM 2014 Showcase Event embraced many new innovative elements that were favorably received by our guests! Custom-made STVM "Pint of Pride" pilsner glasses and a special "limited edition Showcase brew from Goose Island Craft Beer," the introduction of Bid-Pal as a technology tool to enhance bidding, Irish Dancers, Krispy Kreme Donuts made fresh and yummy with Grand Marnier glaze and the ever-present and all important Tuition Assistance Paddle Raise! The generous and delighted guests were all too happy to show their support of STVM and our students.... which after all is the purpose of Showcase! Many guests who visited the newly renovated gymnasium commented on the improvements made to the "gym" now known as the LeBron James Arena. Many also commented on how incredible it is that the "space can be transformed into such a magical and elegant setting." Still other guests commented on our student volunteers and their on-site involvement and participation!

All who attended the 28th Showcase enjoyed a fabulous sit-down dinner from Taste of Excellence Caterers and many stayed to enjoy the after-event entertainment provided by the Swizzle Stick Band. The evening overflowed with highlights: live performances from our very talented and "Some Kind of Wonderful" students, incredible auction items that became subjects of bidding wars, not to mention the evening's "showcase" tributes and recognition of: STVM Headmaster, Dave Rathz; Our Alumna, Sandra Pianalto V72; and the many dedicated and generous STVM Exec Board members.

Congratulations to our special raffle winners of the night:

Winners of the 10K Raffle:
First Prize $10,000 winner – George Newkome V56
Second Prize $2,000 winner - Mary Kay Walter
Third prize $1,000 winner – Heather Patterson Bondy VM88

Showcase Some Kind of Wonderful Raffle Opportunities included these Wonderful Winners: The Winner of the Wander Where You Wonder – Mystery Vacation valued over $1,500 was Cynthia Leonhard; The Winner of the Wonderful Bag (Michael Kors purse) valued over $400 was Candy Rastetter; The Winner of the Sweet Sparkle $1,000 Kimberly Jewelry Raffle was Michael Scala and the winner of the $2,500 Tuition Raffle was Annette & Todd Bischoff.

A special thank you to our 2014 Showcase Co-Chairs, Julie and Steve Buzzi and Betsy and Barry Tavolier as well as their team of STVM volunteers! Everyone worked tirelessly; gathering auction donations, selling raffle tickets, creating decorations, and many more tasks too numerous to mention. Showcase 2014 most certainly would not have been a success without each and every one of them.

As a community, we raised nearly $117,000 in our tuition assistance paddle raise and for our endowed scholarships and nearly $300,000 in total. We can only attribute our success to your contributions and wonderful generosity. You are "Some Kind of Wonderful" and we are so very thankful to have you in our community!

We hope to see you at Showcase #29 in 2015.

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And to all of The Some Kind of Wonderful Auction Items donated by our many loyal friends and merchants! Thank you!

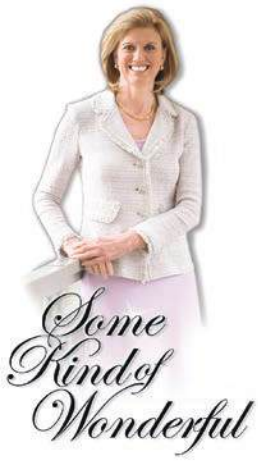
2014 Showcase Honorees

On April 5, 2014 at the 28th Annual Showcase event, an event that represents the very essence of service and giving, we took a moment during the festivities to recognize and honor individuals from our community who proudly represent the legacy of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School.

Throughout our history as St. Vincent-St. Mary, and for the many decades before as St. Mary High School and St. Vincent High School, we proudly acknowledge our foundation of leadership, citizenship, service and giving. These tenets continue to reflect the STVM of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

During the evening, we recognized the many individuals that have given, served, and helped to shape this community of support, tradition, leadership and faith. Please join us in applauding these individuals for all that they have done for STVM.

A complete biographical overview for each honoree can be found on our website by following this link: www.stvm.com/development/showcase.php



David V. Rathz

David V. Rathz was named Principal of STVM High School in June of 1998 and Headmaster in 2000.

Dave brought an impressive educational career to STVM as well as his strong desire to aid and advance the mission of Catholic Education. Dave has played an integral role in STVM's academic and physical growth.

We are fortunate and blessed to have had the leadership of David V. Rathz as the Headmaster of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School.

We extend our appreciation and gratitude as we congratulate David V. Rathz, our 2014 Showcase Honoree, on his Distinguished Service Award.

Please join us on June 8th for the reception that will honor Dave and his service to STVM [see page 27].

Sandra Pianalto V72

Sandra Pianalto, a member of the St. Vincent High School Class of 1972, was an active participant in clubs and activities while a student at St. Vincent High School. A few of those notable activities included being Editor of the Yearbook, The Shamrock; named "Most Likely to Succeed" in the senior superlatives; and being awarded the "St. Vincent High School Womanhood Award."

As a global leader in economics, Sandra exemplifies the value of hard-work, talent and professional achievement to our current students and is truly a wonderful reflection of the academic foundation that our school provides along with the values instilled. We acknowledge her accomplishments with pride and admiration and extend our appreciation to Sandra Pianalto for the way in which she has represented the STVM High School Community.

Please join me in congratulating Sandra Pianalto, our 2014 Showcase Honoree, on her Distinguished Service Award.

The STVM Executive Board Member

In keeping with the "Some Kind of Wonderful" theme of this issue of the Spring Connection Magazine, it is only fitting that the final and most all-encompassing award of the night was given to "The STVM Exec Board Member." While the list is incredibly long and continues to grow each year with new names, the honoree program during Showcase included recognizing our dedicated and generous STVM Exec Board Members. Michael Ochsenhirt, the current STVM Exec Board Chair, graciously accepted the gift.

One simple caption taken from the 1991 Summer issue of The Alumni Connection is indicative of the origins of our board and somewhat prophetic "Future is bright for STVM with independent status, organization and teamwork."

In 1991, the STVM Board of Trustees was established and replaced the Diocese of Cleveland as the official governing body of STVM. A close and cooperative relationship with the diocese has been maintained.

The STVM Community has been blessed and honored to have the dedicated and talented Executive Board of Trustees lead and guide our school.

Beginning in 1991, the Board of Trustees was made up of the following individuals: David Brennan, Hugh Colopy, Ned Endress, Toni Flynn, John "Jack" Haag, David Meeker, Robert Meeker, Edward Metzger, Thomas Stecz, Fr. Corrigan (Honorary), Fr. Hilkert (Honorary), M.G. O'Neil (Honorary), and Ambassador Charles Pilliod (Honorary).

STVM has been the fortunate recipient of the years of dedication and leadership provided by the dedicated and talented men and women of our Board. We have been blessed and honored to witness and take pride in the time, talent, and treasure the Board has showered on our school community. Thank you for the years of leadership and guidance.

We take this opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation to the STVM Board members of the past, present and future.

Patrick Dunlavy V67 Presented **"Reinventing Yourself at Any Age"**

Irish Voices

The Fall 2013 Connection Magazine reported a new program that has been added to the Advancement Department's Event Calendar – the Irish Voices Lecture Luncheon Series.

During the presentation, Patrick mentioned mentors and individuals that helped to inspire him throughout his professional journey. Many dear friends, classmates, and family were in attendance to hear Patrick speak. One mentor and dear friend in attendance was Jim Tressel, newly named President of Youngstown State University. Patrick played football at Baldwin Wallace under the coaching direction of Jim's father, Lee Tressel.

Patrick Dunlavy V67 pauses for a photo with his sister Carolyn Dunlavy V71

Ellen Cronin Zegarra VM92 (STVM Director of Advancement) is the coordinator and facilitator for the Irish Voices Lecture Luncheon Series. Ellen expressed her appreciation to Patrick Dunlavy V67 - the featured speaker on April 30, 2014 - "Reinventing Yourself at Any Age."

STVM Supporters **Drive Away Winners!**

Sponsored by The Chevy Network AND SERPENTINI CHEVROLET OF TALLMADGE

Tuesday, February 11, 2014 was a great night to be Irish. Students and fans packed the gym to see our boys basketball team battle Youngstown Ursuline and to celebrate the amazing careers of our bowling, boys basketball, cheerleading, and athletic management seniors.

The Senior Night celebration kicked off what would be a very exciting night for the Irish. At halftime of the STVM Fighting Irish vs. Ursuline Boys Basketball game (of which the Irish were victorious), the winners of our 12th Annual Irish Family Car Raffle were drawn. Then, the unthinkable happened; a St. Vincent alumna won two of the three prizes! This just goes to show, buying multiple tickets really does increase your chances of winning! We are so happy for Mary Coulter Henne, a 1959 St. Vincent High School alumna, who in turn, is thrilled by this experience at her alma mater!

First prize, a 2014 Chevy Cruze donated by Bob and Kathy Serpentini and Serpentini Chevrolet for the 12th consecutive year, was awarded to Mary Coulter Henne, V59 alumna and resident of Mansfield, Ohio. Second prize, a 55" LED Flat Screen TV donated by STVM Parents Kipp & Ruby Kofsky, was won by Peg Morgan Bollinger VM79, mother of STVM Junior, Christopher Bollinger. Third prize, $500 in Circle K gas cards donated by Jerry Kelly VM08(h), was won yet again by Mary Coulter Henne V59.

Thank you to all STVM faculty, staff, alumni, parents, volunteers, and STVM supporters who purchased a ticket this year to directly benefit our students. All ticket sales are used immediately for tuition assistance!

A very special thank you to our entire Advancement Team for their efforts and our special Car Raffle Volunteers: Dan Petit, Ernie Bianchi, Allie Bianchi, Bev Waltz, Barb Whiddon and Colleen Kelliher for their hard work and dedication prior to the raffle drawing. We are Irish and PROUD OF IT!

Mentors Needed for **Career Connections**

St. Vincent-St. Mary High School's Advancement Team and Guidance Department will team up to host our Annual Career Connections Career Fair on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. in The Jack and Ann Haag Student Center. Career Connections is a chance for our Junior and Senior students to explore and gain knowledge about fields of interest from STVM alumni, parents, and friends. STVM is looking for mentors! Last year STVM had over 100 professionals from organizations like The Cleveland Indians, Summa Health Systems, The Akron RubberDucks, Timken, Bridgestone America Tire Operation, Goodyear, The Diocese of Cleveland, The City of Akron Fire and Police and much more. Volunteer to be a mentor for the Annual Career Connections at STVM!

WE NEED YOU!

If you are interested in representing an occupation and mentoring STVM students, please contact the STVM Advancement Office at 330-253-9113 x152 or e-mail ezegarra@stvm.com for details.

Memory Lane **Alumni Visit STVM**

We invite you to visit STVM for a stroll down Memory Lane. We think you will be amazed by the changes and improvements, while being brought back in time by how much remains the same!

Recently, brothers Joe VM95 and Steve VM88 Victor (above photo) stopped back at STVM, toured the campus, visited with former teachers, and indeed, took a stroll down memory lane. Thank you Joe and Steve for sharing your fond (and funny!) memories with us.

To schedule your personal tour and visit, please contact Ellen Cronin Zegarra VM92, Director of Advancement at ezegarra@stvm.com.

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This list represents Shamrock Society donors who made a gift of $1,000 or greater to **The Fund for STVM** during the 2012-2013 fiscal year (July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013). These donors have earned membership for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Shamrock Society members receive free admittance for two to all theater, band performances and athletic events held on the St. Vincent-St. Mary campus. Names shown in bold print have renewed their commitment as of April 1, 2014. They have earned Shamrock Society membership for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Names noted with * have also achieved membership in the Legacy Society for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. 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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Bernard Family Thank You

On behalf of the Students, the Faculty, the Executive and Endowment Boards, and the Administration of STVM, we offer our most heartfelt gratitude to the RALPH L. & FLORENCE A. BERNARD FOUNDATION for the generous gift of $50,000! The foundation is represented by Mr. Ralph L. Bernard, Jr. and his sister Mrs. Regina Bernard Dain V65, who have carried on their parents' legacy of giving to Catholic Education through the RALPH L. & FLORENCE A. BERNARD FOUNDATION.

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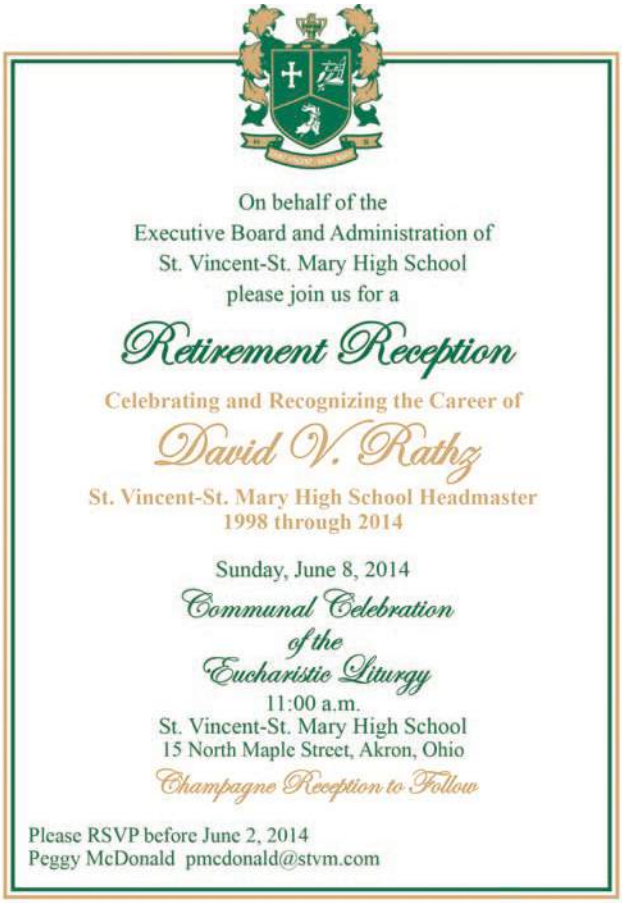

On behalf of the
Executive Board and Administration of
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please join us for a

Retirement Reception

Celebrating and Recognizing the Career of

David V. Rathz

St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Headmaster
1998 through 2014

Sunday, June 8, 2014
Communal Celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy
11:00 a.m.
St. Vincent-St. Mary High School
15 North Maple Street, Akron, Ohio
Champagne Reception to Follow

Please RSVP before June 2, 2014
Peggy McDonald pmcdonald@stvm.com

Farewell to Luanne Jenkins Richardson V59
We will Miss You!
Dedicated Teacher and Leader since 1966

Carley Whitney moves to Athletic Department

Dear STVM Friends and STVM community,

As one door closes another opens. Thank you for your generosity, support, and friendship during the last three years. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity and experiences of being a member of STVM's Advancement Team. I am a lifer, STVM is a part of me and I believe strongly that what we teach and promote prepares our students for every aspect in life. I believe in our product.

I have recently been named Assistant Athletic Director and Head Coach of the Girls Basketball Team and will be leaving the Advancement Office. I am proud to call you all my friends and look forward to my future in athletics. Thank you for the support, kind words, and high fives during this time! I hope to see you all on the field, in the gym, and on the diamond! GO IRISH!

Endowment **marks Milestone**

STVM Endowment Board with Keynote speaker Jim Tressel

Photo of first Endowment Board President Morris Laatsch V66 with Jerry Kelly VM08(h), and Susie Gaebel Wallace VM91

Without a doubt, the highpoint of the STVM Endowment's Thirtieth Anniversary events was a celebratory gala dinner held on October 30, 2013 at Guy's Party Centre. The event featured keynote remarks by Jim Tressel (The University of Akron Executive Vice President for Student Success). The Thirtieth Anniversary gala provided a special opportunity for 100 current and former board members as well as Family & Memorial Scholarship Program donor families and school administration to celebrate the many accomplishments of the STVM Endowment.

Established on June 30, 1983 with $100.00 in earnest money, the STVM Endowment has had a significant impact on STVM High School and its students over the last thirty years. Morris Laatsch V66, founding President and Past Trustee, was honored during the gala for his work to establish the STVM Endowment. We are grateful to the foresight of our founding board members, the contributions of past board members, and the strong leadership of our current board. To mark the occasion, a new operating endowment, The Legacy Fund of 1983 was announced. The lead donors to this new fund were none other than the current board members of the STVM Endowment!

SAVE THE DATE

Daniel Steiner Memorial Scholarship Outing And Dinner

July 7, 2014

Dinner Immediately Following (Non-golfers welcome to join for dinner)
Raffles, Auctions and Games
To be put on the mailing list for golf and dinner please send a message or call: Ssteiner84@yahoo.com
Sean Steiner 330-283-7214

15th Annual Matt Kauffman 5k Memorial Run

August 9, 2014

5k Memorial Run and One Mile Fun/Run Walk (location: Goodyear Heights Metro Park). For more details contact Dan Lancianese (dlancianese@stvm.com or 330-352-5602)

Celebrating **Scholarships**

As planning begins for the 2014-2015 academic year, the STVM Endowment is pleased to announce that once again there are new scholarship opportunities through the Family & Memorial Scholarship Program. These important opportunities come from the Burr Brown Family, the Bucky O'Connor V40 Family, and the Shamrock Cultural Charities of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Mark Heffernan Division, and The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Margaret Judge Division. The STVM Endowment extends their gratitude to these donors for making a Catholic education more affordable and attainable at our high school.

To kick off the 2014-2015 scholarship seasons, scholarship donors and the student scholarship recipients gathered on May 12, 2014 for the Annual Family & Memorial Scholarship Dinner at Guy's Party Centre. The STVM Endowment hosts this popular event which provides donors and students with a unique opportunity to visit with one another.

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Our School is *Some Kind of Wonderful*

St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Welcomes New Principal Mrs. Sandra Wilkes

The Administration and Executive Board Members of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School are proud to name Mrs. Sandra Wilkes as its new Principal.

Mrs. Wilkes brings a wealth of experience to the position, including having served as a Theology Teacher, Assistant Principal, and Service Coordinator at Lake Catholic High School in Mentor. Mrs. Wilkes most recently served as Principal of Mount Saint Joseph Academy, a college preparatory Catholic High School located in Rutland, Vermont. "We are very excited to welcome Sandra Wilkes to our Administrative Team here at STVM," said STVM President, Tom Carone. "Her commitment to a strong Catholic identity and academic excellence align precisely with the current mission of STVM."

Her educational credentials include two Master's Degrees from Ursuline College, Cleveland, Ohio: one in Educational Administration and Leadership and another in Elementary Education. Her Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Literature is from McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Her resume also includes post-graduate work in Theology, Educational Technology and Ophthalmic Technology at Georgetown University, University of Dayton, and Lake Erie College. Her educational specialties include best practices in curriculum and instruction, research-based practices in teacher quality and training.

Mrs. Wilkes and her husband of 27 years, Jim, will relocate to Ohio from Vermont later this Spring.

Stay tuned for an invitation to the welcome event for our new principal!

Music Scholarship Announced

On Tuesday, May 20, 2014, STVM President Tom Carone, demonstrating further support of the STVM Performing Arts Program, initiated a new, multi-level, MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP!

These scholarships will be awarded to STVM students who demonstrate superb talent, excellence, and commitment to the band program. The Scholarships will be awarded as follows:

- $250 tuition grant to one 9th grader
- $500 tuition grant to one 10th grader
- $750 tuition grant to one 11th grader

Furthermore, Mr. Carone introduced and initiated a David V. Rathz Performing Arts Scholarship in which STVM will gift $1,000 in college tuition monies to one graduating senior from the STVM band program.

DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

Joanne Coletta Wiseman V69

There are so many reasons why our graduates are thankful for their high school years at St. Vincent–St. Mary and our Class of 2014 is no exception! The influential and formative years they have spent with us have allowed them to be accepted to the colleges and universities of their choice! They are well prepared for this next step in their educational lives!

These young men and women have demonstrated leadership in and out of the classroom and have continued to work diligently to reach goals that would be unattainable by most graduating seniors. Moreover, our graduates have proven themselves to be Christ-centered students, sharing their compassion and friendship with fellow classmates, with our teachers and staff, and other members of our STVM community. Our 2014 graduates run the gamut from championship scholars, musicians, and thespians, to championship student athletes! All of them understand and realize that everyone has talents and that we are all called to serve each other's needs. They have lived our mission statement from the day they joined us! We wish them good luck and God's blessings in all that they do. We will miss you, our newest alumni, and wish you continued success as you follow your dreams!

St. Vincent-St. Mary High School welcomes the incoming Class of 2018! You are joining a school filled with a great legacy and tradition. We eagerly anticipate getting to know you! You were chosen from a talented, diverse group of eighth grade students from 37 Akron Catholic, area public, private and charter schools. This fall, you will join our current students on North Maple Street at a school rich with history and brimming with excitement for the future – and we are thrilled that the future will include you!

Good Luck Pat!

We wish Pat Kokoczka the best as she retires from STVM after thirteen years as our Admissions Assistant! Pat has been an asset to our high school family and will now be able to make time to enjoy those finer things in life that she deserves; some of which are time with family, reading novels, and growing award-winning flowers and vegetables for competition at The Ohio State Fair! Pat is a winner in every sense of the word! We will miss her!!!

Welcome Amy!

We will soon add another STVM alum to our staff by welcoming Amy Bisesi VM06 who will be our next Admissions Assistant! During her high school days at STVM she was the 2006 Class President and Womanhood Award winner. She is currently the seventh and eighth grade mathematics teacher at St. Hilary! We are excited that Amy will be returning to her alma mater!

Members of IAFC enjoy shopping for their Adopt-A-Family during the Christmas season.

Irish Athletes For Christ

Irish Athletes for Christ (IAFC) is a program to help athletes develop in virtue, character, and discipline using athletics to honor God in all aspects of life. Irish Athletes for Christ meet once a month in the morning (usually in the theater and a light breakfast is provided). Members attend meetings and hear witness talks given by former and current athletes, coaches, or other guest speakers. This school year, Irish Athletes for Christ had 140 students attend their opening meeting and from 50-75 students on average at each meeting. In the meetings this year, students have heard speakers such as Brandon Kightlinger (former high school football player and founder of The Takeover), Bryson Davis (former college football player), Carla Chapman Sibley VM81 (member of the 1980 and 1981 STVM Girls Basketball State Championship Teams) and Brian Knight (STVM Athletic Trainer). These speakers shared their personal experiences with athletics and their faith, and how these two impacted one another.

Irish Athletes for Christ also participate in outings as well as service projects. Every Christmas season the group goes on an "Adopt-a-Family" shopping trip to buy items for a family in need. This year the group also held a sporting goods drive at the school and several members of the group go to Haven of Rest once a month to serve those in their community. Lastly, the group held a shoe-drive during their "PreSuper Bowl Party" and collected over 200 pairs of new or gently used shoes to donate to the FreshSouls organization, who will then take these shoes to Africa for those in need.

On May 16th, 20 members of the group attended the "Living Right with Dr. Ray" television show. Dr. Ray Guarendi, clinical psychologist who focuses on Faith, Family, and Life, spoke to the group last year and invited them to be a part of his show this year. This show will air on EWTN, the Global Catholic Network.

The IAFC group is led by Pam Murphy, Anthony Boarman, Emily Buehrle VM05, and Phil Alvord VM03.

Academic Letters

On Thursday, November 14, ten juniors and eleven seniors were presented with Academic Letters at an all-school assembly. These students include seniors Alexander Angle, Kristen Bratton, Colbey Coombs, Ann Graff, Gabrielle Leonardi, Chaisay (Nick) Letdara, Joanne Lutman, Erin McNulty, Brooke Powell, Mary Walsh, and Erica Wolf and juniors Jane Bozsik, Imani Davis, Katherine Friess, William Haas, Alaina Misbrener, Andrew Misbrener, Armani Moss, Jaclyn Musci, Joseph Paolucci, and Robert (Sam) Yeaton. In addition, three seniors earned a second year award; these seniors include Preston Hollopeter, Cassandra Jakubick, and Derek Whiddon. The criteria for earning the initial Academic Letter consists of being a junior or senior, accruing a total of eight or more academic awards for classroom excellence in the spring Scholastic Honors Night, maintaining an overall GPA of 3.3 or above, and remaining a student "in good standing" in discipline and attendance as determined by the Dean of Students. A second-year award winner needs a cumulative total of sixteen or more classroom excellence awards as well as meets the previous criteria as well. We are very proud of these letter winners and congratulate them for their academic success.

L-R: Ms. Pam Godshalk VM11(h), Julia Mendiola, Emily Pagni, Jack Hurley, Derek Whiddon, Bridget Mundy VM06, Headmaster David Rathz, President Thomas Carone VM77

National Honor Society

The St. Vincent-St. Mary High School chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 48 new members on Monday, November 25, 2013. A faculty council selected these students based on their accumulative point averages (a minimum 3.5) and faculty evaluations of their character, leadership, and service to the school and community. These new members joined the 58 current members. Chapter officers, including President Derek Whiddon, Vice-President Jack Hurley, Secretary Emily Pagni, and Treasurer Julia Mendiola, conducted the traditional candle lighting ceremony that emphasized the ideals of NHS. Guest speaker for the Induction Ceremony was Ms. Bridget Mundy VM06, who is currently the Legacy Giving Officer for the Cleveland Orchestra. Parents' Club provided the funds for the pins that new members received from Headmaster David Rathz and President Tom Carone. Following the induction ceremony, the veteran members hosted a reception for the new inductees and their families. The chapter advisor is Ms. Pam Godshalk VM11(h).

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STVM Rocket Team

BE YOUR BEST ... BE IRISH

This should provide you with a quick recap of the "2014 happenings" at STVM and reflect how seriously our students are about "Being Their Best and Being IRISH" not only in the classroom and in competitions but EVERYWHERE!

Follow this link to visit the STVM YouTube channel that is posted on the STVM website to hear what it means to **Be Your Best** from our students!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWvqI7yaOeQ&list=UU6KFt3sTuN-Y8A7mc3OFqEA

JANUARY

The New Year started off fast & furious and included quite a few snow days! The bad weather did not slow our students in the least bit. Follow this link – http://bit.ly/1uruoCt – to learn more about Brian Brown, our STVM Junior, who was named by the Boys & Girls Club of the Western Reserve as the "2014 Bud Rogers Youth of the Year."

For the Love of Art! The Annual Scholastics Art Competition revealed that STVM students are no strangers to success! Sixteen of our students received honorable mention in Photography, Digital Art, Painting and Drawing. Plus two students received a Silver Key for their photography. The Arts are alive with the STVM Students!

Reading, Writing, Arithmetic might be a saying that brings fond memories but The Diocese of Cleveland, Office of Ministry to African American Catholics and The Diocese of Cleveland Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee named STVM sophomore, Tobin Huffman, as the first place essay winner in their Essay, Poem and Poster Contest!

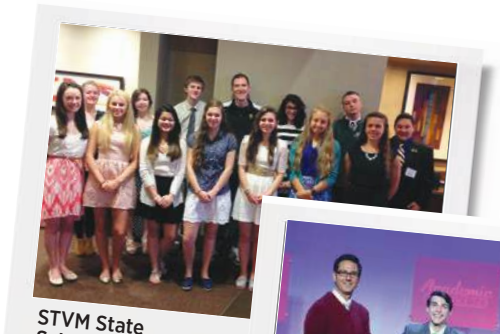
Plus... STVM Music Students did an outstanding job at the Ohio Music Education Association District VI Solo and Ensemble Adjudicated Event at Brunswick High School. Twelve students received a Superior and 15 received an Excellent Rating!

Irish Pride was alive and well when fifteen STVM Athletes and two Coaches were honored at the 72nd Annual Touchdown Club of Greater Akron Banquet of Champions:
Coach of the Year: Dan Boarman and Dan Lancianese
Player of the Year: Dante Booker Jr.
Girls Cross Country: Julia Mendiola and Rachel Iacofano
Girls Soccer: Katie Goedecke and Julia Bowen
Volleyball: Kiley May and Maddie Frericks
Boys Soccer: Steven Dages
Football: Aaron Adkins, Parris Campbell, Travonte Junius, Sean Devany, Vince Lockett, Newman Williams, Derek Whiddon, and Tony Adkins

FEBRUARY

Academic Challenge Congratulations to our Academic Challenge team for advancing to Regional Competition at Cloverleaf High School in April. This placement makes STVM one of the top 16 teams in Northeast Ohio! This is the inaugural year for the re-instated Academic Challenge Team at STVM and we couldn't be more proud of them! In the photo below, seated left to right are Preston Hollopeter, Jackson Odadzin and Melanie Mohler.

And more in February.... It might not be Spring yet in Akron, but the students certainly have brought the sunshine into our hearts! Congratulations to our students in their ***Science Fair Achievements:*** STVM had 42 students achieve a rating of Superior at the STVM Science Fair. These students were eligible to move on to Districts at The University of Akron. In addition, eight students were selected to participate in March at the Northeast Ohio Science and Engineering Fair [NEOSEF] held at Cleveland State University and The Austen BioInnovation Institute's Best Medicine Fair to be held at the Inventors Hall of Fame STEM School: Jane Bozsik, Mariah Costa, Kate Friess, Preston Hollopeter, Jack Mileski, Cannon Morgan, Joseph Puhalla and Alex Weber.


STVM State Science Participants

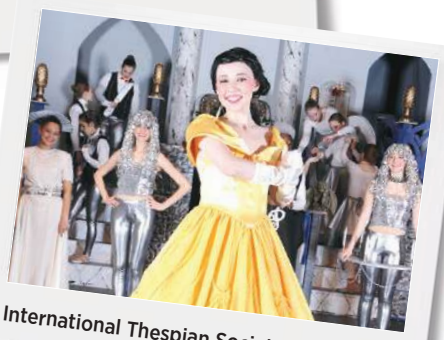
Academic Challenge

MARCH

In only our third year in existence, STVM's Mock Trial Gold Team won The Jeffrey E. Schobert Award for Excellence. With this honor and award, the STVM Mock Trial Gold Team graced the cover of The Akron Bar Association "Examiner" Magazine in April. Monica Pirie and Rollie Shank each won Best Witness awards, and Bryan Borodkin won Best Attorney. Other team members include Ashley Johenning, Jane Bozsik, and AnnMarie Costigan.

And more in March… The weather might be cold outside but our students certainly bring a smile to our faces!
Congratulations to our students for their accomplishments at ***NEOSEF and Best Medicine competitions***! PLUS, we point with pride to Alex Weber. Alex was one of Five Grand Prize Winners asked to participate in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) National Science Fair, which will be held in Los Angeles, California during the week of May 11th. Follow this link to learn more! http://bit.ly/1vunzk4

Mock Trial



International Thespian Society

March is for Math Madness! We are very proud of two STVM senior students who earned a place to compete in the March OHMIO at Capital University. Seniors Preston Hollopeter and Andrew Rodgers scored very high on the Continental Math League, the Ohio Mathematics League, the OCTM Contests, and the American Mathematics Competitions and secured a position for the Ohio High School Mathematics Invitational Olympiad!

APRIL

It might have been a long and cold winter in Akron but the Irish continue to demonstrate their dedication to excellence on the playing field! Irish Pride was clearly evident when our Coaches and Student Athletes were honored at the Touchdown Club Winter Sports Banquet!
Coach of the Year: Anthony Gary and Dru Joyce and Joe Jakubick
Wrestling State Champion: Aaron Adkins
Girls Basketball: Jordan Korinek, Shannon Jack and Kiley May
Boys Basketball: V.J. King, Jalen Hudson and Joshua Williams
Wrestling: Ryan Skonieczny

Eagle Scouts

Congratulations to Adam Testa and Alex Bianchi on their Eagle Scout badge!

Model UN

And the excitement continued in April…. STVM Model U.N. Team Earns All-American Model U.N. School Honor! STVM Model U.N. teams successfully competed locally and at such competitions as International Affairs Association at the University of Notre Dame, Cornell University as well as the University of Pennsylvania, the Ivy League Model United Nations Conference (ILMUNC), The St. Vincent-St. Mary Model United Nations team has been named an All-American Model United Nations school! We are very proud of all of the accomplishments this team has earned.
Follow this link: http://allamericanmun.com/schools/

Take that Irish Spirit where-ever you go! MacKenna Hornyak, a STVM freshman competed in the World Irish Dancing Championships in London, England during the week of April 14th! Mackenna dances for the O'Hare School of Irish Dance and is also a member of the STVM Irish Dance Team.

MAY

Great things are yet to come! The sky is the limit! Our School is Some Kind Of Wonderful!

Our STVM Rocket Teams Delta & Echo have been named among the Top 100 Teams to compete in the Team America Rocketry Challenge National Finals in May 2014.

The STVM International Thespian Society (ITS), under the direction of Gerard Neary, delighted audiences throughout the school year. Beginning in the Fall with the play, "While the Lights Were Out" and continuing through the winter with the enjoyable audience participation, dinner theater of "The Death of Dr. Pepper" written by our very own, Eileen Slattery Moushey M67. The drama productions culminated in April with the production of "Beauty and The Beast."

The STVM traditions of excellence and entertainment continued in every aspect of the productions which highlighted the talents of our student performers, drama team, stage crew, pit orchestra and the entire STVM ITS membership. The Spring Musical performance was another delightful and wonderful experience!

I Promise...To Never Forget Where I Came From

LeBron James VM03

Please follow this link to the STVM website for a more complete article and photo gallery! http://www.stvm.com/athletics/lebron_james_arena.php

The Background

LeBron James graduated from STVM in 2003. He spent four memorable years playing basketball and winning three state championships and one national championship under the leadership of Coach Dru Joyce. LeBron was inducted into the STVM Athletic Hall of Fame on August 9, 2011 with his VM03 classmates, teammates and lifelong friends: Dru Joyce III, Willie McGee, Romeo Travis and Sian Cotton.

LeBron graduated from STVM and immediately entered the NBA draft. He was selected #1 in the 2003 draft by the Cleveland Cavaliers. From a fun loving teenager to NBA Superstar in an instant, LeBron's life changed quickly from his humble upbringing in Akron, Ohio. His commitment to his alma mater, however, has never wavered.

The Promise

During an assembly, LeBron surprised the school by making a promise; to outfit every athletic team with a new Nike uniform. The athletes were delighted! In 2012, LeBron also pledged $1 million to renovate his old stomping grounds, the STVM Gymnasium. The completion of The LeBron James Arena was marked by a ceremonial grand opening on December 14, 2013.

The gymnasium has been renovated and includes the following:

- A regulation 94-by-50 sports performance floor. The old floor was 84-by-48 ½.
- New bleachers throughout, adding an additional 200 seats, raising the capacity to 1,831.
- The south end zone includes a new mezzanine section. According to athletic director, Andy Jalwan the end zone has become the place "where everyone wants to sit!"
- Six NCAA model hydraulic baskets supplied by Spalding.
- New lighting that is 8-times brighter than what had been in place.
- Renovated locker rooms for both the boys and girls athletic teams.
- Renovated offices for both the boys and girls basketball team head coaches.
- A new treatment room for STVM's Athletic Trainer, Brian Knight.
- A new sound system, all the better for long-time public address announcer Gary Johnson.
- A "dedication wall" impressively chronicles LeBron James' time at STVM, along with his four close friends who completed the "Fab Five"...Dru Joyce III, Romeo Travis, Willie McGee and Sian Cotton.

Thank you LeBron James VM03 for your continued loyalty and dedication to STVM High School!

Congratulations to the Booster Club 2013 Hall of Fame Inductees

Left to Right: Alex Marconi VM96, Kara Murphy Gooden VM07, Provie Tomei VM75, Tim Wilkes VM01, Jim Meyer VM73, Paul Winters VM76, Jamie Zwisler VM96 and Dave Houston VM89

JOIN THE STVM ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

Welcome Picnic August 8th. More details to follow!

FALL AND WINTER SPORTS

Football: The varsity football team finished the season with a perfect 15-0 and record. The team won their second consecutive OHSAA Division III State Championship. The team garnered several honors including finishing the season as the AP Poll champions, ranked 23rd in the nation by MaxPreps, and also earning Coach of the Year honors was Dan Boarman, Defensive Player of the Year - Dante Booker, and Offensive Player of the Year - Parris Campbell.

Cross Country: The cross country program has continued their statewide dominance. This is the fifth consecutive year that the girls cross country team has won the Division II State Championship. The girls team also finished as the district and regional champions. Even more impressive is the fact that the entire team finished as Academic All-Ohio. The boys team experienced a bit of a re-building year, even though they finished as district champions, they came up short at the regional meet and did not qualify for this year's state championship.
Boys Soccer: The boys soccer team finished the season with a 7-11 record. The team was led by a lot of young, talented players and the group is looking to build on this years' experience heading into the summer training session.

Girls Soccer: The girls soccer team finished with a record of 13-6. The team finished as the district runner-up. The girls soccer team this year was awarded the Team Sportsmanship Award by the Greater Akron Soccer Officials Association.

Volleyball: The volleyball team finished off a great season as district runner-up. The team was led by a strong group of seniors and finished with a record of 16-11. The team did graduate seven seniors but luckily have a strong group of underclassmen returning for the 2014 season.

Golf: Both the boys and girls golf teams finished their seasons in the district round of the post-season tournament. The boys team won several dual matches and invitationals during the 2013 season and the girls team won their third consecutive Greater Akron Girls Golf Conference Championship.

Girls Tennis: The girls tennis team had their second district qualifier in school history this year. Although the team had a losing record this year they continue to build on strong participation numbers. The team was led by second year, Head Coach Gabe Neugebauer and he has brought stability and strong leadership to this program.

Girls Basketball: The girls basketball team experienced their most successful season since 1995. The team finished with a record of 25-3. They finished as district champions, regional champions and state runner-up. The season was highlighted by big wins over rivals Archbishop Hoban, Walsh Jesuit and Hathaway Brown.

Boys Basketball: The boys basketball teams finished their season with a record of 19-10 and also finished as district champions, regional champions and state runner-up. The team played their first season in the newly renovated LeBron James Arena and played in front of several sold out crowds. The success of the program will continue as the team brings back an experienced group in the 2014-15 season.

Wrestling: The highlight of the winter season was our wrestling program's success at the State Tournament. The team finished fifth overall and brought home an individual state championship. Senior Aaron Adkins won the state championship title at 182 lbs. Aaron became the first wrestler in school history to win back-to-back state championships. Also, at the wrestling state tournament senior Ryan Skonieczny finished third and became the first wrestler in school history to place all four years in the state tournament.

Bowling: Our two bowling programs ended their seasons in the district round of the OHSAA post-season. Our girls team had one senior in the program this year. Our boys team was led by second year, Head Coach Ed Swejk who has done a great job with the team. Coach Swejk also stepped-up and filled the role as the girls coach this year as well.

Gymnastics: This was the first year STVM offered gymnastics as a full varsity sport. The program had 5 girls participating and they competed in several meets throughout Northeast Ohio this past winter. The team was led by first year, Head Coach, Christina Lenny. The athletic department is excited about adding this sport and looks forward to its continued growth.

Cheerleading: The Fighting Irish cheerleaders did a great job supporting our football and basketball teams through long postseason runs. In addition, the competition team also won their district and regional invitationals and ended up placing 4th at the Ohio Cheerleading State Championships. Coach Angela Sutter VM03 and her staff have done an amazing job with our cheerleading program.

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