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Message from the President

Dear Irish Alumni and Friends,

Stability. Progress. Momentum.

These three words have intentionally guided our work at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School over the past two years. They have been more than aspirations—they have become the framework for decisions we make as we position our school for what comes next: **Growth.**

Stability begins with people. Today, our leadership team enters its third year together, providing the consistency necessary to build for the future and pursue growth. We are experiencing remarkable teacher and staff retention while also attracting some of the finest educators, coaches, and mentors in our region to join the Irish family. That continuity and talent create an environment where our students can thrive.

From that foundation has come meaningful progress.

Our Catholic identity continues to deepen through the renewal of the Society of Mary’s sponsorship commitment beginning in 2026, strengthening our roots in the Marianist tradition. Recent accreditation by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio STEM Learning Network as the only Catholic STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) high school in Ohio has led to new and innovative academic programs and emerging Centers of Excellence, while strategic partnerships with our alumni and the greater Akron community are creating opportunities that extend well beyond our campus. And historic investments are transforming our campus, highlighted by the beautifully renovated VanDevere Automotive Family Stadium and exciting plans to bring new athletic fields to campus for the first time in decades.

The result is unmistakable momentum.

There is a renewed energy surrounding St. Vincent-St. Mary. It can be seen in the growing interest from prospective students and families through record transfer inquiries, increased placement testing participation, vibrant Open Houses, and a dramatic rise in shadow visit requests. It is reflected in our ability to recruit exceptional faculty and coaches—even from our competition—and in the countless alumni who are stepping off the sidelines and back into the game to invest their time, talents, and resources in the future of their alma mater.

Thank you for believing in this mission. Thank you for your continued support, your advocacy, and your investment in our future. As you read this edition of *The Connection*, I hope you will see the many reasons for optimism and discover why there has never been a more exciting time to be Irish.

Sincerely,

Dave Vitatoe

Dave Vitatoe
President, St. Vincent-St. Mary High School

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

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Characteristics of a Marianist Education

- Educate for Formation in Faith
- Provide an Integral, Quality Education
- Educate in Family Spirit
- Educate for Service, Justice, Peace & the Integrity of Creation
- Educate for Adaptation and Change





Students Lead the Way, Create Belonging at STVM

Learning opportunities have always gone beyond the classroom at STVM and are integrated in various ways throughout student life. Over the past few years, this philosophy has been enhanced with the introduction of new, unique programs as well as reimaged ones that give students vital leadership roles in the school community.

STVM reinstituted a traditional **Student Council**, following a rigorous application process and school-wide campaign. Class Representatives serve as key links between the administration and students, consulting on important issues affecting student life. They also plan a variety of events



including the school's first-ever Green Street Student Social at the stadium and a Halloween Haunted House, as well as the traditional annual canned food drive to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The Athletic Department instituted the school's first-ever **Student Athletic Advisory Council (SAAC)** last fall. Composed of athletes from every interscholastic team at STVM, SAAC is modeled after similar groups at the collegiate level. It provides a unified voice for student-athletes to advocate for their peers and programs as well as an avenue to promote inclusion and sportsmanship. The council meets monthly to provide program updates to their peers and the Athletic Office staff, hear from guest speakers, and engage in team building and leadership skills.



Marianist LIFE (Living in Faith Experience) leaders guide the spiritual life at STVM under the direction of the Campus Ministry staff. All LIFE Leaders are required to attend a one-time

national Marianist Summer LIFE retreat in Dayton, where they participate in faith-formation activities, leadership development, and social justice education alongside other high school students from Marianist schools/programs around the country and Puerto Rico. Nine students attended Summer LIFE and will join five other senior leaders in coordinating STVM's Marianist LIFE meetings and campus ministry outreach.

From leading pep rallies to coordinating game day cheers, **Green Street Elite** keeps the Irish spirit and energy alive at STVM. Members of this group help create Homecoming, Prom and Spirit Week themes. They also coordinate other fun events that instill a sense of pride and belonging among the student body. Each year, two students are chosen to be "Leppy," the school's beloved mascot, after a selective interview and audition process by school administrators. A senior Leppy leads Green Street Elite and mentors a junior class Leppy to take over the following year.



The leaders of **Black Student Union** help showcase the diversity that is a valued hallmark of student life at STVM. Through vocal, instrumental, theatrical, and poetic performances at the annual Black History Month celebration, this group of student leaders helps classmates learn about the culture, traditions, and contributions of



Black Americans throughout our history. The group, open to any student, also hosts guest speakers and educational programming while engaging with other Black Student Unions in the wider community.



In the broader community, **Student Ambassadors** showcase all that STVM has to offer prospective students and families. A team of senior, junior, and sophomore captains lead Student Ambassadors in serving as hosts at open houses, youth nights, new student welcome events, 7th Grade Visitation Day, and other admissions events. Ambassadors also speak at parish and community events throughout Greater Akron to tell the STVM story.

Model UN Team Maintains Elite Status

STVM's national powerhouse Model United Nations (Model UN) Team continued to earn numerous honors during the 2025-2026 school year, remaining among the elite high school programs in the country.

- **LOCAL/STATE:** In addition to winning multiple local conferences, they won "Best Small Delegation" statewide as a team and numerous individual awards at The Ohio State University conference.
- **NATIONAL:** They competed at one of the most prestigious, invitation-only Model UN conferences in the country, hosted by American University, and won numerous honors, including "Best Delegate" and the "Diplomacy Award," in a field packed with elite competition.
- **INTERNATIONAL:** Aleena Kuttikadan VM28 and Ben Goff VM29 won "Best Large Delegation" as members of the All-American Model UN team at the Columbia University International Conference in January. Aleena received a "Verbal Commendation" and Ben an "Honorable Delegate" designation.

Aleena also earned "Outstanding Delegate" at the Emory University Conference in March as part of the All-American team. Joining Aleena and Ben, Katie Ann Bickett VM28 and Leah Henderson VM28 were also named to the All-American team. This marks the 12th year in a row that STVM has had representatives on this national team.

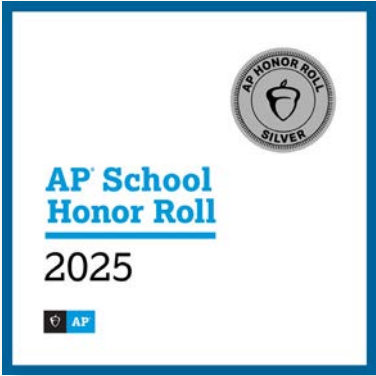
STVM is immensely proud of the Model UN team and its coaches, Ruby Kofsky VM18(h) and Vincent Glidden VM18, for their dedication and hard work representing the Irish on the state, national, and international levels!



STVM Earns Silver Status from College Board, 76 Students Named AP Scholars

In January, STVM earned Silver Status from the College Board for the strength and depth of its Advanced Placement (AP) Program. STVM, which offers 18 AP classes across many disciplines, boasts broad participation in its AP Program, coupled with consistent high performance on the annual exams across multiple subjects.

Last fall, the College Board named 76 STVM students AP Scholars for earning high scores on three or more AP exams taken in a single year. The students and their parents were celebrated at the AP Scholars Awards Breakfast, followed by a presentation of the awards before the entire student body.



Academic Challenge Team Competes on National Stage

The STVM Academic Challenge Team traveled to St. Elizabeth University in Morristown, New Jersey, in May to compete at the Long Island Quiz Bowl Association National Championship Tournament. Facing some of the strongest competition from across the East Coast, the team posted an impressive 4-4 record and advanced to the playoff rounds.

Henry Thomas VM28 paced the team in scoring across all eight matches, and in a memorable final moment of his STVM Academic Challenge career, Luke Morber VM26 answered the decisive question in the team’s eighth and final match, securing a thrilling 300-295 victory.

Congratulations to team members Alexa Cappello VM28, Leiah Henderson VM28, Nadia Hultgren VM28, Luke Morber VM26, Joey Olszewski VM29, Henry Thomas VM28, and faculty advisor, Jeff Pitts.



Students Receive Local and National Recognition

Isabella Incorvia VM26 was selected as the national winner of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians History Essay Contest for an essay on the Irish and the American Revolution. Her journey to the top included first-place finishes at the local, state, and national levels, earning scholarships at every stage, including a \$1,500 national award. She received a free trip to Omaha to accept the award this past summer. Local officials lauded Bella for her leadership, dedication, commitment to friendship, unity, and Christian charity.



Ariana Moneskey-Jones VM26 earned third place in the 2026 Congressional Art Competition for Ohio’s 13th Congressional District. Ariana was recognized for her drawing, “If I Leave,” during a reception on May 6 at Summit Artspace. Her artwork will be displayed for one year in the Canton office of Congresswoman Emilia Sykes.



Henry Thomas VM28 received honorable mention in the 38th annual Akron-Summit Holocaust Arts and Writing Contest, Writing Division 2: 9th-12 grade, for his poem, “Hymn for the Wind.”



Alumni Vision Establishes STEM Scholars Program

Thanks to the innovative and creative vision of an alumnus, STVM recently launched a new, unique pathway to STEM education for a new generation of students.



Frank Linsalata V59 has partnered with school leadership to create the STEM Scholars Program, a prestigious academic initiative for high-achieving students entering STVM. Mr. Linsalata is an alumnus of Case Institute of Technology and Harvard Business School and a former chair of the Board of Trustees at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU).

The STEM Scholars Program identifies and supports incoming freshmen who possess outstanding academic credentials, top scores on the High School Placement Test, and a demonstrated passion for STEM coursework, activities, or fields of study. Eight students from the Class of 2030 were selected to form the inaugural cohort of STEM Scholars, following a highly-selective interview process last winter. In addition, the top two students within this group received a full, four-year scholarship to STVM.

During their four years on campus, STEM Scholars will participate in a series of exclusive experiential learning opportunities, including hands-on research, specialized projects, and dedicated mentorship with STEM leaders from both university and industry sectors. These immersive experiences are designed to nurture curiosity, elevate

academic achievement, and cultivate the next generation of innovators. The first hands-on experience scheduled for this fall features an exclusive visit to CWRU with Mr. Linsalata for the cohort and their parents, including tours of innovation labs and meetings with leaders from the university’s schools of medicine and engineering.

“I am honored to help create opportunities for young people who demonstrate exceptional promise in the sciences and engineering, rooted in interdisciplinary education. My hope is that the STEM Scholars Program inspires students to pursue their passions, push boundaries, and ultimately contribute to shaping a better future,” said Mr. Linsalata.

Upon graduation from STVM, STEM Scholars who choose to apply and gain acceptance to Case Western Reserve University will be eligible to receive scholarship support through the Linsalata Family Scholarship endowment. This scholarship program represents his enduring commitment to supporting excellence in STEM education and strengthening the academic pipeline between his two alma maters: STVM and CWRU.

“Thanks to the Linsalata family and the growing number of alumni donors and others who have stepped forward to champion our bold vision, our students will have access to unparalleled STEM enrichment and will be prepared to be successfully admitted to the nation’s leading research universities,” said President Dave Vitatoe. “This program is a differentiator for us. It exemplifies our commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and preparing students for meaningful futures.”

Entrepreneurship Program Grows

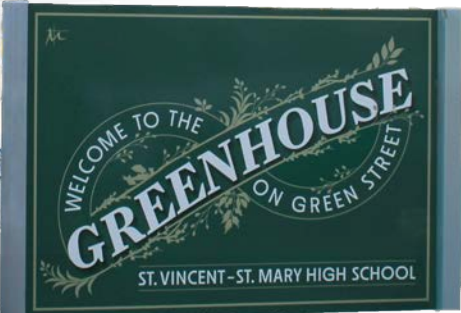
STVM’s thriving Entrepreneurship Program, led by teachers Logan Jennings and Christopher Pamer VM15, offers an array of new opportunities for students to gain real-world business experiences through three progressive levels of courses and an Entrepreneurship Club, where students design and launch real businesses.

In the fall, student entrepreneurs started their own french fry culinary business and sold their tasty creations at home football games. Other student-run businesses included a custom soda-making business and a business that sells lettuce grown on campus in a hydroponic

garden set up in the Pamela Godshalk VM11(h) MakerSpace.

Also in 2026, STVM officially opened the new Greenhouse on Green Street, installed by students behind the school near the ticketbooth at the VanDevere Automotive Family Stadium. Students in STVM’s Business and Entrepreneurship classes have been developing and maintaining a student garden in the new greenhouse, giving the campus a new learning hub for entrepreneurial projects.

The Greenhouse on Green Street was made possible through the generous support of Suzy Hadley McBrayer VM89 and Bill McBrayer. We are grateful for their investment in launching this new learning environment and for their continued commitment to strengthening STVM’s Entrepreneurship Program.

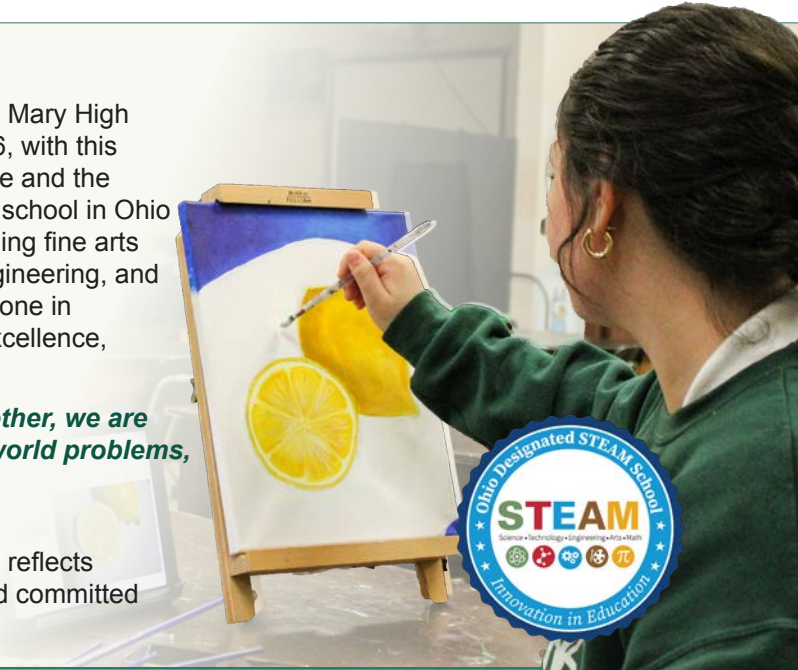


STVM Earns STEAM Designation

After a rigorous application and review process, St. Vincent-St. Mary High School earned official designation as a STEAM school. In 2026, with this accreditation by the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce and the Ohio STEM Learning Network, STVM is the only Catholic high school in Ohio with a STEAM designation, adding recognition for the outstanding fine arts program to the award-winning STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) curriculum. This honor marks a significant milestone in the school’s continued commitment to innovation, academic excellence, and faith-centered education.

“By bringing faith, creativity, curiosity, and innovation together, we are preparing students to think critically, solve complex real-world problems, and lead with purpose in college, careers, and life,” said Principal Erin Burdon Faetanini VM86.

“STEAM at STVM represents more than an academic model—it reflects who we are as a Catholic school rooted in Marianist values and committed to developing the whole student,” adds Faetanini.





Shaped by Values: Alumni are Living in the Marianist Tradition

When St. Vincent-St. Mary became a Marianist (Society of Mary) school in 2017, it was a natural fit. After all, the Marianist values of family spirit, inclusion, welcoming hospitality, diversity, and community had long been pillars of the STVM experience.

The Society of Mary, founded in 1817 by Blessed William Chaminade in France, is an international Catholic order of brothers and priests. The order arrived in the U.S. in 1849, eventually settling in Dayton, Ohio. It sponsors 18 high schools and three universities, including Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School in Cleveland, Archbishop Moeller High School in Cincinnati, and the University of Dayton. Marianists live their faith by following the example of Jesus’ mother Mary to “do whatever he tells you.”

Today, STVM students are rooted in the Marianist tradition and immersed in the charism in big and small ways, such as the daily Three O’Clock Prayer, a flourishing LIFE (Living in Faith Experience) youth group, and small student faith-sharing sodalities. Marianist values are woven into the school’s mission, and STVM’s teachers and administration are fully committed to the characteristics of a Marianist education and to ensuring that these ideals are a lived experience throughout campus.

The three following alumni share how they have been profoundly shaped by a Marianist education and how they have been inspired to continue to live their lives in the Marianist spirit.



Aislynn McVicker VM23 is a rising senior at the University of Dayton (UD). She was a Marianist LIFE leader at STVM and attended Summer LIFE, a weeklong Marianist retreat. At UD, she is deeply involved in Marianist Leadership Scholars (MLS), a four-year service, leadership, and faith formation program only offered to graduates of Marianist high schools. It was through MLS that Aislynn was inspired to become a Lay Marianist, entering formation last spring and making a formal commitment to grow in understanding her life’s vocation, through both participation in community life and service to the Church and world.

“I have grown so much in my understanding of the Marianist charism by being surrounded with people who truly live it,” she said. “The one that has changed me the most is inclusivity, making people feel welcomed, safe, and loved. That is the meaning of the ‘Marianist Table’ – to bring people together and create a community that can build new communities. And, in that, understanding that our mission is to bring Christ into the world in different ways.” Aislynn adds, “STVM has always had the Marianist charism fostered in traditions...I got to know the Marianists better, and I was able to find my place at the table.”



Mary Kate Morber VM19 is currently teaching at a Marianist high school, Chaminade Julianne (CJ) in Dayton. She was also a member of the Marianist Leadership Scholars at the University of Dayton, and she is a graduate of UD’s Lalanne program, a service-oriented, fully-funded master’s degree path where students teach in under-resourced Catholic schools while living in community and deepening their understanding of Marianist values.

“My time in Lalanne and at CJ has taught me that teaching is truly a work of the heart. Because of that, I will gladly commit myself over and over to educating at a Catholic school with a strong focus on mission,” Mary Kate said. “At the forefront of my mind each day is the need to educate my students for the common good. This is how I also choose to live my own life, embracing the beauty in a pluralistic society. As a product of Marianist schools, I have been lucky enough to receive an education guided by these principles.”

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Andy Costigan VM04 is a member of the STVM Executive Board, where he serves as the official board representative to the Marianist order. Andy educates board members on the characteristics of a Marianist education and works with faculty and staff to ensure that Marianist ideals and values are thoughtfully brought to all members of the Irish community. He first became formally acquainted with the Marianist charism through interactions with colleagues at Marianist institutions when he was working for the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities in Washington, DC, but he feels strongly that Marianist values were always modeled at STVM.

“Marianist ideals were alive at STVM long before the school entered into a formal partnership with the Marianists. I knew from my time at STVM that I wanted to live a life rooted in service, and this influenced much of the direction and major decisions in my life,” he said. Andy is committed to continuing this important work for STVM students and families. “Marianist spirituality calls us to bring Christ to the world,” he said. “A charism is nothing if it is simply talk. We must bring these ideals to life. Giving students and families a lived experience of these ideals allows them to deepen their understanding and commitment to living these values, even after their time at STVM.”

To read more about the Marianists, visit marianist.com.



A Marianist Family Moment

This spring, STVM’s Girls Basketball Team made it all the way to the state championship, where they faced Chaminade Julianne High School on the campus of the University of Dayton. All three institutions are part of the Marianist family, and the moment was too meaningful to let pass without recognition. Before tip-off, school leadership from STVM and Chaminade Julianne gathered for a photo—a small gesture, but one that captured something bigger: the enduring bond between Marianist schools, even in the middle of high-stakes competition.

The game itself lived up to the occasion, with both teams bringing their best to the Final Four stage. Congratulations to our friends at Chaminade Julianne High School on a hard-fought, memorable game.

Moments like these are a reminder that Marianist education is about more than what happens in the classroom or on the court. It is also about fostering family spirit while educating young hearts for lives of compassion, integrity, and purpose.





Kairos Program Draws Strong Participation, Fosters Faith

The Campus Ministry Office is thrilled to report that 79 students attended a Kairos retreat during the 2025-26 school year, spending four days at the Loyola Retreat House deepening their relationships with their faith, their peers, and God. Student retreat leaders were inspired to choose the following themes for the three retreats offered:

- K52 (fall): We're All God's Crew on K52
- K53 (winter): Give God the Key on K53
- K54 (spring): Love God to the Core on K54

Julie Goshe VM92, *Director of Campus Ministry*, led the retreats – with her enthusiasm, compassion, and love of the Lord – along with adult leaders Madeleine Cooper, *Assistant to Campus Ministry*; Joe Paolucci VM15,

Visual Arts Teacher; Glenn Griffin, *Theology Teacher*; Chris Salvatore, *Theology Teacher*; and Gary Shadie, *Dean of Student Accountability & Safety*.

Many alumni cite attending a Kairos retreat as one of the highlights of their four years at STVM. In recognition of the importance of providing students with this meaningful spiritual experience, the STVM Ladies Association focused their fundraising for the 2025-2026 school year on the Kairos Program, designating more than \$1,300 for the purchase of the Kairos cross pendants that each participant receives and for other retreat supplies. Alumni interested in supporting the Kairos Program should contact the Ladies Association (see pg 43) or Julie Goshe in the Campus Ministry Office.

3rd Annual Kairos Reunion

Kairos alumni enjoyed a wonderful night of reconnecting and faith sharing at the 3rd Annual Kairos Reunion on July 2, 2026. The event started with evening Mass at St. Francis de Sales Parish, followed by a shared meal and time to reconnect. Alumni enjoyed the chance to see their classmates and small group members in person for a joyful evening of prayer, fellowship, and renewing friendships rooted in faith.

Follow Campus Ministry on Instagram [@STVMCampusMinistry](#) to stay connected and find details about the next reunion!



Mission Trip Teaches Life Lessons

In June, a group of 13 STVM students embarked on a memorable 10-day mission trip to El Salvador. The trip was facilitated by former STVM teacher Dan Larlham and Love & Hope Children's Home, which provides food, shelter, safety, education, and love to children in need in El Salvador. STVM students spent several days helping to run the Vacation Bible School program at a daycare for children and families affected by poverty. They shared Bible stories, songs, and crafts centered on the theme "Díos siempre esta conmigo," or "God is always with me."

While staying at Love & Hope, the group also spent several days providing a much-needed facelift to the home. They scrubbed the floors, walls, and furniture as well as painted the walls and ceilings.

The students were able to sample traditional food, climb to the top of El Boqueron Volcano, swim in the Pacific Ocean, visit local sites, and play spirited games of soccer and Uno. The trip included memorable outings to attend masses at Iglesia El Rosario and the Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

"It was great to be out of the country and experience a whole different world, to meet people who have so little but are so happy and welcoming," shared Carter Deitrick VM27. He added, "When I think about the trip, the scripture passage that comes to mind is from Matthew 25: 'Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' It was an incredible trip. I recommend it to everyone!"



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Band Fills Magic Kingdom with Music

“The Magic Kingdom and the Disney Imagination Campus Proudly Present from Akron, Ohio, the St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Marching Band!”

With that booming introduction, more than 50 student musicians from STVM stepped off onto Disney’s Main Street USA at the Magic Kingdom Park in April, entertaining hundreds of guests with favorites like “Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious” from Mary Poppins and “Disturbia” by Rihanna. Nearly 70 students, chaperones, staff and supporters made the trip to the Sunshine State, where they visited all four Disney theme parks. In addition, students enjoyed a music workshop hosted by Disney music professionals at the Disney Imagination Campus, where they learned how to play a variety of Disney movie classics. A highlight of the workshop was seeing their music brought to life as they recorded part of the original score from “Moana” and then watched the film on the big screen with their music accompanying the scenes.

Leprechaun Theatre Guild Performs Two Blockbusters in 2025-2026

STVM’s Leprechaun Theatre Guild continues to push the boundaries of excellence in high school theater. Last fall, the Guild performed Agatha Christie’s *Murder on the Orient Express* entirely on a rotating stage designed to mimic a moving train and built by a crew of volunteer parents, students, alumni and theater supporters. In the spring, student thespians wowed audiences with an impressive performance of *Hadestown: Teen Edition*. With show-stopping dance and vocal numbers as well as heartfelt dramatic delivery, the production brought a bit of Broadway to Maple Street.

Increasingly, STVM is widely recognized as among the very top high schools in Northeast Ohio for its stage productions, with alumni going on to train at top-notch musical theater programs across the country, including the University of Michigan, Kent State University, Nazareth University, and Marian University.



Student Musicians Earn Top Accolades

Over the winter, STVM sent three instrumental music groups to perform at the Ohio Music Education Association’s High School Solo & Ensemble Contest. All three ensembles, which included a trumpet trio, clarinet choir, and a clarinet soloist, received the top rating of “1” for their performances. In addition, several STVM students were selected to perform with the Ohio Band Director’s Conference All Star Honor Band and the Kent State University High School Honor Band this past winter. The Symphonic Band also performed at Wooster High School’s “Concert Band Festival” in late February.

Choir Entertains the Roller Coast

Last spring, 40 students from STVM’s Concert Choir traveled to Ohio’s “Roller Coast” for the Music in the Parks Festival at Cedar Point. The group performed three selections for adjudication – “Blessed Be!” by Melanie DeMore, “Elijah Rock” by Jester Hairston, and “Sixteen Tons” by Merle Travis, arranged by Kirby Shaw – for which they received an “Excellent” rating and placed sixth overall.

The STVM Concert Choir has grown exponentially over the past two years and includes students from all areas of the school, many who performed choral selections for the first time in front of a large audience in a competitive environment. In 2026-2027, STVM will have two choirs: an audition-only Symphonic Choir and a Concert Choir that is open to all students.



Bringing a Bit of Radio City Music Hall to Maple Street

In July, Abby Minear VM21 hosted a dance clinic in The LeBron James Arena. Nearly 50 dancers of all ages and abilities took advantage of this unique opportunity to learn from a professional who has performed on a national stage. After graduating from STVM, Minear followed her dream all the way to New York City, where she has performed as a Radio City Rockette since 2023, including performances in the annual *Christmas Spectacular*. Growing up, Abby danced at Martell School of Dance, Meneer School of Dance, and Ballet Theatre of Ohio.



High Energy Athletic Events Animate the School Days

During the 2025-2026 school year, STVM was thrilled to host three special high-energy athletic events that showcased not only our amazing athletes, but also our high-spirited student section: Green Street Elite!

The “Dual in the School” in December was a first-of-its-kind wrestling match held during the school day. The entire STVM student body, along with a lucky group of prospective students who were visiting that day, got to cheer on the Fighting Irish and see their classmate, Rylan Hurley VM26, notch his 100th career win for the Fighting Irish with a raucous crowd celebrating his milestone.

A few days later, STVM hosted Nike Basketball’s Chosen-1’s Invitational in the LeBron James Arena. From an electric student section and packed stands to nonstop energy, media coverage, and Nike giveaways – it was a special

celebration of basketball, community, and Irish pride right here at home. The Girls Basketball Team dominated the court with a 68-32 win against Richmond Heights. The boys team held off number-one-ranked Garfield Heights to earn a 63-60 victory, with the student section rushing the floor afterwards in a victory celebration.

In May, the Boys Volleyball Team took to the Dru Joyce Court in the LeBron James Arena for a daytime match against Lakewood St. Edward. With a 1:30 p.m. start during the school day, the entire student body was in attendance, creating a thrilling and electric atmosphere. The Irish battled throughout an exciting and closely contested match, trading sets in a back-and-forth battle that ultimately went the distance. With the match tied 2-2, St. Edward edged out the Irish in a dramatic fifth set, 15-13.

Dru Joyce VM19(h) Hits 500 Wins

With a commanding district semifinal victory over Buckeye High School last spring, Dru Joyce VM19(h) notched his 500th career coaching victory, a milestone that reflects not just longevity, but sustained excellence. At the helm of the Fighting Irish Boys Basketball Team for 25 years, Coach Dru has built one of Ohio’s premier high school basketball programs.

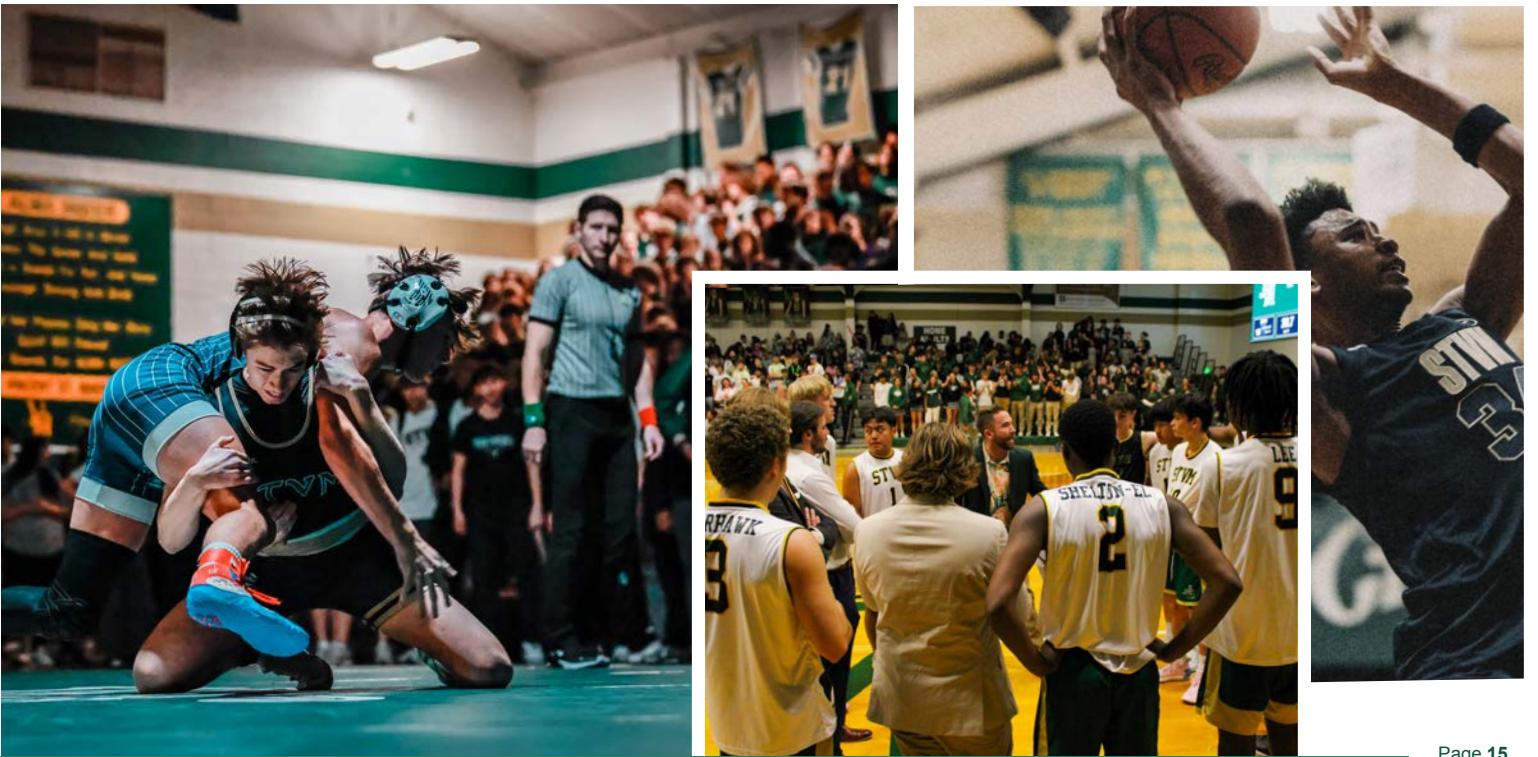
His tenure has been defined by multiple state championships and deep postseason runs with teams that have competed at the highest level, representing STVM with pride. All the wins aside, Coach Dru’s legacy also includes a commitment to developing student-athletes both on and off the court. Congratulations to Coach Dru on 500 career victories, and thank you for decades of leadership, excellence, and dedication to the Irish tradition.



Carley Whitney VM07 Notches 200 Career Wins

Carley Whitney VM07 recorded her 200th career coaching win as head coach of STVM’s Girls Basketball Team last February, when the Fighting Irish defeated Revere 68-29 in a playoff game. Coach Carley has won six district championships and advanced to the regional tournament six times. The Irish have also earned a berth to the state final four tournament two times under Coach Carley, including a second place finish this year, which marked the first state final appearance for STVM Girls Basketball since 1995.

During Coach Carley’s 12-year tenure, STVM has sent more than 30 student athletes off to play on scholarships to colleges of their choice, where they continue to enjoy her unending guidance and support long after they graduate. Congratulations to Coach Carley on 200 career victories, and thank you for carrying the Irish legacy into the next generation with passion and determination.



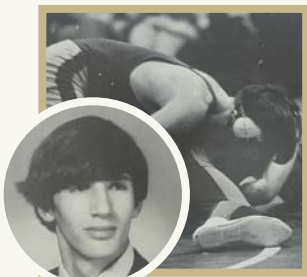


Seven alumni were inducted into the 2025 STVM Athletics Hall of Fame as the 26th class.



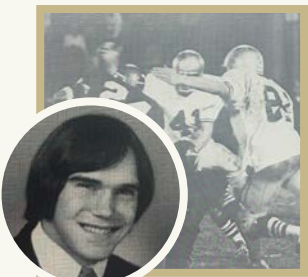
Thomas Boyce M57

Swimming



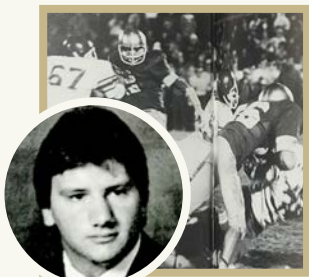
Michael Blank V72†

Wrestling



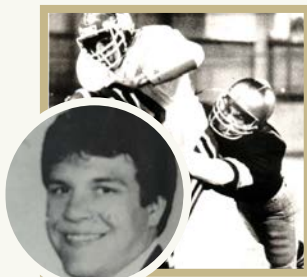
Marty Shaffer VM74

Football



Gino D'Andrea VM81

Football



Jim Hillery VM85

Football



Fred Rollin VM85

Basketball



Ariel Linberger VM16

Softball



Credit: Geoff Blankenship For USA Today Co. OHSAA Division II state boys volleyball championship, May 30, 2026

Girls Basketball & Boys Volleyball Finish as State Runners-Up



FRONT: Ally Farris VM29, Kennedy Halsell VM29, Melania Cornute VM27, Tatum Smith VM26, Cassidy Grau VM27, Student Manager Michaela Koger VM27
BACK: Assistant Coach Jeff Cornute, Assistant Coach Danielle Gallina, Head Coach Carley Whitney VM07, Sydney Ferguson VM28, Stephany Lindsey VM26, Kaitlyn Merkle VM28, Damari Young VM29, Taylor Miller VM27, Rhyan Johnson VM29, Aubrey Jackson VM29, Taylor Rogers-Williams VM27, Student Manager Brady Whitney VM28, Assistant Coach Brad Downs, Assistant Coach Andre Gault

For the first time in more than 30 years, the Fighting Irish Girls Basketball Team took to the biggest stage in Ohio, leaving it all on the court but falling just short of a state championship with a loss to Chaminade Julianne in the final. The Irish recorded an exceptional season, finishing with an impressive 22-6 record and a regional championship. Season highlights included victories against Dayton's Archbishop Alter and Lutheran East as well as a dominant performance in the OHSAA Division III State Semifinal, where they defeated Unioto High School 84-38.

The Fighting Irish Boys Volleyball Team capped a dominant season with a finish as the OHSAA Division II State Runner-Up in 2026. They fell to one of the state's top teams, Bishop Fenwick, in the state championship match. The state finals appearance marked the program's fifth consecutive trip to the OHSAA Final Four, a feat that has made St. Vincent-St. Mary one of the premier boys volleyball programs in Ohio. According to the OHSAA, the Fighting Irish are the only boys volleyball program in the state to reach the Final Four in each season since the sport became officially sanctioned. They finished 17-10, including key victories against Archbishop Hoban, Walsh Jesuit, and Western Reserve Academy.



FRONT: Team Manager Kerrigan Sivak VM26, Assistant Coach John Lawrence, Precious Daniel VM27, Nate Sparhawk VM26, Team Manager Andy Saw VM27, Kaw Hei VM28, Moo Thaw VM27, Andrew Goshe VM27, Davont'E Shelton-EI VM26, Mason Wilkins VM27, Ronan Sivak VM28, Brendan Scott VM26, Devanand Brickman VM28, Elijah Wilkins VM27, Head Coach Logan Jennings, Assistant Coach Trevor Boss **BACK:** Seth Wesig VM26, Noah Dunbar VM26, Alex Kee VM27, Jaden Jacobs VM27, Braylon Lee VM28



Girls Cross Country Places at States

The Girls Cross Country Team capped off an outstanding season with a strong team performance and a seventh-place finish at the 2025 Division III State Championships in the fall. The following are individual places and times:

- Savaya Woody – 25th/18:57
- Julia Rea VM27 – 54th/19:45
- Daphne Kindbom VM28 – 95th/20:23
- Grace Shoemaker VM27– 96th/20:23
- Clare Slanina VM26 – 160th/21:38
- Lucy Pariso VM27– 183rd/22:23
- Jane Porter VM27 – 189th/22:31

State Swimming Honors

George Marshall VM27 and Stella Oliverio VM29, STVM students who compete as members of the Firestone High School Swim Team, qualified for the Division I State Swimming and Diving Tournament in February.



Stella competed in the 200-yard individual medley (29th place finish), 200-yard medley relay, and the 500-yard freestyle (29th place finish). George qualified for two events and earned Division II All-Ohio honors with two top 16 finishes: 15th place in the 200-yard freestyle and 16th place in the 500-yard freestyle.



Five Wrestlers Compete at State Meet

Continuing a strong tradition of excellence in our wrestling program, five Irish wrestlers qualified to compete at the 2026 OHSAA Division II State Wrestling Championship at the Schottenstein Center in Columbus in March.

- Cole Palma VM29 – 106 lbs
- Nolan DeShon VM29 – 113 lbs
- Quinn Hurley VM29 – 126 lbs
- Taggart Wade VM27 – 144 lbs
- Duke Clayton VM26– 157 lbs

Cole Palma finished fifth in the state, and Nolan DeShon finished as a state runner-up, with a close match that ended in a 4-3 decision.

Runners Represent Irish on the Podium

In June, four members of the Fighting Irish Boys Track & Field Team competed at the 2026 OHSAA Division II State Championship Meet at The Ohio State University's Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium in Columbus.



Elijah Chapman VM27



Semaj Haley VM26



Ali Hann VM26



DeCarlo Prince VM26

Ali Hann VM26 competed in the 110-meter hurdles, while DeCarlo Prince VM26 ran in the 100-meter dash. The 4 x100 meter team of Elijah Chapman VM27, Semaj Haley VM26, Ali Hann VM26, and DeCarlo Prince VM26 finished sixth overall in the state, earning a spot on the podium and breaking a school record with a time of 41.88 seconds.



Duke Clayton
Lackawanna College
Football and Wrestling



Leigh Cotton
University of Rio Grande
Basketball



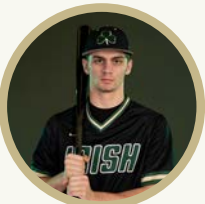
Caitrin Coyle
St. Bonaventure University
Golf



Noah Dunbar
Wittenberg University
Volleyball



Madi Dunlap
Thomas More University
Soccer



Rylan Hurley
Cuyahoga Community College
Baseball



John McCarron
Franciscan U. of Steubenville
Lacrosse



Brandon Nicholson Jr.
Ohio Dominican University
Football



DeCarlo Prince
Walsh University
Basketball



Jude Rothkopf
Franciscan U. of Steubenville
Lacrosse



Tatum Smith
Lake Erie College
Basketball



Zoey Walters
University of Ottawa
Volleyball

1986 State Baseball Champs Celebrate 40 Years

Forty years after winning a state championship, the 1986 Fighting Irish Baseball Team returned to celebrate one of the most memorable seasons in program history. Players, families, alumni, and supporters gathered at Skeeles Field on the campus of the University of Akron before the 2025-2026 STVM Varsity Baseball Team’s game vs. Manchester to honor the championship team.



In 1986, the Irish capped their remarkable season with a 6-0 victory over Fairfield Union to capture the OHSAA State Championship under legendary Head Coach Dan Boarman V70. Their championship run helped establish one of the most successful eras in STVM baseball history, and their legacy continues to be reflected in the tradition of excellence that defines Irish baseball today.

1995 Girls Basketball State Champs Reunited

The 1995 Girls Basketball State Championship Team celebrated its 30th anniversary of one of the most memorable athletic seasons in school history. The team was recognized during the Varsity Girls Basketball game on December 23, with players, coaches, and supporters returning to be honored.



In 1995, the Irish recorded an outstanding 28-1 season, highlighted by an 18-game winning streak and a state championship that capped a year driven by their “Unfinished Business” mindset. Led by Head Coach Nancy Beatty, the team defeated some of Ohio’s top programs on its way to capturing STVM’s 17th state championship and the school’s first state title since 1989. Thirty years later, their remarkable season remains one of the defining chapters in Fighting Irish Athletics.

2001 Wrestling State Champions Hit the Mat

The 2001 Division III State Championship Wrestling Team returned on February 7 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of one of the greatest achievements in program history. The team was recognized during the home wrestling match against Elyria Catholic, giving fans the opportunity to honor a championship squad that set the standard for Irish wrestling.



The Irish captured the 2001 Division III State Title with 129 team points, edging Bedford St. Peter Chanel by just 1.5 points in a thrilling finish. The championship featured individual state titles from Adam Buzek VM02 (112), Ryan Hurley VM03 (140), and Angelo Caponi VM01 (215), along with a runner-up finish by Mike Hurley VM02 (135). Their remarkable accomplishment remains a proud milestone in STVM wrestling history and a lasting part of the school’s championship tradition.

Dan Boarman V70 Selected for Summit County Sports Hall of Fame

Congratulations to legendary coach Dan Boarman V70, who was inducted into the Summit County Sports Hall of Fame at a ceremony on October 7, 2025. A proud St. Vincent High School alum, Coach Boarman built an unforgettable legacy at STVM, leading the Irish to two football state championships (2012 and 2013) and two baseball state championships (1986 and 1989). With a career coaching record of 206-96 in football and 225-84 in baseball, he has shaped generations of student-athletes. Thank you, Coach Boarman, for your impact and lasting contributions to the storied athletic tradition of the Fighting Irish!



STVM Introduces Girls Flag Football Team

This spring, STVM officially launched its Girls Varsity Flag Football Program, joining a rapidly growing list of local schools offering the sport, which was recently officially recognized by the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA). Under Head Coach Gary Shadie and Assistant Coach Marian Shoemaker, the Fighting Irish Flag Football Team won their inaugural game last spring, delivering a dominant 30-0 victory over Our Lady of the Elms.

The program received its startup jerseys and equipment through a grant and outreach from the Cleveland Browns, who partnered with OHSAA throughout Northeast Ohio to support the growth of flag football. The Irish played in the Northern Ohio Girls Flag Football League’s Southern Conference Brown Division, along with teams from Buchtel, Ellet, Hoban, Our Lady of the Elms, and Canton McKinley.

Wattley Returns to Lead Irish Football

Marcus Wattley, Sr. has returned to STVM as Head Football Coach, bringing more than 20 years of coaching experience at the youth, high school, and college levels. Wattley’s connection to STVM football spans a decade. As a member of the coaching staff under Dan Boarman, he helped guide the Irish to back-to-back OHSAA State Championships in 2012 and 2013 and 10 playoff appearances in 11 seasons. During his first tenure as Head Football Coach from 2016-2017, Wattley led the Irish to a 20-6 record. He returns to STVM after serving as Defensive Coordinator at Archbishop Hoban High School in 2025. Wattley is also the Director of Retention & Academic Success, leading student retention initiatives, student-athlete academic support, compliance processes, and strategic outreach efforts.

New Athletic Director Announced



Mark Hassman was introduced as our new Athletic Director in June, bringing more than three decades of experience in Catholic education, athletic administration, and school leadership to STVM. Throughout his distinguished career, he has served as a

teacher, coach, assistant principal, principal, and athletic director, dedicating his professional life to developing young people both in the classroom and through athletics.

Previously, Mark served as Athletic Director at Walsh Jesuit High School from 2017 through 2025. His leadership was key to strengthening the culture and competitiveness of the athletic department. In addition to his administrative experience, Mark has coached multiple sports throughout his career and has received numerous honors from the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the National Federation of High School Coaches for his contributions to education and athletics.





Claddagh Circle of Service Honors Dedicated Faculty and Staff

This year, STVM proudly launched the Claddagh Circle of Service, a new tradition established to recognize faculty and staff members whose years of service reflect extraordinary dedication to the school and its students. Inspired by the Irish Claddagh, a symbol of love, loyalty, and friendship, the Circle of Service celebrates those whose lasting commitment has helped shape the STVM experience across generations.

Faculty and staff members will be recognized for every five years of service. Those who reach 25 years of service are welcomed into the Claddagh Circle of Service and receive a commemorative Claddagh pin in recognition of their enduring impact on the school community.

This year's milestone honorees were surprised with special guest, Dave Rathz VM19(h), former headmaster, to take part in this new tradition, which included:

5 Years of Service: Andrea Lindner, Jeff Pitts, Alexis Schaeffer VM15, and Heidi Moats Tripp VM06

15 Years of Service: Kathy Mascolo Brunn VM79

20 Years of Service: Jan Giles

25+ Years of Service: Brian Campbell VM17(h), Barb DeGrand, Beth Dolan, Pam Godshalk VM11(h), Dru Joyce VM19(h), Dan Lancianese VM24(h), Ken McDonald VM76, Gerard Neary VM25(h), and Patti Valle VM12(h)

The Claddagh Circle of Service reflects STVM's deep appreciation for the faculty and staff whose passion, loyalty, and unwavering commitment have strengthened the school's mission for decades. Their service has left an enduring mark on countless students, families, and colleagues, and their legacy will continue to inspire future generations of Irish.



Happy Retirement, Kathy and Barb!

After 15 years of service, Kathy Mascolo Brunn VM79 retired from STVM in 2026, leaving an enduring legacy in the CareerReady Program. As an English and History teacher, Kathy was known for her thoughtful, inquiry-based

approach that encouraged students to think critically, build confidence, and discover solutions for themselves. She also played an important role in the program's culinary instruction, helping students develop practical cooking and life skills. Above all, Kathy will be remembered for her kindness, patience, joyful spirit, and unwavering belief in every student's potential.

After 25 years of faithful service, Barb DeGrand retired from STVM, where she served as Registrar and, in her final years, Director of Student Accounts. Throughout her career, Barb provided exceptional support to students, families, and colleagues with professionalism and care. She was also deeply involved in the life of the school, serving as a House System mentor and generously volunteering wherever help was needed. Whether managing the lost and found or assisting behind the scenes, Barb's willingness to serve reflected her deep commitment to the STVM community.

The STVM community thanks Kathy and Barb for their many years of faithful service and wishes them both abundant blessings in their well-earned retirement.



Congratulations to the Class of 2026!



92% of the Class of 2026 earned a college scholarship

\$21.2

million awarded to the Class of 2026 in scholarships and grants

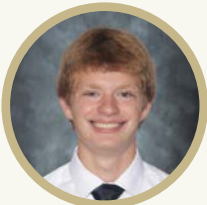
97% of the Class of 2026 are going on to pursue higher education



Natasha Kannampuzha
Valedictorian



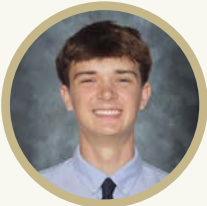
Kynnedi Koger
Salutatorian



Jude Rothkopf
Knights of Columbus Manhood Award



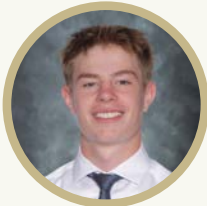
Elleana Fleishour
Knights of Columbus Womanhood Award



Owen Schlueter
Celtic High Cross Award



Isabella Incorvia
Celtic High Cross Award



Andrew Dannemiller
Emerald Shamrock Award



Emma Bryant
Emerald Shamrock Award



Rylan Hurley
John Cistone Award



Evelyn Sevald
Mary Jo Chionchio Award

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students continuing the STVM tradition, with parents, grandparents, and siblings who have walked these halls.

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VISIT ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY UPCOMING DATES

HSPT Prep Course: Saturday, August 29, 2026 • 9 AM
8th Grade Shadowing: Begins September 2026
Placement Test: Saturday, September 12, 2026 • 9 AM
Placement Test: Saturday, October 10, 2026 • 9 AM
Open House: Wednesday, October 14, 2026 • 5-7 PM
Trunk or Treat: Wednesday, October 21, 2026 • 5-6:30 PM
Open House: Tuesday, November 3, 2026 • 5-7 PM
Placement Test: Saturday, November 14, 2026 • 9 AM
7th Grade Visitation: Tuesday, April 20, 2027
Spring Open House: Thursday, April 22, 2027 • 5-7 PM



Register Today:
stvm.com/visit

150+
new students enrolled

7th Grade Visitation Day Goes Off the Charts

In April, STVM was bursting with pride and school spirit as the school hosted more than 400 students for the annual 7th Grade Visitation! This high energy event included a raucous pep rally, an extremely popular lunch of Chick-fil-A and ice cream, and a fast-paced highlight video. The video, which was filmed by STVM's student broadcasting team, recapped the day and included features of each of the grade schools visiting that. Scan the QR code to view the video.

Another exciting aspect of this year's 7th Grade Visitation was a live student takeover of the school's Facebook and Instagram pages. This social media takeover was a huge hit with both students and families, who were able to follow the fun all day, from learning cheers with the Leppy mascot to hands-on activities featuring each academic department. It was a great day at the Home of the Fighting Irish!



Join Club Irish - Free for K-8 Students

St. Vincent-St. Mary High School invites future Fighting Irish to join Club Irish – a free club for students in grades K-8.

Special mailings and STVM updates • Spirit Store discounts & giveaways • Free entry to regular season home games • Early access to summer camp registration • and more!

Be a part of the Irish tradition!
www.stvm.com/club-irish-camps



10%

Enrollment increase from incoming Class of 2029 to incoming Class of 2030



VanDevere Family Makes Transformative Gift

This summer, St. Vincent-St. Mary unveiled the newly-renovated VanDevere Automotive Family Stadium at John Cistone Field, thanks to a transformative gift from one of the school’s longstanding, devoted families.

This partnership with the VanDevere Automotive Family marks a new chapter in the legacy of Fighting Irish athletics and further reinforces the school’s commitment to cultivating strong relationships with mission-driven community partners. The 10-year agreement will help provide enhancements to STVM’s campus facilities and initiatives to support the overall student experience. The partnership also reflects a broader vision to strengthen local connections and ensure that future generations of students and athletes continue to thrive.

“Our family is a three-generation STVM family. The school has helped so many of us build a strong foundation through a great education, faith formation, and core values. As a family, we want to give back and support the school that has given so much to us and our community,” said Jerry VanDevere VM88.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony officially introduced the newly named stadium to the Irish community on August 5, with guests getting a first look at the initial phase of improvements, including a new digital scoreboard, brand-new turf, and an enhanced stadium entrance. Passing through the new gated archway, visitors are welcomed into Eddie Wentz Plaza, named in honor of the legendary STVM football coach whose leadership, mentorship, and lasting impact helped shape generations of Irish student-athletes. A commemorative plaque serves as a permanent tribute to Coach Wentz’s remarkable legacy. Additionally, Eddie Wentz Plaza features large custom STVM letters, creating a memorable backdrop for photos and celebrations.

Along with the VanDevere family, these enhancements were made possible through the generosity of a coalition of alumni, current and former families, and friends of STVM who stepped off the sidelines to invest in the future of Irish Athletics.



2025 Fr. Mahar & Alumni Awards Honorees

More than 240 alumni, family members, and friends gathered last September for the 46th Annual Mahar & Alumni Awards. The evening celebrated nine outstanding honorees whose faith, service, leadership, and dedication exemplify the values of St. Vincent-St. Mary. The Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award was presented to Jeffrey Kase V66, Mary Stephenson Kase V66, Jan Henry Bachmann M67, Ed Sutter VM81, and Kim Walter Peeples VM90. Irish Crusader Awards were presented to Fr. Norm Douglas, Gerard Neary, and Mary Kay Walter. Heather Ling Gerber VM89 received the Marian Medal of Peace and Justice. Congratulations to all of our 2025 honorees, and thank you for your outstanding leadership, service, and commitment to living the mission and values of St. Vincent-St. Mary.



THE HOWLEY FOUNDATION

STVM Partners with The Howley Foundation

At St. Vincent-St. Mary, we have long believed that a student’s potential should never be limited by their financial circumstances. Thanks to an exciting new partnership with The Howley Foundation, that belief is becoming a reality for even more families. First initiated during the 2025-2026 school year, scholarships funded through The Howley Foundation have provided deserving students with access to the transformational Catholic education that has defined STVM for more than 125 years. We are especially proud to be among the first schools in the Akron area selected to partner with the Foundation.

Founded by Nick and Lorie Howley in 2003, The Howley Foundation was established on the conviction that every child deserves access to an exceptional education, regardless of financial means. What began with a single scholarship has grown into one of the nation’s most impactful educational philanthropy initiatives, today providing tuition assistance to approximately 1,500 students each year while supporting educational and workforce development programs throughout Northern Ohio and the Mid-Atlantic region.

The partnership represents a natural alignment between two organizations committed to changing lives through education. As the first Howley Scholars continue their journey on our campus, we are grateful for the confidence the Foundation has placed in our school. Together, we are investing in students, families, our community, and the next generation of leaders.



2026 Fr. Mahar & Alumni Award Recipients

We are excited to celebrate the 2026 Fr. Mahar and Alumni Awards on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at Tangier at the Cedars.

Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award



LuAnne Uille Toth VM81



Mike Morgan VM82

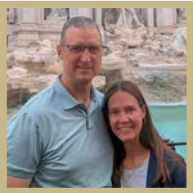


Vinnie Cimino VM01



Erin Molinelli Karolewski VM03

Irish Crusader Award



Becky & Mark Adamczyk

Marian Medal of Peace & Justice



Marihelyn Horrigan VM86

If you are interested in attending, please contact the Advancement Office at advancement@stvm.com to RSVP by October 1, 2026; follow our social media and website for the latest information and spotlights of this year’s recipients.



ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF
SHOWCASE

Showcase 2026 “Back to the 80s” brought the STVM community together at House Three Thirty to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Showcase, a tradition that began in 1986. Guests fully embraced the theme, arriving in everything from neon and Miami Vice inspired looks, to preppy styles and outfits inspired by their favorite 80s musicians and movies, creating a memorable evening.

The event was led by Showcase Co-Chairs Tawanda and Raymond McCray and Brendan and Mary O’Connor, whose leadership, along with a dedicated team of volunteers, sponsors, committee members, and staff, helped make this milestone celebration a tremendous success.

Thanks to the generosity of our STVM community, Showcase raised a record-breaking \$405,000 in support of St. Vincent-St. Mary and its students!

One of the evening’s highlights was the Bernard Family Scholarship paddle raise. Inspired by the Bernard Family’s \$100,000 matching gift challenge, guests contributed \$102,300 through the paddle raise and online giving, fully unlocking the match and creating lasting scholarship opportunities for current and future Fighting Irish students.

As we celebrate 40 years of Showcase, we are grateful to everyone who has attended, volunteered, sponsored, donated, and supported this event over the years. Your generosity continues to strengthen the mission of St. Vincent-St. Mary and ensures future generations of Fighting Irish have the opportunity to thrive.



Inaugural Showcase Purse Bingo a Winning Success

More than 150 current and past parents, alumni, and friends packed the Jack and Ann Haag Student Center last January for STVM’s inaugural Purse Bingo, a bingo night with a stylish twist. Instead of traditional prizes, each round’s winner took home a designer handbag, while guests embraced the 80s theme with creative table decorations and festive attire, making an entertaining evening full of laughs and friendly competition – and maybe a few sweet 80s dance moves.

Hosted by the STVM Ladies Association, the event raised more than \$7,000, serving as a great kickoff to a record-breaking Showcase 2026. We are grateful to the Ladies Association, our volunteers, sponsors, and everyone who attended for making the first Purse Bingo such a tremendous success.



The Next Generation of Irish Connections

The STVM experience doesn’t end at graduation – it evolves into a lifelong connection. That’s why one priority has been to strengthen relationships with our youngest alumni, keeping them engaged with their alma mater, classmates, and future generations of Irish.

College Visits

Over the past year, STVM has expanded its outreach in meaningful ways, meeting young alumni where they are. School leaders traveled to the University of Notre Dame, the University of Dayton, and John Carroll University to reconnect with recent STVM grads, hear about their college experiences, and remind them that they will always have a home at STVM.

Thanksgiving Get-Together

In November, that spirit of connection continued as nearly 50 young alumni gathered at Lock 15 Brewing Company the night before Thanksgiving. Alumni spent the evening reconnecting, sharing stories, and celebrating friendships and traditions that have continued long after graduation. The turnout reinforced what makes our alumni community so special – once you’re part of STVM, you’re always part of the Irish family.

President’s Advisory Council

President Dave Vitatoe launched the President’s Advisory Council this past school year, bringing together a diverse group of 16 alumni from the Classes of 2000 through 2025. Representing a wide range of professions, experiences, and perspectives, Council members meet with President Vitatoe throughout the year, both in person and virtually, to share ideas, offer feedback, and help shape the future of alumni engagement at STVM.

“The success of our school depends on listening to every generation of Irish,” said Vitatoe. “Our younger alumni bring fresh perspectives, incredible energy, and a deep love for St. Vincent-St. Mary. We want them to know their voices matter, and we want them to play an active role in helping shape the future of this extraordinary community.”

The Council includes Catherine Oliverio Williamson VM00, Tommy McDonald VM02, Nick Thompson VM03, Silindra McRay-Williams VM03, Matt McDonald VM04, Emily Buehrle Boarman VM05, Lawrence Wilson VM05, Jane Killian VM06, Chelsea Ciptak Young VM08, Jason VanDevere VM13, RosaLia Stadler Spinner VM13, Dom Davis VM16, Brian Tavolier VM16, Jahiem Peake VM20, Andie McKnight VM22, and Nick Senko VM22.

**2026-2027
Alumni Legacy Scholarships**

Awarded annually to rising seniors, this scholarship recognizes students whose families have continued the tradition of attending St. Vincent-St. Mary High School.



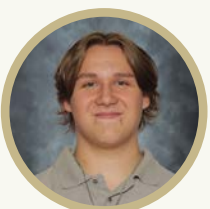
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Grandfather: Dennis Gaffney V68
Grandmother: Helen Fletcher Gaffney V69



Louisa Dennée

Mother: Anne Morgan Dennée VM89
Grandmother: Anne Walter Morgan V55



Andrew Goshe

Mother: Julie Morber Goshe VM92



Emerson Huber

Mother: Angela Smith Huber VM91
Grandfather: Charles Smith V59†



Joy King

Mother: Takenya Lindsey VM96



Annie McFadden's Path of Impact Leads Through Two of Akron's Legacy Institutions: STVM and the United Way

On a recent windy June day in Akron, United Way President & Chief Executive Officer Annie Ochsenhirt McFadden VM00 painted a moving portrait of the power of community in helping neighbors live healthy, safe, and fulfilling lives.

It was fitting that her "2026 Report to the Community" for United Way took place on the Akron Rubberducks' dugout at 7 17 Credit Union Park (formerly Canal Park) just yards away from "home" plate. After all, Annie's own pathway to serving the most vulnerable in her community has always touched base at home in Akron, and especially at STVM.

Years after shining on the basketball court for STVM and excelling in the classroom, Annie has found a passion for public service. She studied communications and marketing at St. Mary's College in South Bend, Indiana, and returned to Akron in 2004 to work at the local elections board. She then made her way out to California for a few years, where she worked in sales and retail management, before returning to Akron in 2011, drawn by family and her love of the city.

Back at home, Annie quickly started establishing connections within the STVM family and finding her purpose. She took a job working for STVM alumnus Rick Krochka VM80 at TRIAD Communications, where she focused on nonprofit work, ballot measures, and candidate campaigns.



In 2015, Annie started her own company, 5Eleven Consulting, where another STVM connection played a key role in launching a new phase of her career. Annie landed a big campaign client: Dan Horrigan VM81, her former history teacher, who was running to be Akron's mayor. After the successful campaign, the mayor hired Annie to serve first as his Deputy Chief of Staff, then Chief of Staff/ Deputy Mayor for Administration, jobs she held from 2016-2022.

Dan Horrigan happened to be Annie's favorite teacher at STVM. She recalled him coordinating "The Dig," an archaeological activity that gave students hands-ons

historical experiences on Maple Street. She chuckled as she shared how while working for him she found a high school report card containing all "A"s – except for a "B" from Horrigan. "He hired me anyway," she says. "Lesson learned? You never know when you'll reengage later in life. So focus on building authentic, positive relationships now."

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Building relationships and using the power of community for good is at the heart of Annie's impressive career. As the mayor's Chief of Staff, Annie was on the front lines in coordinating city services during the pandemic, passing levies for police/fire/roads, and navigating police-community relations and gun violence issues during turbulent times. In her current role as the first female leader of the United Way of Summit and Medina, Annie is a catalyst for bringing together key players – in government, the corporate community, and the schools – to address community challenges.

It's clear that all along, Annie has continued to rely on STVM alumni for mentorship. Another such person is Carla Chapman VM81, who coached basketball at STVM when Annie was a player. Early in her career, Annie reconnected with Carla while working on a levy campaign. Carla is a longtime Akron Public Schools professional and STVM Athletics Hall of Fame inductee. The pair have worked together over the past 15 years through the City of Akron and United Way, and Annie has leaned on Carla for counsel to tackle the area's most pressing issues.

"Besides Mayor Horrigan, Carla is another one of my mentors and a huge guiding light for me," Annie said. "She has such a solid perspective on life. During times when people in the city were dealing with a lot of big emotions, she was always able to see things through a lens of understanding."

Annie is happy to pay it forward to the STVM community, a value she credits to her own parents, Mike V71 and Pola Mackey V71 Ochsenhirt. "We can't talk about giving back to the school without mentioning the example they set for me," she says. She recently helped plan the Class of 2000's 25th reunion, gave the keynote speech for STVM's National Honor Society induction, and joined the school's strategic communications committee. She also recently hosted Bella Incorvia VM26 at the United Way for her senior capstone project, perhaps igniting a passion for public service in the next generation.

Annie recalls with fondness the relationships built while she was a student at STVM. "My years at STVM were magical for me. You are seen and known beyond your family. The whole person development there is very powerful, and there is an extra level of kindness, compassion and care," says Annie. "STVM bridges the gap between different types of people. The mission binds us all together, which is something that is felt long after high school. The staff and faculty cultivate that, and everyone is looking out for each other."

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— 1950s —

Dr. Jean Lang Louidice, M.D. V57

Jean recently retired after more than 40 years of practicing urgent care and internal medicine in Hartville, Ohio.

— 1960s —

Rev. James F. Fitz, S.M. V64

Fr. Jim received an honorary degree from the University of Dayton in recognition of his more than 36 years of service to the university community at its commencement exercises last May.

A longtime Marianist leader, he has served as Vice President for Mission and Rector, Campus Minister, and Religious Studies Instructor, helping strengthen UD's Catholic and Marianist identity.

— 1970s —

Jim Leslie V71

Jim celebrated an incredible milestone of 48 years with Williams Hardwood Flooring. Throughout his career, Jim has demonstrated dedication and leadership, making a lasting impact in his field.

— 1980s —

Mary Ann Isaac VM82

Mary Ann reached an amazing achievement with Susan G. Komen's 3-Day, becoming the third participant in the event's history to raise more than \$500,000 in support of breast cancer research and awareness. She has participated in the Komen 3-Day for 17 years, showing her deep commitment to this important cause.



Douglas Hoffman VM86

Douglas recently completed his term as State Commander of the VFW Department of Virginia for 2025-2026. In this leadership role, Douglas represented and supported VFW members across the state.



Captain Rich Paolucci VM86

Rich celebrated 35 years of service with the Summit County Sheriff's Office. Rich currently serves as Commander of the Sheriff's Office Training Center.

Kate Dangel Bame VM87

Kate joined Miami University as Director of Development for the Farmer School of Business, bringing her vast experience to this exciting new endeavor.

Theresa Collins Mullen VM89

Theresa was recently appointed to the Stark Library Board of Trustees. Theresa, who is married to classmate Rob Mullen VM89, is a State and Local Tax Principal with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP and has been active in serving the Stark County community for many years.



Rob Mullen VM89

Rob was selected as the new president and CEO of Aultman Health System. Rob has spent the past 15 years with AultCare and Aultman, serving in leadership roles focused on legal, risk management, strategy, and value-based initiatives.



— 1990s —

Susie Gaebel Wallace VM91

Susie was recently recognized by Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens for completing 5,000 hours of volunteer service. Susie looks forward to reaching her next milestone of 10,000 volunteer hours.

Ken Burns VM92

Ken was featured in Signal Akron for his work as founder and CEO of TinyCircuits, a Tallmadge based company creating miniature electronics and tech products. Since founding the company in 2011, Ken has grown TinyCircuits into a successful business known for innovative products such as its Tiny Arcade and Thumbly gaming console.

Jennifer Hamad Montisano VM93

Jennifer was recognized by Kislring, Nestico & Redick as part of its 20 Years of Impact celebration for her work supporting homeless children and families within Akron Public Schools. Jennifer serves as Project Rise Liaison, helping provide resources and support to students and families in need.

Andre Knott VM96

Andre was recently featured in Cleveland Magazine for his career in sports broadcasting and his impact on Northeast Ohio. A familiar face to Guardians fans, Andre has become one of the region's most respected sports reporters through his work covering Cleveland teams and sharing the stories behind the athletes.



Brian Windhorst VM96

Brian was the featured speaker at a recent Akron Roundtable luncheon, where he shared his career journey, lessons learned, and the impact STVM had on his path. More than 450 people attended the sold-out event. Pictured are current STVM broadcast journalism students alongside current and former STVM staff, including Brian's mom, Merrylou Windhorst VM14(h).

Rob Ross VM97

Rob released his debut novel, *Revival*, on April 7, 2026. Set in Kenmore in Akron, Ohio, the novel follows stories of several people during a five-day period in 1984.

— 2000s —



Vinnie Cimino VM01

Vinnie was the featured speaker at a recent Akron Roundtable luncheon, where he shared his journey from Akron to the national culinary stage. The chef and co-owner of Cleveland restaurants Cordelia and ROSY, and a James Beard Award finalist, he discussed his approach to cooking, sustainability, and sourcing ingredients from local farms and producers.

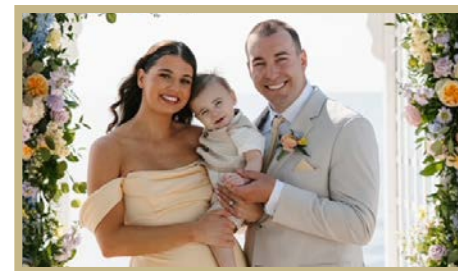
Adam Testa VM03

Adam was selected for Class XXX of the Child & Family Leadership Exchange Program and chosen to serve as president of the class. The program brings together Summit County professionals dedicated to strengthening services for children and families through collaboration and leadership development. Adam has served with Summit County Juvenile Court for 18 years.



Rita Rochford VM08

Rita was selected for the 2026 ETA Young Payments Professionals program, recognizing her achievements and contributions in the payments industry. Rita serves as Senior Corporate Counsel, Payment Services at U.S. Bank.



Samuel Trecaso VM09

Samuel and wife, Olivia, welcomed Enzo Samuel on August 31, 2025.

— 2010s —

Future Irish



Melissa Paydo VM11 & Conner Childers VM11

Melissa and Conner welcomed Leo to their family.

Abby Burke VM12

Abby was recognized as one of this year's 30 for the Future honorees by the Greater Akron Chamber. An attorney with Roetzel & Andress, Abby focuses her practice on public law and finance, advising government entities on legal and economic development matters.

Jason VanDevere VM13

Jason released his book, *Dream Driven*, which quickly became a #1 Amazon Best Seller. The book serves as a startup guide for aspiring entrepreneurs, offering strategies to find a business idea and launch with confidence.



Future Irish



RosaLia Stadler VM13 & Bailey Spinner VM13

RosaLia and Bailey welcomed Clark Leo on April 29, 2026.

Future Irish



Kristen Bratton VM14 & Derek Whiddon VM14

Kristen and Derek welcomed daughter, Kara, in November 2025.



Grant Siebert VM16

Grant was named the Eastern League Visiting Clubhouse Manager of the Year by Minor League Baseball. He joined the Akron RubberDucks in 2016 as an assistant manager and has grown into one of the league's top clubhouse managers, earning this prestigious recognition for the 2025 season.

Dr. Tobin Huffman VM16

Tobin was named chief resident for the Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residency at Aultman Hospital. In this leadership role, he will help guide and support fellow residents while continuing his training in podiatric medicine.





Startup Success Wenyao "Wayne" Tang VM17

Wenyao "Wayne" Tang VM17 recently returned to share how his STVM experience helped shape the person and professional he is today.

After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania in 2020 with degrees in computer science, math, and economics, Wayne began his career in Atlanta, working in consulting with Fortune 500 companies.

In March 2025, he moved to New York City to launch his own company with former classmates from Penn, creating AI solutions that help manufacturing companies improve processes and efficiency.



Looking back on his time at STVM, Wayne fondly remembers the welcoming and supportive community that made Akron feel like home. As an international student, he appreciated how accepting and inclusive the school and community were toward him and his family.

Wayne was a member of the Marching Band as a trumpet player, competed with the Rocket Team at the national level, and made it a priority to attend every school theater production.

The friendships and experiences he gained at STVM continue to hold a special place in his life, and he is even picking up the trumpet again.



Anna Liggett VM17 & Christian Wierzbicki VM19

Anna and Christian were married on Sunday, May 24, 2026. They first met while they were both members of The Leprechaun Theatre Guild at STVM.

Olivia Janella Janolo VM18

Olivia recently began her Emergency Medicine residency at Cleveland Clinic Akron General as a PGY-1 physician.



Cadence Dangerfield VM19 & Nick Corwin VM18

Cadence and Christian were married on Saturday, July 5, 2025 in Chagrin Falls. They met in 2016 during summer gym class at STVM.

Holly Adam VM19

Holly has built a successful career in theatre since her time with STVM's Leprechaun Theatre Guild, where she discovered her passion for stage management.

After earning a Bachelor of Theatre Arts from the University of Michigan, Holly began working in New York theatre, including Broadway's Stereophonic and other off-Broadway and touring productions. She currently serves as Stage Manager for the Stereophonic U.S. Tour, which made a stop at Playhouse Square in January 2026.

Maria Dobson VM19

Maria was a panelist at the Life After Sports Summit, sharing her journey as a former collegiate basketball player and how athletics can open doors to education and future careers. After earning her degree in Exercise Science while competing at the college level, Maria recently received her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Walsh University.



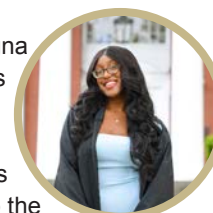
Morgan Pulling VM19 & Jack Knox VM19

Morgan and Jack welcomed Lenley Tara Elizabeth on August 11, 2025.

— 2020s —

Myiah Webb VM21

Myiah graduated Magna Cum Laude from Tufts University in May 2025 with a degree in International Relations and was inducted into the Honos Civicus Society for her commitment to civic engagement and leadership. She also completed internships with the Massachusetts AFL-CIO and the U.S. Department of State before beginning her studies as a J.D. candidate at Howard University School of Law.



Jackson Buckner VM22

Jackson joined STVM students for a virtual conversation jointly-hosted by the Black Student Union and Platform, the student organization he co-founded while at STVM. A graduate of Morehouse College and co-founder of the Arthur Tobin Foundation, Jackson shared his experiences, the importance of Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs), and his plans to pursue a Master of Theological Studies in Islamic Studies at Harvard Divinity School.

Lily Knox VM22

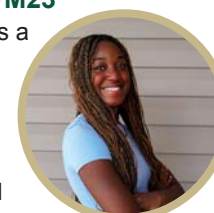
Lily recently joined the staff at STVM as the new freshman cheerleading coach. Lily is a 2026 graduate of Baldwin Wallace University, where she was a member of the Game Day Cheer Team and STUNT Team.

Andie McKnight VM22

Andie, a 2026 graduate of the University of Dayton, received the university's Dr. Thomas C. Hunt Award of Distinction for Outstanding Student Research Activity with a Commitment to Catholic Education from the university's School of Education and Health Sciences.

Myah Hammond VM23

Myah was selected as a Student Ambassador for Fall 2026 at the University of Dayton, where she will share her experiences, lead campus tours, and help future students find their place on campus. Myah is majoring in Communication with a concentration in Public Relations and a minor in Social Work, and she previously served as Junior Representative in the Student Government Association.



Julia Pentasuglio VM23

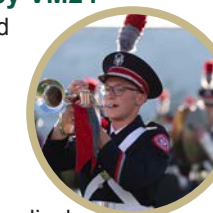
Julia had the opportunity to interview Jane Goodall while serving as managing editor of *The Loyola Phoenix*, the editorially independent student newspaper at Loyola University Chicago. The interview, conducted shortly before Goodall's passing, marked a memorable milestone in Julia's growing journalism career.

Daniel Krabill VM24

Daniel is a Financial Economics and Data Science double major and student athlete at Oberlin College. Daniel launched Earthly Suds Exchange, a sustainable household product exchange company with his sister, Kate VM28. Daniel was accepted into Oberlin's Ashby Business Scholars Program, and he gained experience through an internship with PDK Educational Consulting.

Harrison Pumphrey VM24

Harrison was selected as a member of The Ohio State University Marching Band following a highly competitive audition process. A junior biomedical engineering major and flugelhorn player, he traveled to Dublin in 2026 with the OSU Band to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, two years after marching in the same parade with the STVM Fighting Irish Marching Band.



Mia Ross VM24

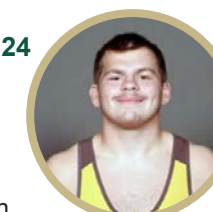
Mia is pursuing a degree in journalism at The Ohio State University, where she is a member of the University Honors College and contributes to student publications including *Scarlet Magazine* and *The Lantern*. Mia also works as a freelance features writer for the Akron Beacon Journal and holds a digital marketing internship with GDP.

Nathan Smith VM24

Nathan was elected Student Body President at Kent State University. Studying Finance and Business Management, he is also an Ambassador for the Crawford College of Business and Entrepreneurship.

Andy Vanscoy VM24

Andy qualified for the 2026 NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships while competing for Baldwin Wallace University, finishing his season as a fourth-place All-American. Andy capped off a standout season with All-Region honors and 29 wins.



Grace O'Dell VM25

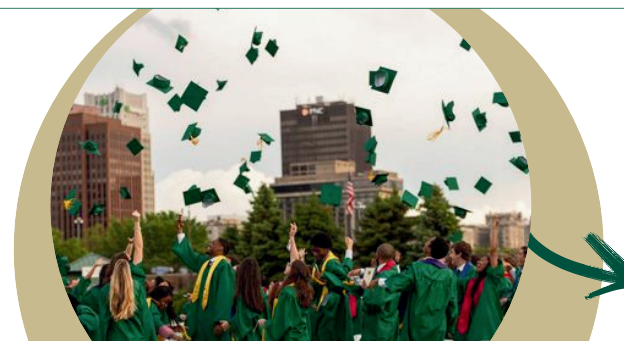
Grace received the Parker Hannifin First Year Award at the John Carroll University Accountancy Awards Banquet, recognizing her outstanding academic performance during her first year in the program. Grace is currently pursuing an accountancy major with a leadership minor at JCU.



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Remembering
Ralph L. Bernard, Jr.

The STVM Irish community continues to hold the Bernard family in our prayers after their patriarch, Ralph L. Bernard, Jr., passed away May 10, 2026. Ralph was a man whose quiet generosity and steadfast commitment to Catholic education shaped the lives of countless young people across our city.

The Bernard family’s legacy of giving has touched St. Vincent-St. Mary High School in profound ways. Through the Ralph L. & Florence A. Bernard Foundation, Ralph continued the work begun by his parents: supporting students through tuition assistance and opening doors to opportunity. Their impact extends across Akron’s Catholic schools, reflecting a deep and enduring belief in faith-based education.

We are grateful for the Bernard family’s decades of support and for the many students whose lives have been changed because of their generosity.



Honoring Our Alumni and Friends

We remember with deep love and gratitude the alumni and friends of STVM who have passed between July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. Though they are no longer with us, their light continues to shine brightly—in our hearts, in the memories we cherish, and in the ongoing life of our school community.

Their legacy inspires us every day to live with purpose, faith, and hope.

— Family & Friends —

Dorrine Allen	Edna Dierker	Rev. David Halaiko	Patricia Loney	Charles Scheatzle
Ralph Bernard	Lisa Dietrich	Nancy Heslop	Carol Markovich	Elizabeth Smith
Babs Bishop	Virginia Drexler	Raymond Hildebrandt	Edward Markowski	John St. George
Rosemary Brady	Elizabeth Drumm	Kathryn Jones	Linda McKeivier	Glenys Stevens
Fabian Breaux	Mark Enright	Robert Jones	Nancy McKoski	Sharon Taylor
Mary Frances Buehrle	James Fiorello	Susan Kareski	William McMahon	Martin Teffner
Andre Caruso	Mary Fitzgerald	Joseph Kastelic	Eric Moats	Mary Ann Ulle
Wade Christian	Ford Fram	Floyd Keathley	Robert Moore	Lawrence Varner
Jacqueline Conte	Marsha Fusco	Robert Kleines	Theresa Plappert	Dolores Walter
Beverly Danzy	Alicia Garnett	Peter Knebl	Thomas Pope	Mary Wojno
Helen Deibel	Patricia Gill	George Leuca	John Randall	
Marilyn Deiss	Lorna Gordon	Ruth Little	Elizabeth Schaffstein	

— 1940s —

Phyllis Nist Dyer M42
Lawrence Walsh V44
Sarah Kuntzman Callahan V46
Margaret Ginn Colant M47
Doris Zimmerman Edwards V47
Thomas Rowe V47
Eileen Hershberger Beskitt M49
Thomas Dillon M49
Charles McDonald M49
Mary Powell Maus V49
Joseph VanDevere V49

Dolores Ondas Garman V53
Carl Gessler V53
Michael Sullivan V53
Barbara Weigand Santilli M54
Catherine Pittenger Hayden V54
Agnes Vorwerk Smith V54
Helen Ange Hunter M55
Michael Aldrich V55
Carole Sarchia Mungo V55
A. Bill Zavarello V55
Raymond Barber M56
John Fiedler M56

— 1950s —

Dolores Kirick Dixon M50
Lois Reeves Mansour M50
William Moinette, Jr. M50
MaryAnn Kouri Sabistina M50
William Armstrong V50
Margaret Krunich Aumiller V50
Patricia Denholm Connor V50
Kenneth Lauck V51
Monica Mushinski Fanady M52
Richard Rauckhorst, Jr. M52
Lawrence Kovalcik V52
Martin Kyle V52

Janice Strottner Harrington M56
John McKenna M56
James Thomas M56
Rainalda Beck Dukeman V56
Frederick Fletcher V56
Joel Third V56
Rita Reymann Czarnecki V57
Mary Loftus V57
Ann Assenti Dujanovic M58
Marie Fiedler M58
Kathryn Pfromm Lambacher M58
Joseph Hoffmann V58
Carol Lombardi V58
Patrick Milo V58

Frank Caetta M59
Jerome LaRocca M59
Rita Schillinger Conte V59
James Fraser V59
Paul Gruic V59
Patrick Meadows V59
Ellen Fahey Nettles V59
Therese Caracciolo Shannon V59

— 1960s —

Frances Felter Rouse M60
David Ahern V60
Bernadette Dirrig Johnstone V60
Lawrence Tynan V60
Kathleen Norton Eckert M61
Mark Schillinger V61
James Dolensky V62
Richard Gingo V62
Mary Joan Durbin Hodson V62
Thomas Harvey M63
Patricia Mesko Kovac M63
Anna Matter Scheks M63
Jean Sandy Bernert M64
Margaret Diamond Bird M64
Thomas Frey V64
Philip Kaufmann V64
Richard Murdock V64
Harry Zwicker V64
Joanne Laviska Slusser M65
Richard Gannon V65
Rosemary Zemla Murphy V65
Joseph Victor, Jr. V65
Catherine Gearhart Fogel M66
John Cingle V66
Edward Hellwig V66
Marie Eck Rockhold M67
Diana Tierney Stone V67
Colleen Deagan Reaman V68

— 1970s —

Anna Dyak Malorni M70
Denise Henry Duffy V70
Nicholas Katanic V70
Rodney Herstich V71
William Sparhawk V71
Terrence Gill V72
Charles Copeland VM74
Richard Byrne VM77
Thomas DeKemper VM78
Teresa Zupancic Mayo VM79

— 1980s —

Michael Maloy VM80
Kevin Friend VM82
Michael Barnes VM89

— 1990s —

James Craig VM90
Kevin Gulley VM91
Kathleen Collins Gerski VM92

— 2000s —

James Brophy, Jr. VM02
Michael Fox VM08

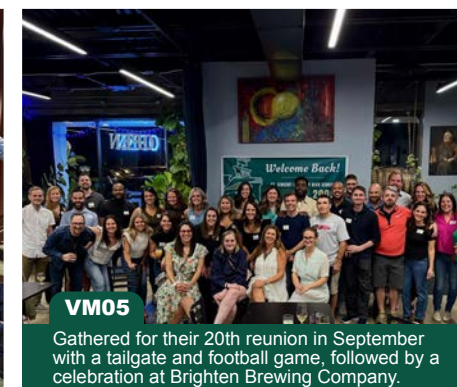
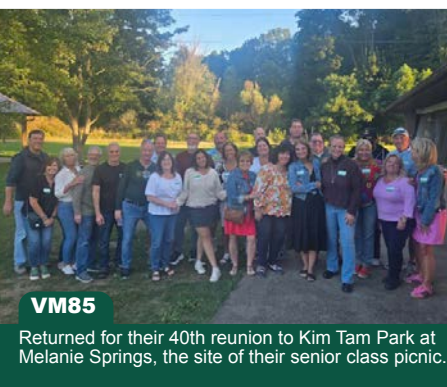
— 2020s —

Benjamin Hutchison VM23

“May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always
at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet
again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.”



ALUMNI



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REUNION WEEKEND

We're excited to introduce Reunion Weekend on Friday, October 16, bringing together milestone classes (years ending in 1 or 6) for a special night on campus. The evening begins with a tailgate at 6 p.m., followed by the home football game against Cardinal Mooney at 7 p.m. — a great chance to reconnect and show your Irish pride.



Upcoming Class Reunions

V66

Celebrating its 60th reunion on September 11-12, starting with a tailgate at 5:30 p.m. Friday, followed by the Fighting Irish home game at 7 p.m.

The celebration continues Saturday with Mass at 5 p.m. at St. Vincent Church, followed by a gathering at Ryes & Shine.

VM81

Celebrating 45 years on August 28-29: gathering at STVM at 5 p.m. Friday, followed by a campus tour at 5:30 p.m., then a tailgate before the Irish take on Perry at 7:30 p.m. Saturday continues with a casual gathering at 7 p.m. at Barley House.

Contact **Phil Lombardo** at **330-690-3031**.

VM86

Celebrating our 40th on October 16-17: tailgate and football at 5:30 p.m. Friday at VanDevere Automotive Stadium as the Irish take on Cardinal Mooney, followed by a class reunion from 6-10 p.m. Saturday at Missing Falls Brewery.

More details to follow soon.



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- Activities have included:**
- Hosting Showcase's Pre-Event, Purse Bingo
 - Donating raffle baskets and auction items for Showcase
 - Volunteering at Good Samaritan Hunger Center
 - Hosting a Galentine’s Day event
 - Donating a tree annually to the Akron Children’s Hospital Holiday Tree Festival to raise awareness of STVM in the broader community

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Executive Board News

Current board member Karen Ross VM94 has been elected Executive Board Chair, succeeding Mary Ann Isaac VM82, whose dedicated leadership and commitment over the past two years have helped strengthen the mission of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. We extend our sincere gratitude to Mary Ann for her service as Chair and are grateful that she will continue serving on the Executive Board. St. Vincent-St. Mary is incredibly grateful to have such wonderful alumni step up in leadership roles at their alma mater!

The Executive Board also welcomes Jay Graham and Tracy Arnone as its newest members. We look forward to the experience and perspective they will bring as they help advance the mission of STVM. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Brendan O'Connor and Bill Hunt as they conclude their terms. Their leadership, generosity, and commitment have supported and strengthened STVM and furthered its continued growth.



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Maple Street Madness: Alumni Make an Impact

The Irish spirit was on full display during this year's Maple Street Madness Class Challenge! Throughout the month-long campaign, alumni came together to compete, reconnect, and make a lasting difference for the next generation of STVM students.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our alumni community, more than \$33,992 was raised to support student programs and opportunities across campus. Behind every gift was a shared commitment to ensuring today's students experience the same life-changing education and tradition that generations of Irish alumni have enjoyed.

This year's challenge celebrated alumni in two ways: participation and total dollars raised. The Class of V72 claimed the Top Participation title for the third year in a row, with an outstanding 51.59% of classmates making a gift, while VM82 led all classes in total giving with an incredible \$9,195 raised. By surpassing the \$8,000 milestone for the second year in a row, the VM82 class also earned the opportunity to sponsor a classroom renovation that will serve STVM students for years to come.

Maple Street Madness is about more than friendly competition – it's about alumni investing in the future of St. Vincent-St. Mary. Every gift, no matter the size, strengthens our mission, supports our students, and demonstrates the enduring power of the Irish family.

Save the date: Maple Street Madness returns in February 2027!



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Donors may make a meaningful gift to St. Vincent-St. Mary High School or the St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Foundation in memory of a beloved member of the STVM community. Whether honoring the life of an alumnus, a current or former student, a dedicated staff or faculty member, or a cherished friend of the school, these memorial gifts help celebrate their legacy while supporting the future of STVM.

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In honor of Blessed Fr. Chaminade, St. Vincent-St. Mary High School established the Chaminade Society, recognizing individuals and families who have included STVM in their estate plans. Members of the Chaminade Society are motivated by the Marianist mission in hopes of providing for the next generation of talented students.

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